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for  
A Day**

# At First Glance

*During the last few months my family and I have been settling back into life and ministry in Alberta. It has been an enjoyable experience getting reacquainted with the many people we knew from our past years living in this province.*

**B**eing a family that enjoys the outdoors, we are looking forward to visiting all that this beautiful province has to offer such as the national parks (Banff, Jasper and Waterton), the many lakes and rivers such as Sylvan, Gull & Buffalo lakes, as well as the Red Deer River.

Concerning the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta, over the past four months, I have had the privilege to serve on many committees and to visit many of the churches. This has exposed me to the obvious needs of our conference and to areas that need attention.

Let me share some of those needs with you now:

## **1. Budget Issues because of a softening economy**

The economy of Alberta is no longer the engine that drives the economy of Canada. For a number of years, the Alberta Conference was experiencing surplus budgets and thus much more funding was going to additional employees and ministries. However, because of a softening economy in Alberta, the reserves are nearly depleted and we're tasked with the responsibility of reducing costs leading towards an eventual balanced budget once again.

## **2. Mamawi Atosketan Native High School**

The Alberta Conference has been visionary in its efforts to provide a high school, complete with industrial arts building, at Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS). This will serve as a centre to assist the young people in obtaining a high school education in a safe environment. The bulk of the funding for this facility has already been secured and the construction process is well under way.



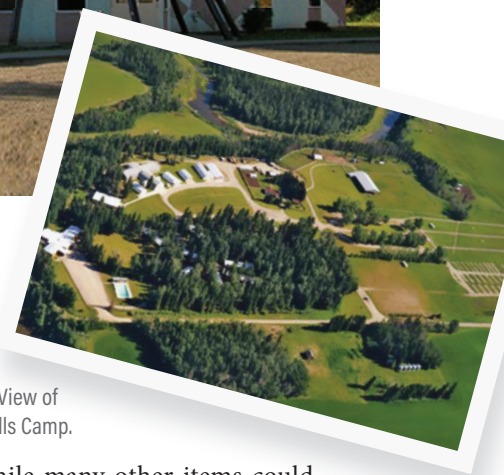
Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS).

## **3. Continued support for Evangelism and Church growth**

The Alberta Conference is the second largest conference in the Canadian Union (which includes seven conferences) in regards to membership; Ontario being the largest. The Alberta Conference membership is currently 11,646 and continues to grow at a rate of 2.58% per year. This has been a result of the dedication and effort put forth by our churches and pastors. The Alberta Conference has been generous in its support of evangelism and will continue to support evangelism in the future.

## **4. Renovation of our camp facilities**

We are truly blessed to have a lovely camp ground which provides ministry to our churches and constituents in many ways. The challenge now is, while our membership has tripled since the camp was first built in 1973, the facility has not expanded to accommodate current needs. It is our expectation that we will identify the most pressing needs and develop plans to alleviate them.



Aerial View of Foothills Camp.

While many other items could be legitimately mentioned, these are the needs that stand out at first glance.

May God continue to lead and bless as we engage in ministry and as we await the blessed return of our Lord and Saviour.



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## Highlights



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### Women's Retreat

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### Sabbath School Convention

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# News



A group of God's princesses dressed up for the banquet.



Main entrance to the retreat with Shanelle (right) and Delicia Adams (left). Delicia was one of the workshop presenters.



Liz Pule shared relevant messages on how much God values us.

## Alberta Conference Women's Retreat

**“ALL THE KING’S DAUGHTERS”** was the theme of the 2017 Alberta Women’s Retreat held in Red Deer the weekend of March 31-April 2. Three-hundred women were welcomed to a lovely royal setting to enjoy a weekend of special messages, music, food and fellowship. Elizabeth Pule, pastor from the Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church, was the guest speaker. Brittany Hudson, a student at Burman University, presented the early morning worship thoughts. In addition, four workshops dealing with relevant issues such as family health, grief, depression, and abuse were offered. Music, a prayer room, an anointing service, massages, manicures and a marketplace all helped make it a delightful weekend.

### Rainbow Ford shares her experience as a first-time attendee:

As I sat listening to a mixture of voices and clattering dishes from the hotel staff clearing away tables, I realized what a powerful thing it can be when people join together with the sole purpose of praising God.

