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Communication Blockers

What exasperated adult dealing with children has not demanded, “Look at me, WHY DID YOU DO THAT?” The response: downcast eyes, no answer or at best a mumble, “I don’t know.” Although the adult may feel smug about having gotten his/her point across (the act was stupid or totally out of place), the child leaves feeling humiliated, defenseless and incompetent. Evidently not an effective communication method!

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “The most important thing in any relationship is not what you get but what you give.” Although communication is a two-way street, knowing what not to say can be as important as knowing what to say. This is true for both young people and adults. Without appropriate communication skills, interactions break down and conflicts are inevitable.

In a previous article, I identified five levels of communication (chit chat, facts, opinions, feelings, and open communication) - all good at the appropriate time. The ultimate goal of course, is to reach the “feelings” level with fellow humans and “open communication” with our Lord. But sometimes we just can’t seem to get there; in fact our communication seems to go nowhere or even goes into reverse. Could it be we are erecting communication blockers without even knowing it?

Communication blockers are verbal or non-verbal messages that stymies the other person’s ability to dialogue easily. Like in our opening illustration, the child is unable to give a reason for his/her inappropriate behavior and therefore says nothing. But that is only one type of communication blocker. Dr. Rey Carr, Peer Counsellor at the University of Victoria lists eight others, though the list is by no means exhaustive.

- Ordering or Commanding. “You must...” “You have to...” May

produce fear or resistance and can promote rebellion and retaliation.

- Warning or Threatening. “If you don’t...” “You’d better or...” May produce fear or submissiveness, but also invites anger and resentment.
- Moralizing or Preaching. “You should...” “You ought to...” Creates obligation or guilt feelings. May promote defensiveness and communicates lack of trust.
- Advising or Giving Solutions. “What I would do...” “Why don’t you...” Implies incompetence and creates dependency or resistance.
- Persuading with logic or Arguing. “Here is why you are wrong” “The facts are...” Provokes defensiveness and counter arguments, prompts “turn-off,” and blocks listening, and generates feelings of inferiority and inadequacy.
- Judging, Criticizing, and Blaming. “You are so immature...” “You are lazy...” Implies incompetence, stupidity, and poor judgment, generates fear, and provokes retaliation.
- Name-calling or Ridiculing. “Crybaby!” “Okay, Mr. Smarty!” Generates feelings of unworthiness, lowers self-esteem, and provokes verbal or physical retaliation.

Does this mean these statements should never be found in our communication repertoire? Yes and no! It is never appropriate to criticize, blame, ridicule, or engage in name-calling. Those are always “off limits.” On the other hand there are times when an order must be given, a warning issued, or facts presented. So there are times when these statements are appropriate. The point remains though; these statements generally do not promote open dialogue. They are facts and opinions at best.

Words are not the only communication blockers. Tone of voice and body language can easily generate open discussion or stifle dialogue. Even

though the words may be appropriate, tone and body language can betray the true intention. Rolling the eyes indicates you simply don’t care. Sighing or frequently looking at your watch signals that the other’s communication is not really worth your time.

Effective communication is important for building good interpersonal relationships, whether family, colleagues, or friends. But there is yet another reason to consider. As Christians, we are to communicate God’s message of love, and the only avenues open to us is through body language (which includes acts of kindness), tone of voice and words. However, if the three do not harmonize we send mixed messages and cause confusion. I’m amazed to read that sinners and “publicans” – those considered the “crust of the earth,” were attracted to the pure and holy Jesus, yet these same type of people usually feel repulsed by Jesus’ “followers.” Something seems wrong here.

Here is my thought. Could it be - is it possible - that just maybe our messages contain too many communication blockers! What do you think?



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Top photo: Erin O'Toole, Member of Parliament, presenting James Astleford with a certificate of recognition from the Government of Canada.

Insert photo: Guests gathered in the parking lot for the dedication ceremony before the luncheon and tour.

ADRA Canada Moves to Newcastle, ON

Thanks to your faithful and generous support to ADRA Canada, we recently had an open-house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at our new facility in Newcastle, ON. The facility is reflective of our mission. It's the kind of place that inspires nice, professional, and great ADRA Canada staff members to greater levels of productivity and passionate service. It's a good thing, too, because we are busy doing some of the most important work that we can think of: extending your love and support to a world in need.

Jonathan Duffy, President of ADRA International, graciously joined us for the ADRA Canada dedication weekend starting on Sabbath, September 7, 2013. He presented an inspiring sermon at College Park Adventist Church about Jesus' purpose in coming to the world, and how He treated the poor and needy. He also reminded us that through its network of 134 country offices, ADRA helped more than 12 million people last year alone. After the sermon, ADRA Canada staff members hosted an open-house event at the new office.

On Monday, September 9, ADRA

Canada Board members, Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders, and invited guests gathered in the parking lot under a beautiful blue sky to thank God for bringing ADRA Canada to such a significant landmark in its history of operation.

James Astleford, executive director of ADRA Canada, thanked everyone who had helped make the new facility a reality, including staff members, who, while still carrying the burden of their regular workload, helped guide the project to completion. James was also quick to thank various professionals and consultants, who provided invaluable expertise.

While you may have been unable to attend, please know that as one of ADRA Canada's faithful supporters and partners across Canada, you were remembered and thanked. While we here at ADRA Canada may receive the recognition for successful aid and development work, we owe it to you. While we get to work in this new, efficient office space, we know that it is your support that enables us to work to change lives every day. In everything we do, we strive to honor

God by fulfilling his mandate to help "the least of these" (Matt. 25:45), and we are grateful that you have decided to partner with us in this noble task.

Please continue to prayerfully remember ADRA Canada as we begin this chapter. Thank you for your support, which is making a difference around the world.

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A dream come true *for*

Claire Ritchey with
grandson Adam
Ritchey.

Receiving her high school diploma from Parkview Adventist Academy is a dream come true for 85-year-old Claire Ritchey.

"I would dream about going back to school. I would dream about graduating and that was something that was really strong on my mind all my life," explains Ritchey.

Her dream to finish high school began in 1944. She had completed grade 11 at Rutland Academy in Kelowna, and after earning \$100 canvassing that summer, she moved to Lacombe to finish high school at Canadian Junior College. She found out, however, that because the requirements were different between provinces, she needed to repeat grade 11.

"So I had taken 12 years but I did not have my high school diploma, and that has bothered me all my life," says Ritchey.

In 1946, Ritchey got married and started a family, but still had high school graduation on her mind. She wrote to the Department of Education in both Edmonton and Victoria but was unable to find out what she needed to do to finish high school.



“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

Psalm 37:4 (New International Version)

Claire Ritchey

Fast forward 62 years. Ritchey and her husband relocated to Lacombe to be close to their sons, Landon and Jerrold Ritchey. Both of their sons work at Canadian University College and informed their mom that, because she was over 65, she could take free courses for credit. This got her thinking about finally finishing her high school diploma.

“Finally, it was a year ago in January that I’m sure the Lord impressed me to start checking it out. I enjoy art and so I thought, ‘Well, I’ll take an art course if they will let me.’”

Before taking the course, Ritchey checked with Principal Angie Bishop to find out what she needed to do to graduate from high school. Bishop explained to Ritchey that she could finish high school with a GED. However, Ritchey was determined to graduate from the same school she went to in the 1940s.

Bishop explains: “Her grandsons would be graduating in a couple of years, and she wanted to know if it was possible to graduate by then. The more I thought about what she was doing the more I hoped it would be possible for her to meet the Alberta requirements to graduate from her chosen high school. She wanted to work for it! I admire that kind of dedication and knew her presence in our school would be a positive opportunity for everyone involved.”

So Bishop checked with Maureen

I would dream about going back to school. I would dream about graduating and that was something that was really strong on my mind all my life.

Melnyk at the Department of Education in Edmonton who, after some digging, discovered that Ritchey actually had 70 high school credits, and with five additional credits for the art course, she only had 25 more credits to go. That’s where her work and life experience came in.

“I had taken some other education in Kelowna in accounting and that sort of thing in college and so I had some credits for that and then I had a lot of work experience. Then my life experience in all those years was considered.”

