

Alberta Conference Adventist News

A window of information for Seventh-day Adventists in Alberta

EDUCATION

Planting For Eternity

Christian education continues to be the best form of evangelism that the church has. We are reminded of this fact when we discover that the larger percentage of individuals who maintain membership and loyalty to the church are composed of those who received a Christian education in the formative years of their lives. More importantly, it is especially during the younger years that the Holy Spirit has opportunity to address the receptive mind and reveal the treasures of God's Word. As a result, there will be a familiarity with divine things which will be as a barrier against the temptations of the enemy." *Counselors, & Students*, p. 172.



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PLANTING FOR ETERNITY

Those who wish to plant for a season will plant flowers.

Those who wish to plant for decades will plant trees.

Those who wish to plant for eternity will plant children.

(Anonymous)

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From the President ...

More On Bearing Fruit



After the last supper, as they walk toward Gethsemane, Jesus introduces His disciples to a line of thought that demonstrates the relationship we are to maintain with Him. He is the true Vine to which we must be connected if we are to survive, as we discussed in the November AAN. He says that the Father is the Gardener who cares for the Vine. It is the interest of the Gardener that the Vine and all of its branches should flourish and be productive. If the Gardener finds a branch that for some reason is not connected to the Vine, He removes it. Those branches that *are* connected He trains and guides so that they will enjoy the maximum growth and the greatest possible production of fruit. While Jesus talks about the trimming and the pruning that the Gardener does, it is in the context of a Gardener who wants to do what is best for the whole plant and what will bring about the highest yield of health and production.

Jesus says that He is the true Vine. Apparently there are other "vines" to which Christians might be tempted to become attached. It would seem that the Pharisees of Jesus' day were attached to the "vine" of the law. They were intensely interested in protecting God's law and had built up such rules and regulations around it as to make it an enormous burden to themselves and others. Unfortunately, their focus on the law took their eyes away from the Giver of that Law and from the balance of love and mercy that should have accompanied it. They had lost sight of the character of the Lawgiver. While the law had some of the attributes of a "vine" and to many looked like a "vine," it was not really a "vine." It was lifeless and completely failed to produce the fruit that the Gardener was looking for. I suppose that there were many other "vines" to which believers were tempted to attach themselves in Jesus' day.

Today we have the same problems. It is true that Pharisees are still around. But we also have those who make love a "vine" that blinds their eyes to Jesus' desire for obedience (see John 14:15). Just because it looks like a vine doesn't make it a vine. Jesus says that if the branch doesn't yield fruit the problem is severe enough that the Gardener will remove it and it will not be attached to the Vine. That results in the branch being gathered and burned. The picture that Jesus introduces here is that we need to have a vital, living connection with Him that is being nourished and directed by the Father and under His care.

Jesus describes how the Father relates to the branches in the vineyard. His description is limited to those branches that are "in Me." From the description that He gives of the Father's actions toward the branches it would seem that to be "in Me" would be speaking of those who have accepted Jesus and claimed to have a relationship with Him. Those who make no such claim are obviously not "in Me." However, there are some who claim to be "in Me" who bear no fruit. Their lives do not reveal that they have any connection with Him. Those, Jesus says, the Father cuts or removes from the Vine. The connection isn't real or they would bear fruit.

However, the cutting is not limited to those who aren't really "in Me." There are some branches who are bearing fruit. Those, too, are cut, but they are cut in a different way. Jesus says, the Father prunes those branches so that they may bear even more fruit. Pruning takes away the suckers and protuberances that take up nourishment from the vine but bear no fruit. All of us who are Christians find that there are some things in our lives that occupy our time and talents that really don't make positive contributions to either our relationship with Jesus or bringing others to a relationship with Him. Those things are gently pruned from our lives so that we may be even more productive. I noticed when I had grapes and did some pruning on them, that the places where I cut still "wept" for a while before healing over and directing their resources to the main branch. It was clear that even though it was good for the vine to prune it, the pruning was still not pleasant. There are many times in my life when the pruning that makes me a better person has caused "weeping." But I am in the hands of the Heavenly Gardener and I can know that His pruning will be for the best! **PRAYER:** *Lord, just keep me connected to the Vine so that I won't be cut and removed from It. And help me to submit willingly to the pruning You see I need in my life so that I may bear much fruit.*

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Christopher: Yes, a really good one, I just had the best report card I ever had.

Michelle: Out of all your classes which one has been the most interesting or inspiring to you?

Christopher: Bible.

Michelle: Why?

Christopher: I got to learn about Jesus coming.

Michelle: Why was learning about this particularly interesting to you?

Christopher: Well, I already believed in heaven, but I didn't know that He would come and show me the way. I thought we just went up.

Michelle: What details about Jesus' coming did you find especially interesting?

Christopher: It's strange that it never gets dark and when we come back to the New Earth, everything will be perfect. Actually, it's hard to grasp. How could I do this forever? It's kind of far out there, but I believe it. The devil's going to die, but that's okay with me.

