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Lessons from the Life of Nehemiah

From time to time I enjoy rereading the book of Nehemiah. Inside this book, I find lessons that help with addressing the challenges of leadership in the larger context as well as the local Church Level.

Nehemiah is the contemporary of Ezra and is appointed as Cup Bearer to King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah leads the third and final return to Jerusalem after the captivity in Babylon. He takes responsibility for the rebuilding of the protective walls around Jerusalem.

Nehemiah first hears about the situation by his brother and his friends returning from Jerusalem. Nehemiah 1:3 says, “They said to me, The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.” Nehemiah is concerned by this report and empathizes with their plight.

The very first thing Nehemiah does is takes this matter to God in prayer, “Now it came about when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4) This is a great reminder that as we face problems in our lives personally

or as they relate to the church that we must take our concerns to God in Prayer. Prayer must be the starting point in all of our spiritual battles. God is not only willing to be part of the solution, He wants to be. Nehemiah realizes that he cannot do this alone but needs God’s help if this problem is to be resolved.

Nehemiah does a throughout inspection of the broken walls, “So I went out at night by the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon’s Well and on to the Refuse Gate, inspecting the wall of Jerusalem which were broken down.” (Nehemiah 2:13) While prayer must be the starting point in overcoming a problem, it doesn’t mean that God doesn’t need our participation. We must carefully analyze the situation and be prepared to be involved in the solution.

Then Nehemiah asks for and receives the willing cooperation of the people, “Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach... Then they said, Let us arise and build. So they put their hands to the good work.” (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

All Church challenges require the cooperation of the congregation. Things cannot and should not be done by just a few. We must all take part in the “building of the wall.”

The last thing I will mention is that they faced and overcame



We must take our concerns to God in Prayer.

obstacles, “the God of heaven will give us success.” (Nehemiah 2:20) They were faced with opposition both from without and within, yet they pressed on toward the goal. They took just 52 days to complete the task of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. God desires us as a people to be faithful in the task required of us both at the local level and in our larger responsibility.



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Splitting Hairs

I love my husband. But I confess that I don't keep an up-to-the-minute hair count on him.

“

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

.....
Beth Nichols
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What would you think if I did know such a trifling statistic? I'd have to stay up half the night meticulously counting hairs with a magnifying glass. Then it would mean daily examining the shower for stray hairs and meticulously checking his pillow and combs to keep my numbers straight. And even then, it would be more of a fuzzy estimation than an exact number. You'd probably think I'd lost my marbles and suggest some professional help. It sounds insane to obsess over such an inconsequential detail. The number of hairs on a loved one's head just isn't pertinent, meaningful information to us. Even if my husband announced his hair count to me, I'd likely raise my eyebrows and try to look interested and then dismiss such a tidbit as insignificant trivia.

In Matthew chapter 10, Jesus is trying to prepare his twelve disciples for the animosity and derision they will come up against as they go out to proclaim the gospel. He knows that many of the people they preach to will respond with apathy, some with mockery, and others with hate and even violence. Having taken on humanity Himself, He knew the weakness inherent to our nature. He knew the bitterness that can grow out of rejection. He knew how lonely it can be when it seems that all the kindred spirits have vanished and it's you against the world. He knew how easy it is to give up when you come across stubborn, closed-minded people. So He assures them in verses 29-31 of how much they mean to God by speaking of hair counts and sparrows.




Most of us wouldn't be devastated by the death of a sparrow. We don't keep track of sparrow mortalities, just like we don't keep track of hair counts. But that's how different God's priorities are. He views the world in a way that baffles us. His sensitivity to our needs and attention to detail is astounding. Isaiah 55:9 says, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The number of hairs embedded in my scalp at this very moment is a detail that God views as vital information. He knows how many were swept down the drain when I washed my hair

this morning and the number that met their end in the bristles of my brush last night.

Somehow, this is information He feels is important to stay on top of. And if my hair count is worth noting, I can be sure He's constantly aware of physiological details like my white blood cell count. He can rattle off my heart rate and blood pressure at will. He is always gauging my emotional status and knows if my hormones are imbalanced or if my sleep patterns are off-kilter.

If God is interested in the particulars of my anatomy that I am not aware of or even concerned with, I am certain He is fully in control of the things in my life that matter the most to me. 

NEWS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT 2018

Women's Retreat 2018 is now in the past but the wonderful memories and messages will continue to bring courage to the 353 women who attended.

This weekend event sponsored by the Alberta Conference was held May 11-13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Red Deer. "Courage For The Journey" was a very fitting theme as the keynote speaker, Cherise Gardner, senior pastor from the Long Beach Church in California, shared powerful inspirational messages. She encouraged us to find our courage in God, to press in and pray on – that no matter what we encounter on our life journey, God will be with us.

Hearing about the tough times in her journey along with the difficult circumstances of four Alberta ladies brought tears to many of us. But their boldness and the Bible promises that have buoyed them up will help to encourage us as we face rough times in our own journey's. In addition to the spoken words, the beautiful music, lovely décor and prayer room added abundantly to the weekend. Massages, manicures, counsellors, a marketplace for shopping were some of the other features which contributed towards making this an amazing blessing for the



In the foreground are Cherise Gardner, our keynote speaker (left) and Denise Nichols, Volunteer Retreat Director (right). In the background are Irma Hartley (left) and Mily Weiss (right), Committee members.



Women's Ministry Retreat decorations. attendees. Next year's retreat will be held March 29-31, 2019 at the Sheraton Hotel with guest speaker Caroline Sutton. Plan to

come and join in this weekend of great fellowship with other women. —Submitted by Jenny Nickel

What's it Mean to You?

"I want to be the first one in my family to finish school. I want to see how far I can go."

Shaneek
MANS Class of 2020
Honor Student since 2013
Future PhD



"I love school!" says Shaneek. "Some people call me 'Strange' because I like math."

Not her teachers. In fact, her math and other teachers keep Shaneek supplied with textbooks a year or two beyond her grade, and Shaneek works on them after she finishes her class assignment—usually in no time flat.

Beyond having an aptitude for it, Shaneek loves math because it reminds her of her father, who was also good at math but passed away when Shaneek was 8. "It brings me closer to him and makes me happy," she says dreamily. And she's got lots to be happy about besides math: with near-perfect daily attendance, Shaneek's on top of her academics, an athlete, a competitive Shawl Fancy Dancer, and she's with people she considers "family" every day at school.

The family aspect of MANS—being safe, belonging, and valued in an often-harsh world—is so important that Shaneek left what many would consider a great opportunity to attend a big First Nations school in the city last year. On her own initiative, she got herself back "home" to MANS and hasn't regretted it one bit. "It's calm and organized, and very friendly—warm like a family."

"I want to go to university and study for a government job to help aboriginals," she says with anticipation. "There's a new high school being built," Shaneek beams at the thought of the new MANS high school campus, then adds, "but I'm going to have to wait until Grade 11."

But that's OK. For now, Shaneek's just happy to be home.

