

Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta



What Youth Want

Alberta Conference President, Frank Tochterman, interviews
Alberta Conference Youth Director, Richard Williams



President: I understand you have been researching the needs of the youth and young adults in the Alberta Conference. How have you been doing this?

Richard: Well, besides meeting young people in their churches and at conference events, we had a Visioning Weekend in November of 2002.

President: Tell me a bit about the Visioning weekend.

Richard: Each church in the Conference was invited to send a delegate. The delegates were to be youth or youth leaders. We had 23 delegates at Foothills Camp for the weekend. We went through a process in which we talked about what is currently happening in youth ministry, what the ideal youth / young adult programming would entail, and what might be some tangible goals for our Conference in the future.

President: What are some of these tangible items that the delegates wanted?

Richard: The youth suggested five areas of focus:

- 1) Youth want to be more involved in their local churches in meaningful ways. They want to be taught how to be elders, deacons, Sabbath School leaders, etc. They want to sit on church boards and planning committees. They even suggested that a young person be on the Conference Executive Committee.
- 2) Youth want to be taught how to do evangelism and be given opportunities to reach out to their communities. They asked for an event that could bring together youth from various areas to be trained and do creative evangelism, including street ministry, door-to-door outreach, etc.
- 3) Youth would like more events like mission trips, spiritual retreats, and leadership / evangelism training.
- 4) Youth discussed setting up regional councils that would plan events for the youth in their areas. The councils would promote networking and fellowship between area youth. The councils would also be a conduit for needs and information to be shared with the Conference Youth Director.

- 5) Finally, the youth discussed improving communication between the Conference Youth Department and the local youth. A Youth newsletter and web page were suggested.

President: What is happening with these initiatives and what are some of the upcoming events for youth and young adults in the conference?

Richard: A steering committee has been formed to address the creation of youth councils. We are working on the structure and purpose of these groups. I hope they will be up and running within the next couple of months.

Plans are being made to have a youth and a young adult spiritual retreat this fall. These events are most likely to be at Foothills Camp in October. A mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand, is being planned for December. It is a collective effort of all the conferences across Canada. The participants will spend one week doing community service and outreach and then have the opportunity to attend the General Conference Youth Congress. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our youth!

Finally, we are hoping to launch a youth newsletter and website later this year. These will be exciting new ways to get information out to our young people. We are currently looking for youth with ideas, writing ability, and website building experience to help in making these initiatives a reality.

President: Anyone wanting to help or give ideas should contact you?

Richard: Yes!! I can be contacted at the Conference office (403)342-5044 ext. 234.

President: Thank you for sharing this information with us. May the Lord bless and guide you as you work on these programs and initiatives.

Remember the youth offering on May 31.

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First Annual Alberta Filipino-Canadian SDA Camp Meeting

By Sharisse Arlene McCalla (nee Barboza)

The Fil-Can SDA Association of Alberta is pleased to announce that it will host the first annual Alberta Filipino-Canadian SDA Camp Meeting at Foothills Camp, September 5-7, 2003. With the theme of *Balikatan Sa Gawain* (Shoulder to Shoulder in God's Work), Fil-Can SDA hopes to bring Albertans together for fellowship, worship, and inspiration.

Speakers for the weekend include: Dr. Jose Manalo, who was the former Vice President of Adventist University of the Philippines and is currently the pastor of Bramalea Filipino Church in Toronto; Pastor Lowell Teves, currently the pastor of the Filipino-American SDA Church in the Greater-Seattle area; and, Pastor George Atiga, who is the Director of the Asian / South Pacific Ministries of the Pacific Union and Associate Director of the NAD Multi-Lingual Ministries.

To commemorate this event, a Souvenir Program is being prepared. For those wishing to advertise or convey best wishes to their friends and families in the Souvenir Program, please log onto: www.filcamp.com. There is also a section where names of generous patrons will be published as donors and they will receive a tax-deductible receipt for their contribution.

Everyone is encouraged to register early. You are invited to visit our website for more information: www.filcamp.com.



The Alberta Filipino-Canadian Association met at the Conference Office, Feb. 2, to plan their Camp Meeting.