After some careful thought, it was determined that Ritchey just needed one more art class to fulfill the Department of Education’s requirements.

And although this exciting time is mixed with sadness after Ritchey lost her husband in November 2012, she considers herself blessed to be graduating with a group of exceptional young people.

“They are some of the nicest kids that I have ever seen in this school, and they have just been so nice to me. It has made

all the difference in the world to me with me having lost my husband. It’s a hard time, but these kids are filling in a bit of the lack there that I needed.”

In addition to some unexpected new friendships, Ritchey has been able to find a new focus while fulfilling her lifelong goal to graduate from high school.

“I enjoy art so much, and I found out I have talent. It’s something that has given me something to do . . . and now it’s keeping me going.”

Claire Ritchey received her high school diploma at Parkview Adventist Academy along with 36 other graduates on May 26, 2013.

— *Communications Department
Alberta Conference*



News

Man Up Basketball Camp

There are so many spiritual lessons and life lessons that can be learned from the game of basketball. Especially, learning what it means to “Man Up” on the court and in the game of life.

Today, more than ever in our society, we need men and women to take responsibility and fulfill their roles as positive leaders in their homes, schools, work, and community.

Man Up is a term used on the basketball court when a player sizes up his opponent, assumes their position of responsibility and plays exceptionally intense defense.

Man Up is also a term used for men to fulfill their responsibility as a man despite insecurities and to take control of a situation, be strong, and rise to the moment.

By calling it Man Up we are encouraging our youth to Man Up in the game of life and become the respectable men and women they were designed and destined to become.

On May 31 - June 2, 2013 the first annual Man Up Basketball Camp took place. A four day camp, weaved together with a round robin tournament, took place on the campus of Canadian University College. It included players from as far away as Yellowknife, North West Territories.

Canadian Basketball Olympian, Gerald Kazansowski was the guest speaker each morning. He empowered the participants with motivational talks before playing basketball.

On Friday, through the US Embassy’s Sports Envoy Program, former NBA Toronto Raptor Jerome ‘Junk Yard Dog’ Williams came and spoke to the campers about how to be better men and women in life. He is often quoted for saying how important it is

to be connected to the “Source.” He ran some drills and skills with the kids and ended off with an impressive tomahawk dunk. The Man Up campers relished the moment and took any opportunity to get a picture with the famed Christian basketball star.

Sabbath was a blessed day of fun and fellowship. Our worship gathering took place at CUC’s Social Eyez Student Lounge. Pastor David Guzman stirred our hearts with a message about being real and making Jesus real in our lives.

The theme for the day was community outreach, so after lunch a group of youth, under the leadership of Chaplain Janice De-Whyte, lead out in prayer and praise in front of the local Co-op Foods grocery store. Firefighter Tyler Peley brought a fire truck to the location and sounded the siren to let the community know that a modern day Levitical praise team was there.

To end the Sabbath, Dane, a third year psychology student, hosted the second installment of ACT I (Artists Coming Together). There were many acts and performances filled with lively singing, sign language, praising, poetry, spoken word, and even some DJing.

Sunday concluded the tournament with the “Blue Up Team” winning the championship game under the coaching of Tyler Peley and Marvin “Pops” Assende. The Blue Up Team managed to win all their games successfully through great teamwork and exceptional sportsmanship. The reality is, everyone was a winner that weekend. All 60 players, girls and boys, learned a valuable lesson of how to Man Up on the court and in life.

Man Up 2013 Basketball Camp will always be remembered for a weekend of fellowship, personal development,

mentoring, motivational talks, goal setting, leadership training, drills and skills, and most importantly a weekend of spiritual empowerment.
— Lyle Notice, Associate Youth Director Alberta Conference



MIP (Most Improved Player) Award presented to Jacyntha Rabbit. Left to right: Tyler Pelly, Jacyntha Rabbit and Lyle Notice.



Zion Notice enjoying the game.



Left photo: Greg Greenwood (deaf) from Calgary teaching a sign language class for the Deaf.

Right photo: Two watching the Signed Church service streamed on the internet every Sabbath morning at 11:30 ET.



Challenges of the Profoundly Deaf

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if tomorrow morning you woke up - not hearing anything? And supposing no doctor could do anything to restore your hearing?

You could text message and do email, but the phone would now be silent. You would not hear the doorbell anymore. You would have to purchase an alarm clock that either vibrated under your pillow, or flashed a strobe light by your bed.

At work, your friends would have to start writing down all their communications to you, and you can guess how often they would take time to do that! The music you love, would now be just a memory unless you chose to turn it up very loud and simply feel the vibrations through the floor. If you went to visit relatives, serious communication would probably taper to a trickle.

In most of our churches, you would get next to nothing from the Sabbath School class or church service. If you decided to learn signing and there was an interpreter, it would really help. In the mean time, some kind person might make notes for you on a laptop during the sermon.

Fortunately, the Alberta Conference has a deaf ministry department (98% of conferences do not). You might decide to become closely involved with Three Angel's Deaf Ministries (3ADM)

that has many helpful resources for Deaf (www.3angelsdeafministries.org). Elder David Trexler is the Director/ Speaker of 3ADM and is deaf himself.

You might choose to attend one of the camp meetings for Deaf people in the USA. When you learned to sign, you would find great comfort in attending these meetings and not having to struggle to understand and be understood. You would be with friends like yourself, and bonding to other Deaf would be especially precious.

My wife and I are not Deaf, but we do have two grown deaf children. We lived for three years at an Adventist Deaf Center in Arkansas, and grew to love and appreciate the Deaf. We began to understand the complexities faced by those in the "World of the Deaf."

This unique "World of the Deaf" is a great comfort and blessing to most profoundly Deaf - many of whom use sign language. Deaf often have their own clubs, websites, publications, and at times, even churches. There are a number of relatively small deaf Adventist congregations in the USA. There are currently none in Canada, with only isolated Deaf here and there.

Please visit our website at www.deafhope.org and the 3ADM website listed above. There is also a streamed 11:30 a.m. signed Sabbath service each

week with Pastor Jeff Jordan (deaf) from the McDonald Road Adventist Church in Tennessee, USA (www.deafchurchonline.org). If you have interest or need, there are many Adventist signed DVD's and various publications available. Please contact us for more details.

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SAGE Alberta Convention



Elder Lowell Cooper.

The first annual SAGE Alberta Convention, held on the campus of Canadian University College on May 2 – 5, 2013, was a great success. Over 150 people from around the Alberta Conference attended this milestone weekend.

A major highlight was the six deeply spiritual presentations made by Elder Lowell Cooper from the General Conference. Paul Lehmann, Bev Hanes and Candace Sayler led out in three informative workshops. The Friday evening banquet, held at the Lacombe Memorial Centre, attracted 120 people who enjoyed great food and

fellowship. Beautiful weather allowed hikers to enjoy a Sabbath afternoon nature walk. Approximately 450 people attended the Sabbath evening gospel concert, which highlighted a number of Alberta musicians.

Throughout the weekend, there were many opportunities to socialize with old and new friends.

Planning has already begun for next year's SAGE Alberta Convention that is tentatively planned for the weekend of May 1 - 4, 2014. All Alberta SAGERS (50+) are invited to attend. — Submitted by Ellen Bell

SAGE Alberta Helps the Drumheller Church

The SAGE Alberta group has been busy fixing up the Drumheller Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Drumheller Mail, a local news website for the City of Drumheller, AB, published an article about the work SAGE Alberta is doing. Read the article online at <http://www.drumhellermail.com/index.php/news/13101-provincial-group-helps-revitalize-seventh-day-adventist-church>. For more information about SAGE, please contact Darlene Reimche at dreimche@albertaadventist.ca.





Group gathered for outdoor worship service.



Gerald & Belinda Anderson.



Josh Boyko sharing about the characteristics of God.

Grow Your Church with Single Adult Ministries (ASAM)

Single adults now make up over half of the adult population in Canada and a large portion of the Adventist Church in North America.

