

March 2009

From the president

## Keeping in Touch

While Becky and I were organizing things to move recently, I came across a collection of old family letters. I stopped packing for a few minutes to read some of them. I have never met the people who were writing. They died before I was born.



But those letters were important. They spoke of work, travels and everyday life. They were a way of staying connected with people who were family.

We don't send a lot of letters nowadays. Mostly, we call each other or send emails. But staying in touch with family and friends is just as important to us and perhaps even more so it was for those letter writers so long ago.

When I look at the Bible, I find a collection of letters, written by God's leaders as they kept in touch with the church. I am glad that we have those letters in our homes today, because through them Christ has taught us how to live and what is truth. We need to read and re-read them frequently as we travel toward the Kingdom.

Here in Alberta, our church family stays in touch through *Alberta Adventist News*. This publication shares stories and inspiration within the Adventist family. Four times a year it has been printed and then mailed to our churches for local distribution. That process does not permit us to share inspiration and ideas as quickly as many of us would wish.

To share news and ideas more effectively through our Alberta Adventist family, we are planning some changes. We want to share the news when it is news,

provide stories of faith and God's triumph, and exchange ideas for witness and ministry and all the other features you've come to appreciate in *Alberta Adventist News*. We want to do it more often and with greater speed. Beginning with our next issue, *Alberta Adventist News* will be distributed through the Internet as a PDF document. We will email it to a contact person for each congregation, which they in turn may email to every family in the local church. We will still produce a very limited number of print copies that will be sent to local churches. Some in the local church may wish to print additional copies from their computer for friends and family who are not connected to the Internet. Also, each issue will be posted on the Alberta Conference website ([www.albertasda.org](http://www.albertasda.org)). It is important to us all that no one be placed out of the loop.

We will begin by publishing the newsletter every other month. As we get better at it, we'd like to do it more often, and I think we can.

We want to feature news, ideas, and experiences that will help us to make our churches and schools all that Christ wants them to be — places where we welcome new friends and encourage each other as we wait for Jesus to return.

I'm anxious to see Jesus. In all the turmoil currently surrounding us, it is wonderful to remember that the Bank of Heaven will never fail. No one will lose his or her life savings. There will be no hospitals with dying friends. Jesus will make everything right. And so I echo the words of John who, missing Jesus, said "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" *Revelation 22:20*.

Mark Johnson

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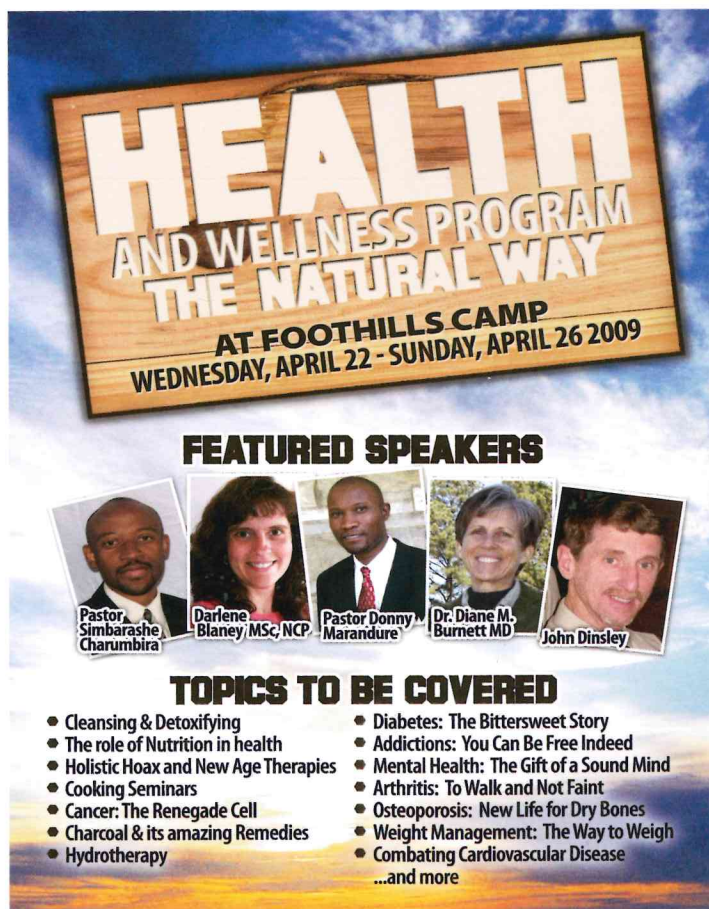
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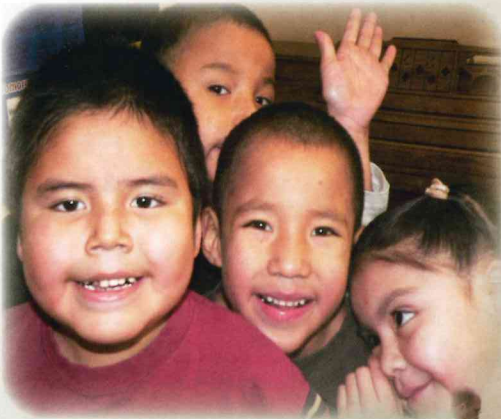
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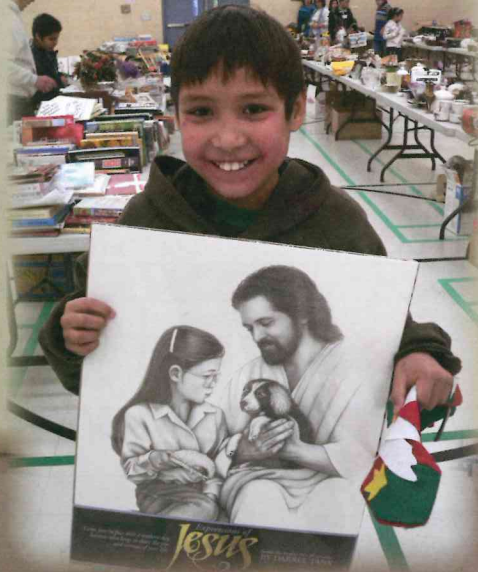
## YOUR GIFTS... THEIR GIFTS