Our speaker, Elizabeth Pule, spoke of how Jesus has a plan for our lives, but in as much as that is true, Satan also has a plan for our lives, and it made me think about the obstacles some of these women had faced. We each made a choice to go to this retreat. Jesus wanted us to be here! But the devil was just as sure that he did not want us here. How powerful it is when two or three (or a few hundred) are gathered in His presence.

The idea to take away from this weekend was, “You have no idea what God can do through you to change a

generation.” And in talking to some of these incredible ladies who have been coming to this retreat for years, I’ve decided that’s never been truer. Having this to look forward to for next year is the greatest, because you know you’ll see women that you met or connected with for the first time. This all ripple effects into something great! You never know when God will use you to change the future. He used Esther, Mary, Rahab, and Ruth to name a few, so why not you?

Jesus wanted to touch the untouchable, reach the unreachable and love the unlovable, and He has called us to do the same! He is ready and willing to take the “cheap” price tag that this world has given us and give us our original, which is “invaluable.” We are blessed because we are daughters of a king and we had best never forget that!

# What's it Mean to You?

*"I believe in this school."*

**Levi Nepoose**  
**MANS Parent**  
Professional dancer &  
MANS Ground Breaking  
Pow Wow organizer



Levi in regalia he made.  
Photo by Crux Phiri.

The air was electric at MANS' High School Ground Breaking last May. It was charged in part by the dynamic presence of Northern Cree, the award-winning First Nations traditional music group, and by Levi Nepoose, the man who'd organized their performance. An imposing 6'4" in full regalia, Levi commanded the proceedings as wide-eyed students joined their musical heroes in the drumming circle—an experience they will never forget.

Famous in his own right as a competitive traditional dancer, Levi spoke with conviction as the camera rolled. "We don't live for today," he said, "we live for tomorrow. In my home, that's how I teach my kids."

It's the hope that's kept Levi and his community alive, and the reason Levi brought his children to MANS.

"I'm so grateful for what this school has done for my children," Levi says with passion when the camera is turned off. "I don't have a lot, but this pow wow—this is something I can give."

Levi's fervent hopes for his children have been tested, but MANS gave him reason to believe.

This spring, his second daughter will be part of MANS' third graduating high school class.

"Believing in this school and where they're at, where they're going," reflects Levi, "I wouldn't be here, and [my children] wouldn't be here if I didn't believe in this school!"

A father's heart is revealed—a lesson of perseverance and of faith in the teachings his family found at MANS. Though everything else passes away, this remains to sustain us: faith, hope and (the greatest of these) our charity toward each other.

—By Lynn McDowell

**Experience the ground breaking and Pow Wow finale and hear Levi's testimony in the video "Mamawi: A Ground-Breaking-Experience" at [www.mans1.ca](http://www.mans1.ca).**

Contribute to the campaign to build MANS' high school at [www.mans1.ca](http://www.mans1.ca) or make cheques payable to the Bridge Campaign, C/O Alberta Conference, 5816 Hwy 2A, Lacombe, AB T4L 2G5.



**MAMAWI ATOSKETAN  
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**THE FORT McMURRAY FIRE**



**88,000**

people evacuated on  
May 3, 2016

**2,400**

homes and businesses destroyed

**590,000**

hectares of land burned

Number of donated items

**14,176,026**

**1,951**  
pallets shipped to  
Fort McMurray



**277,207**  
Baby/Child Products



**508,004**  
Items of Clothing



**2,474,331**  
Personal Care  
Products

**10,575,682**

Disposables



**340,802**  
Other Items



**720**

total number of volunteers  
who showed up for a shift

**6860.49**  
total number of  
volunteer hours

**Thank you to all who helped the  
people of Fort McMurray**



# Adult Sabbath School & Children's Ministries Convention

If you weren't there it would be difficult to convey, but the 2017 Adult Sabbath School & Children's Ministries Convention turned out to be a blessing that far exceeded expectations. The theme selected for this year's convention was "The Highest of All Sciences," and it was taken from a passage in the book *Christian Education*:

"If any one thinks he is capable of teaching in the Sabbath-school or in the day school the science of education, he needs first to learn the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, that he may teach this the highest of all sciences." Pg. 156

The convention took place on April 14-16 at Foothills Camp with approximately 65 individuals in attendance. Friday evening, seminar guests were greeted with a delicious supper from Yummi Yogis catering followed by science-themed team building exercises to build comradery. The keynote speaker, Pastor Justin Kim from the General Conference presented inspirational and instructional presentations on topics such as "The Life, Death and Resurrection of Sabbath School" that truly created a buzz. In fact, many attendees expressed a renewed intention to start Bible memorization and a commitment to implement more intentional devotional habits.