Michelle: Now that you know Jesus is coming, has your life changed?

Christopher: I try to be a better person. I have a goal now. But if I mess up, God reads my heart and forgives me.

Michelle: One day I saw you looking at a page in your reading book for a long time. What was on that page?

Christopher: It was a picture of Jesus with all His angels. Cities were on fire and people were coming out of graves looking nice and there were others calling for the rocks to fall on them.

Michelle: What were you feeling?

Christopher: Hope. I felt good, too. A little scared, I guess. I didn't want the rocks to fall on me.

Michelle: Have you shared what you've learned with other people?

Christopher: Kind of. My sister and Mom mostly. I think my friends would laugh, but I'm waiting for the right time to tell them. Maybe when someone dies, or if they ask me what I learn at that school. Actually, I think two of my friends would find it interesting.

Michelle: Do you think that South Side Christian School has helped you in your life?

Christopher: Yes. At this school, the other students are a good influence. We can talk freely about God and no one thinks you're stupid. I can explore God. When I came, I was the least religious of everyone, but I guess I've converted in a way.

Michelle: Well, I am so glad that we get to have you in this school!

The Chinese Bamboo tree is an unusual tree. When you plant its seed, nothing seems to happen for four long years. In fact, not so much as a sprout is seen until after the fourth year. Following the fourth year a sprout develops and the tree eventually grows to eighty feet (27 meters) in height to maturity. What happened during the first four years, you may ask? The tree was developing an elaborate root system first so that it could support the tree and help it reach its full growth potential.

The testimony of Christopher reminds us that each and every school day our teachers are planting seeds for eternity. The nurturing process takes time but a strong foundation is laid for a life time of service and commitment to God.

Bob Crux, Superintendent of Schools

New Teachers/Principals



John Adeogun is presently the principal at Peace Hills Adventist Academy. Shortly after graduating from Brock University in Ontario, John worked for a short time with the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services. He then accepted a call to work for the Nigerian Government to teach in a Nigerian University. On his return from abroad in 1986 he reentered denominational

employment in Belleville and Windsor, Ontario. John is married to Gloria (née Cheeseman) who is a nurse. Their three children are Donald, Daniel and Donna and a grandchild, Michael.

Melissa Brown is not new to Chinook Winds Adventist Academy as she has taught at CWAA from 1994-1997. After a year away from the academy, Melissa has returned and is responsible for the Computer Studies program as well as teaching High School English. She also teaches a variety of other courses including Drama and Bible.

The highlight of her year so far is the addition to the computer lab of ten new Mac computers with a Macintosh G3 Server as well as five new Pentium PC's. This has meant a lot of extra work and learning on her part, but she enjoys the challenge!

As a teacher, Melissa feels that she is following the call that God has presented to her. She loves the Christian atmosphere, dedicated colleagues and the small classes that allow her to get to know and help her students as individuals on a road to success.



Myrene Kartik and family moved to Calgary in July, 1998, from Saskatoon. Myrene and her husband, John, have four children: Heidi, second year college at CUC; Janette, Grade 11; David, Grade 8; and Emily, Grade 5, at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy. This is Myrene's seventh year of teaching in an Adventist school. The Kartik's are committed to giving their children a Christian education, and so it just



naturally follows that Myrene is also committed to teaching in our schools. She is teaching Grades 7 and 10 Math; Grades 7, 8 and 9 Health; Grades 11 and 12 Bible; Grade 10 Legal Studies, and classes in Foods and Fashion. Myrene taught four years in a single-teacher school in Simcoe, Ontario, and most recently, two years in a three-teacher school in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This is a new experience for her teaching in larger, single-grade classrooms. "Through the years I have taught all subjects from Kindergarten to Grade 8 and a variety of subjects from Grades 9 to 12. I enjoy the reward of seeing someone understand a difficult concept and like to see all students succeed," says Myrene.

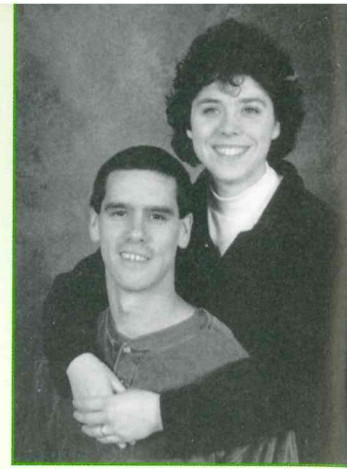
Linda Heudepohl joined the staff of Mamawi Atosketan Native School during second quarter. She has recently moved



back to Alberta from B.C. She has three years experience as an elementary teacher for the B.C. Conference of SDA. After graduating from Canadian Union College in 1995, Linda

and her husband, Paul, moved to Chetwynd, B.C. where Linda taught Grades 1-3. The next two years were spent in Chilliwack, B.C. Linda decided to become a teacher after teaching with the Youth to Youth organization at Parkview Adventist Academy. She enjoys teaching, gardening and camping. Both Linda and Paul are excited to be back in Alberta with friends and family.