Each Person Leaves a Legacy

Frances Chant

"When a man dies, his influence does not die with him, but it lives on reproducing itself. The influence of the man who was good and pure and holy lives on after his death, like the glow of the descending sun . . . lighting up the mountain peaks long after the sun has sunk behind the hill. So will the works of the pure and holy and the good reflect their light when they no longer live to speak and act themselves. Their works, their words, their example will forever live." TM 429

The Christian's goal is to 1) serve Jesus wholeheartedly, 2) provide for the necessities of loved ones, and 3) support the outreach of the church to the larger family of God on earth. Therefore, it is natural also for the Christian to benefit God's work even in death. Whether your fragments are large or small as you give consideration to the making of a Last Will and Testament, remember – our need to give is greater than God's need to receive.

"We should regard ourselves as stewards of the Lord's property, and God as the supreme proprietor." CS 326

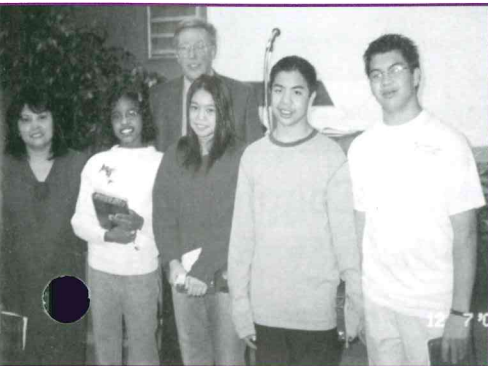
If our Trust Services can be of assistance to you, please contact Frances Chant at (403) 342-5044 ext. 215 or e-mail fchant@albertasda.org.

Canadian University College Homecoming 2003

Dalry Dean

Mark your calendars for June 6-8 for the Heritage Alumni Homecoming on the campus of Canadian University College and Parkview Adventist Academy. All alumni are welcomed! Honour our classes are 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963, 1958, 1948, 1943, 1938, and 1933. This year's theme will be, "A Noteworthy Heritage: Five Decades of Music from the Hilltop". Look forward to hearing musical groups from the past decades again on the hilltop. For more information: (403) 782-3381 ext. 4010 or alumni@cauc.ca. Information is also on the website: alumni@cauc.ca. See you there!

Calgary Parkdale Welcomes Five New Members



On Sabbath, Dec. 7, 2002 Christine Stickney, Mariel Machar, Krizia Dalmacio, Joshua Solis and James Solis were baptized by Pastor Ken Eirich at the Calgary Parkdale Church after the "Revelation Speaks Peace" Seminar.

New Congregation in Spruce Grove

On January 4, 2003, Alberta Conference Secretary Romulo Daquila spoke at the first service of the Parkland SDA Fellowship, a new outreach for the Spruce Grove and Stony Plain area, spear-headed by the Onway Church. The project is also supported by the Edmonton Southside Church. Forty-seven attended the first service! Several outreach events are in the works. You are invited to visit the newly-formed congregation which meets at the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 303 Church Avenue, Spruce Grove. For more information you may contact Chuck Huedepohl at (780) 963-6388 or Louis Balog at (780) 963-7735.

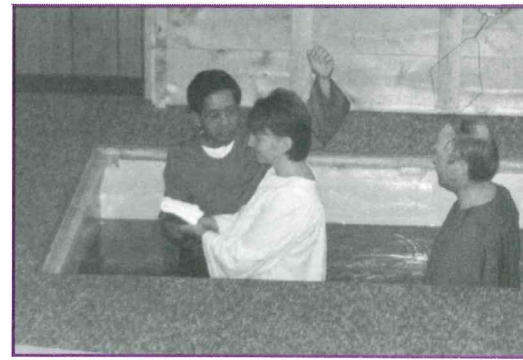


Attendees at the newly organized Parkland SDA Fellowship in Spruce Grove.

April, 2003

Baptism at Boyle

The members of Boyle Church conducted the "Revelation Speaks Peace" Seminar without a pastor. Pastor Alan Delotavo traveled from Fort McMurray on December 7 to assist with the baptism of Linda Littlechilds.



Peoria-Smoky – Alive and Well

Located far from town in the rural countryside northeast of Grand Prairie, the membership of the Peoria-Smoky Seventh-day Adventist Church has dwindled in recent years. Yet, a strong, hearty core of members continue to worship in the beautiful Peoria edifice each Sabbath. The time of worship varies, so if you are going to visit contact Marvin Brucks, Head Elder, for specifics.