—By Lynn McDowell

Live at Alberta Camp Meeting
July 14 Sabbath School



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Therefore go and
make disciples
of all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of
the Father, and
of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

We Believe the Time is Now



Alberta
Camp Meeting
July 13-21
2018

MAIN AUDITORIUM SPEAKERS



Ivan Williams
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Opening Meeting: Friday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. Ivan Williams

| TIME | Sabbath July 14 | Sunday July 15 | Monday July 16 | Tuesday July 17 | Wednesday July 18 | Thursday July 19 | Friday July 20 | Sabbath July 21 |
|-------------|---|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7:00—7:30 | DEVOTIONAL Don MacLafferty | | | | | | | |
| 8:00—8:45 | BREAKFAST | | | | | | | |
| 9:30—10:45 | Sabbath School | ABC Sale [10:00—noon] | | | SEMINARS | | | Sabbath School |
| 11:00—12:15 | Church Service Ivan Williams 11:00 - 12:45 | | | | PLENARY SESSION Ella Simmons | | | Church Service 11:00 - 12:45 |
| 12:30—1:15 | | International Food Fair 12:00—2:15 | | | LUNCH | | | |
| 1:15—2:00 | Sabbath Lunch 1:00—1:45 | | | | Radio Talk Show 106.3 FM 1:00 - 2:00 | | | Sabbath Lunch 1:00—1:45 |
| 2:30—3:30 | Uniform Ministries Parade 3:00 - 3:30 | 2:00 - 4:15 Family Fun Time | | | Departmental Seminars | | | Burman/PAA 3:00 - 4:00 |
| 4:00—5:15 | Ordination/ Commissioning/ Teachers Prayer 3:30 - 5:00 | Free Time | | | SEMINARS | | | Camp Meeting Concert 4:00 - 5:15 |
| 5:45—6:30 | SUPPER | | | | | | | |
| 7:00—8:30 | Ivan Williams | Seminar Intros/ Concert: Taito Family | | | Neil Nedley | | Memorials | |
| 8:35—9:05 | | | Mini Concert | | | | | |

OUR Responsibility Challenge Test

Matthew 15:30 [CEV] “Large crowds came and brought many people who were crippled or blind or lame or unable to talk. They placed them, and many others, in front of Jesus, and he healed them all.”

“I saw that it is in the providence of God that widows and orphans, the blind, the deaf, the lame, and persons afflicted in a variety of ways, have been placed in close Christian relationship to His church; it is to prove His people and develop their true character. Angels of God are watching to see how we treat these persons who need our sympathy, love, and disinterested benevolence. This is God’s test of our character.” Ellen White: CS p. 191

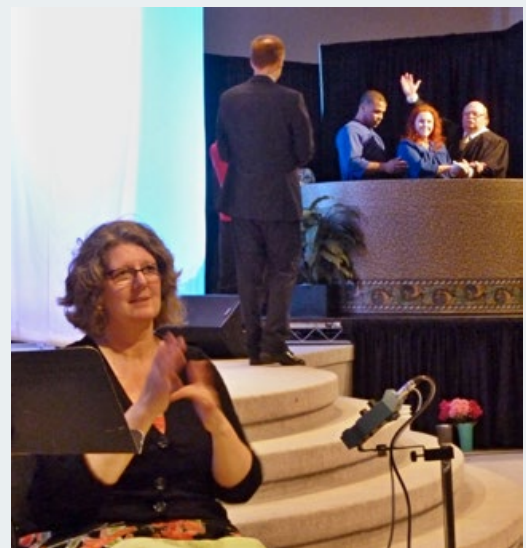
As we read these words telling about Jesus’ relationship to the disabled, or the words of Ellen White outlining our responsibilities to those facing special physical or mental hardships, it warms my heart that as a church - on a world basis, we are beginning to seriously look at our responsibility to these precious peoples.

On a worldwide basis, through the “Office of Special Needs” with Dr. Larry Evans, we are now looking specifically at the needs of the blind, the deaf, those with serious physical or mental issues, orphans, widows or widowers, and caregivers. Dr. Evans is directly responsible to our General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson. Most of these basic need areas now have a special world committee to help us as a church include each of these groups in our nurture and evangelistic activities as well as working to provide what we can to help meet the unique needs of each group.

Here in Canada, the SDACC has scheduled a special cross-Canada organizational meeting to work with these types of needs under the label



Fern Russel interpreting for John Bradshaw in Edmonton at the Impact 2015 meetings.



Signed Singing at the main auditorium during the Alberta Camp Meeting at the end of a Sign Language/Deaf Ministry workshop.

of “Compassion Ministries.” By the time you read this paragraph, that committee may already have met [June 17 to 19] at Burman University.

Being so closely involved with “The Deaf,” it is easy for me to concentrate in this very needy area, and almost forget the others. But, each group needs special attention and care! Too long we as a church have let many of these needy groups fall through the cracks. I can speak to this in the field of deafness for 98% of our churches have nothing for Deaf. Fortunately, in this area, we are beginning to see a new energy. Many wonderful things are happening, but only in a relatively few areas of the world! The statement above from Ellen White presents us with a great responsibility.

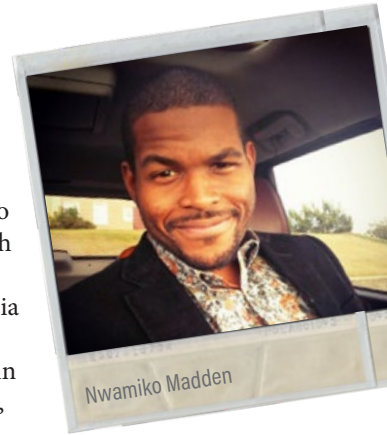
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Farewell to Nwamiko Madden

The Alberta Conference is going to greatly miss Nwamiko Madden, who was most recently serving as Sabbath School director. Nwamiko has accepted an invitation to serve in media ministry for Adventist Health Systems, Florida. His last day working in the Alberta Conference was May 30, 2018. —*Editorial*



SAGE WINTER RETREAT – 2018

Great Fellowship, Delicious Food, Outdoor Activities, Spiritual Refreshment.

The 2018 SAGE Winter Retreat had it all: great fellowship, delicious food, outdoor activities, and spiritual refreshment. On March 11–14, fourteen people gathered at William Watson Lodge in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park for three days. Each day included being outside in a winter wonderland: snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and walking. Troll Falls and Upper Kananaskis Lake were two destinations, besides the beautifully groomed walking and ski trails around William Watson Lodge. To add to this experience, we enjoyed delicious food prepared by Sharon Brown, delightful fellowship, and relaxed extended worship times twice each day. Morning worships focused on the Sabbath School

lesson for the week and evening worships were presented by Don Corkum who drew attention to “Finishing Strong”—lessons from 2 Timothy 4:7. Also included in our worship time was meaningful singing, accompanied by guitarists: Everett Herrebrugh and Garrett Steenbergen. Keep your eyes open for announcements concerning future SAGE activities. Choose those that fit your interests. —*Submitted by Phyllis Corkum*



Alberta Women's Retreat

MARCH
29-31 2019

Speaker: Carolyn Sutton



The Doctor is in

...I have come so YOU may have life...
John 10:10

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise

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Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Noodles = Happiness

The opportunity to be part of a mission trip is a great experience, and yet not everyone for various reasons is able to be part of a trip. This, however, did not stop the Grade 3 class from College Heights Christian School (CHCS) from supporting a group, under the direction of Pastor Brian Hawes, that travelled to the island of Mindoro, Philippines. The class undertook collecting clothes/toys and fundraising to help send additional money with the mission group. When asked what the purpose of the mission trip was one student said: “to help people and to tell people about Jesus.” The CHCS class however at that time did not fully understand the poor living conditions of the tribal people who are called Mangyans. Once Pastor Brian returned back to Alberta he gave a report to the class to show students the needs of the tribal people. Students were shocked at the desperate need. One student was surprised that “they didn’t have washrooms” and another that “they ate roots that were poisonous.” What had the biggest impact on the Grade 3 class though was watching a video of children smiling and happy, benefiting from the money fundraised. Money not used for gifts,

nor for school supplies but for noodles. Noodles are more expensive than rice, and for the Mangyans, rice is a rare food option. After seeing packages of noodles given to other children one student from CHCS commented they were “excited but sad at the same time because we have a variety of foods and they only have a few.” Another student remarked, “I felt sad because we are so spoiled and when we get noodles it’s just like any other day.” Many lessons are taught every day in class but when we expand our student’s awareness of others needs, it helps them grow a deeper understanding of the Bible verse “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” A point well understood by one of the Grade 3 students who said: “when you give something to someone it makes you happy, it makes God happy and it makes the person that you gave the gift to happy.” —Submitted by Charissa Hawes



The Gallery of Jesus at CWAA

Our lobby has always been a beautiful space. When it was designed after the school burned down in the mid-80's, a dedicated team of parents, teachers and students decorated the lobby with the beautiful embroidered quilting of the Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) crest, a picture of Jesus, a scripture: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13 (KJV) and board which kept track of student mission projects. It was a well-thought-out plan. Yet, as the years progressed, we dreamed of updating our lobby so that it would be an inspiring and relevant space for students, staff and visitors. But there was no money for a lobby redesign!