Professional Sabbath School Coach Curtis Hall was the Adult Sabbath School instructor and he debuted his new Sabbath

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*Christian Education, Pg. 156*

School facilitator training program entitled, "Flight Training." It's a metaphor for the idea that facilitating a Sabbath School class is much like being a pilot – the necessity of a flight plan, an intended destination, how to deal with turbulence and even how to avoid hijacking. One veteran Sabbath School facilitator commented on his training saying, "I have NEVER attended any training for any subject that was this practical."

For the Children's Ministries portion, both Rocio Rojas and Linda Schaffner came from the North American Division to present on "Understanding Children." Rocio Rojas wowed children's ministries leaders with her creative approach to educating and inspiring children. Linda Schaffner's presentations gripped and came close to hearts as

she shared her experience and instruction for successfully engaging special needs children. Because of her talks, leaders expressed a realization of the need to create inclusive experiences for special needs children in worship and in lesson time.

There were multiple highlights throughout the weekend but there were a few special moments that helped attendees know that their ministry was

appreciated. One was when all attendees received a hidden copy of Curtis Hall's book "Hit the Mark" taped under their chairs. Then later that evening, there were free chair massages courtesy of Lovera Bruins and Leanna Hochstatter.

Though the saying goes that "All good things must come to an end," here at the Sabbath School department we believe that this year's convention was more of a beginning even though it has ended. For those who attended, please continue to spread the newly found enthusiasm to your churches so that we may reconvene at the next convention with stories of amazing things that God has done!—Submitted by Nwamiko Madden, Director for Sabbath School and Children's Ministries



Speaker gifts, name badges, discussion starters and signs were all branded with the convention theme, "The Highest of all Sciences."



Pastor Justin Kim shares on the Life, Death and Resurrection of Sabbath School.



Many expressed profound appreciation for Pastor Justin Kim's four presentations on Sabbath School.



## Praying with Confidence

Praying with Confidence was the theme of the Central Alberta prayer weekend held in Sylvan Lake on March 3–4 with Kevin Wilfley, Prayer Ministry Director for the Washington Conference.

Friday, we were inspired to pray more confidently as Wilfley shared many answers to prayer and miracles that had occurred in response to prayer. In his very humble style we were drawn to place our hope more firmly upon the One that hears our prayers. It was encouraging to have so many who have a passion for prayer join from across central Alberta. We were not disappointed. —Submitted by Warren Kay, Prayer and Revival Ministries Coordinator



Kevin Wilfley

# Ponoka Youth Homeless for a Day

A Sabbath school discussion in early January about the needs of the homeless culminated with the youth of our church spending 24 hours outside experiencing life as a homeless person.

Approximately 25 youth and adults arrived at the church Friday evening, February 24, with optimistic spirits, cardboard boxes, and sleeping bags, not knowing what the next 24 hours would be like. A gentle snow fell on the group while they listened intently

to an emotional and moving testimony about how quickly a person may lose everything and find themselves homeless, destitute, living on the street and involved in life style choices they would not have previously made, plus the miracle of God's grace, rescue, and restoration. The overnight temperature dipped near -18C forcing those who could not sleep to move closer to the fire. Sabbath morning the youth were very grateful to come into the church where some fought sleep as their bodies warmed up, and eagerly anticipated the only meal they would have following the church service. Fittingly, soup and sandwiches were on the menu. The youth were asked, "What was it like?" "People did help us and we had a fire, so it may not have been as bad for us as it is for those really homeless. There were some who suffered more than others.



Group gathered around the fire to stay warm.