Ward and April Cottreau are currently in a job-sharing teaching position at College Heights Christian School. They mainly teach Grades 7 & 8 home room and a couple of Grade 9 classes. April teaches the first half of the day and Ward teaches in the afternoon. This allows one of them to be at home with their son Ferris at all times. They each teach the subjects they are more qualified and experienced to teach and since their degrees and interests vary greatly, these subjects do not overlap. Because teaching can be a job with lots of overtime, having a half load gives them more energy to put into their work. The obvious disadvantages are that one salary must go farther and students tend to bond faster to one main teacher than to two part-time teachers. Overall it has been a good experience and perhaps other teachers will find more flexible schedules available to them, especially while they are raising their children.



Joan Fortney "I have always been blessed and burdened by helping others. My first experiences were with my mother on the farm at Sedgewick, helping milk cows, etc. Later I enjoyed and worried caring for my three children, Ed, Cyril, and Ramona while working part-time as an RN. When my children started school, I began my teaching career. The nine years teaching at CHAJA in Lacombe, then spending nine months at Collonge, France followed by five years working at the Universite Adventiste d'Afrique at Mudende, Rwanda were exciting and horrible adventures that have changed my life. These life experiences have brought me into a deep, personal relationship with my God. No longer do I teach, I now mentor because I know that I and all I help have the Spirit of God within. This certainly has been my strength and the theme of my life as I guide the eight students at the Sedgewick SDA School. Helping others is a blessing because it really is God's work. All I have to do is show up and play!"



Lavoy Missionary College

Last February, the students from the Lavoy Missionary College conducted an evangelistic crusade in Vegreville. To prepare for the meetings, the students did what they called "friendship evangelism" in the town. Every Tuesday and Thursday they visited in the homes, going two by two making friends and inviting them to come to the meetings. The attendance was good. In March, seven students graduated.

For Net'98, the students visited the homes, prayer walks were organized. The attendance was very good. The seed has been planted. They are praying for a harvest in a near future.



Back row: left to right - Brian Mathews, Rudy Davis - LMC's evangelism director, Lee Liebelt, Stephane Beaulieu, Pastor Brian Bechthold. Front row: left to right - Laurie Spaulding, Shauna Christianson, Naomi Jones and Andrea King

CUC Students Create New Ministries

When CUC students register for classes, they have the chance to sign up for a variety of service opportunities as well. Many students find niches in one or more musical groups, and ministries such as **Prison Ministry**, **Children's Church**, **AY** (Adventist Youth), **Native Ministry**, **Youth Quake** (two teams ready to talk to other youth), and **Help Unlimited** (practical jobs performed for the elderly and infirm), **Praise Bands**, and **CABL** (College Adventists for Better Living) have been active for some time. Others like the **Sycamore Tree**, **Parents' Night Out**, and **Imagine** are new this year, thanks to the combined imagination, commitment and support of students and Campus Ministries.

The Sycamore Tree is the brainchild of Scott Sackett, President of the CABL Club. Most Friday nights after Vespers, Sackett and his wife, Kerry, meet with other students in the student centre for informal conversation with light refreshments. It's a natural place for many spiritual conversations to happen.

Parent's Night Out came to life when Sophia Will came to Chaplain Steve Little wanting to do something different to reach out to non-Adventists. Little recognized someone who could make his idea for practical service through child care a reality. One Sunday a month, Will and a friend plan a 3 1/2 hour "mini camp" program (including swimming at the CUC pool) as a reprieve for harried parents who need a little more time to themselves.

The payoff comes when non-Adventist parents tell how much they appreciate the programs she spends all day working on. And there's a bonus: Since working on this ministry, Sophia's discovered that Adventure-based Counseling (a unique CUC program) is what she wants to do rather than the physiotherapy she originally planned to take. "I realized that I want to do something more interactive with people," she says.

Imagine came to life when Brian Matthews, a CUC religion major from BC, and Ellie Clark, a Grade 11 student still in Kelowna, realized the potential of drama for reaching their peers. Matthews heads the CUC branch, Clark co-ordinates the Kelowna branch, and together they write the group's material. Imagine (CUC) began touring in February.