In July 2015, my husband and I met Nathan Greene at the General Conference meetings in San Antonio, Texas. As we stood transfixed at Nathan's paintings, a dream began to take shape. What if we could fill our lobby with inspiring paintings like these? When I returned to school in September I shared the dream with several staff. It truly was just a dream because our school had many needs and paintings seemed like a luxury we could never afford. Yet, for some reason, we chose to move forward on faith and over the Christmas holidays we stripped

the lobby walls of their coverings and waited for the next step.

One month after stripping and repainting the lobby walls a letter from the North American Division Education Office arrived announcing that Nathan Greene, along with a generous donor, was offering all Adventist senior academy's a free, framed



Left to Right: Gardner Bermudez, Lara Melashenko, and Nathan Greene.

painting of The Blessed Hope. We immediately RSVP'd and requested the painting! When it arrived, our vision for the lobby began to grow! After sharing the painting with the Board, two members stepped forward to help with the idea of a lobby redesign: Bob Gorbenko, who offered to re-upholster the lobby furniture and Pr. Bermudez, who offered to donate several paintings and subsequently suggested we could create a "Gallery of Jesus," using Nathan Greene's The Blessed Hope as a central theme in our gallery. In June 2016, we unveiled The Blessed

Hope at our year-end Praise & Prayer service, sharing our vision for the Gallery of Jesus and praying that God would provide the resources to complete the project. We trusted that if this was God's vision for His school, He would provide. Within the first week of school, in September 2016, an anon-

ymous donor made a substantial donation to our school. This anonymous donor's father had worked at CWAA at the time of the school fire in 1985 and had a special place in his heart for Adventist Education. The donor stated they wanted the money to be used to improve the facility.

On April 20, 2018, our school community (along with Nathan

Greene and Pr. Gardner Bermudez as special guests) completed and dedicated the Gallery of Jesus in our lobby, along with celebrating the baptisms of three of our students. The difference the lobby has made in our school atmosphere has been tangible: a more peaceful, comforting, and welcoming space. It is our prayer that all who walk through our lobby and hallways will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

—Submitted by Lara Melashenko

HEAVEN NOTES

On April 7, the current members of the Burman University and Parkview Adventist Academy Choral Union were joined on stage by former members of the choir. They joined together to celebrate 40 years of direction under Dr. Wendolin Pazitka-Munroe. Throughout the programs, former Choral Union members shared their fondest memories of their time in choir. “This is the reason we came back today,” shared Steven Gabrys, Class of 2001. “Sure, we wanted to see some old friends and sing in the choir one more time, but we came back because we love Mrs. M. I think a reunion like this, when we are brought together from many different life experiences yet can all harmonize together, will be like what we see in heaven.”

On Sabbath morning, over 300 individuals sat on the stage with an overflow sitting in the front pews of our church. With Dr.



Dr. Wendolin Pazitka-Munroe directing 300 choir voices on stage.



Munroe standing on her director's platform, the voices of more than 300 people united to sing messages of promise, hope, and encouragement. For the last 40

years, we have been truly blessed by the ministry of this choir and their director, Dr. Wendolin Pazitka-Munroe.

—Submitted by Kryzia Abacan

Photos taken by Keith Dubuc.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTES FOR FEASIBILITY REVIEW

May 4, 2018

LACOMBE, AB – On April 27, 2018, the Burman University Board of Trustees took the following action:

39-17/18 - VOTED to create a committee to review the feasibility of a merger between College Heights Christian School (CHCS) and Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) with a report given to the Burman Board of Trustees by the fall 2018 board meeting

The Board of Trustees tasked the Cabinet of Burman University to create the committee with representation from Burman University, who oversees PAA, and the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, who oversees CHCS. Cabinet is currently finalizing membership of this committee to include representation from all concerned parties.

“The Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has received the voted request from the Burman University Board of Trustees to create a committee to review the feasibility of a merger between College Heights Christian School (CHCS) and Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) and is working to appoint representatives to sit on the proposed committee,” says Janet Griffith, Education Superintendent of the Alberta Conference.

The committee will make its recommendation to the Burman University Board of Trustees and the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the fall 2018 Burman Board of Trustees meeting.

“The purpose of this feasibility review is to proactively explore options that are in the best interest of our students,” says Mark Johnson, Chair of the Burman Board of Trustees and President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. “We want to continue providing quality Adventist education at an affordable cost to families as we build on the excellent legacy of PAA.”



First exposure to Christianity



As educators, we can sometimes lose sight of the real mission of our schools. As one of only two Adventist boarding academies in Canada, Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) serves a diverse student population from across the country and around the world. The school's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has created unique opportunities for students with two years of basic exposure to English to study in Canada.



Milton Wang, new international student.

For many, this experience will be their first exposure to Christianity. Milton Wang is PAA's newest international student, arriving in Canada this past February. This spring break, Milton joined the Dauntless team as they toured Manitoba and Saskatchewan. "I really enjoyed my time in Moose Jaw where we were able to visit the tunnels built by Chinese immigrants. It reminded me that when sometimes we face problems, we need to be quiet and pray about it," says Milton. "I met many good people on my trip and that gives me hope. Where I came from, there was not much hope...this is Heaven."

Hong Kong resident Marco Lam is in his third year at PAA and will graduate with the Class of 2018. "When I was in Hong Kong, my parents wanted me to study English and the best option was a Christian school," he explained. "After two years, they

wanted me to come to Canada to learn more English. We knew nothing about PAA, but found out about it on the Internet. I didn't know it too was a Christian school.

"I now think, this is not a coincidence," adds Marco who excels at Math, but enjoys the opportunity to pray as a group about classes such as English.

Zelin Huang adds, "As an international student, I felt that the atmosphere of studying is good. Everyone likes to study and help each other. I like the exercise and the activity. Those are interesting"

Lova Rakotomalala is an international student from Madagascar who speaks French and is currently upgrading her English at PAA. As a long-time Adventist, she brings an extensive background of service and a love for music – with 16 years' of piano training and 8 years' of the violin. Lova, who has been accepted into the music program at Burman

University for the fall of 2018, also plans to study pre-med. "After my graduation, I wanted to do medicine and go to an Adventist School," explains Lova. "I wanted to do this as in other countries they go to school on Sabbath. I chose Burman University, but first I need to upgrade my English. That is why I am at PAA this year."

PAA is currently working with the Centro Universitario Adventista in Sao Paulo Brazil to create an exchange program which will bring high school students who want to improve their English to PAA for the 2018/2019 school year. "We get more 'hits' on our website from people living in Brazil than from any other international country," says Vice Principal Rod Jamieson. "PAA believes that all students benefit from diversity and inclusiveness. Many of our foreign students have never had the opportunity to attend school in a Christian environment.

"PAA provides a place where foreign and domestic students can share their experiences and meet their maker," concludes Mr. Jamieson.

