

Alberta Adventist News

**In his hand
is the life
of every
creature
and the
breath
of all
mankind.**

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Job 12:10 NIV



Carrying the Baton

For the Seventh-day Adventist church in Alberta, Hodder envisions multi-faceted and community based evangelism to keep the churches vibrant and growing.

Throughout his 35 years in ministry and administrative assignments, Gary Hodder, newly elected president for the Alberta Conference, has valued and appreciated the variety that each day brings. He enjoys interacting with people and the perspectives they share. “The church functions from differing layers,” says Hodder. “My life has been enriched by the people and places in which I’ve served.”

The Hodder name is well known in Newfoundland where Gary grew up in an Anglican family of 11 siblings. He and his wife, Almyra, were baptized one week apart in the small church of Marystown, Newfoundland. Shortly after their baptisms, a romance budded, and the two were married in 1982.

For the Seventh-day Adventist church in Alberta, Hodder envisions multi-faceted and community based evangelism to keep the churches vibrant and growing. He cited that one must get individuals through the door three times before he/she will consider listening to the Word of God. “It’s my responsibility to make the resources available to the churches,” he said. “We’re in a relay race.” In addition to public evangelism, he wants to help facilitate community projects/events such as Black Tie dinners or Appreciation Days for paramedics, or the local Down Syndrome Chapter. “We need to speak the dream and then run with the baton to the end. We need to be creative and then engage others in formal evangelism at the end.”

Meetings on many levels (local to divi-



sional) occupy a large part of a president’s time. Planning must involve short term projects and long term visioning. Gary and Almyra will be most often found in one of Alberta’s churches on Sabbaths throughout the year. They reserve one Sabbath per month to be found in their ‘home’ church.

Organizational abilities and consensus building are skills that Hodder has been honing during 12 years of administrative service. When issues arise, a team approach can often lead to a satisfactory solution rather than dictatorial decisions. While said

“issues” can cause concern and pressure for our church leaders, Romans 5:6 & 8 and 1 John 1:9 provide perspective for Hodder. “While we were yet enemies of God, He still loved us...showing His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” “If we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”

When not at the business of being president, Hodder loves to walk—preferably by a lake or in a park. He has furnished his family with a variety of finely crafted furniture, and he enjoys being a hobby investor. He relishes the summer season and loves to eat Mexican food.

We welcome the Hodders to the Alberta Conference! God has placed you here for a reason. As you serve and lead in this province, we pledge to you our support and commitment to God that together we will be found faithful! —Submitted by Linda Steinke

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Gary Hodder, President



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Highlights



Mission Trip to Fort McMurray

Faith without works is dead, and young faith without an outlet for service never has a chance to grow.



Kindness Through Painted Tiles

Young Adults became inspired to reach out and share Jesus.



Giving with all our Mites

Rachel's target amount made me think of Jesus' beautiful words about the widow who gave her two mites.

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A New Home

Fon's parents emigrated to Thailand from Myanmar in search of a better life. They were day laborers and didn't earn very much.

"When I was 2 years old, I remembered I went out with my dad and when we returned to the house I saw my mom lying face down on the floor. I tried to wake her but she didn't respond. At that time I didn't realize what had happened. It wasn't until I was in Grade 1, when I asked my dad about my mom and he told me that she had died. I was very sad and it hurt me to hear that," Fon said.

After Fon's mother passed away, her father worked less and his drinking increased. They moved to an old small hut in a rice field far from town. They didn't have money to pay their bills.

"The trip [to school] was about two kilometers. I found it very difficult during the raining season. The dirt road turned to mud and it would spatter all over my skirt and socks. I arrived at school late every day and before going to the classroom I had to wash out the dirt and mud in my uniform. It was very embarrassing," Fon whispered.

Her teachers could not bear to see Fon in this difficult situation. They contacted the Rom Yen Foundation for help. The foundation staff arranged for Fon to stay in a shelter when she was in Grade 3. Months later her father came to visit. She was thrilled to see him but was shocked to see his stomach was as big as a pregnant woman's. She begged him to see a doctor. He was diagnosed with liver cirrhosis due to alcohol consumption.

A few years later the Rom Yen Foundation stopped running the shelter program. They contacted ADRA's Keep Girls Safe (KGS) project and requested a transfer for Fon.

Fon tried to contact her father to let him know where she was but she couldn't reach him. Shortly thereafter, the staff brought her the terrible news. Her father had passed away.

I thought "No, it can't be true. My dad didn't die. He can't leave me like this. He's the only family I've got. I have never



Fon at the Keep Girls Safe Shelter in Chiang Rai.

known anything else. The world has become so cold and dark. I don't have any family left. I am all alone but when I entered the shelter I felt like I have found a new family. The house keepers allow me to call them "father" and "mother." I feel really great. I have a new family. I've learned many things such as cooking, embroidering, hand-crafting, farming and other fun activities. My favourite thing to do is to have a picnic on the shelter yard. We sit on the grass, hold hands and say grace together," said Fon.

Keep Girls Safe is a shelter that provides a loving and secure place for vulnerable girls like Fon to stay. The shelter supports Fon's studies in school and conducts useful activities for her every week to help her gain vocational skills.

"Without the shelter, I would be homeless and wouldn't have an education. I don't have family or relatives here. I don't even know my relatives in Myanmar. I am very lucky to stay in ADRA," Fon smiled.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the donors who support this project and who helped me. They gave me a chance to study. I truly believe education is very important for me, since I don't have citizenship, family or money. If I didn't have knowledge, my future would be doomed." Fon is currently studying sewing in a vocational college.

ADRA Canada thanks the generous donors who are helping to keep girls like Fon safe. —Submitted by Arada Polawat (formerly ADRA Thailand's Communications Officer)

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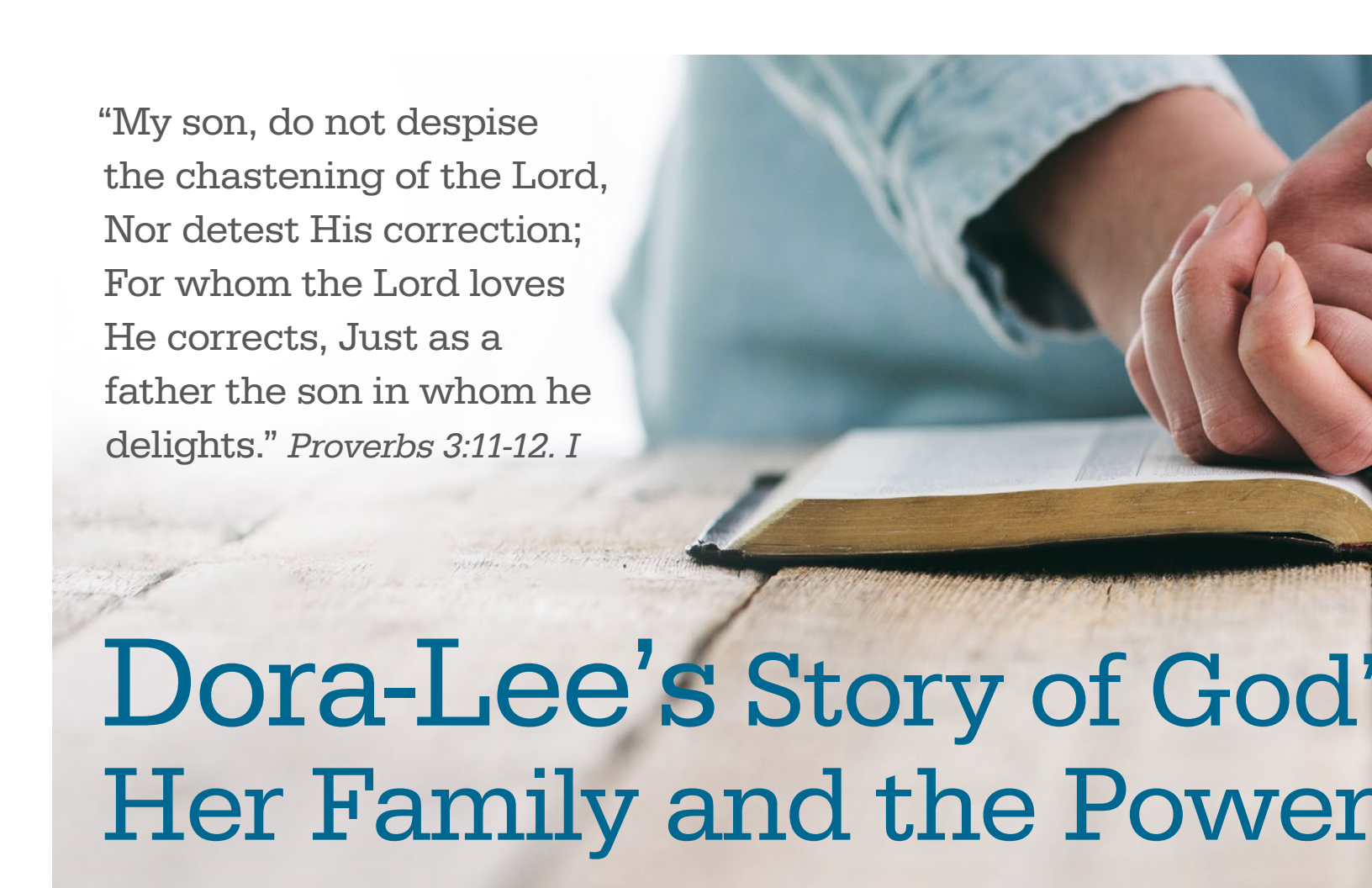
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July 14- 22, 2017