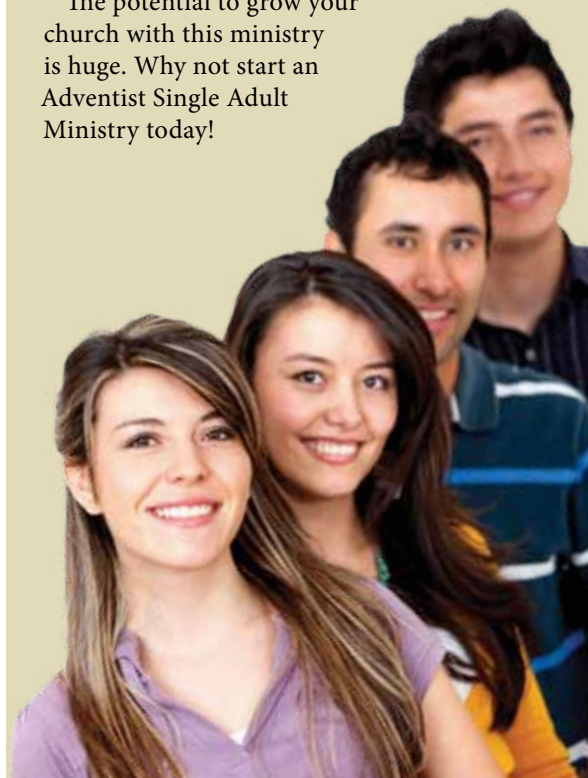
This makes Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) one of the most relevant ministries in the church today. ASAM provides a safe environment for Christian fellowship and encouragement for single adults. It is a spiritual entity in which single adults come together to seek God's purpose for their lives.

Contrary to what some believe, it is not a dating service. It is a place where singles can learn more of Jesus and receive understanding and fellowship often not experienced in a church setting. It is a place to which community single adults can be invited to receive acceptance and to learn of Jesus and His love for them.

The potential to grow your church with this ministry is huge. Why not start an Adventist Single Adult Ministry today!

Rochon Sands Campout

This year's Adventist Single Adult Ministries summer campout was held August 23 - 25, 2013 at the beautiful Rochon Sands Provincial Park. A wonderful time was had by 20 single adults and several married couples. People came from Edmonton and Calgary to enjoy this special weekend. Josh Boyko shared about the characteristics of God, the great sacrifice He made and what He continues to do for each one of us today. — *Darlene Reimche, ASAM Director, Alberta Conference*



Means & Meaning Videos a 1st in North American Adventist Planned Giving

The first of the Means & Meaning video series, produced by the Alberta Conference Planned Giving Department, was shown at the Orlando meetings of the North American Division Planned Giving and Treasury personnel in August. The North American Division Planned Giving Department has a similar project in progress that will reflect US law and perspective. No date for the release of the US videos has been set.

Rachel and Joshua Boyko tell their story in the second video of the Means & Meaning series, "Wills for Changing Lives," which was shown at the North American Division Planned Giving meetings in Orlando in August. The series, based on Canadian law and examples, can be viewed at www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning



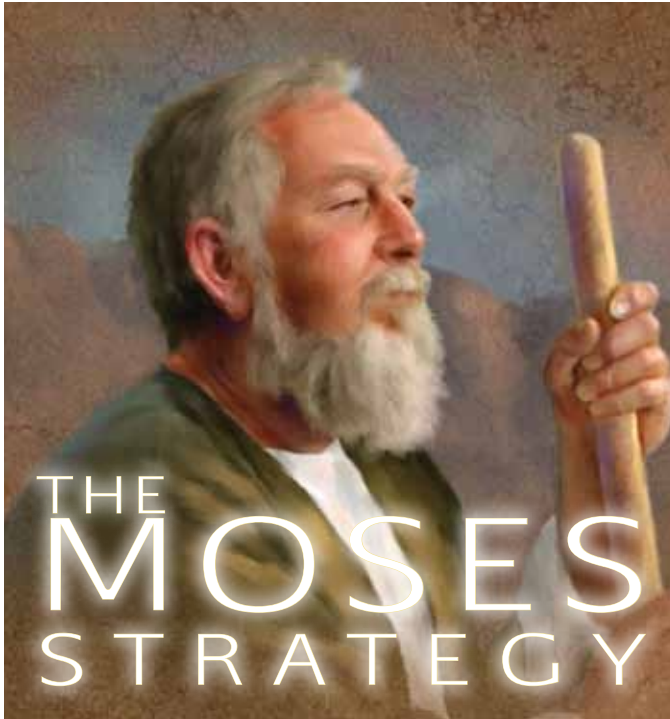
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Moses Strategy Launch Informs Members, Thanks Donors

The Moses Strategy Seminar Launch and Celebration at camp meeting brought together about 70 members of the Alberta church family for information, connection, and a big “thank you.” The seminar, presented by three independent professionals plus the Planned Giving & Trust Services (PGTS) director, was followed by a reception featuring hot appetizers and tea. The intent was to inform and to connect our members with helpful resources, and to thank those who have supported the work of the Alberta Conference by making a planned gift.

“The quality of the presentations and information was stellar,” said Carolyn Walters, a business person who attends the Millwoods church. “The concepts were presented in such a way that it was easy to see how the strategies could be applied in real life. It was definitely well-worth the time.”

“We had three goals for the afternoon,” said Lynn McDowell, PGTS/Philanthropy director, “but most importantly, we really wanted to thank those who support God’s work here at home through Planned Giving.”

“It comes as a surprise to many,” said Lynn, “but these people and their planned gifts play a big role in making camp meeting and several new ministries of the Alberta church possible. We want these members to know that they and their decision to invest in God’s work in Alberta are valued.”

For more information on the seminar or the tools presented, contact Lynn McDowell at the Alberta Conference office.

Darlene Blaney, Volunteer Health Ministry Coordinator (pictured to the right with PGTS director Lynn McDowell), and Conference receptionist Irma Hartley coordinated the reception refreshments.



Leah and Mwalundi Malekano of the Bridgeland Church.



Décor by Leah and Mwalundi Malekano of the Bridgeland church transformed the lower lodge for the Moses Strategy seminar and “thank you” reception.

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CHANGE School of Evangelism committee members. **Left to right:** Landon Saylor, Nwamiko Madden, Pastor Sandra Silva, Pastor Ken Wiebe, Dr. Joy Fehr, Pastor Larry Hall, Dr. Bruce Boyd (Pastor George Ali was absent for the photo).



Ribbon cutting celebration. **Left to right:** Ken Wiebe, Mark Johnson, Joy Fehr, Sandra Silva.

CHANGE School Builds Friendships in Camrose

Imagine a school of evangelism in Canada that equips you to do evangelism wherever you are! This was the dream that Sandra Silva presented to the Alberta Conference and to CUC. The group unanimously embraced the vision and united to create CHANGE School of Evangelism, the first of its kind in Canada. On May 1, 2013, CHANGE School of Evangelism opened its doors on the campus of Canadian University College to 16 eager students, ready to embark on a journey of transformation. The students, ages 17 to 67, came from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the USA to attend CHANGE. In addition to these students, more than a dozen CUC students joined the CHANGE accredited classes: Christian Spirituality and Conflict Resolution.

The Inauguration of CHANGE School of Evangelism began with a note of thanks from Sandra Silva for God's faithful leading. Silva expressed deep appreciation to the members of the CHANGE committee for their hours of dedication and support in making this dream a reality. Pastor Mark Johnson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, gave a special charge and dedicatory prayer before the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The first day of classes began with a

passionate message on the subject of CHANGE presented by Pastor Ken Wiebe, Alberta Conference President. Each day was filled with devotional thoughts by the students and guest speakers along with classes on prayer, doctrines, Spirit of Prophecy, Daniel and Revelation, and much more. Presenters came from across North America to inspire and educate the students in biblical truths and to provide them with practical tools for soul winning. Speakers included Dr. Cindy Tutsch, Pastor Jay Rosario, Dave Fiedler, and many others, as well as CUC faculty and Alberta Conference staff.