*Peoria-Smoky
Congregation.*

The Peoria-Smoky Church

Yellowknife Baptism

Clarence Colp, Pastor of the Yellowknife Church, had the privilege of baptizing his brother, Rupert Colp, on December 28, 2002. Rupert's trip to Yellowknife (and the Northwest Territories) was a surprise Christmas gift. Rupert was graciously welcomed into the Yellowknife Church and has since transferred his membership to the church in his home town, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia.



Annual Family Health Workshop

Darlene Blaney

The Annual Family Health Workshop is once again approaching. Be sure to mark **May 2-4** on your calendars. Brochures for registration have been mailed to each church.



Cameron Johnson, Darlene Blaney, and Dr. Neil Nedley, speakers at the 2002 Family Health Workshop.

Last year's workshop was a huge success with 100 people in attendance. The weekend began with a cooking seminar presented by Alberta Conference's Health Director, Darlene Blaney. Guest speakers Dr. Neil Nedley and Cameron Johnson discussed numerous health topics including cancer, depression stress, osteoporosis, and general nutrition. One participant

recently wrote, "I just want to tell you how excited I am. I can't wait for the health weekend you have planned this year. . . . I have been going to the health weekend for the last four years and actually plan my holidays around it."

You will not want to miss this year's workshop. Come for fun and fellowship, and learn a whole lot about healthier living!



Food for a king was served at the 2002 Workshop.

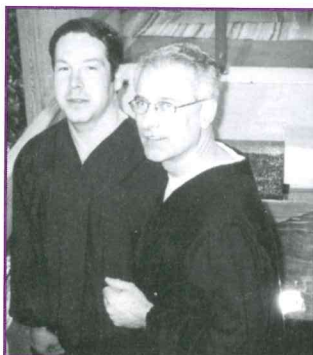
Edmonton Central Welcomes New Members



Pastor John Wesley introduces four new members prior to their baptism: Fred Van Zwyendregt, Lucinda Pollock, Vicky Grafe, and Dr. Landelin Johnson.

New Pastor Couple Welcomed to the NW Region

James and Nolita Rooney were welcomed to the Northwest Region by fellow pastors, Lew Wiegel and David Beaudoin, and by the members of the Grande Prairie and Fairview Churches.



Wayne Blondeau is baptized by Pastor John Wesley.

2658 Pounds of Help!

The Northern Lights Pathfinder Club of the Edmonton Central Church collected 3340 items (!) weighing 2658 pounds (!!) during their annual food drive last November. Glen and Diane Hawthorn are the Directors of the Club.



Alberta Conference 2003 Camp Meeting

July 11-19

“Loving God – Loving Each Other”

Plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.



Lloyd Erickson,
Director
Counseling and
Testing Center
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Evening Meeting
Speaker



Alfredo Garcia-
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Conference
Youth Speaker



Don Schneider,
President
North American
Division
First Weekend
Speaker



Don King,
President
Atlantic Union
Conference
Second Weekend
Speaker

Sharon Foreman
Singer/Recording Artist
Cornerstone of Praise
Guest Musician

DATELINE

April

- 4-6 Women's Retreat, Red Deer Lodge
- 4-6 Marriage Encounter
- 6 NW Region RMT, Peoria Church, 10:00 am
- 8 Edmonton Region RMT, Central Church, 7:00 pm
- 15 Central Region RMT, College Heights Church, 7:00 pm
- 16 NE Region RMT, Vegreville Church, 7:00 pm
- 18-20 CUC Graduation
- 21 Easter Monday (office closed)
- 22 Calgary Region RMT, Central Church, 7:00 pm
- 26 VOP Uplink for SDA members
- 27 EXCOM
- 27 - May 24 VOP Net 2003 Satellite series

May

- 24 Prayer Retreat, West Edmonton Church
- 24 Family Health Workshop, Foothills Camp
- 24 Harvest Alberta Training,
Canadian University College
- 10-11 Mamawi Atosketan Native School Grand Opening
- 16-19 Pathfinder Camporee, Foothills Camp
- 25 Financial/Statistical Review Committee / EXCOM
- 30 - June 1 Adventurer Campout, Foothills Camp

Plan now for the special Youth Offering on May 31

Harvest Alberta Institute of Evangelism

May 2-4, 2003 - Canadian University College

Keynote Speaker: Shawn Boonstra, Director/Speaker from It Is Written Canada

WORKSHOPS



1. **Child Evangelism** Discover the nuts and bolts of developing a vibrant, effective Children's Ministry in your local church. **Sharon Aka** and **Lorna Brown** are co-founders of the

Candle Ministry in Toronto.