*Mamawi Atosketan Native School wants to THANK all those who donated to the Shopping Mall just before Christmas. Thanks to all of you—it was again a huge success. The students had a magnificent time choosing gifts, wrapping them, and bringing them home. This event not only brightens the holidays for many of our students and families, but it also teaches them the value of giving. Again we send out our warmest, heartfelt appreciation for the part you played in helping our students have a wonderful Christmas. May God return the blessings you have given to our students. Thank you for all the smiles you have helped place.*

Julie Bancarz, Principal



*"The faces of happy children"*



**MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL  
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE  
MAY 1 AND 2, 2009**

## Alberta Conference Evangelism Plans for 2009

| Church                                | Date                           | Speaker                     |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Airdrie Church                        | Oct 18 - Nov 7, 2009           | Pastor Michael Corbel       |
| Boyle Church                          | Sept 11 - Oct 10, 2009         | Pastor Dario St. Louis      |
| Calgary Bridgeland Church             | May 2-30, 2009                 | Pastor Reynold Ferary       |
| Calgary All Churches                  | October 2-31, 2009             | IIW Pastor Doug Batchelor   |
| Calgary Garden Road Church            | April 3-18, 2009               | Pastor Clive Dottial        |
| Calgary Korean Company                | May 3-9, 2009                  | Pastor Jae Min Yeon         |
| Calgary Maranatha Spanish Church      | 2009                           | Pastor Alejandra Bullion    |
| Calgary Maranatha Spanish Church      | October 17-24, 2009            | IIW Pastor Javier Huerta    |
| Calgary Parkdale & Southside Churches | May 22 - June 6, 2009          | Pastor Leo Launio           |
| Calgary Remnant Company               | May 2-30, 2009                 | Pastor Reynold Ferary       |
| Calgary Spanish Church                | May 15-17, 2009                | Pastor Samuel Manzano       |
| Drumheller Church                     | April 29 - May 27, 2009        | Pastor David Streifling     |
| Edmonton Churches (All)               | April 24 - May 16, 2009        | IIW Pastor Bill Santos      |
| Edmonton Central Church               | August 2009                    | ACTS-Young Adult Ministries |
| Edmonton Central Spanish              | October 17-24, 2009            | IIW Pastor Saul Flores      |
| Edmonton Korean Company               | June 28 - July 4, 2009         | Pastor Jae Min Yeon         |
| Edmonton Maranatha Spanish Company    | 2009                           | Pastor Julio Morales        |
| Edmonton Maranatha Spanish Company    | October 17-24, 2009            | IIW Pastor Saul Flores      |
| Edmonton North Church                 | September 2009                 | Pastor Terrence Horrell     |
| Edmonton Renacer Spanish Church       | 2009                           | Pastor Julio Morales        |
| Edmonton Renacer Spanish Church       | October 17-24, 2009            | IIW Pastor Saul Flores      |
| Edmonton South Church                 | March 29 - April 22, 2009      | Pastors Szamko / Bramble    |
| Edmonton South Church                 | October 23 - November 15, 2009 | Pastors Szamko / Bramble    |
| Edmonton Spanish Church               | 2009                           | Pastor Julio Morales        |
| Edmonton West Church                  | September - October 2009       | Pastor Terrence Horrell     |

**2009** has been designated as “Year of Evangelism” throughout the North American Division. Our pastors and churches in Alberta have energetic plans, too, as you can see from the above list.

The evangelism offering received at our 2008 Camp Meeting is providing funds for a portion of the requests that come to the Evangelism Committee of the Alberta Conference. The next meeting of the Evangelism Committee will be March 23, 2009, when the committee will determine what funds will still be available, if any, to complete the 2009 Evangelism Plans “wish list.”

Won't you join all church families across Alberta in prayer for these outreach efforts throughout Alberta this year? Even though your church may not be listed above as having definite plans for an evangelistic outreach in your town or community, there's always something you can do—and that is to pray. Much energy and time is directed into planning evangelism meetings so we would like to ask