Camrose, a small city northeast of Lacombe, was chosen as the location for evangelistic outreach. On a weekly basis, students sought Bible study interests by walking the streets of Camrose, knocking on doors and doing Health Expos in the community. Over 300 surveys were filled out with many indicating an interest in Bible studies. On the opening night of the evangelistic series in Camrose, only a few non-Seventh-day Adventists were in attendance. By the end of the series, God increased that number to 65! Following the evangelistic series, six individuals gave their lives to Christ through baptism and profession of faith. Currently, over 19 of the non-Seventh-day Adventists

who attended the meetings are regularly attending the Camrose Adventist Church. Presently, two Bible Workers are following up interests and giving Bible studies.

Starting January 2014, CHANGE is launching a new online program. For more information, please visit www.changeschool.ca. You can become part of a life changing experience with God. Applications are being accepted for the 2014 online and summer sessions commencing May 1. Please continue to keep Camrose and CHANGE School of Evangelism in your prayers.



Sandra Silva
Personal Ministries & CHANGE School of Evangelism Director, Alberta Conference

VASES OF PRECIOUSNESS

“There is gold, and a multitude of pearls, but the lips of knowledge are a vase of preciousness [the most precious of all].”
Proverbs 20:15, Amplified Bible

Approximately 830 “precious vases” (aka students) arrived at Alberta’s ten Seventh-day Adventist schools on September 3, 2013.

We can have confidence that the 81 teachers (some of these numbers are part time) will pray fervently that they will first impart the love of Christ in the hearts of the children/youth in their charge, and then with the greatest excellence, challenge those same hearts and minds to grow in knowledge and productivity for the benefit of this earth and ultimately the glory of God. Blessings to each student and teacher in Alberta.

Have you seen the *Alberta Adventist Education Connection (AAEC)*—a monthly publication highlighting events, profiles, and student work in our province? If you have not received a copy, ask your pastor and/or principal about receiving it. We want you to be informed about the great work being accomplished in Alberta’s Seventh-day Adventist schools.



First Place, Murley's Company.



Michael Adams, teacher at Coralwood Academy, prepares to make a home run.

Coralwood's 3rd Annual Softball Tournament Fundraiser



Eight softball teams from central Alberta enjoyed sunshine and sport while raising approximately \$2000 for Coralwood Adventist Academy on Sunday, September 8. Under the leadership of Pastor John Murley (Edmonton South Church), the 3rd annual softball tournament fundraiser was hosted. It is held the second weekend in September and you're more than welcome to join the fellowship next year. Eight teams, consisting of over 100 participants, competed with Christian courtesy to see who would be this year's winners: 1st place: Murley's Company (an eclectic family team), 2nd place: Central Troopers (from Sylvan Lake/Red Deer area), 3rd place: Edmonton Central Church. Thank you to all players and those who came out to encourage and enjoy! See you next year!

STORMCO Goes to Yellowknife

STORMCO (Service to Others Really Matters) is making a difference in Yellowknife. A group of young adults from Edmonton, under the direction of Lyle Notice, the Community Services Director for the Alberta Conference, went to Yellowknife from August 11 - 18, 2013 to give a helping hand. Some of the work they did involved painting the concrete edge and the wooden decks of the YWCA, landscaping for a local resident and the SPCA, and helping the city repair a footbridge.

Notice had this to say about the work of STORMCO in Yellowknife:

Friday morning we faced a huge task in front of us.

Pastor Brad Dahr, in partnership with the City of Yellowknife, secured a job for us to repair part of a dilapidated footbridge heavily used by the community.

Pastor Brad arrived at the work site first. He started the task of repair as if he

was a professional carpenter having worked in the industry for years.

At the beginning of the project, I had no idea what the STORMCO crew was going to build or the outcome. By the end of the day we were all amazed at what had been accomplished.

A passerby noticed us and said, "Hey, I saw you guys in the newspaper."

She handed us the paper after which we all took a picture with her holding up the STORMCO news article.

Finally, after many hours of measuring, cutting, saw-

ing, nailing, hammering and drilling, we had completed the new portion of the bridge. The City Project Manager came by and commended us for our hard work, commitment, and dedication. As we packed up and were about to head home to prepare for the Sabbath, the City Worker said, "Now the real test... I have to drive over it!" Our hearts sunk into our stomachs as we watched him drive his truck over the newly constructed portion of the bridge.

By the end of the trip, we realized that we were not only building bridges for

people to walk on earth, but we were building bridges for people to one day walk in heaven...because after all, service to others really does matter for an eternity."

The Northern News Services Online also published an article that can be read at www.nnsl.com/northern-news-services/stories/papers/aug16_13group.html.

Photos left to right:

1. Pastor Brad Dahr gets right to the point.
2. Passerby recognizes the group from the local news paper "The Yellowknifer."
3. Pastor Allan and Felipe hard at work.
4. Lyle Notice with Brent (City Worker).

For more information about STORMCO, please contact Pastor Lyle Notice at Lnotice@albertaadventist.ca. Check out more photos on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ABAdventist.



PAA Graduation

With an east coast theme, the PAA graduating class of 2013 celebrated their mark of achievement on May 24 - 26. Graduation, as usual, brought a full house to wish the 37 graduates the best as each starts a new chapter in their life. Pastor Steve Reasor's sermon for church was entitled "Staring into Heaven." He talked about living in the moment and not being afraid to take the next step that God show's you without worrying what is beyond.

Graduation, as usual, brought a full house to wish the 37 graduates the best as each starts a new chapter in their life.

The key note speaker at commencement, Luke Heimann, told stories concerning rocks, noodles and cats during his presentation. He emphasized that there was no point at getting to the top if you don't get there with the people you love.

The Salutatorian, Danielle Serna, proclaimed that she could have only achieved her success with the help of her family. The Valedictorian, Taylor Lakusta Wong, gave each of her classmates a white rock that represented the judges of ancient times handing someone a white rock when they were found innocent. This is a new beginning Wong said. "It doesn't matter what you've done in the past, Revelation says that God will write a new name on a rock," she said.

Adam Ritchey had the unique honour of graduating with his Grandma - Claire Ritchey. With 85 years of experience and some extra art classes, she is one of the oldest people to graduate in Alberta.

Another unique anecdote is that four of the graduates had all been classmates since ECS at CHCS. Sa-

mantha Jacobson, Raynell Ortega, Taylor Lakusta Wong and Nathan Aldrich had 13 years of memories to share with each other. The "hill top" can be transient with families attending CUC for a few years and then moving on, so to have such a large percentage of the class start and graduate together is special.

The class motto "Not all Stars Shine in the Sky" was very appropriate as 22 of the 37 students earned gold cords under Alberta's rigorous educational requirements. Thousands of dollars in scholarships were awarded to various students from private donors.

We wish to express our congratulations to all of our graduates for a job well done. — Pattie Reasor, PAA Communications



Graduate Danielle Serna.



From left to right: Samantha Jacobson, Raynell Ortega, Taylor Lakusta Wong and Nathan Aldrich.

Heading Down a Slippery Slope

The bus was waiting in the parking lot at the bottom of the hill and Esther Dubourt, a friend and the Head Dean Kevin Clarke were all trying to get down the slippery slope of grass to the bus. It was the most direct route but no stairs go down that part of the hill. Going to town was one of Esther's favorite activities last school year at Parkview Adventist Academy, and she wasn't about to miss out on this chance, but making her way down the damp snowy grass was a problem. The three of them linked arms for safety. But then one of them, no one is sure who, started to slide and then suddenly all of them slipped down to their backsides together. No one was hurt, just wet, but there were peals of laughter breaking the evening silence. This incident became one of her favorite memories of the school year.

This year, Esther returned to PAA for her grade eleven. She spent the summer working at Foothills Camp trying to earn enough money for scholarships and tuition. She chose to come to PAA after nine years of homeschooling because she had already met many students from PAA, during camp meeting and youth rallies, and she really liked them. She also wanted a good Christian environment to study in. Esther wanted to come to a "regular school" she said because her family lives near Ryley Alberta, a small farming community that has an active church but no church school.