To learn more about ESL opportunities at Parkview Adventist Academy or its focus on mission, please call (403) 782-3381, ext. 4112. —Submitted by Patti Smedley, PAA Communications

16th Annual Filipino-Canadian Seventh-day
Adventist Camp Meeting



“TO WIN, TO HOLD, TO
EQUIP AND TO EMPOWER
FOR GOD’S WORK”

The theme for this year’s Filipino camp meeting is “To Win, To Hold, To Equip And To Empower for God’s Work” (Hikayatin, Panatiliin at Sanayin sa Gawain). The programs and worship services are conducted in English. The main speaker is Pastor Elizer Sacay, Asian/Pacific Ministries Vice President at Southeastern California Conference. And the Youth speaker is Pastor Levi Estores, senior pastor of Vancouver and Surrey Filipino Seventh-day Adventist churches.

The Filipino camp meeting in Alberta has been steadily growing in attendance. Last year there were over 700 that attended the camp meeting including some visitors from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and from the United States. Activities on Friday, August 24th include basketball, volleyball, softball, canoeing, biking, table tennis, and board games.

Come join us for fun, warm fellowship and worship. For more information, please contact Ben Barboza at (780) 988-5117 or email: benbarboza19@gmail.com.

—Submitted by *Bernardo Lacanilao*



Pastor Elizer Sacay



Pastor Levi Estores

August 23

7:30 pm Evening Worship Service

August 24

6:00 am Morning Devotion

7:30 am-5:00 pm Family/Sports Activities and children’s games

7:00 pm Opening Night/Vesper Service

August 25

7:00 am Sabbath morning Devotion

9:15-10:45 am Sabbath School Program

11:00 am Sabbath Worship Service

2:30-5:00pm Afternoon concert/other presentations

7:00 pm Sundown Worship

9:00 pm Social/Cultural Night

August 26

7:00 am Sunday Morning Devotion

8:00-10:30 am Sports Activities (tentative)

11:00 am Closing Program

Evangelistic Meetings Held at Calgary Central

On Monday, April 9, after much planning and pre-work, evangelistic meetings began at the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Randy Barber, Alberta Conference Evangelist, presented a three-week prophecy seminar titled, "The Corrupting of Christianity."

Six months previous, the church implemented, "Soup and Salvation" on Saturday afternoons, a program where members meet together for soup, sandwiches, and prayer before going door-to-door to find Bible study interests. Flyers blanketed northwest Calgary, and members took flyers to share with family and friends, colleagues and coworkers. Opening night brought approximately 60 people from the community and 90 supportive church members. Many of the people from the community and the church members regularly attended the meetings.

Pastor Barber's series was held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for three weeks followed by another week of baptismal classes. Several baptisms occurred during the meetings followed by three more baptisms and one profession of faith on May 5. Baptisms are scheduled



Audience at the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, while pastor Randy Barber develops the prophecy seminar.

for the next several months adding approximately 20 new members.

Roxanne had been searching for Bible truth for several years before discovering Pastor Doug Batchelor's presentations on the Amazing Facts website. After watching and studying two consecutive series over several months, she googled for Seventh-day Adventist churches in Calgary. She came to Central Church several weeks before the meetings began and was joyfully baptized May 5 after attending Pastor Barber's meetings.

Gary had been studying his Bible for many years and discovered the seventh-day Sabbath. He also searched online

for a church that kept the true Sabbath. He visited the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church six months before the meetings, and started attending Sabbath School, Worship Services and Vespers. Gary attended Pastor Barber's presentations every night and on May 5 he became a member through profession of faith.

We have seen God's hand working powerfully in the lives of many people during these meetings. The seed of truth has been planted in their hearts, and now we allow the Holy Spirit to grow and develop that seed until many are ready for the harvest.

—Submitted by Ghena Girleanu

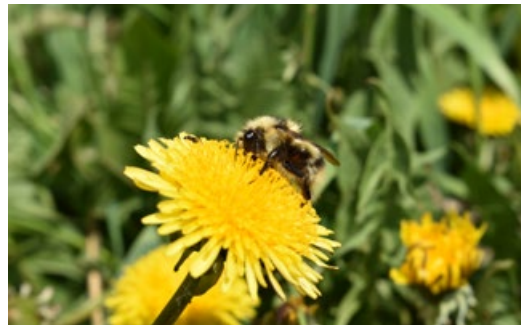
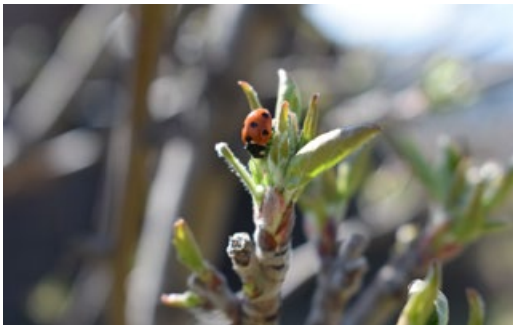
Calgary Mountain View Church holds 2nd International Day of Celebration

The Calgary Mountain View Church has members of its church family who have immigrated from 22 countries. April 14, was the day we celebrated our diversity and that we are “One in Christ.” Participants from most of the countries represented in our church carried national flags in a grand procession. People dressed in their national costumes; music and scripture readings were shared in various languages. And the fellowship meal that followed had delicious and beautiful foods from many countries to delight the palate. This is a day we will long remember. —Submitted by Phyllis Corkum



SPARKS OF NATURE

Photos taken north of Boyle, AB by Emily-Kira Nakonechny



College Heights Church Holds Thunder in the Holy Land Series

1 The College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a short evangelistic series from March 16-24. Preparation for the meetings began in September 2017 when several small groups began meeting weekly to watch and discuss the “Thunder in the Holy Land” video series hosted by Pastor Jeff Potts. Members invited their pre-Adventist friends to join these groups.

2 The live, nine-day event with Pastor Jeff was designed to help our “Thunder Group” friends take the next steps in their walk with Jesus. Our church members enthusiastically supported the meetings. We averaged well over 200 people in attendance each night. (Video recordings of the series are available at www.livestream.com/chsda)

3 Pastor Matthew Piersanti coordinated dozens of church members who served on various ministry teams—greeters, row hosts, those who served refreshments, intercessory prayer team, audio-visual team, live stream team, children’s ministry teams, ushers, data entry team, resource table, musicians, etc...



Phillip Skinner getting into the baptismary with Pastor David Benjamin.

Guests visiting in the foyer over refreshments provided by Geri Kennedy, Tena Zazulak and their team.

5 The “Thunder in the Holy Land” series was a time of personal revival for many. Our College Heights family continues to focus on serving and befriending the people of Lacombe. We look forward to the next reaping series in the Spring of 2019.

All College Heights pastors each took turns welcoming people and conducting nightly review quizzes. Pastor Massiel Davila-Ferrer led a strong children’s program – a “Children’s Ministry Extravaganza,” as she called it. She mentored over a dozen pre-teens who conducted the children’s meetings and had a lot of fun doing it. Pastor David Benjamin had the opportunity to conduct his first baptism. There were three baptisms on the final Sabbath—Asher Van Sheik, Phillip Skinner, and Douglas Wagner. In addition to these baptisms, we praise God for another six decisions for baptism, and for several church members who requested re-baptism.

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Edmonton Central Series Concludes with 30 Baptisms



Evangelist Mhando preaching during the Edmonton Central series in April.

Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted a three-week evangelistic campaign in April which concluded with the baptism of 30 individuals. The guest speaker for this evangelistic campaign was International Evangelist Dr. Herry Mhando from Tanzania in East Africa. “All this was accomplished with a total budget of \$6000,” said Pastor John Wesley, the senior pastor of the congregation.

Citing his strategy for this campaign, Dr. Herry Mhando said he was utilizing the 2020 evangelism strategy found in the book of Acts 20:20 that reads: “How I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house.” Evangelist Mhando said, “you don’t just preach in the church or any auditorium and go to sleep.” He added that if you will be successful, you must visit your visitors in their home, develop a personal friendship with them and lead them to make a decision through Bible studies.