Some did not sleep all night. It was hard to move from the fire to the cold bed (box)." "What did you learn?" "When people walk into church who don't smell or look as nice, we should be friendly rather than judge. We could also be in that situation. It can happen to anyone that they become homeless. Even though we were dressed shabbily and smelled bad we were received so warmly by the church members. It made me wonder, would I receive someone that warmly if they came to our church and looked and smelled like I did?" Some thoughts to ponder for all of us. The youth asked for sponsors and raised \$5,800.00 for a community project to help the homeless. The project(s) are yet to be decided on. Thank you to everyone who sponsored "Homeless for a Day." —Submitted by Carol Morton







Marvin Budd in India, March 2017 interpreting for S. Ambrose, Seventh-day Adventist Deaf Director for the Southern Asia Division.



An American visitor to Ghana signing with Gospel Outreach worker, Harrison Antwi.

# If You Meet a Deaf Person... Then what?

What do you do if you meet a deaf person? Most “Hearing” people are unsure how to relate – what to do or not do. Some are afraid to communicate and hurry away as soon as they can politely leave. But, how does that affect the feelings of the deaf person who may feel rejection.

This is one reason why the Deaf have developed their own culture, clubs, associations and even churches of the Deaf. It’s so much more comfortable when you can fully communicate through “Sign Language.”

But, if we are going to also include the Deaf in our witnessing for Christ, we must cross that bridge of communication and ask the Lord to bless our often-faltering efforts!

Here are some pointers developed by Thompson Kay who was the Deaf Ministry Director at Christian Record [CRS] before CRS dropped their Deaf department.

1. Speak clearly and distinctly, but don’t exaggerate. Use normal speed unless asked to slow down.
2. Provide a clear view of your mouth. Waving your hands or holding something in front of your lips, thus hiding them, makes lip reading impossible.
3. Use a normal tone unless you are asked to raise your voice. Shouting will be no help.

4. Speak directly to the person, instead of from the side or back of the person.
5. Speak expressively. Because deaf persons cannot hear subtle changes in tone which may indicate sarcasm or seriousness, many will rely on your facial expressions, gestures and body movement to understand you.
6. If you are having trouble understanding a deaf person’s speech, feel free to ask them to repeat. If that doesn’t work, then use paper and a pen. Communicating is the goal.
7. If you know any sign language, try using it. If the deaf person you are communicating with finds it a problem, the person will let you know. Usually your attempts will be appreciated and supported.
8. If a deaf person is with an interpreter, speak directly to the deaf person – not to the interpreter.
9. When talking with a deaf person, try not to stand in front of a light source (e.g. a window). The deaf person would find it hard to see your face, which would be silhouetted in the light

If you do meet a deaf person, do your best to be friendly. Let them see the love of Christ shining through you. And offer a quick prayer, that the Holy Spirit will enable you to bridge the communication gap. And remember, if a friendship develops, we at the Alberta Deaf Ministry Department, have interesting signed DVD’s that they might enjoy!

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Friday:	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday:	Closed
Sunday:	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Camp Meeting ABC Auditorium SALE - Sunday, July 16 (10:00 a.m. - noon)**

	Description	Author	Reg.	Sale
1	A Thoughtful Hour 3: Learning to Be a Real Christian	Jerry D. Thomas	\$14.99	\$11.99
2	The Long Road to Armageddon	Marvin Moore	\$32.99	\$26.39
3	For Such a Time	Ed Dickerson	\$23.99	\$19.19
4	There Is An Answer	Alejandro Bullón	\$16.49	\$13.19
5	They Knew Him	Anita Marshall	\$22.49	\$17.99
6	A Nation in God's Hands	Jud Lake	\$44.99	\$32.99
7	Accepting Ellen White	Theodore N. Levterov	\$17.99	\$14.39
8	Gospels in Conflict 3Q17	George R. Knight	\$20.99	\$16.79
9	Sabbath School Songs - DVD	Little David Presents	\$12.99	\$11.79
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12	In the Master's Steps	Kenneth Cox	\$21.79	\$17.39
13	Scalpel Moments	Benjamin F. Reaves Florida Hospital	\$34.49	\$27.59
14	Origin - DVD	Illustra Media	\$29.99	\$23.99
15	Garden of Eden - 500+ Puzzle	Clyde Provonsha	\$23.99	\$19.19
16	Sabbath School Songs - CD	Little David Presents	\$5.99	\$5.39
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19	40 Days of Prayers and Devotions on God's Amazing Miracles	Dennis Smith	\$20.99	\$16.79
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22	Life in the Valley	Susan Phelps Harvey	\$26.99	\$21.59
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26	The Watchers	Bradley Booth	\$23.99	\$19.19
27	Steps to Christ Coloring Book for Kids	Stanborough Press	\$5.99	\$5.35
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29	Super Links 19 oz.	Loma Linda	\$115.80	\$90.35
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**Julian Archer**  
*CEO Author and Entrepreneur*  
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**Hyveth Williams**  
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Andrews University Seminary