"God has richly blessed my life with a number of dedicated Christian people to help mould and encourage me," says Matthews. "One gentleman in particular, Dr. Wisbey (CUC's President), has been a great help to me as I have begun working with drama ministry and I have realized the advantage of having a mature, stable, Christian person to be a prayer partner and mentor as I begin to work in the line God is leading."
Lynn McDowell

New Youth Director

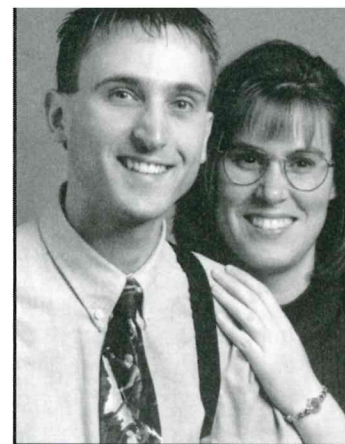
"I received my BA in Religious Studies from Canadian Union College in 1994 and pastored the Peoria-Smoky and Fairview Churches in Northern Alberta for three years. In 1997, I left for Andrews University to enroll in a new program of study being offered there in the field of Youth Ministry. Dr. Randal Wisbey, who was my major professor, challenged me to develop a relational model of youth ministry and to make a difference in the life of each young person I had contact with. While there, I latched on with the earliteens of Pioneer Memorial Church who also had a major impact on the direction and focus of my ministry.

In March 99 I will be completing my studies at Andrews University with a Master of Arts in Youth Ministry.

I have a simple philosophy when it comes to working with youth. I believe in the power of mentoring youth, modeling grace to them in every aspect of church life, and giving them opportunities to serve.

I feel like I am coming home to Central Alberta. I spent nine years of my life growing up in and around Red Deer. My wife, Bonnie, grew up in Sylvan Lake so this is a homecoming for her as well.

I have an enormous debt of gratitude to those in Alberta who made a positive impact on my life as a young person. Dr. Larry Shipowick who took an interest in me during my brief stint as a Pathfinder, Pastor Ian Cotton who has encouraged and counseled me through many stages of my life, and the Pineridge Church Youth Group I was a part of for a couple of years. It is my goal to help churches and youth leaders create youth-friendly environments where young people can find their niche in service for Christ."
Grant Misseghers



Adventurer Club

An Adventurer Leadership Training Course was held at Foothills Camp on the weekend of November 6-8, 1998. Beatrice Hill, an Adventurers specialist from Alabama was the guest speaker. She presented an enormous amount of information and ideas to the eight leaders and interested persons who graduated with the 10-hour Basic Training Certificate. This year there are seven Adventurer Clubs in Alberta, with an enrollment of 72 children.

In March there will be an extensive training seminar for Adventurer leaders in Seattle, Washington. (Contact Ruth Riffin for more information). Plans are underway for the 4th Annual Adventurer camp out to be held at Foothills Camp on the weekend of June 5. The Adventurer Club is a club for "kids that count and parents that care." If your church needs some "action," start an Adventurer Club and channel the action into positive and "share-your-faith" activities.

*Ruth Riffin,
Alberta Adventurer
Coordinator*



**SCHOOLS
IN ACTION**

Looking Back

Chinook Winds Adventist Academy

At Christmas time, the elementary students launched an exciting project of fund raising for ADRA to aid the victims of Hurricane Mitch. Each student was given a container large enough to hold any size of coin from pennies to toonies. Throughout the months of January and February students continued to bring in funds. Total donations received amounted to \$2,151.

Pat Simanton of Sylvan Lake also shared his mission of working with the street children in Guatemala City and the needs in our church schools in Tocaoko, and Jocotenango. Throughout the month of February, the children brought in clothing and school supplies for "Guatemala Mission Project." Mothers donated time



to sort, label and package materials donated. Friday, February 26, was an exciting day for the elementary children! Pat Simanton came to the school with his customized bus, "Luzen en la Calle" which means, "Light on the Street." Each classroom was given

opportunity to tour the bus equipped with a stove, refrigerator and freezer, two tables and seating area for 12 people. Mr. Simanton told the children of how it will be used as a center to serve street children and also go out to little villages. From it clothing will be distributed and meals served.

Mr. Koronko offered a special prayer asking God's blessings on the project and students loaded the 280 kilograms of clothing and school supplies into the bus.

Peace River Adventist Jr. Academy

Fourteen elementary missionaries from the Peace River Adventist Junior Academy were busy sending out "Random Acts of Kindness" to community members during the week of February 8-11. Preparations began the week before when students made 30 Valentine's Day cards which included love verses from the Bible. Several parents and students donated tea cups, silk flowers, time, and energy, preparing 30 teacup flower arrangements to be used later in a prayer walk. Students also personally decorated special messages to accompany the teacups. The messages said, "The Peace River Adventist Jr. Academy students are praying for the members

of your household. We will be praying for health, happiness, and peace."

We received warm feelings inside, smiles, words of praise, thanks, one happily overwhelmed phone caller, one thank-you letter, and genuine surprise and appreciation. What is completely amazing is that we finished ALL of our regular class work that week. I guess Aesop is correct in saying "No Act of Kindness is Ever Wasted."