“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.” *Proverbs 3:11-12. I*

Dora-Lee's Story of God's Power in Her Family and the Power

BY DORA-LEE MARLER

A little background on my family will help you better understand where we have come from and how God is leading in our lives. I am a mother of four children, Ambur, who is 11, Bruce, who is 7, Jackson, who is 5 and Taylor, who is 3. We have chosen to homeschool our children and have learned to seek God when directing their paths. Without God, raising these children would be very challenging, here is why, Bruce was diagnosed with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) in January of 2015 and our daughter was diagnosed with Irlen Syndrome in October of 2015. Both of these challenges play big parts in what was going to be some very challenging decisions. During the discovery of these challenges, we have been attending the Bonnyville Seventh-day Adventist Church. We started attending there late 2011. You could see that the church family desired to get to know us, but to my shame, I held back because of the

challenges our family was going through.

Bruce would be quite disruptive and my husband or I would feel the need to take him to a different part of the church when he would start to be disruptive. This went on for four years before his diagnosis. During this time, as his mother, I felt I wasn't doing enough or the right things to gain control of my children. I was very aware of watching eyes but never felt judged. It was almost as if people wanted to help, but didn't know how. When someone would offer to help, I would reply with "thank you" but rarely take the help. I wasn't aware of the help that I needed, so how could I instruct others on how to help?

About 6 months after Bruce was diagnosed with ASD is when we were faced with a very challenging decision. A couple in our church had decided to bring forth an Adventurer and Pathfinder Club. Being a parent of an ASD child, whom I had no idea how to discipline into sitting still or cooperating in any activity, I felt that it wouldn't be a good environment for my children or other children attending

the club. But my thoughts are not God's thoughts and my plans aren't His plans. I was impressed to try the club and to pray. During this time was also when we enrolled our son into homeschooling. In my heart, I felt that God was saying, "Be still, and let Me lead you." I followed, I chose to trust God, even though I was still unsure and had doubts, I followed His lead.

Around this time, I began to warm up to people more, ask questions and seek advice. I can completely say without a doubt that God places people in your life for a reason. I remember this one specific encounter where mothers and counsellors were talking and it was in that conversation that I poured my heart out. I realized that I needed divine intervention and I needed more help than what I was getting on my own. The director and a few other mothers and counsellors listened to me. I felt that they heard me, and not in just a sympathizing manner, but an empathizing manner. When I felt the care and the emotion from them, I realized that I had been holding back out of fear and solely to my own demise. The women offered



s Leading in of Prayer



Marler family enjoying some time in nature.

to pray over my situation at home. From that day forward, I started to witness changes occurring in my children and in my home. My faith was growing, I was being impressed to ask more questions and to seek God more!

In the past year:

- Taylor has been starting to react better to our corrections and is not as defiant as he once was.
- We thought that Jackson may be somewhere in the ASD spectrum. We are being proven wrong in our thought processes because he has eyesight issues and glasses have helped him to see and start to converse and interact with the people around him.
- Bruce has gone from being very impulsive and not being able to sit still in the sanctuary at all, to being able to sit and not be as disruptive. Few corrections are still necessary, but instead of being met with resistance, the corrections are met with receptiveness. My doubts clouded my mind and

I never thought that God could accomplish this, but He has!

- **Our daughter Ambur has heard God’s call to her and was baptized at the age of 10! Her having Irlen Syndrome had caused her to have low self confidence and low self-esteem at times. Now she has a place she can go to gain her confidence in God. She also has a place to go when she feels bad about herself, she has discovered how much Jesus loves her for being herself.**

All these changes have made me reflect on what has happened in the past year to produce these outcomes. What could have happened to tame Taylor, direct my path to the optometrist for Jackson, open my heart and mind to how best to teach Bruce and how to gain the trust of my daughter? The simple answer could be that the people in the church really helped. The more complex answer would be that God placed obstacles and people in my path to make me think and search for truth, so when presented with the Adventurers and Pathfinders club, I could

openly say “Lord, I’m willing to try.” And in acknowledging Him as leader in our home, He placed everyone and everything in motion to support our needs!

What am I going to do now? I am going to be actively involved in the Adventurers and Pathfinders Club. I am going to teach my children from the Bible to help them gain their confidence. I am going to pray without ceasing for strength and courage to face any obstacle that comes our way. I am going to trust God with everything that I am and have. I am going to search the Bible for the answers I and my family need. I am going to receive advice and corrections with an open heart for the Bible says “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.” Proverbs 3:11-12. I am also going to encourage you to reach out to your church family, for God has placed them there for you. I pray that God blesses each of you and helps you find your path that has been laid out by Him. **AM**

Listening and Leading in Faith

“I want to faithfully open my heart to God while listening to the voices of the people around me,” says Wayne Williams, newly elected Secretariat/VP for Administration for the Alberta Conference.

Although, Pastor Williams is embarking on a first-time administrative assignment, he brings a wealth of transferable knowledge and skills from the pastorate field. He will continue to share the Word of God and interact with new-to-him Alberta members; he looks forward to planning on a province-wide scale and witnessing God at work in Alberta.

As Williams chisels out a path, he knows that his days will be varied and that he must be flexible. There will be lots of “in-between” stuff. He loves to dream. In broad terms, he wants to facilitate a merging of existing Alberta goals

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*Wayne Williams
VP for Administration*

with a stronger treasury, and increase the membership through community outreach and awareness. He wants to work with the administrative team that is in place and the local pastors, allowing for personal interactions to enhance and build relationships with Christ.

Williams comes to us from 20 years of pastoral service in Ontario. He is Jamaican by birth and a 4th generation Seventh-day Adventist. Some of his tumultuous years have formed the depth of his walk with God today. Currently, his family is in Ontario


while his children complete the present school term. Williams and his wife, Cheryl Ann, who is a dental hygienist, have two children: Daniel, studying social work, and Olivia, in Grade 8. Family is vital to Williams’ success and happiness. He and Cheryl Ann have been married 26 years.