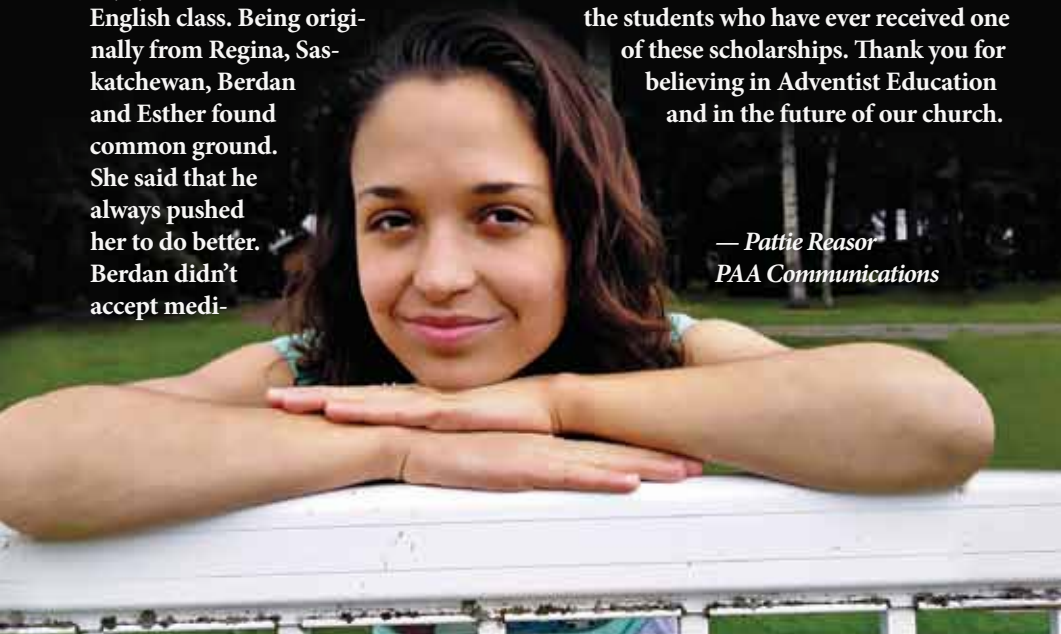
One of the things that Esther really enjoyed at PAA was Mr. Mike Berdan's English class. Being originally from Regina, Saskatchewan, Berdan and Esther found common ground. She said that he always pushed her to do better. Berdan didn't accept medi-

ocrity. Her Religious Studies teacher, Ms. Kristy Grovet, also captured Esther's attention with her innovative class activities. One of her favorite memories is sitting in class watching a YouTube video that was supposed to be scary. Everyone was scoffing, saying there was nothing scary about it when suddenly, a face appeared on the video. "Everyone jumped, even the guys," Esther said. The girl next to Esther literally jumped into her arms and they fell over, hit the wall and broke a plug.

Esther values the friendships that she made this past year. She'd like to change a few things. She'd like to be more involved in extracurricular activities, try out for Dauntless and go on the school mission trip to Belize this spring.

Adventist kids grow up reading stories in Guide and Review and Herald and Pacific Press story books about academy life. In many kids there is a desire to experience the same thing. However, while administration does its best to keep the costs down, the combined expense of tuition and room and board is daunting for some families. Fortunately every year there are a number of donors who strongly feel that Adventist education is important. These donors set up scholarships in family names, the names of a deceased loved one or a business. Each year these are given out during graduation. It is these scholarships that help make it possible for many students to attend Parkview Adventist Academy. We'd like to send our thanks on behalf of all of the students who have ever received one of these scholarships. Thank you for believing in Adventist Education and in the future of our church.

— *Pattie Reasor*
PAA Communications



Pictures above:
Guest speakers Gregory and Kim Taylor.
Right page top to bottom:
Campus Ministry team and speakers; Praise time morning meeting; praying together.



CUC Starts School Year With WISE



After a short summer, the Canadian University College campus is alive and buzzing with students. The year began with CUC Quest, new student orientation that takes place a week before open registration. Registration day was capped off with the annual Welcome Back Bash party to celebrate seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Our Week in Spiritual Emphasis (WISE) began on September 16 and is the foundation that the school year is built on. Our guest speakers were the husband and wife team of Gregory and Kim Taylor, from the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventist youth department. Their theme was, "It's All About Jesus." WISE begins on a Sunday and goes through till Saturday. Meetings take place at 11:00 a.m. at the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church and then

in the evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the CUC Administration Auditorium. According to CUC Chaplain Adam Deibert, WISE has started the year off strong spiritually. "The response from the CUC community, students and staff alike, has been positive. Hundreds have filled the church every morning and the administration building auditorium every evening to sing praises, pray, and receive and respond to Bible teaching. Hearts are being touched as dozens have come forward throughout the week for special prayer as they surrender or re-commit their lives to the Lord. Myself and pastor Shantel Smith (CUC Assistant Chaplain) along with the Campus Ministries team, say this is just the start of something greater that's happening on campus this year!" says Deibert. — *Jr (Sergie) Ferrer, Director of Communications, CUC*

Lessons from a Little Child

He was only a little boy, no more than 10 years old. Vivacious and fast moving as he came into the Resource Tent at the Alberta camp meeting. He didn't take much time as he quickly scanned all the displays. It was as if he was looking for something very specific, and as soon as he realized it was not there he would move on. "Perhaps he has lost something," I thought to myself as I studied the little one. He came by my display booth and checked it out with the same brevity as he had done all the others. I smiled at him. He politely returned my smile and moved on. I observed him as he left the Resource Tent through the opposite door; then he ran through the open field, waving his arms and calling to a man farther ahead. The man stopped, turned around and began to walk in the direction of the child. I watched as the man approached the lad and put his arm around him. They spoke for a bit and began to walk back in the direction of the Resource Tent.

Both man and child were smiling as they came into the Resource Tent. With a sense of urgency, the child walked in front of the man, glancing back from time to time to make sure he was still there. As they approached, the man said to me, "my son has a little fund he has created by saving his allowance and other resources and would like to give a donation to this ministry." I looked at the child. He gave me an almost apologetic look as he proceeded to extract wrinkled bills from his pockets and place them on the table.

As I stood watching this young man, I couldn't help but be moved. He was only a small child! What motivated this boy to take such a step? What about a new toy? What about saving for one of the many electronic gadgets



that seem to enthrall the hearts of the young? As I stretched and counted the money the young philanthropist had placed on the table, I began to realize it was not a small amount.

Before giving my young friend a receipt, I asked him, "are you sure this is what you want to do? This is a lot of money, and you could get a lot of things for yourself with it."

The father smiled. Confidently his son said, "Oh yes, this is what I want to do."

I turned to the father and said, "I need you to know that I am extremely moved and impressed by the attitude of this young man, this is not normal. What have you done with this child?"

"The other day we were talking about how blessed we are as a family" he said, "and in the middle of the conversation my son said he wanted to give a gift to the needy out of his savings. Before we left for camp meet-

ing, he put some money in his pockets. I didn't know how much it was until now. He's given you all he has."

I could not stop the tears from swamping my eyes as we prayed together that day. Sometimes my job can be very difficult. I feel a tremendous burden for the orphaned and abandoned children of the world. Many of them are the fruit of wars, natural disasters, abuse and moral decay. I have been in the streets with these outcasts of society. I have seen their tears and anguish as they endure pain, abuse, hunger and dreadful loneliness. I have also witnessed miracles in their lives when some caring soul dares to reach out to them and give them a hand. I'm the director of Public Relations for this ministry and visit numerous churches and other Adventist gatherings throughout North America, sharing the plea of the children. I feel a tremen-

Wills @ Camp Booked Solid at Camp Meeting 2013

By mid-week, the new Conference program that allows members to get a lawyer-drafted will at no net cost during camp meeting was fully booked. More than 50 individuals took the opportunity to consult with Planned Giving director Lynn McDowell about their will or estate/tax planning, and many were ready to complete their wills from start to finish during the week.

WILLS @
CAMP



Display: Joel Reyes with Michael Zanea (left).
Insert photo: Joel at his booth.

dous sense of accomplishment when someone steps forward and says, "I will help." This day, the Lord chose to reveal Himself to me and send an angel in the form of a little boy with a shy smile.

Oh little friend, you have empowered me today. You have reassured my faith in the goodness of humanity. Oh how I wish I could replicate your spirit and disposition and pour it not only into every child I see but into all adults I come across. Oh yes, most of them could use a bit of what you have in abundance!