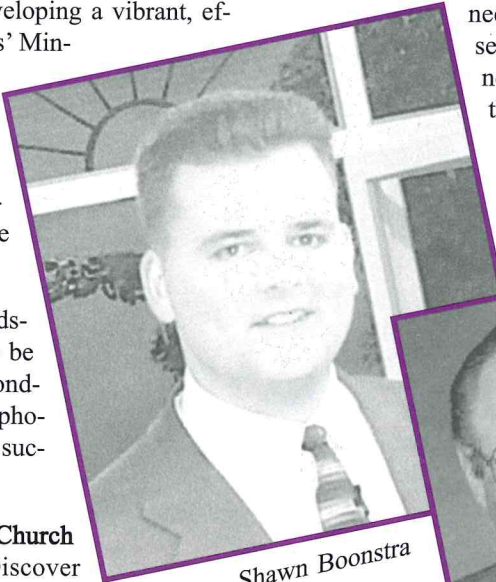
3. **Discover Bible School** Practical hands-on training for organizing your church to be involved in the Discover Bible Correspondence School. **Art Eerard** and **Bell Lee** (photos not available) from Florida share their success in this ministry.



5. **Mobilize Your Church to Evangelize** Discover vital facts on how to organize, motivate, equip and mobilize your church towards a successful evangelistic campaign. **Earl Cameron** is a Senior Pastor and Evangelist of the Greater New York Conference.



7. **Soul Winning Made Easy** Discover some practical, innovative, and creative methods of evangelism that simplify the work of personal evangelism. **Patrick Vincent** is Senior Pastor and Instructor in the School of Evangelism in the Florida Southeast Conference.



Shawn Boonstra

2. **Church Planting** Rediscover the mandate to the pioneers of our church — church planting the secret to church growth. **Steve Leddy** (photo not available) works with Ron Gladden in the *Plant the Future* Ministries.



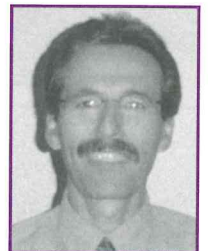
Don Stoyanowski

4. **DVD Evangelism** Experience the dynamics of DVD Bible Study in homes as well as in a larger venue. **Don Stoyanowski** and **Shawn Boonstra** from It Is Written Canada will be jointly presenting this workshop.

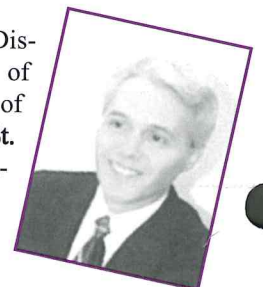
6. **Mobilize Youth For Service** Discover the trends in ministry, how youth and young adult can witness and lead others to Jesus without stress. **Frankie Lazarus** is the Youth Director of the Ontario Conference.



8. **The Art of Listening** Understanding the different steps towards becoming a good listener and enhance your ability to communicate the gospel. **Warren Kay** is the pastor of the Sylvan Lake and Rocky Mountain House district.



9. **Visitation & Home Bible Study** Discover the value and the do's and don'ts of visitation to save. Learn the methods of home Bible study that works. **Justis St. Hilaire** is pastor of Olds Church and Alberta Conference Evangelist.



Registration Fee

(includes all meals)

Early bird (on or before April 15, 2003)	\$50.00
After April 15, 2003 until April 29	\$65.00
Registration without meals	\$15.00

For a brochure and registration form, please ask your elder or phone Joyce at:

(403) 342-5044 ext. 208

You were asking about . . .