“Normally I expect every church member to have a connection with at least five good friends that have been prepared to accept Jesus before I arrive in town,” said Evangelist Mhando. He continued to elaborate that, “every church member needs to become like the Samaritan woman who upon her conversion, went and invited people from the city to come and see Jesus.” (John 4:28-30)

Instead of spending a lot of money on advertisements with handbills, flyers or Television, he usually focuses on motivating church members to invite visitors. He does this by preaching sermons on the first few days that focus on revival

and reformation and the importance of finishing the work as cited in John 4:34, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and finish the work.” After preaching he makes appointments to visit church members and encourage them to lead him to the house of a friend or neighbour that may appreciate prayers and or Bible studies. Our church members responded very positively. While a lot of people were visited during the campaign, there are still several people who have enlisted for Bible studies and home visitation.

Herry Mhando cites two of the passages in the Bible that have made a big difference in his personal life and the way he approaches ministry. The first one is found in the book of Isaiah 50:4-5 and it says, “The Lord God has given me a tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God has opened my ear; And I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away”.

Another one is found in Mark 1:35 which says, “very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off in a solitary place, where he prayed.”

Two books have been written about Herry Mhando and his evangelistic approach. The first one is titled “The Man and His Methods of Evangelism and Church Growth” written by Nkosiya-bo Zhou Zvandasara and forwarded by Dwight K. Nelson. The other is “The Glory of Thinking Big” written by Kossi Andrew Singo.

—Submitted by Enoch Okwaro



Edmonton Filipino Youth Week of Spiritual Emphasis.



Moira speaking at the Edmonton Filipino Youth Week of Spiritual Emphasis.

Edmonton Filipino Youth Lead Out in Week of Spiritual Emphasis

On March 18-24, 2018, the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Youth (EdFil Youth) took courage to lead a week of empowerment which they entitled “ME-llennials, leveling up to Christ.”

The youth explored the problems that the Me-llennials (Me, representing oneself as a millennial) are facing in today’s society. The seven main issues that the EdFil youth talked about were the millennials’ battle against relationships, money, church, success, time, self and God. Each night, one of the youth/young adults from the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church tackled a specific issue and discussed it in depth. The speakers not only explained what each problem meant but also its roots and resolutions. It was indeed a week full of blessings as the young people preached their knowledge and discoveries toward the audience.

The EdFil youth decided to venture on these topics because they are ones they can relate to.

As millennials, they thought that it would be a great opportunity to study the major issues that they encounter and will be encountering in order to find solutions and to bring forth change. Their goal was to lead the millennials into leveling up to Christ. With that being said, the EdFil youth had a busy month as they prepared, planned, practiced songs and presentations which they shared in the nightly meanings. During the week of prayer, the church discovered many hidden talents of the young people.

Despite the people’s busy schedules, church members and friends consistently attended the week of empowerment, hungry to learn more. One of the attendees claimed, “I am always excited to come because I am curious about what the next speaker is going to say.” Whether it be the participants or the audience, everyone involved in the event felt equally blessed. Many of the young speakers were challenged as they spoke in front of people

for the first time. The Holy Spirit has inspired our youth to serve our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. They took the opportunity to learn and grow mentally, physically and spiritually.

The youth prepared, participated and lead out in the programs for prayer meeting, Sabbath school and worship service for the entire month of March including the preaching of the WORD for two Sabbaths. Our youth also participated in the Global Youth Day Weekend held at Red Willow Community Church in St. Albert. During this Global Youth weekend, our youth also participated in community outreach activities including Hope Mission and Urban Ministry in downtown Edmonton and Street Feeding. Thank you to Pastor Kingsley Moyo for guiding and mentoring our youth to live closer to Christ. And that was the focus of the Youth Empowerment month: To be closer to Christ our Savior. —Submitted by Yumi Samson and Bernardo Lacanilao

Just before the summer of 2015, a dozen young adults gathered in a 700-square foot apartment to talk about their faith. Each recognized a need in their community and a desire to align their passion with Jesus' calling, and thus a small group was formed.

Epic Church Takes off in Red Deer

nized a visioning session with the core group. This same group then attended Breakforth Leadership Training Conference to gain more ideas for tangible ministry.

In February 2018, on the weekend exactly two years from launch, the Epic community celebrated with a retreat to Foothills Camp. A new vision was cast as ministry leaders recommitted to serving. Epic went on to ordain its first elders and continues to actively engage young leaders.

April 7, 2018, marked the beginning of Epic Church's more permanent, involved impact in the city of Red Deer. The special church service commemorating Epic's Church status was well attended, beginning when the Deputy Mayor of Red Deer, Vesna Higham, encouraged Epic members by emphasizing the importance of service.

The Alberta Conference President, Pastor Gary Hodder, delivering a message of acceptance and invitation to participate in God's work. Pastor Wayne Williams charged the new church nucleus to hold themselves to a high standard in serving the Epic community, and Pastor Olaf Clausen shared, along with Dr. Johan Kritzing, how the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church will continue to stand side by side with Epic.

The day was filled with testimonies of how Epic has changed hearts and shaped decisions for Jesus, celebrating the start of a new church sharing an old, but important message in an inclusive, relational way.

—Submitted by Moises Ruiz



Praise band at Epic Church Red Deer.

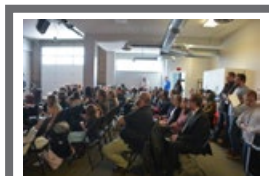
The core members wanted to develop their leadership potential, so as they dreamed of what church could be, they also planned a road trip to visit a thriving church company in Chicago: Epic Church.

In October 2015, 13 intrepid travellers experienced miracle after miracle and received inspired instruction about the direction of their next steps. January 2016 saw this same group move their Friday night meetings into a new space, and February 13, the doors opened on Sabbath to welcome more than 80 people to a new Fellowship Group in Red Deer.

An immediate emphasis on mentorship brought new preachers to the pulpit and trained worship leaders into their role with an outreach activity scheduled every Saturday following a hospitality-hosted lunch. Small groups began to form right away to explore "The Story" as Epic became the place where our story meets God's story.

Volunteers grew in number, a children's program started up, and ministries began to refine their approach. A guest speaker in February provided a winter evangelistic series combined with community outreach events such as free tickets to the trampoline park, a movie, and a concert. In April 2017, Epic Church Red Deer Company signed their charter and officially launched as a community of worship. Epic's 56 new members joined through transfer or baptism and immediately sought ways to get involved.

A season of events allowed people to invite their neighbours, friends, and family canoeing, picnicking, backpacking, and biking. New small groups formed to tackle a third and fourth book together. Families grew, friends moved away, and Epic orga-



Epic Church Red Deer, April 7, 2018.



Pastor Gary Hodder, April 7, 2018.



Canada Challenge to Visit 33 Communities in the Canadian North this Summer

It was horrific. Thousands and millions sacrificed to the gas chambers. There had to be a change. Germany was ravaging throughout Europe. How would the allied forces take Europe back? Yes, everyone wanted freedom, but it was complicated. It had to be more than just a single assault. And that was the framework of that great invasion we now call D-day on June 6, 1944.

In the Canadian North there are the forgotten voices of young people struggling with addictions. Suicide rates in the North far surpass statistics for any of the other southern provinces. People are literally dying for lack of hope and wholeness. But you have the serum — the everlasting gospel to share to the ends of the world. Will you give it?

Now, 74 years after D-day, there is another

invasion: a righteous invasion. This summer, a joint company of allied forces will converge to take back 1 million square kilometres of the enemies' territory.