"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21:3, 4



Joel Reyes
Director of Public Relations
International Children's Care



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Roland & Margaret Booth Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

On July 3, 1943, Roland Booth and Margaret Manderson were married at her parents' farm. During the week end of July 12 - 14, 2013, the Booth family, along with friends and relatives, had the privilege of celebrating their parents' 70th wedding anniversary. Sixty-nine of the 95 immediate descendants and their families were present to reminisce and make new memories. They came from Australia, California, British Columbia, Calgary, Edmonton and Beaver County. Over Saturday and Sunday afternoon, approximately 250 family and friends enjoyed an open house with the couple.

The Booth family tree was displayed in photographs along with photographs of their wedding. The couple cut the wedding cake, made by Margaret's sister Ruth Bekker, which was a replica

of the original. A very good Sunday brunch and lunch were catered by Margaret Stutzman and her staff.

Roland and Margaret farmed and raised their children in the Ryley community. For many years, Roland and his son Lorne farmed together. Roland retired from farming in 2005, at the age of 87, when his son decided it was time for both of them to retire.

Roland and Margaret are charter members of the Ryley Seventh-day Adventist Church. They supported all nine of their children through CUC and continue to support education services of CUC and the Ryley church.

Roland and Margaret enjoy living in their farm home with Jane, who is their live-in caregiver.

— Submitted by Vera Hyde



Margaret & Roland Booth at their anniversary celebration.

Alberta Conference Recognizes Alberta's Oldest Adventist Mother



Lynn McDowell handing a bouquet of flowers to Alberta Goltz at the Leduc Church.

During a special Mother's Day program in Leduc, the Alberta Conference recognized Alberta Goltz, who, at 105 years young, still worships with the congregation she joined shortly after arriving in Canada as a young woman. The premier of a 5-minute documentary starring Alberta and her granddaughter, Anna Marie Goltz, rounded out the Conference's recognition of one of the pioneers in the province's oldest congregation.

The video, entitled "Alberta Goltz: From Generation to Generation," is about passing on stewardship values. Planned Giving & Trust Services/Philanthropy director, Lynn McDowell, who wrote the documentary as a video companion to the December *Alberta Adventist News* "Means & Meaning" column, presented flowers on behalf of the Conference.

The release of Alberta's video, the first of a series that will accompany each issue of the conference magazine, was held to allow for the special Mother's Day premier. It was sent, along with the second video documentary, to each church in the conference, allowing members to see and hear more of the personal story and thoughts of the people featured in the "Means & Meaning" column.

Empowered by Jesus

Smiles, hugs, new faces, and lots of black T-shirts bearing the brilliant message “Empowered by Jesus” greeted attendees on Friday evening and Sabbath - May 3 to 4 - for Leduc’s second annual Youth Weekend.

The music was rich, melodious, and powerfully praised the name of Jesus! IMPACT (a Praise Band from Red Deer), a youth choir from Edmonton North Church, numerous special music presentations, and vibrant congregational strains filled the Leduc Church with praise and worship throughout the hours of the Sabbath.

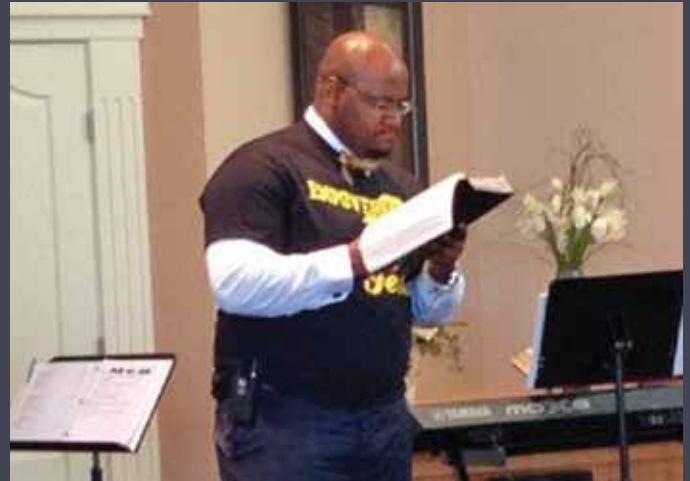
Pastor Wallin O’Connor from Calgary, affectionately known as “Pastor CJ,” challenged the 30 or more youth to follow God. After hearing how Pastor CJ got his pants and foot caught in a door when doing visitation one time, the assembled group was willing to go door to door with flowers, balloons, and copies of *Steps to Christ*.

After a “youth only” question and answer session, everyone met in groups of four or five to pray for each other. It was a very moving experience. “We didn’t want the day to end,” said one attendee. New friendships were formed and old ones were strengthened. “When is the next Youth Rally?” was a question often repeated.

Praise God for His power in our lives!

— Submitted by Jeremy Hetland, Leduc Youth Member

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Pastor CJ preaching.



IMPACT, a Praise Band from Red Deer.



Praying together in groups.



Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant Project



Lise doing phone-book canvassing asking people for prayer requests.



Pastor Darrell & Lise doing door to door canvassing with Bible study guides and DVD's.

With no Adventist church currently in Fort Saskatchewan, a city of 21,000, the Alberta Conference decided to place two workers in the community for 2-3 years to establish a church.

On August 1, Pastor Darrell & Lise Beaudoin moved into Fort Saskatchewan and have started working to generate interests within the community through various methods of outreach such as: phone call and door-to-door canvassing, prophecy seminars and follow-up, health workshops, cooking classes, and local advertising.

Before the Beaudoin's moved to Fort Saskatchewan, a prophecy seminar was conducted by Pastor Vern Snow in February 2013. The Canada Youth Challenge team sold books door to door in July to help lay some ground work and generate possible interests.

Lise is hired as a Bible Worker while Pastor Darrell will be coordi-

nating the church plant efforts.

Pastor Darrell says, "from the day we accepted the call to move to Fort Saskatchewan, we have seen the providential hand of God working to arrange our circumstances with a comfortable affordable home for us, to placing our two boys in a boarding situation in Adventists schools, thus freeing up our time to do the evangelistic outreach together. We're excited about the adventure of planting a church and we believe that God's blessing is upon this project."

Please pray for the Fort Saskatchewan church plant project and others throughout the Alberta Conference. Pastor Darrell & Lise Beaudoin can be reached at hopeandhealing@telus.net.



Fairview Church Celebrates New Building

Fairview's new church building filled to capacity on May 18, as members and guests celebrated its grand opening. Visitors came from as close as the town of Fairview itself, and as far as California, also Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lacombe, La Crete and Peace River. The new church is strategically located on Highway 732, a major thoroughfare, and is the first building on the left as you arrive from the north.

The new building, a dream of the congregation for over seven years, finally became a reality. On opening Sabbath, Keith Edgson and Ted Bilous acknowledged the sub-trades who assisted with the project and the volunteers, including members of SAGE, who willingly gave of their time in erecting the new building.

Tyler Rosengren, local church pastor, delivered a powerful message based on Isaiah 56:6-7 entitled "A House of Prayer for all Nations." Eric & Rebecca Koester and David & Heidi Hamstra, former pastor couples, participated in the day's events.

Conference representatives present included Ken Wiebe, Conference President; Keith Richter, Conference Treasurer; and Victor Fitch, Chairman of SAGE. "The grand opening of the Fairview Church and the organizing of the General Conference occurred 150 years apart to the month," Wiebe asserted.

The event closed with a musical concert, acknowledging God for graciously establishing a new house of prayer and praise in Fairview.

Visit the Fairview Church on Sabbath morning and you will find the members warm, friendly and welcoming. — *Communications Department, Alberta Conference*



Top photo: Keith Richter & Charlotte Openshaw.
Middle: Fairview Church at the grand opening day.
Bottom: Keith Edgson & Ted Bilous.





Airdrie Church Celebrates New Home

Airdrie Church is blessed with their own “church home” after a 26 year journey of hope, prayer and giving by the charter members and those who later joined the quest! Despite many odds, the group that now numbers approximately 55 has demonstrated a strong, vibrant, and evangelistic faith since their initial launch in 1987.