Ministry at whatever level is filled with prolific poignant moments and enough pain to keep one growing and connected to sovereign God. “That God has an interest in me, a sinner saved by grace, is humbling and mind-boggling. The power that keeps us is God,” says Williams. “I want to emulate and share that experience in all that I do for others.”

Is it any wonder that Williams gravitates to Philippians 2:1-11. Let’s explore a few key phrases:

- fellowship together in the Spirit
- working together with one mind and purpose
- be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves
- you must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had
- glory to God the Father

Williams anticipates completing a doctorate in urban ministry from Andrews University in the near future. When not working or studying, Williams might be found building an aquarium, adjusting camera settings for that perfect shot, creating and combining delectable flavours in the kitchen, or travelling near and far. He believes that personal diversity brings a better quality to professional development.

**Live by example
Lead with love
Stay humble while seeking to
bring excellence for God!** 

-Submitted by Linda Steinke

Wayne Williams and his wife Cheryl Ann.



What's it Mean to You?

“I see it as . . . being the hands and feet of Christ.”

Attaleen Werner
Soup Kitchen co-ordinator
Central Alberta Adventist
Community Services Centre,
Red Deer



Attaleen Werner has been preparing for ministry all her life. Her paternal grandmother set the stage with her example, which her parents emulated: “Share what you have, however meager or simple.” It would have been against her nature to say “no” when, upon returning to Alberta after six years in the fabled luxury of Qatar, Attaleen was asked to help with Christmas meal preparation at the Central Alberta Adventist Community Services Centre soup kitchen in Red Deer.

And so began a new phase of Attaleen’s ministry of service to her community.

Long-time soup kitchen leader Millie Snow had been asking for assistance and wanted to turn the reigns over to a younger generation. As other volunteers watched Attaleen’s ease in the soup kitchen—honed years earlier as a cafeteria supervisor—it became clear that Attaleen had the ability and grace to take up the demanding, important job of being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need of refuge and encouragement as well as food.

“I said I would pray about it,” recalls Attaleen. “As I did, I realized that God had been preparing me for this role in many ways. I had been a Bible Study co-ordinator of an interdenominational group overseas. I had previous supervisory experience in a cafeteria work. So, I determined to go ahead.

“I have a family background that always valued the importance of helping others—especially providing an open door and a meal to anyone in need,” explains the mother of two grown sons. It’s a natural family legacy Attaleen and her husband, Llew, now share with the scores of people who come to the Kitchen weekly.

But it’s not the numbers or having a leadership title in one of Red Deer’s busiest and longest-running soup kitchens that gives Attaleen satisfaction in her ministry. It’s what happens at the Kitchen itself.

“I feel satisfied when someone says ‘Thank you’ from the bottom of their heart,” says Attaleen, “and we hear that often.” But just as much, it’s the joy of working with like-minded people, Adventist volunteers who work selflessly, and are fun to be with—a taste for all in the Kitchen of Heaven on Earth.

Community Services - The Hands and Feet of Jesus, supported by Alberta Advance

—By Myken McDowell



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A God Who Goes Above and Beyond

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20.

On July 29-31, 2016, the Calgary Garden Road Seventh-day Adventist Church in collaboration with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and the Alberta Conference, hosted the first Calgary Prayer Summit titled, "Above and Beyond: Keys to Personal Revival and a Lifestyle of Vibrant Living in Christ."

Melody Mason works with the General Conference Prayer Ministries in Silver Spring, MD, and is author of the bestselling book, *Daring to Ask for More*, published by Pacific Press in 2014.



The speaker was Melody Mason, author of *Daring to Ask for More... Divine Keys to Answered Prayer*. The weekend was an inspirational event which drew attendees from across Canada and the United States. Some participants travelled for hours by bus, from Saskatchewan to attend the event because they believed in the power of prayer. Over the weekend, Melody Mason presented topics that challenged attendees to prepare for rain, ask God for more, live by God's word, live by faith and live through the power of the Holy Spirit.

There were many highlights at the summit and the Circle of Blessing was definitely one session that left an impression. In the circle of blessing, attendees were invited to sit in the prayer seat while surrounded by members of the congregation who interceded in prayer on their behalf. This was a powerful experience to witness and be a part of. Masks were removed and people were honest and vulnerable about their challenges, struggles and need for prayer.

Another highlight was praying for our church leaders. Among the leaders in attendance were SDACC representatives, President Mark Johnson and Daniel Stojanovic. The prayer warriors laid hands on the SDACC leaders and prayed for God to lead and bless them in their ministries.

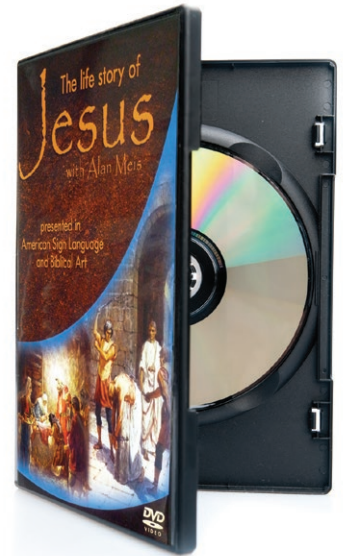
A story emerged from one of our young adults, Felicia Outh who is a Grade 12 student association (SA) pastor at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA). Felicia and another SA pastor were inspired to implement the circle of blessing experience at their school's camp out. At first she was nervous and not sure if the students

would enter the prayer seat. However, God showed up in an amazing way. Felicia witnessed student after student come forward and lay their burdens at the feet of Jesus. At the end of the session almost everyone was in tears. We believe that God heard and will answer the prayers of the students, but this event was also an answered prayer for the SA pastors.

Felicia said that at the beginning of the school year she and her associate were praying earnestly that God would do something extraordinary! That He would use them above and beyond what they could ever expect. They claimed the 2016-17 school year as the year of revival and God delivered. The prayer activity broke down walls amongst the students and reminded them that they could not do great things for God if they were divided. In order to meet their goal of reaching others and developing a well-rounded spiritual community, they needed to be united in Christ. Felicia stated that the circle of blessing prayer united them and it reminded them that every single person around them is struggling with something and needs support and care as well as prayers. This experience left a Godly impression on the CWAA group and they look forward to see where God will lead in the future.

I have no doubt that many other seeds were planted over the weekend and in His time God will answer each prayer, nurture each seed and bring in a ripe harvest. That is just the kind of God He is. In Jeremiah 33:3 God says, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

—Submitted by Jenniel Taylor-Samuel
Garden Road Church Prayer Ministries



What Helps Are Available Now to Reach Out to the Deaf?

About 40 years ago, the first Seventh-day Adventist ordained deaf pastor, Elder Arthur Griffith, had a burden to make signed Bible studies available to deaf people. The best mode of signed communication at that time was 16mm movie. Griffith worked with the North American Division and produced a series of studies. The trouble was that each reel of a half hour study in movie cost then approximately \$300, or in today's dollars, close to \$1,500-\$2,000. Plus, you had to have a 16mm movie projector to view them (cost of \$600 or approximately \$4,000 today). Needless to say, it was a brave attempt, but did not prove too useful because of the huge costs involved.

We are so thankful today that signed video is relatively cheap. In quantity, we can sell a signed and sub-titled two DVD set, "Jesus' Life Story" for \$6 and that covers all of Jesus' life in about 7 hours with over 500 paintings plus 140 pictures of the places where Jesus ministered in the Holy Land. There are other Seventh-day Adventist signed DVD's available relatively cheap in North America, Russia, Ukraine, France and Brazil.