NEW CANADIAN ANTI-TERRORISM CHARITABLE RECEIPT REQUIREMENTS

Carolyn Osmond, Treasurer

During 2002, a new Act of the Federal Parliament, known as the Canada Customs & Revenue Agency Anti-Terrorism Act (December 18, 2001), came to the forefront in the operations of all Canadian charities. The Alberta Conference shared this information at various times in meetings of teachers, pastors, elders, treasurers and Regional Management Teams. However, it seems advisable to distribute this information to every church member within the Alberta Conference.

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Charities Division
www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/tax/charities/menu-e.html

All Charitable Receipts are issued under the provisions of various Acts of the Government of Canada. The implementation of these Acts is carried out by the Canadian Government Department known as the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA), through its Charities Division. Every Charitable Receipt is therefore subject to the interpretation of the Government and not to the interpretation placed on donations by any charitable organization, such as a conference, church or school, or by any individual, such as a treasurer, pastor, principal, etc.

It is important that charitable donors understand the Government's thinking about the issuance of Charitable Receipts: Essentially, the Government believes that since it allows a Deduction from Income Tax for the Charitable Donation, that therefore the Government "owns" the donated money and has control over the use of the donated money. This philosophy is reflected in relatively new legislation, as well as throughout earlier regulations.

Canada Customs & Revenue Agency Anti-Terrorism Act (December 18, 2001)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), as well as the Canadian Council of Christian Churches (CCCC), both recently stressed some very significant implications for Charities in recent Canadian Anti-Terrorism legislation.

The Anti-Terrorism Act of December 18, 2001 came about as a result of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City. This Act is based on the concept that Canada's National Security outweighs normal Civil Rights and the Act overrides the usual burden of proof for Canadian legal proceedings.

The reality for Charities is that if the Government through its audits or other means discovers that a conference, church or school has issued a Charitable Receipt that does not comply with the Act, the Government can immediately cancel the Charitable Registration of the non-complying local conference, church or school. At the same time the Government can cancel the Charitable Registration of the entire Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, based on the non-complying actions of one or more local entities.

Under Anti-Terrorism legislation, the Government can cancel the Charitable Registration of entire charitable organizations without the usual hearing process, and there is no guarantee that

charitable organizations will be allowed to be present when their appeal for re-instatement comes before the Government, following cancellation. It is therefore critical that each charitable gift in Canada complies with the Anti-Terrorism rules described here.

First is a list of charitable GIFTS THAT HAVE NOT CHANGED due to new legislation.

Charitable Receipts That HAVE NOT CHANGED Due to Anti-Terrorism Legislation:

- ***There is NO CHANGE in Charitable Receipts for Regular Tithes and Offerings There is no change in Charitable Receipts for donations to all regular tithes, offerings and other donations that are collected at the conference and local church*** – for example, Tithe, Mission Offerings, Alberta Advance, ADRA offerings, Sabbath School Expense, 13th Sabbath, Annual Sacrifice, Birthday/Thank Offerings, Sabbath School Investment, Church Family Budget, Worthy Student, etc.
- ***There is no change in Charitable Receipts for donations to local church projects that are voted by the Church Board to operate in Canada as part of local church ministries*** – for example, donations for Community Service projects, Food Banks, Soup Kitchens, Evangelism, Native Ministries, Evangelistic programs, the Poor Fund, church or school building or renovation projects, etc.
- ***There is no change in Charitable Receipts for donations to other Registered Charities within Canada, although it is preferable if the other Registered Charity writes the receipt, if possible.*** Charitable Receipts may be written for donations to any other Registered Canadian Charity, such as "It Is Written." Please use the CCRA website to know if another charity is registered in Canada *before issuing a charitable receipt and before passing the money on to the second Registered Charity, known by CCRA as a "Qualified Donee."*
- ***There is no change in Charitable Receipts for donations to "soft costs" for mission projects outside of Canada and approved by the Conference, Church or School Board operating as a Registered Canadian Charity*** – for consumable items that will not be left in a country outside of Canada, such as donations for travel to the territory and the cost of staying and eating there.