Canada's finest special forces - Canada Youth Challenge - will be dropped into remote communities in June to do literature evangelism work in Fort Resolution, Hay River, and Yellowknife. Secret operatives have been laying the groundwork and logistics for months for this D-day invasion.

An Elite Special Forces Team specializing in Vacation Bible School have been training for this special mission for nine years. The Summer Youth Team from Burman University will be doing programs in Fort Resolution, N'dilo, and Inuvik. We have people on the ground and in the air doing surveillance to insure this mission a success.



Without the sponsors of the Alberta Conference, Adventist World Aviation, Inuvik Capital Suites, and a northern airline, this operative would never be launched.

Allied Forces would have never won the war if it was just one country against Hitler's Military Slaughtering Machine. In fact, it was multiple armies attacking on multiple fronts that led to victory and life, giving freedom to the people.

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This summer of 2018 there is a vital aspect that we need from each of you readers. It is an important logistics

aspect that we must never forget. It is faster than any plane or deadlier than the Hiroshima bomb. It is the power of your prayers and support. This will be the turning point in the war in the Canadian North. This will be the turning point in sharing the three angels' message of hope and wholeness throughout 1 million square kilometres, 33 communities, and 11 different languages.

Will you pray this summer for the Northern Mission Work?

—Submitted by Jonathan Geraci



FOOTHILLS CAMP MEETING

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

SUNDAY, JULY 15

THE
BRIDGE
CAMPAIGN

Wrap-up Celebration and Thanksgiving

Where: Foothills Camp Meeting

When: Sunday, July 15
after Family Fun Time (4:00)

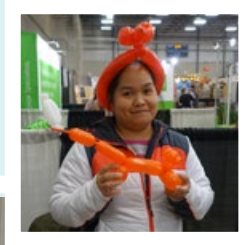
Alberta has exceeded The Bridge Campaign goal of \$4.9 Million to build the Mamawi Atosketan Native School High School and Leon Ingraham Industrial Arts Centre. Come Celebrate!



Join Super MANS at his last official appearance of The Bridge Campaign and feast on watermelon!

Fort Saskatchewan Completes Depression/Anxiety Program

On April 20-22 the Fort Saskatchewan Seventh-day Adventist Church completed another successful trade show booth. Hundreds stopped by the booth to either receive a balloon animal, pick up free Seventh-day Adventist message books and literature, enter a draw for \$200 in groceries or to ask questions about Adventist beliefs. Hundreds of pieces of literature were distributed and we are proud to display our Seventh-day Adventist logo and sign and demonstrate our presence to the community of Fort Saskatchewan. Over 200 draw cards were gathered for follow-up. The Fort Saskatchewan church family is growing with approximately 50 in attendance each week. Please



continue to pray, that God will impress people to read the literature and to give us favour with the community as we grow. We are completing our seventh Nedley Depression and Anxiety 8-week recovery program and

are thankful for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. Many lives are experiencing Christ's Ministry of Hope & Healing in Fort Saskatchewan. —Submitted by Darrell Beaudoin

Love and care for women and children

Members of the Lloydminster church assembled 40 personal care kits for the women and children who utilize the services of the Lloydminster women's shelter. Each kit contains personal items that make the time spent at the shelter a little bit more comfortable. In addition to the personal things, we include an ADRA calendar and a note from the church and a special little gift for the children. This has been our community project since 2011. As long as there is a



need we intend to continue to assemble these personal care kits and deliver them over

Christmas to the clients of the women's shelter. —Submitted by Robert Pohle

Garden Road Church Conducts “Footprints of Hope” Series

On May 13, 2017, the members of the Calgary Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church launched an evangelistic effort themed, "Footprints of Hope" held at the Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a result of much prayer and heart-searching by the members and leadership, the Lord worked in a miraculous way through the inspirational preaching of Pastor Glen Samuels, President of the West Jamaica Conference. As a result, 31 individuals joined the church through baptism or profession of faith. Meetings continued nightly through May 27, 2017. We are now in the process of nurturing the new believers through ongoing Bible studies and fellowship.

Thanks to Pastors Glen Samuels, Ishmael Ali, Richard Means, the elders and the congregation for their labour. We also want to thank the Alberta Conference for their continued and strong support of evangelism throughout the Alberta conference.

—Submitted by Thompson Robin



Baptismal candidates at the Footprints of Hope series, Calgary Garden Road Church.



Pastor Glen Samuels speaks during Footprints of Hope series, Calgary Garden Road Church.



The Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church embarked on a ten-day prayer and fasting service prior to starting a fall evangelistic series themed "Lessons For Living" with L4Living TV Speaker, Pastor Bill Santos, September 16 - 30, 2017.

Philippine Mountain Ministry



Welcome to Philippine Mountain Ministry. Our ministry has three focuses, the first being that of evangelism. Our focus is according to Matthew 25:40 when Jesus said: “just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers, sisters of mine, you did it to me.” Giving the gospel to the poorest of poor is our number one focus. Secondly, is to provide an opportunity for young and old to be involved in God’s call to ministry. Finally, Jesus said to make disciples of all people. So set in place Bible workers and builders to build churches, schools, and to provide medical assistance as necessary. The following is a story written by Susan Windels who accompanied on our last mission, in March 2018

My first amazing two weeks in the Philippines were spent hiking into remote mountains on Palawan visiting AFM projects, and staying with an ADRA family helping out wherever I could. On March 14, I met up with the rest of the awesome Canadians. This year our team was made up of Pastor Brian Hawes, Luke and Cody Heimann, Chris-

tian Blixrud, Amber Andrews, and your’s truly.

It was so good to be going back to Mindoro. The village we were in this year was Concepcion. This village is a unique mix of native Mangyans and Tagalogs. It was very different from last year as there was a road going through the village and many of the houses were made of cement and tile and had electricity.

Each night we had meetings at one of the basketball courts in the village. We started out with singing and crafts for the kids, then had a health talk by a local doctor and the main message by Pastor Brian. In between, there was always lots of singing and special music. Every night the seats were full and there were many standing along the edge eager to listen.

Throughout the week we had a wonderful time getting to know all of the people. Several times we divided into small groups and went visiting in their homes. We shared, prayed, and sang with them and they were always very grateful. One time we played in a waterfall with a bunch

of the local kids and they always followed us and clung to our hands wherever we went. On several occasions, we went to a more traditional mountain village close to Concepcion called Paraiso and did activities with the cute kids.

We also had the chance to visit the village of Paglantayanan, where we had been last year. It was wonderful to see some of our projects completed such as the carabao and running water in place, as well as work started on the church. Best of all was seeing all of our friends there again.

A medical team came up to Concepcion for a day to give free healthcare to the people. Helping out with the dental part was really fun, and the people were very thankful for all of it.

On our last Sabbath, we had the joy of seeing 42 people give their lives to Jesus in baptism. It was so wonderful to see these people who had received Bible studies and who had come to the meetings every night accept Jesus as their Saviour.

By the end of the week, the village seemed like home and the people like family. It will be wonderful to get to heaven and see the far-reaching effects of our time there.

Since we left, the work has been continuing in Concepcion. Property has been purchased to build a church, Bible workers are discipling the new members, and eight more people have been baptized. The trip was such an amazing experience and I would encourage everyone, whether young or old, to go next year. You will be blessed as you bless others. Funds are needed for building the church that will serve as a central gathering place for many people from surrounding villages and as a safe place during typhoons. God is calling each one of us to play a part in fulfilling the Great Commission, and I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting the work of Philippine Mountain Ministries.