A new web site has just been started for the Deaf by HOPE Channel: <http://www.hopechanneldeaf.org/> There are many

different programs available either signed or captioned and in up to 5 different signed or captioned languages. You can go to the site anytime and take your choice of what you want to see.

Two weekly live church services are available to Deaf in American Sign Language. One is from Tennessee with deaf pastor, Jeff Jordan (www.deafchurchonline.org) at 11:30 a.m. ET Sabbath mornings and another from Silver Spring, MD (<https://livestream.com/accounts/17388760>)

Most of the programs on 3ABN satellite are now captioned. This continues to be a large expense to 3ABN, but it is being required by the US government. Some 3ABN and other Seventh-day Adventist video productions are also available on YouTube. Google has computer generated captions available on some of these productions. The YouTube captions are probably around 90% accurate - a great help, but can lead to some laughable misunderstandings.

In another issue, we will discuss what Easy Reading and other specialized materials are available to help reach deaf people.

There is also a Canadian Deaf Ministry International Report newsletter available in print or online at www.albertaadventist.ca/deafministries.

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Please watch for deaf people, and as appropriate, help them get acquainted with our signed DVD materials.

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Upcoming food sales: Singles or cases - Items listed are on sale at 15% off or greater.

MARCH:	APRIL:	MAY:
<p>Worthington: Prosage Rolls</p> <p>Heritage: Vege Steak (19 oz)</p> <p>Cedar Lake: 3 Grain Pecan Patty (20 oz) Dinner Steak (50 oz)</p> <p>Loma Linda: Roma – all flavours Big Franks (20 oz & 96 oz) Linketts (20 oz & 96 oz) Vegetable Scallops (20 oz)</p>	<p>Worthington: Sandwich Slices – all flavours (8 oz)</p> <p>Heritage: Dinner Cutlets (19 oz)</p> <p>Cedar Lake: Chick'n Dinner (20 oz)</p> <p>Loma Linda: Fishless Tuna (13 oz) Frichik (12.5 oz & 42 oz) Frichik Low fat (12.5 oz) Saucettes (19 oz) Super Links (19 oz & 96 oz) Veja Links (19 oz) Veja Links Low fat (19 oz)</p>	<p>Worthington: Stakelets Fripats (institutional)</p> <p>Heritage: Vege Burger (19 oz)</p> <p>Cedar Lake: Vegeburger (19 oz) Quick Burger (19 oz)</p> <p>Loma Linda: Big Franks (20 oz & 96 oz) Choplets (20 Oz) Diced Chik (13 oz) Fried Chik with Gravy (13 oz) Linkettes (20 oz & 96 oz) Prime Steak (13 oz & 47 oz) Vegetarian Burger (20 oz & 50 oz)</p>



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ABC Bookmobile Spring Schedule 2017 (Tentative dates)

March	14 & 15 Coralwood 15 Leduc 21 & 22 Calgary	June	13 & 14 Coralwood 20 & 21 Calgary Central	Fall Run Oct. 1 to Oct. 18	
Spring Run April 2 to April 19		July	2 Regina	Oct.	24 & 25 Calgary Central 3 Brooks & Beiseker
North Run April 23 to 25		July	4 & 5 Winnipeg	Oct.	29 Whitecourt
April	23 Whitecourt	July	7 to 15 Camp Whitesand	Oct.	30 Peace River
April	24 Peace River	July	14 to 22 Foothills Camp	Oct.	30 Fairview
April	24 Fairview	July	23 & 24 Calgary Central 26 & 27 Coralwood	Oct.	31 Grande Prairie
April	25 Grande Prairie	July	27 Leduc SDA Church	Nov.	1 & 2 Coralwood (Wednesday & Thursday)
April	26 & 27 Coralwood (Wednesday & Thursday)	August	22 & 23 Calgary Central 29 & 30 Coralwood	Christmas Sale Calgary Central	
May	2 & 3 Calgary Central 4 Beiseker & Brooks	Sept.	12 & 13 Calgary Central 19 & 20 Coralwood	Nov.	24, 25 & 26
May	16 & 17 Coralwood 17 Leduc 23 & 24 Calgary Central		20 Leduc SDA Church	Christmas Sale Coralwood	
				Nov.	30, Dec 1, 2 & 3
				Dec.	12 & 13 Calgary Central 19 & 20 Coralwood

ABC Bookmobile Spring Run Schedule 2017

Lethbridge April 2, 12:00pm – 2:30pm	Dauphin April 10, 11:00am – 1:00pm	Saskatoon April 14, 11:00am – 4:00pm April 15, 8:15pm – 10:00pm April 16, 10:00am – 1:00pm	Peace River April 24, 12:00am – 2:00pm
Medicine Hat April 2, 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Yorkton April 10, 5:30pm – 7:30pm	North Battleford April 16, 5:00pm – 7:00pm	Fairview April 24, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Swift Current April 3, 4:30pm – 6:00pm	Swan River April 11, 11:00am – 1:00pm	Lloydminster April 17, 11:30am – 1:00pm	Grande Prairie April 25, 4:00pm – 7:30pm
Moose Jaw April 4, 4:00pm – 6:00pm	Hudson Bay April 11, 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Bonnyville April 17, 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Edmonton St. Albert April 26, 12:00pm – 8:00pm (Wednesday) April 27, 11:00am – 5:00pm (Thursday)
Regina April 5, 2:30pm – 7:00pm	Canora April 12, 10:30am – 12:30pm	Beauvallon April 18, 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Calgary Central May 2, 12:00pm – 8:00pm May 3, 11:00am – 5:00pm
Brandon April 6, 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Quill Lake April 12, 5:00pm – 7:00pm	Vegreville April 19, 11:00am – 1:00pm	Brooks May 4, 11:30am – 1:00pm
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Chinook Winds Adventist Academy

Giving with all our Mites

During the first week back from Christmas break I challenged our students to think of ways they could be better neighbours. I shared with them some statistics from our city (such as the number of homeless, the number using emergency shelters, the number of people receiving food from the Calgary Food Banks, child poverty rates, etc.) and encouraged them to think of ways they could personally help. A few hours after the challenge was given Rachel Sikhosana, one of our Grade 3 students, approached me and said, “I have an idea to help our neighbours! I want to try to raise money so we can find some places for homeless people so they can have a better life. So that’s why I’m asking if we can get a little box and the whole school can get a lot of money in it. Then I’ll ask the high school to try to find some homeless people and we can bring them to a homeless shelter like the Calgary Dream Centre, Mustard Seed and some of the other ones. If we have just a little money left, we can try to give a little make over.” When I asked Rachel how much money she thought we could raise

she said, “I think we can raise \$4.52. I’ll ask my class if we can make a huge poster and every day we can colour our goal in like how we did the Terry Fox run. And if we get to the top then we’ve reached our goal!”

Rachel’s target amount made me think of Jesus’ beautiful words about the widow who gave her two mites, “That poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these other people gave a lot because they are rich. But even though she is poor, she put in everything. She had nothing left to live on.” (Luke 21:3-4) To date Rachel has raised \$83.85 at our school by just placing a little container at the office with labels such as “Raise money for Homeless People” and “Put money in me and feed me!” “Let’s be a good neighbour!” The Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church (Rachel’s home church) has expressed a desire to partner with Rachel to raise money for Calgary’s homeless. Truly a little child will lead.

—Submitted by Lara Melashenko,
Principal
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



Pastors, teachers, parents and board members from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy gathered for lunch after participating in a prayer walk.

Back to School Prayer Walk

On January 9, pastors, teachers, praying parents and board members from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy gathered to share a short lunch and then engage in a prayer walk throughout the school. After the teachers had returned to class, the prayer warriors walked through the school one last time, praying God’s blessing and protection over each room and program at our school. We are so grateful for our 13 pastors, who share in this beautiful ministry of nurturing and training our children to follow Jesus Christ at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy.