Kelly Smith



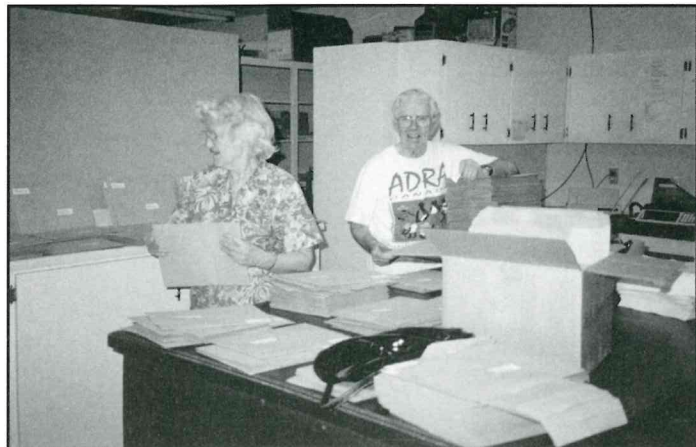
Vacation Bible School at Vegreville

On July 13-18, thirty-six students, including one SDA child, enjoyed the nature theme, songs and crafts. The children came from 22 homes in the community, and there was an excellent attendance for the closing night program.

Sandra Elkow

Ministry Magazine Blankets Alberta

The Conference P.R.E.A.C.H. (Program Reaching Every Active Clergy Home) Committee planned a major outreach project, once again, this year. The goal of this committee was to send each



Earl & Bea Coupland stick labels, stuff & seal 2,300 envelopes

non-SDA clergy in Alberta a sample issue of the *Ministry* magazine accompanying a personal letter of invitation to receive a free bi-monthly subscription to this magazine which is designed to assist a pastor in preaching, Biblical authority, inspiration, evangelism, church planting, shop-talk, controversial issues, small groups, the Gospel, and other topics that pertain to church work.

When the names and addresses of approximately 2,300 non-SDA clergy were produced into labels and all the mailing supplies assembled, the awesome task of doing the actual mail out needed to be done. In early February, Earl and Bea Coupland consented to take this project on to completion—with enthusiasm, willingness and efficiency. The Couplands are retired conference employees, living in Red Deer, who have not lost their vision for service—a burden for saving souls. They desire to stay involved in the work of the Church and serve in whatever capacity they are needed. “Thank you,” Brother and Sister Coupland, for committing your time, energy and untiring dedication to this outreach project. A job well done!

Marlene Holdal

BAPTISMS

College Heights

Sandra Lopez Golovenko was baptized January 2, 1999 and later gave the following testimony:

“I grew up in a Catholic family in Nicaragua. Early in my childhood my aunts learned the Three Angels’ message and were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I was also baptized at the age of 18 in Guatemala. This fall our family attended each evening of the Net ‘98 seminar at the College Heights SDA Church. Through the course of the meetings, progressively learning about Jesus, our Loving Friend, I felt a very strong urge to renew my baptismal vows.

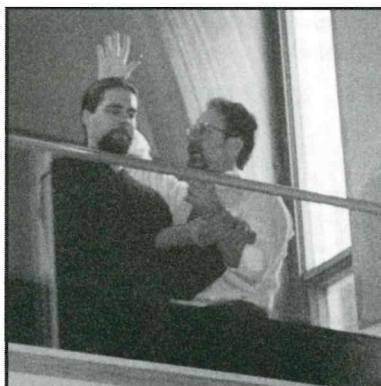
“My husband, Alex, who is preparing for the ministry here at CUC, and I, are raising two small boys. Now, with my new perspective of Christian maturity, I am looking forward to carrying on my mission as wife, mother and a member of my new church family.”

On January 2, Juan Carlos Menjivar also took this important step. A recent immigrant, he came to Canada with his wife, Liduv, and two small daughters, now aged three and five, from Santa Ana, El Salvador, about 14 months ago. His wife has been an Adventist all her life, but Juan Carlos had not joined the church. After attending the Net ‘98 seminar he ventured his opinion of the meetings.

“I liked them very much. They explained and clarified things I had not understood before especially the Sabbath. Now I really understand it and other Bible teachings.”

Asked why he wanted to be baptized, his response was, “Because I love Jesus Christ!” He certainly found his “Forever Friend” through the seminar.

The Holy Spirit speaks to all cultures: Jonathan-Ukrainian-Canadian descent, Eldon-Scottish-Canadian ancestry, Sandra (married to Alex Golovenko- a recent immigrant from the Ukraine) and Juan Carlos, Spanish-speaking natives of Central America (Nicaragua, Guatemala & El Salvador). Altogether a small microcosm of God’s people from “all nations, tribes, and peoples.”



Pastor Ron Sydenham baptizing Eldon Jamieson



Left to right: Juan Carlos Menjivar, Jonathan Todosichuk, Sandra Lopez Golovenko, Pastor Ron Sydenham

Wetaskiwin Church

On August 29, 1998 Pastor Mel Djkowich baptized four young people: Melissa Matiko, Aaron Wigley, Travis Kearns and Michael Matiko.

Harold Burghardt joined the Wetaskiwin Church on November 29, 1998 as a result of Net '98 meetings. Sharon and Harold also presented their son, Noah, to the Lord in a dedication service.