The Airdrie group began with 25 charter members coming together from Acme and Airdrie areas. Seven of these members are still active today. A core of dreamers faithfully fund-raised, always believing that they would one day have a church of their own.

In 2006, an official Building Search Committee was formed. It’s not difficult to first identify the overwhelming land and building costs of today. To compound the challenge, no churches in the city of Airdrie had become available for the past 12 years. After renting rooms and nearly every available church in the town, the church greatly needed their own facility.

God has plans and ways far beyond our wildest dreams! In December of 2012, it was rumored in the community that the first church rented by the Airdrie congregation (Church of the Nazarene and now Airdrie Victory Church) might be on the market. After investigation through a local real estate, it was determined that any action was premature. In late June of 2013, the search committee was notified that the property and building were now available and decisions had to be made quickly. Due to astute vision and preparation for one day having a facility to call their own, the Airdrie worshipers were able to secure the renovated church and hold the opening service to the glory of God on August 24, 2013. Keith Richter, Conference Treasurer, was present to encourage the congregation and share in the celebration.

Airdrie Seventh-day Adventist Church has more than doubled their membership over the past 26 years. They credit their growth first to the blessing of God! For the past two years, the congregation deliberately and specifically dedicated prayer time during Sabbath School, Bible Study

and Prayer Meetings to petition God for personal revival and reformation, and a church building of their own.

Creating and maintaining a positive community connection is imperative. It has been a devoted congregational effort. The activities have been varied, allowing numerous members to participate in manners unique to themselves.

- **A monthly Hymn Sing at the Bethany Care Centre was started in 1995 and continues to the present.**
- **A Vegetarian Supper Club has met monthly for over 12 years. Seven baptisms are the direct result of this lay member initiative.**
- **The city has been blanketed numerous times with literature of various kinds.**
- **Creation and Revelation seminars**
- **Health Expos provide positive exposure in the community.**
- **Breath Free seminars.**
- **Cooking classes.**
- **Farmer’s Market outreach.**
- **A variety of social functions to bond the membership.**

During purchasing negotiations, an agreement with the Airdrie Victory Church to lease use of the building, was also coordinated. The church boards held combined meetings to determine how they could best work together.

Pastor James Wesley will join the vibrant Airdrie fellowship in October. As he looks forward he says, “God proves once again to be faithful to us and to provide for our needs. We hope and pray that we can follow His example and be as faithful to Him as He has been to us. Please join us in praying that we can use God’s blessings to bless Him in return!”

*Thank you to Airdrie church members (Sylvia & Everett Herrebrugh, Les & Melissa Miller) for sharing your perspectives and information.
— Linda Steinke, *Education Communications, Alberta Conference*

Edson Church Rejoices

On July 6, 2013, Pastor Brian Bechthold re-baptized Lonita Reilly. Lonita was baptized in the church when she was younger but left for awhile. She has been attending the Edson church for approximately two years now. Lonita and her husband Chad, had their two children, Carson and Paige, dedicated to the Lord that same Sabbath. It was a beautiful afternoon both inside and out of the Edson Church. Many visitors came to show their love and support for Lonita and her family. The Reilly's are always a cheerful and loving addition to our church family. — *Colleen Ahlf*

Left photo: Pastor Bechthold with Chad & Lonita Reilly and their children; Carson and Paige.

Right photo: Lonita Reilly getting baptized by Pastor Bechthold.



Garden Road Church Health Weekend

On the weekend of May 3 - 5, members and visitors at the Garden Road Church were treated to vibrant health messages by author, presenter and Nutritional Consulting Practitioner, Dr Darlene Blaney.

On Friday evening, Blaney expounded on the topic "The benefits of exercise and water." On Sabbath morning, the topic presented was "Life is a balancing act."

The topic for Sabbath afternoon was "Healthy Choices" which discussed the benefits of cleansing and the holistic lifestyle that is beneficial to the entire human body.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, Blaney provided a wealth of information aimed at reaching a great number of people.

Blaney also discussed some of the common but serious illnesses in Canada and promoted the foods and lifestyle changes that are required to prevent or reverse such diseases. High blood pressure, Diabetes, Cancer, and Arthritis are just a few of the areas covered. Participants in this session left with numerous nuggets of information, when practiced, would improve general health.

Following two days of lectures, approximately 60 indi-

viduals attended the cooking school held on Sunday, May 5.

After the demonstration of several recipes, each attendee was treated to delicious vegan food prepared by Blaney and her staff. "There was an abundance of food" said Blaney, "and it was a delight to see participants reaching for second and third helpings."

The menu included homemade cranberry bread, vegan cream of broccoli soup (yes, no dairy products involved), corn casserole, quinoa salad, lentil roast and to top it all off, vegan cheese cake.

Overall, the weekend was informative and beneficial to everyone who attended. Blaney's delivery style was friendly, the information was relevant and it was clear to everyone that she is truly passionate about helping others through this ministry.



Lacombe Community Church

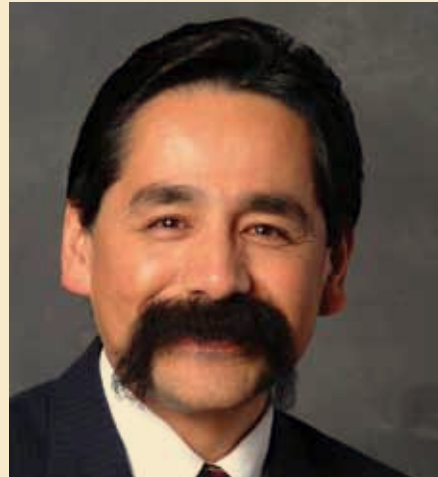
The Lacombe Community Church hosted a series of presentations by Dr. Cindy Tutsch, an Associate Director of the Ellen G. White Estate. Informative and compelling, her lectures developed a greater understanding of Ellen White's love for her Lord and for her church.



Dr Tutsch answers questions submitted by the congregation.



Dedication of Raven, daughter of Rob and Shermine Racz, August 10, 2013.



Elder Jose Rojas.



Elder John Bradshaw.

REACH Edmonton—2015

REACH Edmonton is moving forward with prayer, faith, and plans for multiple reaping events! The Greater Edmonton Ministerial Association (GEMA) has dreamed big. Two back-to-back evangelistic series will be presented in the spring of 2015.

“Why two?” you ask. The intent is to target two distinct segments of the population with God’s message of salvation for all. In March of 2015, Elder Jose Rojas, President of MOVEMENTUM, will appeal to the secular mindset, the un-churched, and the teenage/young adult group. One month later, Elder John Bradshaw of It Is Written-USA, will conduct a more traditional crusade.

A committed and diverse Steering Committee has already begun their work in planning and organizing. In preparation for the major evangelistic series of 2015, Elder Bradshaw

and Elder Rojas will hold a week-end convocation for all Edmonton area churches on January 17 - 18, 2014, followed by a lay-training event on January 19. A Prayer Conference with Elder Derek Morris, and special guest, Jamie Jorge, will be held March 20 - 22 to kick off several outreach programs throughout 2014.

During the coming two years, CHANGE School of Evangelism, CUC Theology Department students, and ACTS for Christ participants will work alongside those already actively witnessing in the city to prepare a ripe and ready harvest.

Extensive and detailed plans are currently being finalized to have this endeavor positively impact the greater Edmonton area. Please join us in praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon hearts in north-central Alberta. — *Communications Department, Alberta Conference*





Miracles Great and Small: Using Public Shares to Build a Church

Building or purchasing a church home is a big undertaking for any congregation. The Camrose congregation had for several years been building the financial base required by the North American Division with the goal of building a modest 4,500 sq. ft. church on the only piece of land available in Camrose for such a purpose—which they already owned. After doing the cost and membership analysis, however, they concluded they could not afford to build.

They had been faithful stewards.

The new pastor, Olaf Clausen, could see the deep desire for a permanent home and was confident that God would open a door, though what that door would look like wasn't clear.

That was when the miracle started to happen.

Through relationships that had been built in the community, the little congregation found themselves at the top of the list as preferred purchasers of the local Pentecostal church. Five other local congregations were on the waiting list.