—Submitted by Lara Melashenko,
Principal
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy

Grade 3 student, Rachel Sikhosana (left), with Lara Melashenko, Principal at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy.



Coralwood Adventist Academy

Each year, the Grade 3 students at Coralwood Adventist Academy exchange names and buy gifts for one another at Christmas time. Last Christmas, they decided to help children in poverty instead by purchasing two goats from ADRA Canada's Christmas Gift Catalogue. One student said, "I've never owned a goat before. That would be neat." The 14 students enthusiastically watched the money add up and were ecstatic when there was finally enough to purchase the goats and help another family have a Merry Christmas.

—Submitted by
Rayette Hetland,
Grade 3 Teacher
Coralwood Adventist
Academy



Grade 3 class at Coralwood Adventist Academy.

Break and Enter at Mamawi Atosketan Native School



On February 12th, a break and enter occurred at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. Unknown suspects entered the school and damaged numerous windows, doors and furniture. Several computers, technology devices, food items and a large amount of student field trip money was stolen from the school. Due to the amount of glass throughout the school, all carpeting must be replaced. An investigation is ongoing. Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers at this difficult time. For more information, please contact the school at (403) 783-4362 - please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. [AAN](#)

Mamawi Atosketan Native School.



Grade 1 class from CWAA visiting Wentworth Manor.

This Little Light of Mine, I'm Gonna Let it Shine!

This year at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) the spiritual theme has been to “Shine Our Light.” With that in mind, the Grade 1 class has come up with different ways they can shine their lights by being a good friend and neighbour.

Throughout the school year the Grade 1 students did small in-school projects and were excited to go out and do something for their community. On a chilly

day in November, the class went on their very first big community service project. Each student loaded the school bus and was ready to shine their light, GOD’s light, to their neighbours at Wentworth Manor, a nearby nursing home. Once at the nursing home, the students led out and presented a short mini-concert sharing songs about Jesus. The Grade 1 students also spent some time reading to the residents as well as leaving them

with a little Bible craft that had the text: “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Mark 5:6

It is a blessing to watch the students grow and develop with a love for service. May the fire that is being kindled in them now continue to burn until Jesus comes. —Submitted by *Divina Ladores Buhia*, Grade 1 Teacher
Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



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Serving the “Prime Timers”



Grade 11 class from CWAA preparing food for the senior Christmas dinner at the Calgary Central Adventist Church.

On December 7, Grade 11 students from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy (CWAA) had the opportunity to serve the “Prime Timers” seniors a Christmas dinner at the Calgary Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. The students had an opportunity to dress for the occasion. They loaded a bus along with their Religious Studies teacher (Marc Andrade) and school Chaplain (Pastor Brent Wilson) and were transported to the Calgary Central church. Upon arrival, some students helped the caterer with some of the meal preparation while other students greeted arriving guests. When mealtime arrived, students had the opportunity to serve the various portions of the meal to the seniors in attendance. After the Grade 11 students left the event, the seniors also received stuffed stockings and cards prepared by some of the elementary students at CWAA. This event was a great opportunity for the participating students to experience the joy of serving and to get some experience interacting with individuals from a different generation. —Submitted by Brent Wilson, Chaplain, Chinook Winds Adventist Academy

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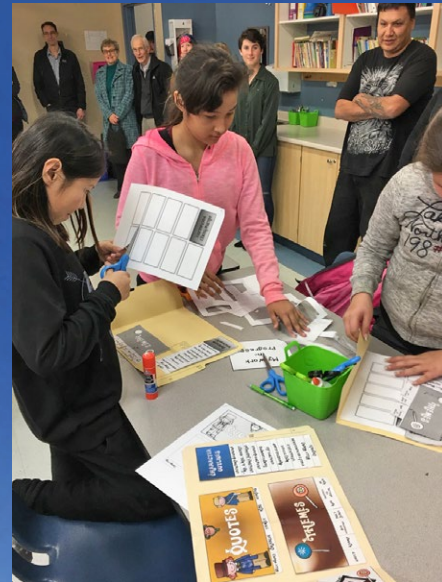
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New Open House Format and High School Construction Showcase Progress at Mamawi Atosketan Native School

Precast walls arrive on morning of open house as construction moves ahead



At The Pillars Reception prior to the Open House, Conference treasurer Keith Richter and Principal Gail Wilton presented Bob and Jeannie Spratt and other early champions of MANS with framed beadwork in recognition of their foundational work.



Visitors to MANS' first "real time" open house on November 10 felt privileged to see students in action in their classrooms as well as performing for guests.

Trusses topped the cast concrete walls of MANS' new gym on February 21, signaling the beginning of the second phases of construction.



PAA Students Organize Mission Trip to Fort McMurray

Faith without works is dead, and young faith without an outlet for service never has a chance to grow. Parkview Adventist Academy values the spiritual growth of its students and thus finds ways to put their hands to task, such as happened in a local mission venture this past fall. The trip to Fort McMurray came together as an act of God and left Austin Conway, a Grade 12 participant, eager to go back and help others.

The opportunity to serve a local community presented itself in the form of a Personal Ministries workshop weekend on a scheduled school break. Pastor Ted Deer, PAA's Chaplain, recruited a bus-full of student volunteers to provide support to a weekend of training and church visioning coordinated by his wife, Pastor Sandra Deer, Personal Ministries Director of the Alberta Conference. The Fort McMurray church warmly welcomed the group and Pastor David Guzman saw a chance to use the energy and enthusiasm of PAA students to build bridges to a community in recovery.

Leaving on Thursday, November 10, the group travelled from Lacombe and Friday was a work day. Supervised students demolished and then rebuilt a dangerous deck attached to a replacement home for a local family displaced by the summer's devastating fire. Pastor Guzman arranged the project after meeting the affected family when they came to the ADRA distribution centre in the Adventist church. Since that meeting, he kept in faithful communication with them and was able to provide the help of PAA's willing students alongside Fort McMurray member Derek Maxon.

While PAA offers courses in Construction and Mechanics, there is nothing like a hands-on experience to feel as though one has a real impact. Everyone helped with demolishing the deck, and then several students were reassigned to indoor painting tasks while the rest continued with construction. The project wrapped up on Sunday, leaving the family with a much better facility than they began with including: a new paint job with trim inside, as well as a solid new structure to replace the previously dilapidated deck.



PAA's outdoor work crew standing on the deck they built with the family they helped. Students in front of the PAA bus.

Following the work, Friday evening saw the church open its doors for vespers as PAA students shared praise songs, testimonies, and skits about God's love. The highlights continued on Sabbath when the whole group of students jumped into leadership of two Sabbath School groups, presenting the lesson for both the young kids and the young adults. Pastor Sandra Deer led the church in Divine service, and as she presented afternoon training workshops, the young people of PAA ran two exciting programs for the community children.

As part of the Personal Ministries initiative, PAA students took surveys door-to-door inviting community members to comment on what programs they would like to see. The amazing response was that the indicated needs expressed by those who took the survey exactly echoed the ideas members came up with during the church visioning session!

Our God delights in surprising us with His goodness, even if it looks like a leaking radiator. On the way out of town, the bus needed repairs in a parking lot nearby, and students report that the timing of the incident must have been God-ordained as they happened to run into one of the women they met while distributing surveys the day before. They identified her by the shirt she was wearing - it was the same t-shirt given for completing the survey. Her affirmation of their service allowed the students to see that their willingness was all God needed to make a miracle happen.