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| Church                       | Date                           | Speaker                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ft Macleod - town            | September 11-30, 2009          | Trevir Baird                |
| Ft McMurray Church           | April - May 2009               | Pastor Darrell Beaudoin     |
| Ft McMurray Church           | November 2009                  | Pastor Darrell Beaudoin     |
| Grande Prairie Church        | February 6-28, 2009            | Pastor Darrell Beaudoin     |
| Hanna Church                 | February 10 - March 10, 2009   | Pastor David Streifling     |
| Innisfail Company            | May 22 - June 13, 2009         | Pastor Peter Baptiste       |
| Lacombe Community Church     | March 21, June                 | Pastor Ron Henderson        |
| Lethbridge Church            | April 18-19, 2009, 1-6 p.m.    | Pastor Olaf Clausen         |
| Lethbridge Church            | April 25-26, 2009              | Pastor Olaf Clausen         |
| Loyalist Church              | October 26 - November 30, 2009 | Pastor David Streifling     |
| Morning Star Church          | 2009                           | Andrew Harnish              |
| Parkland Church              | October 2009                   | Pastor Bob Condron          |
| Peers Company                | March - April 2009             | Pastor Jim Davis            |
| Ponoka Church                | October 2-24, 2009             | Pastor Dave Beaudoin        |
| Red Deer Church              | 2009                           | Pastors Hartley / Gillespie |
| Red Deer Spanish Company     | 2010                           | Pastor Michelle Angulo      |
| Rimbey Church                | March 6-28, 2009               | Pastor Dave Beaudoin        |
| Smoky Lake Church            | March 13 - April 18, 2009      | Pastor Dario St Louis       |
| Smoky Lake Church            | October 16 - November 21, 2009 | Pastor Dario St Louis       |
| Strathmore (forming Company) | April 3-26, 2009               | Tyson Sell                  |
| Sudanese (forming Company)   | May 2009                       | Sudanese group              |
| Westlock Company             | March - April 2009             | Pastor Bob Condron          |
| Westlock Company             | October 15 - November 30, 2009 | Pastor Victor Gill          |
| Wetaskiwin Church            | February 13 - Mar 21, 2009     | Pastor Lowell Hargreaves    |
| Whitcourt Company            | October - November 2009        | Pastor Jim Davis            |

you to pray for the churches listed above as they prepare for, and begin, each series of meetings in their area. Some meetings may have already finished by the time you receive this newsletter. Pray that the seed sown will reap harvest in due time.

May our prayers be that the sincere in heart will come to know God's love for them and will find hope for the future in God's promises for these troubled times at the close of earth's history. May Jesus come soon — there's work to be done while we wait.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the 2009 Year of Evangelism right here in Alberta.

**"To Everyone—Everywhere" in Alberta!**



Larry Hall, Ministerial & Evangelism Director

## Beiseker

### 100th Anniversary Celebration

Beiseker Level Land Seventh-day Adventist Church

July 31 to August 2, 2009

Please come and celebrate with us!

To register and for more information,

please contact [jwtetz@localaccess.com](mailto:jwtetz@localaccess.com) or call (403) 947-2909

## Bonnyville

A bride is always lovely on her wedding day — every groom will attest to that statement. On December 28, 2008, the members of the Bonnyville Seventh-day Adventist Church rejoiced as a new home was established in the name of Jesus. The lovely bride, Mary Ching Baylon Yanson, and the groom, James Nicholas Pilipchuk, pledged their love to each other as they exchanged vows in a church that was filled to capacity. Following the service, a reception celebrating their union was held at the French Cultural Hall in Bonnyville.

Jim and Ching have established their home in Bonnyville. Their combined talents will continue to be a blessing to the Bonnyville Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Mary Ching and James  
with Pastor Pohle.

## Lloydminster

### *Baptism / Baby Dedication*

Sabbath, October 18, 2008, was a special day for the Aviles family. At the beginning of the worship service, Yolanda Jeanette Arriagada Espinoza, was baptized by Pastor Robert Pohle, fulfilling her desire to follow Jesus by becoming a member of the family of God. Husband, Angelo, studied the fundamental teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church with his wife this past year, and his desire was that his family be complete in Jesus. Now it is, as both, Angelo and Yolanda, work together to instruct their children in the love of Jesus.



The Aviles family with baby Sofia.

After a presentation on the home, Pastor Pohle called Angelo, Yolanda, Josepha, and baby Sofia, to the front of the church. The dedication of baby Sofia, who was born August 23, 2008, was the perfect ending to a very special day for the Aviles family and the members of the Lloydminster Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In November, Angelo transferred to Edmonton. We will miss seeing this lovely family each week.

Pastor Bob Pohle

## Calgary Bridgeland

### "Better Days Are Coming" Gospel Festival

The Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church saw this prophecy come to life as the church turned into "Festival City," the place to be during the "Better Days Are Coming" Gospel Festival. International Evangelist, Pastor Samuel Telemaque, was sent to Bridgeland to wake up the church members, and indeed he shook the place upside down. From October 4-25, 2008, "Festival City" was on fire for Jesus. Lives were transformed as 57 souls responded to the call of salvation. Souls either got baptized for the very first time or recommitted their lives to God in baptism a second time.

The congregation overflowed into the gymnasium, adjacent to the church, as Pastor Telemaque conducted three conferences; the Prayer, Praise, and Peace conferences on three consecutive Sabbaths. At the Prayer conference, we were honoured to have Evangeline Medavarapu, Alberta Conference Volunteer Prayer Ministries Coordinator, assist Pastor Telemaque in intercession on behalf of the people. Prayers were answered, as people spoke earnestly to God. Another highlight was at the Praise conference, where the delegates were each asked to bring a stone and build an altar at the pulpit. The altar symbolized surrender to God and His will.

Twelve boys and girls were tasked with the challenge of memorizing all 66 books of the Bible in one week, and on Sabbath they repeated all the books of the Bible. At the Peace conference, four Pathfinders were trained as young evangelists and were given the opportunity to preach before the church.

To end the crusade, there was a graduation for all those who had worked hard to make it a success. From the ushers to the hospitality committee, everyone that participated in the crusade was appreciated. Looking back, phrases such as, "spirit-filled," "powerful," "marvelous," "anointed messages," "life-changing," come to mind.