Edmonton Central

Sabbath January 29, 1999 was another high day at Edmonton Central with the baptism of three young people. Adventist friends and Net '98 brought about this baptism.

Sabbath December 5, 1998 marked the baptism of Rachelle Semnovitch. Rachelle is a student at the University of Alberta taking Religious Studies and Archeology. She plans to participate in Historical Digs in the Middle East. Rachelle met Stirling Wuzinski and Shirleen Skoretz at her summer employment and they invited her to the activities of the college and career group of Edmonton Central. Bible studies and baptism followed.

On September 12, 1998, Jason Aalders was baptized. Jason has grown up in Edmonton Central. It was at Camp Meeting at Bowden that Jason made his decision to follow Jesus.

On Sabbath, October 17, 1998 Jennifer Opoku was baptized. Jennifer is active in the music program at Edmonton Central. On November 21, 1998, Trudy Slaght was baptized into God's family. Trudy's interest in the church came about through Net '98. Her baptism results in great rejoicing by family and friends.

Art Cooper

Trudy Slaght, Pastor Warren Kay, Jason Aalders and Jennifer Opoku



Marian Mendoza, Girlie Lubo, Pastor Macomber and Carol Olivia

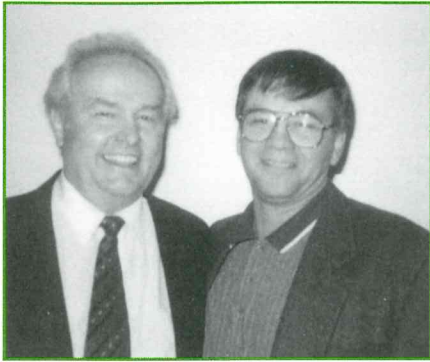


Rachelle Semnovitch, Pr. Macomber and Stirling Wuzinski



Sherwood Park

On December 5, 1998 Ken Harvey was baptized by Pastor Jim Burgess.



Sylvan Lake



On December 12, 1998 Pastor Bob Schafer experienced the joy of baptizing his son, Terry. To Terry's right is his mother, Roberta Schafer. Tonya Bartley was also baptized. Standing beside her is Lynn Seland, a deaconess

Beaumont Company



Pastor Kelly Schultz baptized Joseph and Karly Hauptman on January 15, 1999

Bridgeland Church



Front row: Oniel Gordon, Daniella Muschatta, Meliza Daclis
Back row: Pastor Adams, Lyonns Lyons, Hurbedal Lewis, Sharon Rodney, Lloyd Lyding & Joe McLaren

West Edmonton

As a result of Net'98, Pastor Williams baptized 15 individuals into their church fellowship.



Front row: Levi & Stella Lobura, Ashley Forest, Tremayne John, Stephen & Nathan Morrison
Middle row: Inge De Groot, Katherine Keeler, Rose Pilon & Lena Morrison
Back row: First Elder Dario St. Louis, Pastor Williams, Sharon & Miquel Brown

Sponsor a Child for \$18 a Month

Did you know that there is an Adventist operated, registered, charitable organization here in Canada through which you may sponsor a child in developing countries? CHER (Children's Health Education & Relief) provides Christian education, school clothes, school supplies, medical care and one nutritious meal a day. You can sponsor a child for only \$18 a month.

Contact Judy (Eaton) Heibert, CHER
Box 31012, 1300 King Street E.
Oshawa, ON L1H 8N9
Ph: 905-434-7474 Fax: 905-434-1998



Heather Parke & Pastor Williams

Onoway Church Dedication

September 5, 1998 was the day the Onoway Church family celebrated the dedication of their church. The afternoon service began with worship and praise through music, followed by a history of the Adventist Church in Alberta Beach, Stony Plain, and now Onoway. Conference President, Dale Kongorski, then presented the congregation with food for thought in his dedication sermon. The Act of Dedication was led by their former pastor, John Blake, and current pastor, Felix Richter. The afternoon event concluded by hanging a dedicatory plaque engraved with words from Leviticus 26:2.

The following picture shows the church's beautiful interior with the choir preparing to sing "My Jesus I Love Thee," before the benediction.



Heidi Heudepohl

Looking Forward

Open House

Mamawi Atosketan Native School is holding its second annual Open House April 30 to May 1, 1999. The first event begins at 1:30 p.m. on Friday April 30 and will conclude with an evening meal at 5:00 p.m. On May 1, Sabbath School will begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch and supper will be provided. A variety of activities have been planned for the afternoon. If you plan to attend, please call 403-783-4362 so that necessary arrangements for meals and activities can be made.

1999 Spring Prayer Conference

May 21-23, 1999

Location: Calgary Central Church

Speaker: Ginny Allan, Portland, OR

Warm your hearts and minds with an inspirational speaker.

No charge. Everyone welcome. A free-will offering will be collected to defray costs. Come prepared for a potluck lunch and an agapé supper. Sunday; School of Prayer, Open to prayer leaders and intercessors and anyone interested in starting a prayer ministry. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

More details will be sent to churches mid-April.