The Fort McMurray church blessed PAA with its invitation, and continues to reach out into the community with love. PAA participants are forever changed because they know they were used as instruments of God. Jordan Bruins, a Grade 12 participant, says, "I always want to go on mission trips because I like being able to do something that is more than myself, and being able to do this work for God. I get to see the impact of our small actions on others." Small actions are the foundation of an everyday, life-long, active faith, something PAA wishes for all students. — Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz

Burman University Board of Trustees Votes New President

On February 6, 2017, the Burman University board of trustees voted Dr. Loren Agrey to serve as the institution's 25th President. Agrey will succeed current President, Dr. Mark Haynal, who will be stepping down due to the expiration of his work permit.

"I am confident that Dr. Loren Agrey will be an effective leader for Burman University," says Mark Johnson, President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and Burman University Board Chair. "Loren is both a 'people person' and an excellent administrator."

Dr. Loren Agrey is currently serving as the Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs at Kettering College in Ohio. He previously served as the President for the Asia-Pacific International University in Thailand. Agrey has served as an educator for over 35 years. From 2003 to 2010, he served in different capacities at Burman University: Contract Lecturer (2003), Associate in Academic Administration (2004-2005), and Vice President for Academic Administration (2005-2010).

"Throughout its 110-year history, Burman University has provided excellence in faith-based education," says Dr. Loren Agrey. "I look forward to working with the administrative team, along with the faculty and staff, to continue this legacy of helping students achieve their academic, spiritual, and other life goals."

Details about the transition between current and incoming leadership will be made available at a later date.

Burman University, located in Central Alberta, is the only Seventh-day Adventist university in Canada. The university offers more than 20 undergraduate degree programs for post-secondary education. Their mission is to educate students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion, and competence.

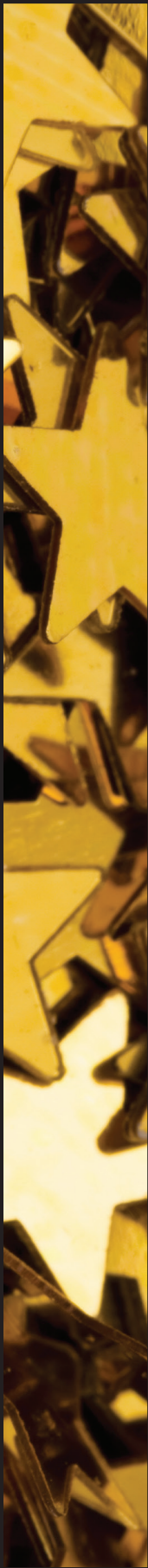
—Submitted by Kryzia Abacan, Communications Coordinator
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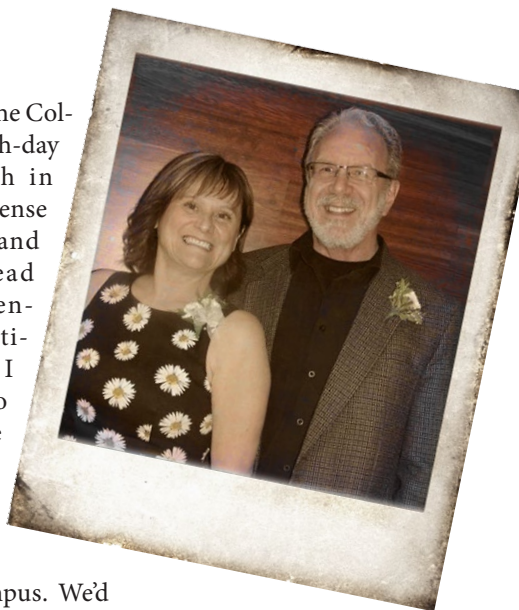
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Pastor Ron Sydenham Retires from College Heights Church After 18 Years

“Coming to pastor the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1998 made great sense for our family—and for me,” says Lead Pastor, Ron Sydenham. “Most practically, Nicole and I had four children to educate—and the Hilltop is a great place for that. Secondly, we had a warm place in our hearts for the campus. We’d been here before, shortly after becoming Adventists. Here, I was nurtured by patient, caring teachers and staff who made sure that our physical needs were cared for. It felt like home. And thirdly...” Ron pauses. “Thirdly, I was third on the list of pastoral candidates.” Referring to Gideon’s story in Judges 6, he says, “I made it my fleece. If I was supposed to come to this church, God would be the one who would make it happen.” And happen it did. Pastor Ron had hoped to stay for 10 years, but happily—for him and for the congregation at College Heights—those 10 years lengthened to 18.



Ron and Nicole Sydenham.

to know the origins of words, but I didn’t expect to have an etymological epiphany because of the auto correct on my computer. Whenever I wrote “pastor,” my computer would change the word to “pasture.” And then it dawned on me that “pastor” and “pasture” are related linguistically. I suddenly realized that a pastor is a shepherd. It’s not a metaphor. It is integral to the calling.”

Pastor Ron retired December 31, 2016 after 18 years at College Heights Church.

—Submitted by Denise Herr

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“As an English teacher, I love



Lacombe Community Church Holds Ten Days of Prayer Event

The Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church held its second agape feast combined with the Lord’s Supper on Friday, January 5, 2017. This special service was planned to prepare the church for a Ten Days of Prayer which began the following day from 7 p.m. to midnight. For some years now, the Lacombe Community church has been starting each new year with a time of prayer. The communion service/agape feast was very well attended. People shared testimonies of God in their lives and read from the Great Controversy. A great blessing was received by those who attended.

—Submitted by Ron Henderson



Edmonton South Youth Adults holding painted ceiling tiles.

After completing a lesson on community service, the Edmonton South Young Adult Sabbath School class became inspired to reach out and share Jesus. They asked themselves “How can we show kindness and care to those in our community?” The Young Adults chose “Painting Joy” as a start, a passion project started by young

adult, Serena Graver. Serena reached out to the Dr. Zetter Care Centre, which has 200 beds for residents, many of whom have limited mobility. Ultimately, the young adults wanted to spread happiness through painting ceiling tiles with art to help create a more home-like atmosphere and stimulate the minds of the patients; to

Edmonton South Young Adults Show Kindness Through Painted Tiles

share joy and bring a little of the outside in. Their goal is to paint one tile for each resident. The first round has been delivered and installed. In the thank you card Edmonton South received, the tiles were noted as a “beautiful blessing.”

—Submitted by John Murley,
Pastor Edmonton South

Edmonton South Christmas Dinner

If you had walked into Hardisty School on the evening of December 10, 2016, you would have been encouraged. One hundred volunteers from 13 Edmonton-Greater Hardisty Area churches came together to serve a Community Christmas Dinner for 275 guests. This special dinner was made possible through donations from many local businesses and organizations who worked with the volunteers to provide a meal for families in the community. You would have been energized by the sense of love and care that filled the room. The Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church were the dinner hosts, tending, caringly for each guest, by showing them to their seats and by providing special help to the elderly and to parents with young children.



Edmonton families enjoying a wonderful Christmas dinner at Hardisty School.

They made sure that every guest got a heaping helping of the delicious Christmas dinner which was prepared by the NAIT Culinary Club. The evening was festive as guests enjoyed the mandarin oranges and the holiday greenery on the tables. The Salvation Army Band played their traditional brass Christmas carols as the evening overflowed with cheer and the renewed

hope for the New Year to come. The busyness of the holiday season so often pushes aside the taking of time to reach out with the love of God to others. This event was refreshing and such a blessing as folks came together to encourage each other and to extend that encouragement to folks in our community.

—Submitted by Jessica Hall

Christian Edmonton, Russian-Speaking Adventists, the Beginning

Christian Edmonton is a Christian fellowship group that unites the Russian-speaking Adventist community of the city of Edmonton and the city's surrounding area. Members of Christian Edmonton share the knowledge of Russian language and have origins, similar migration experiences, cultural habits, and common identity from former Soviet Union republics. Members of the fellowship are so different, but God's love unites them all. The fellowship seeks to engage and encourage believers and non-Christians through a life-changing Christian journey.