Now we turn to Charitable Receipts that MUST NOT be issued by the local conference, church or school for reasons of Anti-Terrorism Legislation or other CCRA legislation:

Charitable Giving Receipts that MUST NOT Be Written Locally

- ***Charitable Receipts must not be written by the conference, local church or school for ministries or projects within Canada that have not been voted by a Board as part of the entity's local ministry or mission.***
- ***Charitable Receipts must not be written for donations to other Canadian projects or ministries unless it is confirmed that the other ministry definitely has a Canadian Registered Charity number. Even then it is preferable for the donor to send the donation directly to the other Canadian***

Registered Charity. However, if the gift is receipted by a registered local church or a registered local school, record must be kept of the other Registered Charity's number for reporting the transfer of the donation from the first Registered Charity to the second Registered Charity.

- Charitable Receipts must not be written by the conference, local church or school for donations to be sent to the United States or to anywhere else in the world for any "hard" costs, such as sending or taking money to any other country for any purpose whatsoever; sending or taking building materials, equipment, materials or supplies of any type that will be left in any country outside Canada; or for any donation whatsoever that will not be consumed quickly on arrival in the other country.

IF THE RECEIPT CAN'T BE WRITTEN LOCALLY, HOW CAN DONATIONS BE SENT TO SPECIFIC MISSION PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF CANADA AND RECEIVE A CHARITABLE RECEIPT?

At this time there are only two ways to send donations for projects outside of Canada and receive a Charitable Receipt: The first is through the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Joint Ministries Agreement and the second is through ADRA Canada. Both methods are explained here.

1. The SDACC Joint Ministries Agreement

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has entered into a Joint Ministries Agreement with the Federal Government to monitor all gifts from SDA Church Members to all countries outside of Canada. This means that all donors to projects outside of Canada, whether donating money or materials of any kind will be left in the other country, and where a charitable receipt is desired, must apply to the Joint Ministries Agreement Committee at the SDACC, *before making the donation*, to find out if the gift will qualify for a charitable receipt.

Here is how to apply for a Joint Ministries Agreement Charitable Receipt:

- a. Contact the SDACC Treasurer, Gerald Northam, at 1-905-433-0011, Ext. 207, e-mail him at gnortham@sdacc.org or write him at Gerald Northam, Treasurer, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8. *This is the only person to contact with respect to a charitable receipt for donating to a project outside of Canada. This procedure may be broadened in the future, but this is currently the only way.*
- b. Individual donors to a non-Canadian project, or leaders of a non-Canadian project, should contact Mr. Northam **before** sending a donation to him or before announcing a fund raising campaign, to be sure that project donations are eligible for a charitable receipt.
- c. When you receive approval for a SDACC Joint Ministries Agreement Charitable Receipt, send the donation to Gerald Northam at the address in a. above. The receipt will be issued by the SDACC.

- d. For the present time, all inquiries regarding gifts for outside of Canada must be directed to the SDACC Treasurer. Local conferences are not involved at this time.
- e. If a donation is not eligible for a Joint Ministries Agreement Charitable Receipt, it may still be given personally by the donor to the project, but it cannot receive a charitable receipt at any level of church or school organization.

2. ADRA Canada—With Respect to Charitable Receipts for Local Church Mission Projects Outside of Canada *(This does not change regular donations to ADRA and it does not change donations to ADRA Annual Appeal.)*

The main reason that local conferences, churches, and schools cannot issue charitable receipts for money or materials to be left in another country, is because the local entity does not usually have the resources to follow the gift for the lifetime of the gift, to ensure that the gift is used for its intended purpose and that it does not at any time fall into the hands of terrorists. Following the gift is a main requirement of new Canadian Anti-Terrorism legislation.

ADRA already has a network of ADRA employees around the world, and since ADRA has been working in partnership with the Federal Government for many years, and always follows the use of both its donations and Federal Grants, ADRA is in a unique position to be able to continue to issue Charitable Receipts for donations to projects outside of Canada.

ADRA has specific projects of its own and it may not be able to assist with new projects sponsored by individuals or churches or schools. For this reason, anyone wishing to have ADRA issue a charitable receipt must contact ADRA **before** a project is begun. If ADRA cannot take on a new project, individuals or groups may wish to assist with sponsoring or participating in a current ADRA project and receive a charitable receipt in that manner. ***All ADRA charitable receipts for specific projects are issued at the discretion of ADRA and ADRA must be contacted if a project charitable receipt is desired from ADRA.***

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In future articles we will cover other Charitable Receipt and Stewardship issues. Thank you for your faithful financial support even though regulations change from year to year. ■