The following list presents the names of those who were baptized as a result of the meetings:



*Fifty-seven individuals committed their lives to Christ.*

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abraham Dassin         | Ken Morrison             |
| Akihito Yuge           | Kevin Duhaney            |
| Amanda Webster         | Kisela Marie Kopciuk     |
| Andrew Melay           | Lisso Siziba             |
| Anita Ramos            | Marcus Douglas           |
| Annassa Paul           | Marife C. Agres          |
| Bertram Joseph         | Misha Kopciuk            |
| Brandon Coutain        | Moses Mathias Muthanji   |
| Breann Coutain         | Marilynd Noxolo Maseko   |
| Champpaigne T. Massiah | Maureen Gabriela Webster |
| Christopher Nelson     | Olivier Rouleau          |
| Damaris Muthanji       | Philip Akech Anyuon      |
| Desiree Joseph         | Pierre Andre Valescot    |
| Elijah Black           | Rebecca Alai             |
| Elijah Paul            | Runako Yohance Ferary    |
| Eval Ming              | SallyAnn Isaac           |
| Evelyn De Roose        | Samantha Webster         |
| Garth Constantine      | Shane-Lee Chan           |
| Gertrude Lamontagne    | Shannon Chan             |
| Gossett Black          | Shelleen Clarke          |
| Grace Harris           | Shenda Chimwaso          |
| Janice Kathleen Mihut  | Shereese Morrison        |
| Janiece Kinlock        | Sydonnie Harvey          |
| Jason Hamilton         | Timothy Alai             |
| Jeanelle Tharte-Agard  | Ursula Muronda           |
| Jerron Isaac           | Verona Harvey            |
| Johanne Webster        | Wauldron Afflick         |
| Karen Paul             | Woldy Melle              |
| Kayla Elliott          |                          |



*Pastor Reynold Ferary baptizes one of the young men who gave his heart of Jesus.*

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## Edmonton South

### *Full Armor of God*

On February 7, 2009, at the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church, Jullian Guzman was dedicated to God. His parents, Mario and Mandy, want to raise Jullian to be a man who is after God's heart and to encourage him daily to put on the full armor of Christ (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Mario and Mandy, we as your church family commit to encourage and support you in raising Jullian!



### *Total Health Weekend*

February 6-8, 2009, was a weekend full of "healthy" learning at the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church. We were blessed to have Darlene Blaney, MSc, NCP, Health Ministries Volunteer Coordinator of the Alberta Conference, share with us some fantastic nutritional information!



Darlene gives tips to make healthful cooking tastier and easier to prepare.

We started the weekend on Friday evening with a workshop on "Clarity" — What impacts the frontal lobe of the brain, and how are our choices affecting us? Participants appreciated learning about the links between the frontal lobe, moral behaviour, and spirituality and how this is affected by our health choices. During the Sabbath main church service, a second workshop was held, entitled "C.H.O.I.C.E.S. — God's Will or Ours?" The evening workshop was called "Healthy Against the Odds."

On Sunday afternoon, the Total Health Cooking School hosted about 20 students. It was fun enjoying the "delicious" food that was prepared, and some even commented that they would be interested in attending future church events!

Friday and Saturday evenings average attendance was 50 with about 15% being non-members. Participants appreciated Darlene's personable nature, humour, practical advice, and ability to take her wealth of nutritional knowledge and make the information accessible to everyone.

Thank you, Darlene, for providing clear and understandable ways to improve the quality of our lives and to open the doors for God's Spirit to work more intentionally in our lives!

Tanya Davis

## Edmonton West

### *Jesus is the Answer*

International speaker and senior pastor of the West Edmonton Seventh-day Adventist Church, Terrence Horrell, delivered a series of timely messages to a waiting congregation in West Edmonton October 10-25, 2008. The "Jesus is the Answer" evangelistic series was very timely in light of the state of the world that we are living in today. We are in a state of emergency. The nightly topics included: When Will Sickness be Cured? The Handwriting on the Wall, God's Looking Glass, How Far Is Hell from Edmonton? The New Testament Sabbath, When Desire Fails, What Was Nailed to the Cross? Lost in Church, Naaman the Leper, The Father Didn't—the Son Wouldn't—The Apostles Couldn't—Who Did? The Sin God Cannot Forgive, Bible Baptism, We Are in a State of Emergency, The Last Night on Earth, and Jonah.

Sharon Long (Brown)



Pastor Terrence Horrell



## Fort McMurray

*Taking a Stand for Jesus*



*Marvin Sauter (left) with  
Pastor Darrell Beaudoin.*

As the work in Fort McMurray continues to go forth, what a joy it is again to have another precious soul join God's family of faith.

On Nov 8, 2008, Marvin Sauter took his stand and was baptized. Prior to his baptism, Marvin gave a moving testimony before his new church family of God's leading in his life and the joy of rediscovering Jesus and His truth for these last days. Previously a member of the Jehovah's Witness faith, Marvin has a passion for soul winning and has been active in inviting several of his family members and friends to church and evangelistic meetings. We welcome Marvin Sauter to the remnant church.

Dora-lee Drew, Yvette Lalond, and Ryan & Emma Secord, also recently joined the Fort McMurray Church by baptism.

### *Church Growth*

Along with the Prophecy Seminar emphasis of the Fort McMurray Church we hope to utilize and develop the health ministry approach in order to meet the community's more essential needs, and we believe that God will richly bless a more well-rounded approach to evangelism and outreach.

Two years ago about 25 were attending the Fort McMurray Seventh-day Adventist Church. On recent Sabbaths we've seen almost a full church of about 85 in attendance. We have every reason to believe that the attendance will continue to grow as we keep God's evangelistic machine running.

Renovations are underway for the church building and inevitably a church building expansion program will follow.