The group began its history thirteen years ago. In 2004, new members of Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church, who moved to Canada from former Soviet Union republics and share the knowledge of Russian language, were united through the idea of establishing a Russian language Sabbath school class. This group of members started to gather in Pavlo and Tanya Polenchuk's house to fellowship.

The family of Alexei and Olga Pavlov, who had been searching for the true faith for a number of years, through the works of the Holy Spirit discovered the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They started to attend gatherings at the Polenchuk's house and regular Sabbath worship services in Edmonton South Church. The Pavlov family studied the Bible on their own, and the Polenchuk family provided guidance and support in their studies that culminated in their acceptance of Jesus as their Saviour and baptism. The idea of establishing a weekly Russian language Sabbath school class in the Edmonton South Church materialized with the addition of the Pavlov family, Svetlana Lukashevich, Oksana Kravets, Ivan and Lubov Kastaschuk, Semion Gladciuc, Natalia Ceban, Vadim Foya, Tanya and Aleksej Aniskov, Lena and Nastya Fedosov to the group.

With the support of the Edmonton South Church, the group commenced an ongoing community outreach project in Edmonton.



Russian-speaking Fellowship Group "Christian Edmonton," Thanksgiving service, October 29, 2016.

The group distributes the Russian language Christian newspaper — "the Hidden Treasure." The goal of this newspaper is to tell the readers the truth about God that is found in the Scripture and personal testimonies. The members of the group have been distributing this newspaper throughout Edmonton in places frequented by Russian-speaking community members.

Since the commencement of the Russian language Sabbath school class, the group has been evolving and growing. Members of the group deepened their relationship with Christ and with one another, through regular meetings outside regular Sabbath worship service. The group continued to attract members of the Russian-speaking community of Edmonton and expanded its work in the community. In late 2015, Elder Pavlo Polenchuk, proposed an idea of organizing the musical concert and evangelistic program. In March of 2016, the group held a musical concert dedicated to the International Women's Day which was attended by the families from the Edmonton Russian community and believers from the churches in Lacombe, Red Deer and Calgary.

In April of 2016, the group organized a week-long evangelistic program, led by Pastor Marion Kossovan. Each member of the group prayed and invited their friends and acquaintances to attend the program. The program was a success and well-

received by the Edmonton community; it was attended by 65 individuals. Alberta Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Edmonton South Church, and the newspaper "the Hidden Treasure" were the major supporters and contributors to the program. The program inspired the group and the participants, and it culminated in the first ever Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath worship service in the Russian language in Edmonton which took place on April 30, 2016. And since then, the group holds monthly Sabbath worship services in the Russian language.

The group has now increased its membership as five new believers — Vadim Foya, Tanya and Aleksej Aniskou, Olena Lob, and Katya Fedosova — declared the covenant with God. As well, the group was joined by the family of Ihor and Olena Ustyuzhanin who relocated to Edmonton from Calgary.

Under the leadership of Vadim Foya and participation of Oleksii Zahreba, the group established a Facebook page through which it promotes activities and provides updates. Christian Edmonton group regularly conducts Sabbath worship services in the Russian language, Sabbath school class, Bible study, Wellness program for children, provides prayer support and community outreach. —Submitted by Vadim Foya, Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church, Russian-speaking Fellowship Group "Christian Edmonton"

Edmonton West Church Holds Dedication Service on Newly Purchased Land

When God has a plan for you there is no way he will take no for an answer.

In the last quarter of 2016, the Edmonton West Seventh-day Adventist Church happily celebrated something that God has had planned for the last 20 years, a dedication service on the future site of the Edmonton West church. If you didn't know, this property actually serves as a reminder that God has a sense of humour. "For I know the plans I have for you..." he says.

The testimony of this property is that God has had a vision for this church for many years.

Like most growing churches, space becomes an issue. The need for more Sabbath School rooms, places to host events and even storage for props and club equipment, quickly became evident.

In 1996, God knew that our church and its many ministries would need more room. The church looked for different locations and though one property called out to them, it didn't seem like the right time to make that leap of faith.

Fast forward 20 years, Edmonton West found a piece of property that seemed perfect for their needs. While looking over old documents in preparation for the purchase, we

discovered that it was the same lot of land that had caught our eye in 1996. Would you believe even though we said NO, God said YES!!

With a goal to have the purchase price paid in full by December 31, 2017, the members of Edmonton West Church ask that you keep them in your prayers. **AAW**



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Lacombe Community Church



Left to right: Liana Schwarz, Carmen Ruta Kananga and Pastor Ron Henderson. The baptism occurred October 15, 2016.



Edmonton South

Left to right: Doreen Banack, Brian Funk, Wally Ziembicki, and Pastor Anthony Kern.

On February 4, 2016, Edmonton South celebrated two new baptisms and one profession of faith. Doreen Banack who joined through profession of faith had first come to the church in February 2016 during a series of meetings on Islam and Christianity. Since then she has studied the Bible for the past year and most recently experienced victory over an old smoking habit. Brian Funk and Wally Ziembicki, both in their 30s, found the church after

separately watching Adventist related videos on YouTube. Upon googling a local Seventh-day Adventist church they walked into church within the same week of one another and asked to be baptized. After going through baptismal classes together in December and January, they committed again to be baptized and become members of the Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist church.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RETREAT 2017

This year's Women's Ministries Retreat entitled "All the King's Daughters," will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer from March 31 to

April 2. The guest speaker is Pastor Elizabeth Pule from Ottawa. Online registration is available at www.albertaadventist.ca/wm2017. To book a hotel room, please go to www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Retreat2017. A promo video is available online at <https://vimeo.com/202254594>. For more information, please contact Sandra Deer by email at sdeer@albertaadventist.ca

Sabbath School and Children's Ministries Convention

The Alberta Conference Sabbath School and Children's Ministries Convention entitled, "The Highest of all Sciences," will be held at Foothills Camp, April 14-16. Seminar presenters will be Linda Schaffner and Rocio Rojas, North American Division Children's Trainers and Curtis Hall, Author/Sabbath School Coach. The Keynote speaker is Pastor Justin Kim, General Conference Assistant Director for Sabbath School/CQ Editor. Registration, meals and lodging are included in the price of \$99 for double room occupancy

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SAGE Alberta Convention

The 5th annual SAGE Alberta convention will be held May 4-7, 2017 at the College Heights church. The guest speaker is well-known author and presenter, Randy Maxwell. He is known for presenting prayer and revival seminars. He has written six books, including "If My People Pray" and "Bring Back the Glory." His passions are prayer, making the Word plain and practical in our everyday lives, and leading people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Keep in mind that ALL meetings (except the banquet) are open to everyone of all ages. Watch for further announcements and registration forms.

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William (Bill) Olson

William (Bill) Olson was born in Lacombe, AB and lived on a farm with his parents and younger sister Jeanette. The family moved to British Columbia's Fraser Valley prior to Bill's fifth-grade year. His father died when Bill was sixteen and although feeling responsible to stay home and share in the farm work, his mother insisted he finish high school at Canadian Union College.

Upon completion of high school, Bill studied theology at Canadian Union College. Before degree completion, he signed on with the Campbell Soup Company. His then girlfriend, Judy, suggested he look for a job that required less travel so they could consider developing a family together. Love prevailed and he attended Andrews University completing a degree in psychology.

Immediately after graduation he returned to Alberta and Judy where he held an administrative position in the University of Alberta Department of Psychology. Bill and Judy soon married and had their first son. All the while, Bill pursued a Masters of Busi-



Bill Olson

ness Administration graduating in the first Canadian program of its kind in hospital and healthcare administration.