Host: *Prayer-The Heartbeat of Life*. 403-318-3073 for more information

Sylvan Lake Christmas Choir



The Sylvan Lake choir again participated in the community choir Christmas Concert. The Adventist Church hosted the event for the second time. The Sylvan Meadows Adventist School children sang two numbers, also.

Community Building Workshop

May 1-2, 1999

Location: Canadian University College

Presenter: The Foundation for
Community Encouragement

Fee: \$175

Attend this workshop to learn the tools that will allow you to communicate with authenticity, deal with difficult issues, welcome and affirm diversity, bridge differences with integrity, and relate with compassion and respect.

Host: CUC

Contact: Dene or Kirsten at 403-782-3381
ext. 386

ANNUAL FAMILY HEALTH WORKSHOP

Foothills Camp - May 7-9, 1999

Guest Speaker: Dr. Winston Craig, Professor of Nutrition, Andrews University. His research interests include trace minerals, herbal remedies, the role of diet in cardio-vascular disease and the impact of phytochemicals on one's health.

Workshop Topics

The Optimal Diet For Today, A Life In Balance,
Eating Your Heart Out, Herbal Remedies,
Diet and Cancer: New Frontiers

Other Presentations:

Hydrotherapy: When to use it, How to do it
Dr. Reuben Lorensen

Bread Making & How to Conduct a Cooking School:

Darlene Blaney

All this and more - Nature Walks, Campfire, Hayrides,
Healthy Meals, Special Children's Activities

Fees: \$85/person; \$150/couple with children under 5;
children 6-12, \$20; 13-18, \$45

ALSO an Extra Special Opportunity

ARRIVE THURSDAY EVENING (MAY 6) FOR A FULL-DAY
SESSION FRIDAY, MAY 7 (\$125)

EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON VEGETARIAN CUISINE MEAL
PREPARATION

Darlene Blaney, Nutrition Consultant, Cooking Instructor, and
author of Vegetarian for Life cookbook, will teach you how to
prepare low fat, balanced, nutritious meals.

A minimum of ten enrollees will be required to hold the Friday
session.

Registration deadline is April 23, 1999

Registration Forms coming soon coming soon to your church

Make cheques payable to Calgary Central SDA Church
1920-13th Avenue NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1L3

For information: Darlene (403) 288-9293 (Calgary)
or Jim (780) 464-6393 (Edmonton)

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Plan Ahead for Year 2000

June 29-Jul 8 General Conference Session 2000, Toronto
August 8-12 Alberta Camp Meeting, Foothills Camp

Alberta Adventist News - 1999 Special Feature Schedule

Deadline	Issue	Special Feature
June 15	August	Volunteer Ministries: ADRA/Community Service, Deaf, Family, Health, Native, Prayer, Prison, Singles, Men & Women
Aug 15	October	Children's, VBS, Youth, Summer Camps, Adventurer, Pathfinder
Oct. 15	December	Ministerial, Evangelism, Spirituality

Adventist Disaster Response Training (Steps 1-5) Plus "Train-The-Trainer"

April 29-May 2, 1999

Location: Canadian University College

Fee: \$65/person, does not include food or lodging

Host: ADRA Canada

For more information or to register, call 1-888-274-2372

Native Camp Meeting

June 3-6, 1999

Speaker: Don Harris, Native Evangelist for North Pacific/
SDACC Native Ministry

Location: Foothills Camp

Fee: \$50/person; \$90/couple; \$120/family of 5

Contact: Linda Calderbank, 403-347-9351

1999 Fall Prayer Conference

August 20-22, 1999

Location: Red Willow Community Church
(Formerly known as St. Albert SDA Church)

Speaker: Pastor Garrie Williams

Senior Pastor of Denver South SDA Church,
a well-known author, evangelist

Theme: *Power of the Holy Spirit in Prayer*

Fee: No charge. One free-will offering will be taken during
Church Service to defray cost

Details will be sent to churches later

Host: Red Willow Community Church. Ph: 780-458-4644

20th Anniversary Celebration!

Alberta Asian Adventist Association

August 26-30, 1999

Location: Foothills Camp

Speaker: Dr. Madhuker Ohal

(Christian Counselor from Silver Spring, Maryland, USA)

Fee: \$75 per person (four per room) or \$100 per person (two per
room). Begins Thursday evening and ends Monday morning
People of Southern Asian origin, friends and missionaries across
Canada and USA are welcome!

Host: Alberta Asian Adventist Association

Contact: Lorna Samraj 403-782-7379

Position Available - Director of Resident Care

Due to retirement, Sherwood Park Care Center invites applica-
tion for the above position.