### *Healthy Choice Workshop*

The Fort McMurray Seventh-day Adventist Church Healthy Living Club hosted their first "Healthy Choice" workshop with Darlene Blaney on Jan 10-11, 2009. The program was a great success with about 70 registered attendees. The response and positive feedback was overwhelming. The seminar weekend will inaugurate monthly support group meetings which we plan to bridge into more evangelistic programs.

Darlene's presentations were engaging and informative, and we hope to have her back in the near future.



*Healthy Choice Seminar presenter, Darlene Blaney.*

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*Pastor Darrell Beaudoin*

## Wetaskiwin

Women's Ministry has been active this past year in the Wetaskiwin Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our activities have included: brunches, walking, "Prayer Hour," and bowling. Our most attended activity is our Sabbath breakfasts at the church. Our outreach project this year is supporting and encouraging our school families. They receive something special each month. Joan Matiko and Judy Schafer are having fun leading this group of women.



The Wetaskiwin Women's Ministries group (l-r) front: Judy Schafer, Jean Hartman, Amanda Masterson, Joan Matiko; back: Lynda Armson, Judy Buckler, Marie Bootsma, Bev Paranych, Roberta Schafer, Lynnea York.

## Olds

On Sabbath, December 20 the Olds Seventh-day Adventist Church Sabbath School Childrens' Divisions presented "A Christmas Alphabet." Five-year-old McKenna Weimer gave a most enthusiastic start to the performance with "A is for Angels, appearing so bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night . . . And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, *Luke 2:13.*" Coral Ross and Janelle Corbel led out in singing carols, and eleven-year-old Shana Ross sang "Silent Night, Holy Night." The children were precious! Awesome costumes by the Costume Hub and Costumes Inc. brought the Nativity to life.

Dale Goddard



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Front Row: McKenna Weimer, Morgan Weimer and Kiera Weimer. Back Row: Janelle Corbel, Shana Ross, Debbie Weimer, Lauren Jones, Faith Thomas, Dale Goddard, Carter Abraham, Brett Ross and Coral Ross  
(Photo by Doug Goddard)

## Ponoka → Pastor David Beaudoin

There is a blessing to those who honour God, not just for themselves, but for their children and their children's children. On December 6, 2008, Jason and Susanna May recommitted their lives to the Lord and were rebaptized. As well, their three daughters Ayla, Tyia, and Emma were dedicated to know, love, and serve Jesus.



# 10th Annual Family Health Workshop

The Alberta Conference Health Director, Darlene Blaney, organized another workshop that started off with a "hands on" cooking class all day Friday. On November 28-30, 2008, more people attended than expected came to Foothills Camp; everyone was involved, both men and women, and enjoyed by all.

Friday evening, Michael Harris, from California, a renowned gospel recording artist, told his story of the miraculous deliverance from drugs and alcohol which has been told to thousands of people worldwide during his concerts. His book, *Set Free*, is more than a story about drug abuse, a tragic accident, and paralysis. It is an unforgettable love story about a spiritually-broken man, a physically-broken woman, and an all-powerful, all-loving God who specializes in mending broken people. It is virtually impossible to hear this story without being moved first to tears and then moved to embrace and praise the God who makes us all "free indeed!"

On Sabbath morning we all enjoyed the stories shared by Miles and Debbie Schwartz, who traveled to Bolivia for about six weeks.

Jim Masterson, played his guitar and sang messages of his personal testimony about how our struggles through life can lead us to Jesus Christ! Just before lunch, Darlene Blaney shared a personal testimony on the importance of experiencing God during a special time we set aside to REST as it increases the quality of life, and allows us to have a closer walk with GOD, daily! Michael Harris then sang a song called "I Miss My Time With You."

In the afternoon, Pastor Ian Hartley, from the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church, spoke on the need for having joy in our lives which produces true happiness. Darlene Blaney, again spoke Sabbath afternoon—

this time on the need for cleansing and detoxifying: cleansing of our souls, body, and minds.

Saturday evening we all enjoyed a vocal concert by Michael Harris, lifting our hearts and drawing us closer to Jesus. At sundown, the evening ended with a hayride driven by "Tractor Tom," Foothills Camp Caretaker. What a delight as everyone laughed, chatted, and even sang Christmas carols!

Michael Harris



Darlene was kept on the run as she supervised meal preparations for the weekend as well as being an excellent coordinator for all the weekend program.

Sunday morning ended the weekend with some hands-on workshops! Dr. Reuben Lorensen instructed on hydrotherapy and simple charcoal treatments. John and Catherine Dubourt instructed on massage, clay, and charcoal treatments. Everyone left the camp that day truly "relaxed."

(Darlene Blaney is the Volunteer Health Ministries Coordinator for the Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as the Foothills Camp Cook. Darlene is a Nutritionist working on a PhD degree in Nutrition. She has written three cookbooks, her last being the CHIP cookbook written with Dr. Hans Diehl.)

Dr. Lorensen demonstrates the proper way to give a hot foot bath to Elke Holly.



All the ladies (and men) who attended the cooking school had the privilege of eating the various foods prepared in the morning. Enjoyment after the hard work!

## "Robbie Burns Day" Celebration

On Thursday, January 22, 2008, the Central Alberta Adventist Community Services Centre (soup kitchen) in Red Deer hosted a celebration of "Robbie Burns Day."

Special Scottish food was served, including turnips, fish, and shortbread. A gentleman by the name of Graham, who grew up in the same area of Scotland where Robbie Burns grew up, was there to help serve the food.

Background music was traditional Scottish bagpipes. The walls were decorated with kilts in various tartans, and the tables were set with white tablecloths and red tableware.

Everyone enjoyed it so much that it was decided to make it an annual event.