One portion of Bill's research connected him with the Sherwood Park Nursing Care Home and Adventist Healthcare. It wasn't long until he re-

cruited to lead at Park Manor Personal Care Home in Winnipeg, MB, thus beginning his commitment to serving the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Bill's career path included secretary-treasurer for the Alberta Conference, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Gimbel Eye Centre, treasurer for the British Columbia Conference, secretary-treasurer for the Middle East Union, treasurer for the Trans-European Division, and finally back home as president of the Alberta Conference.

Bill and Judy (nee Lindberg) married and have three sons: Gregory, a pediatric dental and orthodontic professor at Loma Linda University; David, a general surgeon in Edmonton; and Edward, a chartered accountant and advisor with Crowe MacKay, LLC in BC. Bill retired in 2008 and enjoyed living with Judy on an acreage near Wetaskiwin. He passed away on January 19, 2017. A memorial service celebrating Bill's life was held on Sunday, February 12 at the Wetaskiwin Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Annie Brost

Annie Brost was born November 23, 1921 and passed away February 19, 2016 in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

She was a long time member of the Medicine Hat Church.

Predeceased by her parents Fred and Emily Boschee, husband Alfred, son Harlow, grandson Blake and great granddaughter Kienze. She was also predeceased by three sisters and two brothers.

Survived by daughters Darlene (Barry) Litke, Gaylene (Bill) Kendall, sons Merlen (Barb) Brost, Glenn (Shirley) Brost, daughter-in-law Ruby, brother Edgar (Florence) Boschee, sister Violet Cooper, sister-in-law Alice Boschee, 11 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Noel and Debbe Bartley

Family and friends were in disbelief at the news that Debbe Bartley (Deborah Lyn Willard Bartley) passed to her rest on January 19, 2017, after complications from a knee surgery in Calgary. Debbe was born on January 27, 1954 and grew up in Calgary. A memorial service was held on February 5, 2017 at the Southside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Edmonton.

Nineteen days later (February 6, 2017), Noel Augustus Bartley, Debbe's husband of 40 years, also passed away. Noel was born on May 15, 1932, in Clarendon, Jamaica and came to Alberta in 1974. A memorial service for Noel was held on February 19, 2017 at Edmonton South Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Debbe and Noel were both working in Fort McMurray for Syncrude Canada when they met. They were married May 4, 1976, and joined the Seventh-day



Noel and Debbe Bartley

Adventist church a short time later. They were part of the original five families who started a church in Fort McMurray. After approximately 15 years, they moved south to Calmar, where they attended churches

in the greater Edmonton area sharing their love for music and entrepreneurial endeavors.

Debbe is remembered well for her rich and gentle country gospel music that was shared at camp meetings and throughout Alberta. She readily greeted everyone with her infectious smile and "praise to God" spirit. Noel stood more quietly in the sidelines, running her sound system, singing with her on occasion, and being her best fan. They enjoyed being snowbirds to Arizona for several years. Most recently they attended the Leduc Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Debbe and Noel shared three children (Opal, Sandra, and Daniel), eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Debbe and Noel are greatly missed. We await that grand reunion day! —Submitted by Linda Steinke

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Leon's Third Industrial Arts Centre

A gentle fighter, scholar and farmer, Leon Ingraham touched thousands of students as a principal and Industrial Arts teacher.

The story's not over.

BY LYNN McDOWELL

Leon Ingraham's career as an educator spanned 29 years. Even as principal of the 430-student Ridgevalley School in the Grande Prairie area of Northern Alberta—or perhaps because he was the principal—Leon stayed active in the classroom. Leon, who had a reputation as a “born teacher and administrator,” majored in chemistry and minored in industrial arts, taught a range of subjects, and earned a Masters’ degree. His classroom passion, however, was industrial arts and equipping young people with practical skills for the future.

“He was a visionary,” says Evelyn, his wife of nearly 54 years, “more than we gave him credit for.” The farm boy from Ponoka grew up close to the present location of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). Through his own experience in “the School of Hard Knocks,” Leon recognized that two of the most important things he could do as a principal and educator were: 1) believe in and encourage kids, and 2) compliment their book learning with practical skills that build confidence and lead to jobs. Industrial arts (IA) helped him do both.

Industrial Arts Programs 1 and 2

Leon established his first IA program at Calgary's Forest Lawn Catholic School in 1961-62—his first year of teaching. He understood kids—how hard life can be for teens, how easy it is to give up and drop out. When his parents divorced, Leon, then a short, slightly-built Grade 9 student, dropped out of school. Self-defence became a priority for him, and the naturally-kind,

soft-spoken young man was to earn the runner up Lightweight golden gloves. Leon gained confidence.

The young dropout worked weekends and evenings with the Sylvan Lake Police Force as an officer and also drove a school bus. On his bus route was Evelyn Kisser, a young woman determined to finish high

The Ingraham family at Leon and Evelyn's 50th anniversary, about the time of their baptism in 1980. Chip (far left), now a dentist in Grand Prairie, and Curtis (far right), an award-winning civil engineer and Assistant Vice President of WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff in California, worked with their dad in the family farm shop from a young age, learning skills they still apply daily.



school early. With a greater sense of direction, Leon quickly finished the adult education high school program. He enrolled in Education at the University of Alberta, married the love of his life the next summer, and transferred to the University of Calgary because the U of C offered a minor in his passion: industrial arts education.

Leon balanced many interests and demands. Besides teaching, he and Evelyn, along with their sons Chip and Curtis, farmed three sections, at times running 180 cattle. But around Ridgevalley School, Leon is known as the principal who insisted that every student take at least one typing class, and as the visionary who started and built Ridgevalley's highly-successful industrial arts program—the man who “In our hearts . . . will always remain the Principal

of Ridgevalley School.”

Ridgevalley was Leon's Industrial Arts Program #2.

A Heart for First Nations Youth

As an industrial arts teacher and principal, Leon encountered First Nations students from the reserve just a few miles from the Ingraham family's farm. “He had a soft spot for native people,” says Evelyn. He mentored many, encouraging them to stay in school. He picked up hitchhikers on their way to and from the reserve. He supported their industry by buying fish from them, and hired “old timers” to help clear the family's land, which he and Evelyn farmed for 51 years.

All Leon's compassion and skill was given renewed purpose when the Ingraham

family was baptized in 1980. Leon's common sense and administrative experience benefitted the Alberta Conference as Leon served on the Executive Committee, and as a church elder. He never slowed down, never lost his interest in supporting young people. Tragically, in a 2014 car accident that remains a puzzle, Leon's life was cut short.

But that did not end Leon's positive influence or IA program-building. Recently, the Ingraham family came forward with a gift that will make the Industrial Arts Centre at MANS a reality—Leon's IA program #3.

A Passion becomes a Legacy

“We didn't think very long about it,” explains Evelyn. “We knew it would be a good thing.” The family knew that Leon had a passion for IA and the difference it could make in young lives. They remembered the extra encouragement he went out of his way to deliver to many First Nations students. They decided to make a founding-level contribution to MANS' new IA Centre, which will be named in Leon's memory.

What an encouraging story to be able to tell MANS students: There was a young boy named Leon who grew up right here, a gentle fighter who took some hard knocks, who persevered through school, and found his calling in the tools that his family now place in your hands.

It's a visionary's legacy, one that will impact generations. 

Leon Ingraham earned a Master of Education Administration degree at the University of Alberta in 1983. In retirement, he continued to farm and use his IA skills, helping his sons build their houses, remodeling Chip's office, and keeping up his own farm buildings; horse riding helped him stay fit. Leon and Evelyn's family—Chip (Jodie Gray), Ryan (Tia Penner), and Scott; and Curtis (Robin Hass), Frances (Jeff Brady), Arthur, and Evania (Chris Chavez)—cherish Leon's memory and dynamic example.

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