Sherwood Park Care Center is a 100-bed accredited long-term
facility located in Sherwood Park. The position requires a mini-
mum of R.N. (A Bachelor degree is an asset). Experience in long-
term care and at least three years' experience as a director or equiva-
lent is required. Send resumé to: L. Dunfield, Executive Director,
Sherwood Park Care Center, 2020 Brentwood Blvd. N, Sherwood
Park, AB T8A 0X1 or call 780-467-2281 for further information.



Camp Meeting

July 2 - 10, 1999 - Foothills Camp

Theme:

Know Our God—Make Him Known—Trust Him Always

Guests:

- Shawn Boonstra, Field Representative/Evangelist, Canadian Adventist Media Centre
- Lowell Cooper, General Conference Vice-President
- Dr. Sang Lee, Health Educator, formerly with Weimar, now independent
- Steve McPherson, President, Idaho Conference
- Calvin D. Rock, General Conference Vice-President
- Randy Roberts, Pastor, La Sierra University Church
- Randy Skoretz, Associate Pastor, Loma Linda University Church, CA
- Nancy Van Pelt, Heart 'N Homes Seminars, Clovis, CA

Workshops:

- Lowell Cooper, Church Organization and Missions
- Dr. Sang Lee, Health
- Nancy Van Pelt, Family (open to community)
- Breath-Free Stop Smoking Plan (open to community)
- Bill Spangler/Norman Yergen, Worship Seminar

Important:

◆ **Meals/Meal Tickets:** No supper will be served in the cafeteria during the International Food Fair on Sunday. Please make arrangements to purchase meal tickets for Sabbaths before sundown on Fridays as **no meal tickets will be sold nor any cash transactions take place during Sabbath hours.** No IOU'S. If all your meal tickets are not used, money will be refunded at the Administration office.

◆ **Registration:** Full payment for next year's registration is required at time of registration in order to secure your camp spot.

◆ **New to International Food Fair:** Sale of crafts and other fund-raising items may be sold during the International Food Fair, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 4. **NOTE: THIS IS NOT FOR PERSONAL GAIN—ONLY AS A FUND-RAISER FOR YOUR MINISTRY SUCH AS PATHFINDERS, INVESTMENT, CHURCH/SCHOOL, ETC.**

All requests for a craft or food booth must be requested in writing, explaining your purpose for fund-raising. Please write to Pastor John Adams, International Food Fair Coordinator, 328 - 38 Street SW, Calgary, AB T3C 1S8.

◆ **Music:** If you are planning to be at camp meeting and are interested in being involved in the music program, please contact Trudie Comm at 780-532-6411 or via e-mail at: trucom@hotmail.com. Soloists (instrumental and vocal), groups, song leaders, pianists and organists are needed. If God has blessed you with a musical talent, why not use it to bless others?

Editorial

Indebted to Teachers

Teachers are incredibly special people. We remember them for so many things. Some we'd rather forget but can't, and some we pray we never do. We had crushes on them, we were afraid of them, we wanted to be close to them, and we couldn't stand them. They gave straps, they let us go free when we deserved one. They were generous on tests, and they marked hard. Some made us laugh, and then again with some we wished we had anyone but them teaching us. And through it all, we learned as much about life, getting along, about facing challenges and facing ourselves as we did about "readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic."

I remember the Grade 9 Math teacher. He came into the room and made it very clear there was no nonsense (and it seemed like that was synonymous with torture) and that we were going to learn math. The English teacher came in and made it clear we were going to have a lot of fun. I was sure I would love English and didn't know if I would survive Math. I'm sure that both had good qualities, but my memory of that year is Math class and not English. The Math teacher was fair, and he was kind, but he was there to teach Math and he was good at it. We learned well.

That was thirty years ago. In December, I had occasion to talk with his wife, who was my home room teacher that year. (Our class watched them fall in love and eventually marry.) It was the first time I had spoken to her in 30 years. She remembered me! She talked about their career as teachers, and I told her my memories of her Typing class and his Math class. She said that he had always taught that no nonsense way and that countless students had expressed their appreciation of him. She thanked me for calling, and I thanked her for the impact they both had on my life. Teachers, like everyone else, need to know they have made a difference. Can you think of a teacher or a few teachers through the years that you have never been able to get out of your mind? Look them up and let them know. It will do you both good.

Bill Spangler



New Pastoral Assignments in Alberta

Nelson Canul	Calgary Spanish (May 1)
Andrew Chin	Airdrie/Calgary Parkdale
Kevin Chung	Edmonton Korean Company/Ryley (June 1)
Paul Donnett	NW Region, Pastoral Evangelist
Brian Hawes	Lacombe Community/Mirror/Stettler
Young Lee (retired)	Calgary Korean Company
Mike Lemon	Lethbridge/Taber
Steve Little	Calgary Mountain View/Mountain Sanctuary Co.
Sereivudh Ly	To Andrews University Seminary (June 1)
Carlos Molina	Edmonton Spanish/Smoky Lake (June 1)
Sabine Vatel (Chaplain)	Canadian University College
Steve Yaceyko (retired)	Drumheller/Hanna