*Jorlene Sawchuk & Millie Snow*



*Effie Bullis, Irene Rosner, Wally Latoski, and Millie Snow worked hard to make this dinner special and delicious. Notice the Scottish kilt decorations on the wall.*

### *Sometimes I can't see His face . . .*

Little girls draw hearts and faces.  
And so it was with me.  
As I grew up I studied faces,  
thinking if I could learn the face,  
I could know the person.  
And I drew faces:  
faces on the walls, faces in the mud . . .  
In church I heard  
"the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace."  
And "Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always . . .  
from Job, "Why do you hide your face  
and consider me your enemy? . . .  
If only I knew where to find him;  
if only I could go to his dwelling!"  
In answer to this heart's cry I learned,  
and am learning  
"O Lord, you are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
We are the work of your hand . . .  
Shall what is formed say to him who formed it,  
Why did you make me like this?"  
and finally, "They shall see his face,  
and his name will be on their foreheads."

*Written by Ruth Proud in 2006. Republished in AAN in her memory.*

## 2009 DATELINE

|       |                             |                                    |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| March | 20-22                       | Elder's Training, Foothills Camp   |
|       | 20-29                       | Youth Mission Trip to Louisiana    |
|       | 23                          | Conference Evangelism Committee    |
| April | 1                           | ADCOM                              |
|       | 3-5                         | Alberta Bible Camp, Foothills Camp |
|       | 3-5                         | Women's Retreat, Red Deer          |
|       | 9-12                        | Acts for Christ, Edmonton          |
|       | 10-12                       | Native Women's Retreat, FC         |
|       | 13                          | Office Closed                      |
|       | 14                          | ADCOM                              |
|       | 17-19                       | CUC Graduation & Board             |
|       | 22-26                       | Lifestyle Program, Foothills Camp  |
|       | 25                          | EDUCATION SABBATH                  |
|       | 29                          | ADCOM                              |
|       | May                         | 1-2                                |
| 1-3   |                             | Love & Respect Seminar, FC         |
| 8-10  |                             | Adventurer Camp Out, FC            |
| 13    |                             | ADCOM                              |
| 15-18 |                             | Pathfinder Camporee, FC            |
| 18    |                             | Office Closed                      |
| 21    |                             | Conference School Sports Day       |
| 24-27 |                             | Gr. 5-6 Outdoor School             |
| June  | 28                          | ADCOM                              |
|       | 5-7                         | CUC / PAA Alumni                   |
|       | 5-7                         | Native Ministries Camp Meeting     |
|       | 10                          | ADCOM                              |
|       | 21                          | FSR / Executive Committee          |
| 21-25 | Ministerial Convention, CUC |                                    |

**July 3-11, 2009**  
**CAMP MEETING**

## At Rest...

**CLARK**—Clifford was born May 15, 1919, in Lacombe, AB, and died November 5, 2008, in Medicine Hat, AB. Clifford was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served as a member of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference Executive Committee and for ten years as a member of the Board of Canadian Union (University) College. From his home ranch in Saskatchewan, he served his local community as a member of the Shaunavon School Board and as president of the Climax Home and School Association. Surviving: his wife, Carol Clark; daughter, Lois Codington of Hendersonville, NC; son, Larry (Anita) Clark of Yakima, WA; son, Robert (Dawn) Clark of Shaunavon, SK; daughter, Marilyn (Steve) Schiller of La Mirada, CA; daughter, Isabelle Clark of Calgary, AB; daughter, Sheila Clark of Lacombe, AB; one brother, Willis Clark, of Lacombe, AB; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his parents, Elmer and Ellen Clark, and one brother, Elmer Clark, Jr.

**GABRYS**—Anne (Koziak) was born June 23, 1920, and died December 31, 2008. Anne will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Audrey and Delores (Larry); two granddaughters, Shelley and Trish (Chuck); two great-grandchildren, Troy and Courtney; sisters, Katherine Mitenko of Calgary, AB, and Emily Rich of Edmonton, AB; brother, Jim Koziak, of Redwater, AB; Anne was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2005; parents and numerous siblings. ADRA Canada was her favorite charity. She was a faithful member of the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church and was always willing to help in church programs and events.

**GROVET**—Bernard was born in Galahad, AB, on May 4, 1930, and died in Killam, AB, on April 7, 2008. He is survived by his loving wife, Nadine; sons, Douglas (Heather), Kevin (Dodi), Robert (Sherilyn); and nine grandchildren. He was a faithful member of the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church all his life.

**HAGER**—Peter was born May 2, 1956, and died July 7, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Joan Hager (Gascoyne); daughter, Tamara Hager; brother, Karl Hager, and special brother, Lenny; sister, Sue Chambers. Peter was a man who yearly took part in the "Toy Run for Santa's Anonymous." His daughter, Tamara, filled his life with joy and happiness. From the beginning, he was always there to hear of and see her achievements at the church level and to witness her baptism.

**HAMMERGREN**—Eric was born January 7, 1930, in Calgary, AB, and died November 27, 2008, in Taber, AB. He is survived by his brother, Roy Hammergren, of Taber,

## At Rest . . . continued

AB, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Hilder Hammergren; brother, Stanley; sisters, Dorothy, Vera (Mel), Pearl (Joe); sister-in-law, Thelma. Eric was a member of the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**HEDGECOCK**—George was born November 9, 1946, in Scottsbluff, NE, and died December 10, 2008, in Kearl Lake, AB. He is survived by his wife, Diane; son Shanon (Mina) and their daughter, Joelle, of Lacombe, AB; and daughter, Kristi (Adam) Patterson and their son, Aiden, of Edmonton, AB; mother, Glenna Hedgecock; sister, Phyllis (Clem) Hobbs, of Keene, TX; two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, Willis Hedgecock.