With a lot of goodwill on both sides,

an agreement was reached, and the Camrose congregation began worshipping in their new home in October 2012. The need for funds to renovate and pay the mortgage was answered by donations from within the congregation and outside of it. One of the important gifts was made as a direct gift of public shares.

The shares, purchased many years earlier, had appreciated significantly. The donor discovered that giving the shares to the Alberta Conference for the benefit of Camrose rather than selling them and giving cash would

See & hear from the Camrose pastor and first elder in the video on the website: www.albertaadventist.ca/means&meaning or ask your pastor for the DVD copy provided to your church.

RESOURCES



Pastor Olaf Clausen and his wife, Rhonda, believed the Camrose congregation's faith and good stewardship would be rewarded. They and, indirectly the Alberta Conference, continue to contribute sweat equity—many hours of physical labour—in renovating their congregation's new home along with building contractor and first elder Ken Taylor.



On-going Miracles - An in-kind gift of a grande piano was also received recently.

The Camrose congregation had been without a permanent home since August, 2002, when part of their land was expropriated by the city and their small church demolished. Their new "Miracle Church" is almost four times the size, and the congregation is growing, thanks to the many and varied contributions of its members and friends—such as the gift of shares.

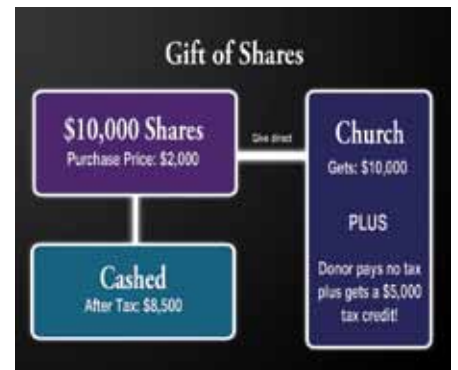


significantly increase the money that would go to help Camrose. By transferring the shares, the donor avoided the requirement to pay capital gains tax, and also got a tax credit worth 50% of today's value of the shares. This credit could be used against other taxes owed for the next six years (see diagram).

Through the donor's tax-savvy stewardship, money that would otherwise have been paid as tax was transformed and dedicated to a higher purpose: establishing a permanent house of the Lord in Camrose.



Lynn McDowell
Director of Planned Giving | Philanthropy
Alberta Conference



Graphic illustrating Gift of Shares (created by Higher Path)

Lethbridge

The Lethbridge Church is pleased to welcome two more members into their church family.

Craig Quesnell was invited to a Prophecy Seminar by a church member whom he knew. Craig was impressed with the truths from God's word yet struggled with the decision to follow his conviction. After a few weeks of attending the Lethbridge Church, Craig decided to be baptized.

Lindsay Kanu recently married Owen Kanu, an Adventist from Nigeria. She began to attend church regularly, feeling more at home each Sabbath. She then started taking Bible studies with Pastor Darrell Beaudoin.

As her understanding of Bible truths increased she realized that her life would be made more complete as she surrendered her heart to Jesus Christ. What a lovely couple she and Owen make as they begin to serve Jesus Christ together in the Lethbridge Adventist Church.



Left to right: Pastor Beaudoin, Craig Quesnell, Pastor Geraci.



Craig Quesnell & Pastor Beaudoin.



Lindsay Kanu & Pastor Beaudoin.

Lacombe Community



Evelina and Eduard Schwartz.



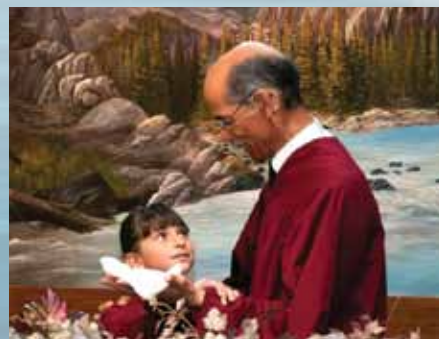
Steven Hansen with Pastor Henderson.



Judy Weski with Pastor Henderson.



Bill McGhie with Pastor Henderson.



Melanie Hansen with Pastor Henderson.

Announcements

EDMONTON CENTRAL CHURCH – MISSING MEMBERS

Please assist us in locating some of our missing members. If you have any information regarding any of the names listed below, please contact Bob Hymanyk via e-mail (rhymanyk@aol.com) or by telephone (780) 662-2615. Thank you.

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Ben Weich, born December 5, 1925, died peacefully on May 7, 2013 in Castor, Alberta. He is survived by daughter, Linda (Terry) Steinke; sons: Glen Weich and Kevin (Linda) Weich; 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Dan, and sisters, Helen Suelzle and Emma Suelzle. He was predeceased by his wife, June, on March 21, 2013; brother, Walter, and sisters, Mary Hoffman and Doreen Patzer. He loved and valued family, farming, horses, woodworking, and his God. He had a generous and caring spirit.



Edwin Crombie was born in central Saskatchewan and entered into rest at Red Deer, Alberta, May 10, 2013. His passion and burden was for soul winning. He loved farming and to sing. He will be fondly remembered by his wife Bernice, daughter Debbie (Palmer) Halvorson, son Dennis (Lisa) Crombie, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.



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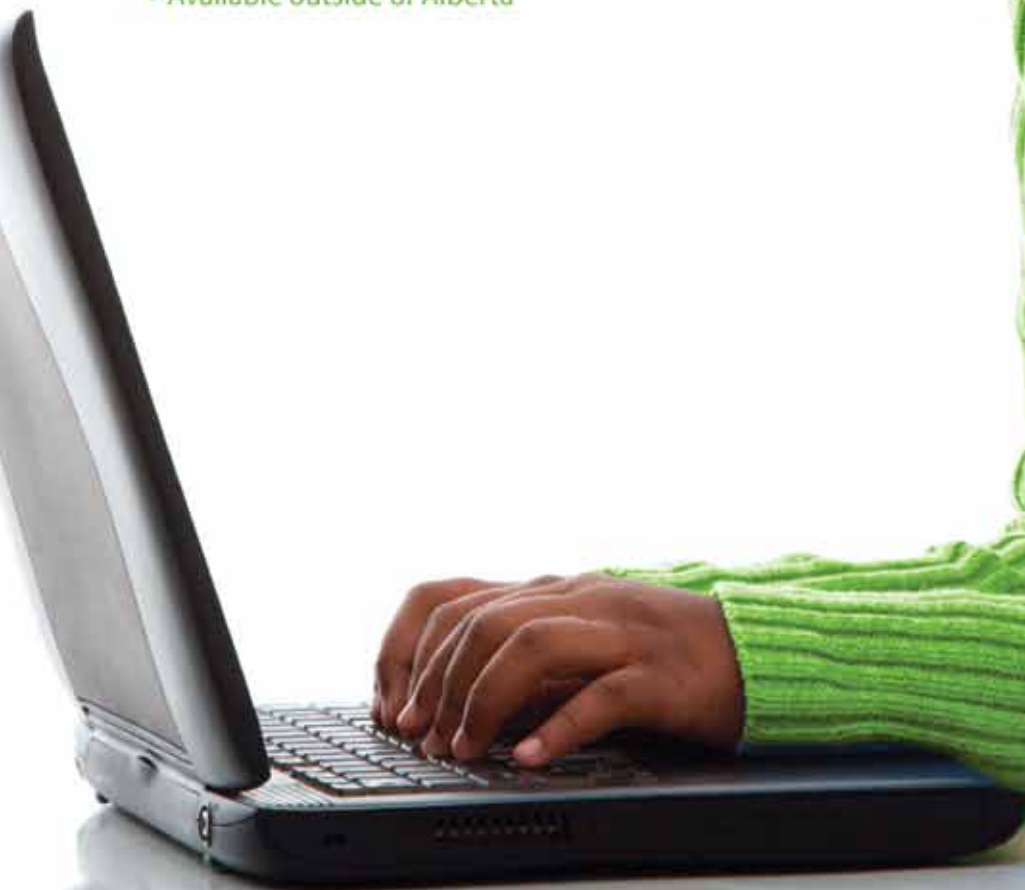


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