Philippine Mountain Ministry is an outreach of the Lacombe Community church. You can support the work by giving directly to the church or using online giving. If you are interested in going on a trip, contact Pastor Brian Hawes, bhawes@shawcable.com or (587) 577-3044. —Submitted by Susan Windels



Newly Formed Company in Okotoks

The Okotoks Seventh-day Adventist Company was organized April 28, 2017. The company started from a small group in 2013 and has grown in numbers ever since. The group chose Okotoks for the church plant because there were already some Seventh-day Adventist members living in the area. The first church service was officially held October 07, 2017. The organization of this company was officiated by Pastor George Ali and Pastor Don Corkum together with Pastors Jinwook Lee, Edward Dunn and Romulo Daquila. Witnessed by about 100 guests, visitors and friends from different churches, more than fifty (50) prospective members have signified their commitment to this company. —Editorial

BAPTISMS

Baptisms at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



Supported by their parents, Pastor Honey Todd from the Calgary Mountain View Church and Chaplain Brent Wilson from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy each spent time in Bible study with Olivia Harton, Cohen Corkum and Sage Corkum. All three young people shared powerful testimonies of their faith in Jesus and desire to be baptized and serve Him. On Friday evening, April 20, at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, Pastor Honey Todd baptized Olivia and Don Corkum baptized his two grandchildren—Sage & Cohen.

Baptisms at Garden Road Church



Baptism at Garden Road Church, December 8, 2017. In the pool from left to right: Elder Errol Lewis, Pastor Ishmael Ali, Elder Thompson Robin, Samuel Springer (baptismal candidate) and Pastor Richard Means Jr.



Baptism at Garden Road Church, January 20, 2018. In the pool from left to right: Elder Thompson Robin, Lloyd Forrest (baptismal candidate) and Pastor Ishmael Ali.

Baptism at Leduc Church

Solomon Steinke (left) was baptized at the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church on April 21, 2018 by Pastor W.M. Turgott.



Baptisms at Edmonton Filipino Church



On May 5, 2018, Kezia Importante, Shaun Matthew Vera and Shunen Ignacio were baptized by Pastor Kingsley Moyo at the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church. Their decisions for baptism came as a result of an ongoing group Bible Study being conducted by the Personal Ministries team.

Henry Spenst February 28, 1927—January 25, 2018

Henry Spenst was born February 28, 1927, in Sibberfld, Siberia, Russia and immigrated with his parents to Canada in 1930. The family settled in Rosthern, Saskatchewan and lived there until 1946 when they moved to Debden, Saskatchewan. In 1955 he met Mabel Werner and they married the following year in 1956. They farmed in Debden until 1963, then moved to the Lacombe Alberta area. Henry loved farming and ultimately acquired a dairy herd. In addition to farming, Henry was a self-taught tradesman, especially as a carpenter and volunteered many hours in the construction of Mamawi Atosketan Native School. All during his life, Henry was a faithful and active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Over the years he served in numerous church capacities such as elder, deacon and Sabbath School Superintendent. Henry passed away surrounded by his family on January 25, 2018, at the age of 90 years. He is survived by his loving wife Mabel of 61 years; son Brian (Debbie), daughter Donna; grandsons Cy, Vince and Gary (Cashlea) and Richelle Reide; great-grandchildren Keisen, Jacob, Preston, and Lexi. Henry is predeceased by his parents Heinrich and Katherina, sisters Tina Spenst and Elizabeth Shearer, but survived by siblings Mary (Olen) Nations, Kath Zachary, Art (Charlene), Helmut (Martha), Hilda (Joe) Welygan, Elsie Spenst, Nettie (Victor) Gill, Erna Virere, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends, all special to him.



Patricia (Vine) Chudey & Raymond Chudey

Patricia (Vine) Chudey was born in Calgary, Alberta on January 6, 1930, and passed away on November 20, 2017. She attended the King Edward School in Calgary and throughout life embraced the out-of-doors; in summer - gardening and in winter - speed skating.

Raymond Chudey was born in Buzzac, Poland on November 20, 1926, and passed away on March 1, 2018, three months after his wife's death. He immigrated to Vermillion, Alberta with his mother to join his father who had arrived earlier. He spent his young life on the farm, then attended Canadian Junior College.

He met Patricia while riding motorcycle in Calgary and Pat was smitten by this dashing, motorcycle-riding fellow. Their courtship culminated in marriage on June 25, 1949.

With Pat's encouragement, Ray took his family to Davenport, Iowa to continue his education in chiropractic. After graduation, back in Calgary, Ray introduced an evening routine to his practice, and occasionally making house calls. Often his compassion would not

allow him to bill a patient he knew couldn't pay.

In the early 1980s, the Chudeys moved to Westbank, BC and while there assisted in the construction of the Westbank Adventist Church.

Throughout their lifetime the Chudeys built three houses together, and Pat, though petite, handled construction tools as skillfully as her husband. In the time, on three occasions, the Chudeys purchased and sold their farms which grew cereal grains and Ray felt that in some way he was helping provide food for the world. Pat, in the meantime, appreciated gardening.

The Chudeys travelled extensively and Ray participated in mission trips to Ukraine. As priest of his family, he eventually led his wife and family to the Adventist Church.

The Chudeys were married 68 ½ years. They are predeceased by both sets of parents, their daughter Raylene, and leave to mourn their daughter Linda, son Martin, granddaughter Kesi (Vijay), and great-grandchildren Roman and Violet.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

North East Regional Camp Meeting:

This year's special guest speaker is Ken Crawford, former president of the Alaskan Conference. Join us for an inspiring weekend on June 22-24 that will include prayer sessions, a dynamic kids program, great food, and a music concert on Sabbath afternoon. For information, please call/text Pastor Brad Dahr at (587) 334-7572.

Jaime Jorge in Concert, Edmonton:

Jaime Jorge will be performing a musical concert at the Edmonton Filipino Adventist Church (12235-122 Avenue, Edmonton), (across from Coralwood Adventist Academy), on Saturday, July 28, 2018, during the worship service. An offering will be collected to support Jorge's music ministry worldwide. For more information, please contact Ben Barboza by email at benbarboza19@gmail.com.

Annual CAAA Family Weekend:

The Caribbean Association of Adventists in Alberta (CAAA) will be holding its 39th annual family weekend at Foothills Camp from August 31 - September

3, 2018. CAAA fosters Spiritual, cultural and educational enrichment while exposing the community at large to Caribbean culture. The theme for the weekend is "God's Got Your Back" and the guest speaker is Pastor Gregory Nelson from New York, USA. Pastor Nelson, in addition to being a husband, father and multi-faceted minister, is proficient as a writer, choir director, producer, concert promoter, conference organizer, and chaplain. He is internationally recognized as a worship leader, motivational speaker, preacher and evangelist. We are happy that God has chosen Pastor Nelson to minister to us this year. Weekend activities include dynamic sermons, uplifting music, catered vegetarian meals, therapeutic massages, sports activities, board games and more. Attendance is open to all so please join us for the weekend as we worship our Creator together. See www.mycaaa.ca for registration information. Weekend rates vary according to accommodation chosen e.g. cabin, trailer or the lodge. The deadline for form completion and full

payment is August 11, 2018. We look forward to a rich Spiritual weekend so don't miss out.

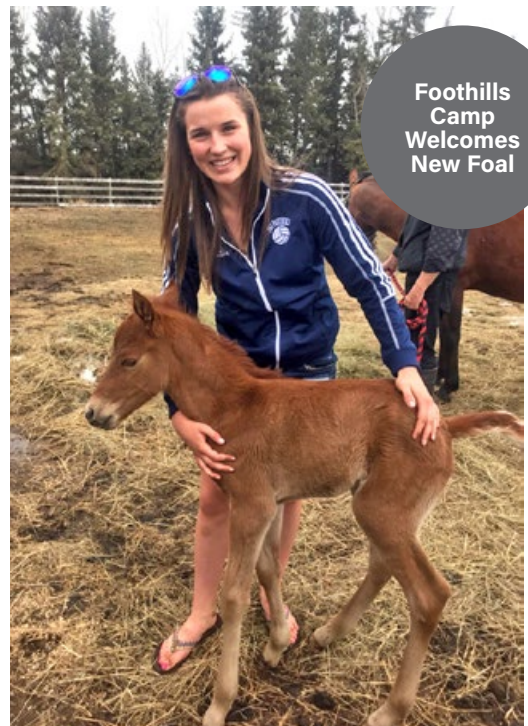
Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool:

Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool is accepting applications for the

2018-2019 school year. We offer K-12 Online classes as well as Home Education and Blended programs. For more information and online registration, go to our website: www.pacescanada.org or phone (403) 848-3165.