**HORT**—Vivian (Emmerson) was born August 13, 1936, and died February 10, 2009, in Edmonton, AB. She is survived by her husband, Benjamin; son, Nicholas, of Beaumont, AB; daughters, Cheryl (Keith) Chant, and their son, Benjamin, of Oshawa, ON, and Margaret (David) Russnell of Oshawa, ON; sister, Evelyn (Bill) Skalbeck of Chilliwack, BC. She was predeceased by her parents, Cyrus and Margaret Emmerson. She was a member of the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**LITTMAN Jr.**—Emanuel was born July 3, 1932, in Radway, AB, and died October 8, 2008, in Spirit River, AB. He was predeceased by his daughter, Brenda; parents, Emanuel and Esther Littman; his eldest sister, Alice Werner. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Fran; son, Cameron (Karen) Littman; daughters, Colleen (Jason) Notenbomer, Daina (Wallace) Calder; grandchildren, Michael, Lindsay, Cory, Kiersten, Christopher, Layton, Kolton, Taner, and McKenzie, who will miss their grandpa very much; sisters Almeda (Oscar) Werner, and Huzella (Ron) Sampsel; and many other family members and friends who will miss hearing him tell stories.

**PROUD** — Ruth (Campbell) was born March 29, 1943, and passed away in Calgary, AB, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered by family and friends. Ruth leaves to mourn: her loving husband of 47 years, Ted; daughter, Heather (Jeffrey) Calkins; son, Quentin; daughter-in-law, Darlene McDonagh; grandchildren, Alexander and Dianna Calkins, and Hannah Proud. She is also survived by brothers, Colin (Martha), and Elgin (Irene); sisters, Emily Grimes, Ethel McKeith, Mabel Johnson, Lorna (George) Quaroni, Bonnie (Lyle) Walker, Shirley (Ron) Beaulieu. Ruth was predeceased by her father and mother, George and Ella Campbell; her brothers, Louis, Hugh, Gordon, and Angus; sisters, Margaret, and Jeannie, and daughter, Lauralyn. Ruth will long be remembered for her artistic

talent, her avid interest in things spiritual, and her infectious laugh. Ruth passed away in absolute confidence that she will live again at the resurrection.

**REIMCHE**—Emma (Bechtold) was the eldest daughter born to Alexander and Katharina Bechtold on September 12, 1912. She went peacefully to her rest in the Lacombe Hospital on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, awaiting the wake-up call of the Lifegiver. She was in her 96th year. Emma completed her eighth grade in Irvine and, being the eldest daughter, she was needed to assist in the work around the house and the farm especially helping her parents along with her older brother, George. As a young woman she began working out in the homes. She spent a brief period cooking in a restaurant where she was admired for how she could prepare such delightful dishes out of nothing. After corresponding for four years, she and Albert Reimche were married by Pastor A. V. Rhoads in the Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Conference office located in Calgary. Emma and Albert celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2005. She enjoyed collecting and sharing poetry, stories, rocks, etc. Emma enjoyed helping out in the Children's Sabbath School department—often telling stories. She had a gift for writing little stories from daily experiences. During her life time Emma experienced many moves with her family between Alberta and BC. The family always came first in her life. Emma was a faithful stay-at-home mother. All eight children she and her husband, Albert, raised have faithfully and professionally served the Church. Emma is survived by six children: sons, Edward (Marion) of Lacombe, AB, Leo (Cheryl) of Portland, OR; daughters, Sue (Raleigh) Flint of Savannah, TN; Rose (Herb) Stickle; Alberta (John) Blake of Clive, AB; Darlene Reimche; and two sons-in-law, Ralph Clark of Mississippi, and Dennis Burr of Edmonton, AB; as well as 25 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren. She is also remembered by her siblings: brothers, Irvine (Elaine) Bechthold, and Roy (Rose Marie) Bechthold; sisters, Sylvia Peacock, Elly (James) MacKenzie, Ethel (Bob) Turner; many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. She was predeceased by her parents, Alexander and Katharina (Schaubert) Bechthold, her loving husband, Albert; two daughters, Zella and Edna; two brothers, George and Fred; and two sisters, Ida Wood and Annie Schulz, as well as three siblings at birth.

**SANJENKO**—Ruth (Nasipayko) was born June 24, 1922, in Arlee, SK, and died December 10, 2008, in Vegreville, AB, at the age of 86 after a brief battle with cancer. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Fred, of Vegreville, AB; daughters, Grace SanJenko of Edmonton, AB; Darlene Rastegar, of Vegreville, AB; Jane (Dr. Lee) Farrow of Vegreville, AB; brother, Bill (Aris) Nelson of Osoyoos, BC; numerous nieces and nephews. Ruth served the Church in Calgary as a colporteur and deaconess, and in the Vegreville Seventh-day Adventist

Church as a music chorister and greeter. During the past few years, Ruth sewed and crocheted hundreds of baby quilts and thousands of beautiful cushions which she donated to ADRA along with over 200 collector porcelain dolls. She wanted children all around the world to enjoy her gifts of love.

**SAYCE**—Eunice (Dykstra) was born on August 11, 1918, on the Peterson Farm north of Stettler, AB, and died November 16, 2008, peacefully at the Pine Ridge Care Centre in Stettler, AB, at the age of 90. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and volunteering. Her strength, integrity, love, compassionate understanding, and wisdom will continue to inspire all who knew her. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, George; daughter, Marilyn LaRose; father Robert Dykstra; mother, Edna Lake; step-father, John Lake; sisters, Myrtle Dykstra, Georgina Savage, Pearl Nelson; brothers-in-law, John Savage, Denis Harvey, Frank Nelson; sister-in-law, Myrtle (Ken) LaMarsh; brothers, Sid (Marj) Sayce and Don Sayce. She is survived by daughters, Gloria (Bob) MacKenzie, Gail (Rick) Baron, and Faye Birrell; son-in-law, Paul LaRose; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Florence Harvey, of Kamloops, BC; brother, Arnold (Pauline) Dykstra, of Vernon, BC; sister-in-law, Margaret Sayce, of Newton, BC; brother-in-law, Vic (Betty) Sayce, of Sumas, WA; uncle, Charles (Jean) Houghton, and aunt, Lila Porter, both of US; as well as a host of nieces and nephews, other family members, and friends.

**SCHAFFER**—Lillian (Larrabee) was born September 5, 1931, in Solola, Guatemala, and died December 28, 2008, in Edmonton, AB. She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel Schaffer, and her parents, Harry and Bernice Larrabee. She is survived by her son, Tim Schaffer, of Edmonton, AB; daughter, Corrine (Everett) Nielsen; two grandchildren, Curtis and Shanel. Lil was an active member of the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church in music: choir, bells, ladies trio, etc. She was involved in supplying food hampers for needy, as well as a supporter of Pathfinders and prayer ministry. She will be missed by all.

**SIEMENS**—Ernest David was born January 17, 1925, in Langham, SK, and died October 16, 2008, in Rocky Mountain House, AB. He was known for his hard work and creativity in woodwork, photography, painting, poetry, and gardening. He painted the mural surrounding the baptistry in the Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church where he was a member. He was predeceased by his parents, nine siblings, and a special grandson, Keith. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Olive; his brother, Ben; sons David (Gina), Walter (Jean), Ronald, Terry, Dale (Barb); daughter Marnie (Jeff) Ackerman; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**WECKER**—Herbert John was born May 8, 1918, near Fox

Valley, SK, and died October 10, 2008, in Lacombe, AB. At the age of 21, he registered as a conscientious objector during World War II. After the war, he met and married Miriam Smith. They were dedicated leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Regina, SK, where Herb also participated in the construction of the present Hill Avenue church. Herb spent three years as a builder at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Mudende, Rwanda, and also participated in several mission trips with Maranatha Volunteers International. Herb was an avid bird-watcher, rock hound, star gazer, and gardener. At the age of 84, he helped put up the trusses for the Mamawi Atosketan Native School in Alberta. He was predeceased by his parents, Abraham and Emma (Sayler) Wecker; sisters, Mary Flechl and Olive Bogdon; brothers, Alvin and Elmer. Surviving are: youngest sister, Viola Devnich, of Lacombe, AB; youngest brother, Walter (Esther), of Kelowna, BC; son, Barry (Alberta) of Arthurette, NB; daughters, Sharon (Rick) Fleck, of Vancouver, WA; Karen Wecker of Vancouver, WA; Cynthia (Dave) Miller of Winnipeg, MB; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

**WERNER**—Alice (Littman) was born February 19, 1927, in Russia, and died September 6, 2008, in Lacombe, AB. She was very active in the local Seventh-day Adventist Church where she lived—singing, young people's leader, children's division leader, and Dorcas work. She was predeceased by her husband, Elmer; parents, Emanuel and Esther Littman; niece, Brenda Littman. Surviving: daughter, Sylvia Vories, of College Place, WA; son, Doug (Patty), of Lacombe, AB; grandchildren: Jason (Santana), Sarah (Rick), Dena, Ryan (Michelle), Nathan; great-grandchildren Cyson, Cusic, Scan; sisters, Almeda (Oscar) Werner of Bredenbury, SK; Huzella (Ron) Sampsel of Lacombe, AB; brother, Emanuel Jr. (Fran) Littman (also deceased), of Wanham, AB; many other family members who will miss her.



# Camp Meeting 2009

July 3 - 11 — Foothills Camp

- **MUSIC** — Would you be willing to be a part of the music program at the 2009 Camp Meeting? Song leaders, organists, pianists, vocal / instrumental soloists and groups, evening mini-concerts, are needed to add that special blessing to the camp meeting program. If you can help, please phone Trudie Comm, Camp Meeting Music Coordinator, at (780) 532-6411 as soon as possible. Thank you very much.
- There will be a camp meeting choir, band, and orchestra. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Harald Zinner at (780) 922-1190 or hgzinner@shaw.ca.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS** — If you still want to book a camping site for 2009, please contact Penny Marcinyk at (403) 342-5044 xt 201 or email penny@albertasda.org. There are only 15 amp and no-service sites available. All other accommodations have been pre-booked. Sorry.
- **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS OR CAMPING AREAS!** — Conference and Foothills Camp administration are grateful to those of you who come to camp meeting faithfully each year abiding by our request and have made other provisions for the care of your pets during camp meeting week. However, without fail, there are always a few campers who choose not to observe this regulation! Once again this year, camp administration will be taking a vigorous effort to deal with your choice to NOT abide by this regulation. Thank you very much for your cooperation.
- **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR** — An invitation is extended to all Pathfinder Clubs, churches with fund-raising projects, and schools that may need extra fund-raising to participate in the annual International Food Fair Sunday afternoon, July 5. Please respond to
  - irma@albertasda.org or fax (403) 343-1523 informing us of your intention to participate. --Pastor John Adams