Hope and Wholeness Health Summit, Pugwash, NS:

The 2018 Hope and Wholeness Health Summit will be held at Pugwash, NS, September 26 - 30. Workshops include addictions recovery, depression and anxiety training, cooking classes, exercise, and much more. Register by September 14, 2018, at bit.ly/healthsummit2018. For more information, please contact Stephanie Schwarz by email at stephanie.schwarz@maritimesda.com or by phone at (506) 857-8722. A poster is available online at www.nadhealthministries.org



Foothills Camp Welcomes New Foal

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Celebrating 90 Years of Life

Born in Fort William, Ontario on March 21, 1928, Ron Farrow celebrated his 90th birthday this year.

His many years have been rich with a diversity of experiences in marketing as well as service and office management in the oil and hospitality industries, commercial refrigeration, the Canadian division of Loma Linda Foods, as well as serving in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan conference.

Since his retirement in 1988, he has continued an active life both in the community and the church. He has served well on the church board, led out in song services, preached sermons, taught Sabbath School lessons and assisted his wife in beautifying the church inside and out.

Ron and his wife Lil are currently active members of the Vegreville church.



Sylvan Lake Holds 10 Days of Prayer

On February 1, 2018, the Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church held a revival series with Pastor Don McLafferty. Approximately 65 people came out each evening to study in small groups, pray together, and invite the Holy Spirit into their lives. Each evening Pastor McLafferty had a challenge designed to help us recognize the things that stood in the way of God filling us with the Holy Spirit and changing us. We have now continued with meeting each Friday evening in small groups to read through Pastor McLafferty's book *"Follow - Anytime, Anywhere, At Any Cost."*

Sylvan Lake Church Conducts First Fire Drill

The North American Division designated March 24, 2018, as Safety Day. The Sylvan Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church voted to get on board with a planned fire drill. Dorothy Falesau organized the evacuation plan with the assistance of the local Fire Chief. When the fire alarm rang near the end of Sabbath School, the deacons sprang into action assisting the members to head for the muster point. The evacuation was accomplished in under three minutes.



Wills@Camp 2.0: The Conference Charitable Life Annuity

BY LYNN McDOWELL

Since 2013, the Alberta Conference has helped Alberta Adventists find peace of mind through Wills@ Camp—lawyer-drafted wills at no cost after rebate.

It's a ministry to be sure, as I found out very personally this past year when several members of my family passed away. Not all had wills, so I can testify to the difference a will makes in terms of cost and stress. There is another tool that can help.

My recent experience with family members who did or did not have wills strengthened my conviction that Wills@Camp should continue. It also got me thinking about other ways that members can take care of family and also do good with their means. The Alberta Conference Charitable Life Annuity can be a very good way to provide for a spouse or other loved one, ensuring a lifetime income while taking assets out of their taxable estate—sort of a “pre-will” that can accomplish much of what people want to do for their loved ones in a will.

A “Pre-Will” Gift to Family with Tax Benefits

Having a nest egg gives a sense of security at any age, but as interest rates have dwindled many careful investors have looked for secure investments with a higher, definite return. The goal is to ensure that a dependable income as long as it's needed. The Alberta Conference Charitable Life Annuity does just that. It's a lifetime income that can continue and benefit your spouse or another loved one after you pass away, and then after they no longer can benefit due to passing, any remainder becomes a gift to God's cause. You can choose how it's used.

The Charitable Life Annuity isn't for everyone, but people over the age of 65 would do well to investigate this guaranteed income tool. This year at Camp Meeting, I will have software to prepare personalized calculations of what an interested person's income from an Alberta Conference Charitable Life Annuity would look like.

Sometimes waiting a little longer to increase the return rate is advisable. Often, people are surprised at the monthly income they can count on immediately.

Here's how it works:

The Grantor (individual or couple with funds to invest) transfers cash, shares, or real estate to the Alberta Conference.

The Grantor(s) receives an agreed-upon payment every month (or year) for the rest of their lives. The amount never changes.

Married couples usually want this fixed payment to continue for both lives. The “second life” does not have to be the spouse,

but the payment is calculated using the ages of both parties, so younger people bring down the amount of the payment, but it continues for both lives.

When the Grantor(s) and Conference agree on the amount to be paid for life and the cash, shares or real estate is transferred to the Conference, a charitable receipt is issued. The Grantor can determine what Conference cause or project this possible gift to the Conference will eventually be used for—just as can be done in a will.

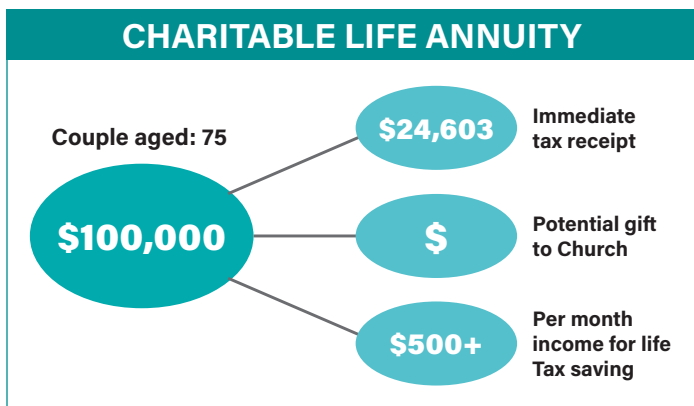
Because Canada Revenue Agency considers most of the payment to be a return of principal, tax on the monthly (or annual) payment from the Alberta Conference is minimal—in some cases, almost tax-free.


If the total amount invested in the Charitable Life Annuity is not required to make payments for the life of the Grantor(s), what's left become a gift to the Conference that is used as the Grantor(s) instructed in a written document signed when they transfer the cash, shares or real estate.

For example, consider this illustration of a couple, both aged 75:

DID YOU KNOW?

An Alberta Conference Charitable Life Annuity provides guaranteed income for life that never changes, no matter how long you live. It's like getting paid a higher interest rate every month—even when the original investment runs out!



A Charitable Life Annuity isn't right for everyone, but a personalized calculation is food for thought. And who knows—it may be just the thing for you! Stop by the Planned Giving/Philanthropy Office this Camp Meeting to see what “the Other Will@Camp” might do to help you take care of your family and God’s work. 



This Camp Meeting, stop by the Planned Giving Office for an on-site calculation of what an Alberta Conference Charitable Life Annuity would look like for you and your family.

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| Camp For The Visually Impaired | July 1 - 8 | ALL | \$40 |
| Watersports/ Horsemanship Specialized Camp | July 8 - 11 | 13 - 17 | \$310 |
| Adventure Camp | July 22 - 29 | 6 - 10 | \$280 |
| Sherwood Forest 1 | July 22 - 29 | 9 - 12 | \$310 |
| Junior Camp | July 29 - August 5 | 10 - 13 | \$290 |
| Sherwood Forest 2 | July 29 - August 5 | 10 - 13 | \$310 |
| Teen Camp | August 5 - 12 | 13 - 17 | \$290 |
| Sherwood Forest 3 | August 5 - 12 | 10 - 14 | \$310 |

Registration is Open!

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