## SPECIAL FEATURE



**Pamela Lister**  
*Music Concert*  
Sunday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

# SEMINARS AT A GLANCE



**Topic: Got Jesus?**  
**Practical and powerful insights to make Small Group Ministry fun and meaningful for ALL!**  
 Ricardo Bain  
 Pastor, Greater NY Conference



**Ministering to Immigrants and Refugees**  
 Ruby Adams  
 Settlement Practitioner & Coordinator - Learning Together Program Central Alberta Refugee Effort (C.A.R.E.)



**Let's Talk Relationship**  
 Floyd Spence  
 Pastor  
 Ontario Conference



**Steps to a Vibrant Church**  
 Don Corkum,  
 Church Plant Coordinator  
 Alberta Conference



**Mad About Marriage**  
 Mike Tucker  
 Speaker/Director  
 Faith for Today



**Prayer/Evangelism**  
 Samuel Telemaque  
 Pastor  
 Inter-America Division



**Spiritual Lessons from the Book of Nature**  
 Pekka Maattanen  
 Assistant Professor of Biology  
 Burman University



**Women's Ministries Leadership Certification**  
 Joan Rogers  
 Women's Ministry Director  
 Ontario Conference



**Raising "Cain"**  
 Ken Crawford  
 Retired Conference President



**Evangelism**  
 Randy Barber  
 Evangelist  
 Alberta Conference



**CHANGE School of Evangelism Training**  
 Sandra Deer  
 Personal Ministries Director  
 Alberta Conference

Opening Meeting: Friday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. Gordon Pifher

TIME	Sabbath July 15	Sunday July 16	Monday July 17	Tuesday July 18	Wednesday July 19	Thursday July 20	Friday July 21	Sabbath July 22
7:00 – 7:30	DEVOTIONAL Burman University							
8:00 – 8:45	BREAKFAST							
9:30 – 10:45	Sabbath School MANS	ABC Sale (10:00 – noon)	SEMINARS					Sabbath School
11:00 – 12:15	Church Service Gordon Pifher 11:00 - 12:45		PLENARY SESSION					Church Service Hyveth Williams 11:00 - 12:45
12:30 – 1:15		International Food Fair 12:00 – 2:15	Gary Hodder	Brad Thorp	Julian Archer			
1:15 – 2:00	Sabbath Lunch 1:00 – 1:45		2:00 - 4:15 Family Fun Time	LUNCH				
2:30 – 3:30	Pathfinder March 3:00 - 3:30	Radio Talk Show 106.3 FM 1:00 - 2:00						
4:00 – 5:15	Ordination/ Commissioning 3:30 - 5:00	Free Time	Departmental Seminars					Burman/PAA 3:00 - 4:00
5:45 – 6:30	SEMINARS							
7:00 – 8:30	SUPPER							
8:35 – 9:05	Gordon Pifher	Seminar Intros/ Concert: Pamela Lister	Brad Thorp	Julian Archer	Brad Thorp		Memorials Hyveth Williams	Hyveth Williams
			Mini Concert Anele Mhlahlo		Mini Concert Marissa Turner			

5 Km Fun Run/Walk – Sunday, July 16, 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.  
 Aquasize – Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 21, 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
 Children's Divisions – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
 Please Note: Schedule times/programming may change.

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### Recordings

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### Camp Meeting Meal Tickets (Individual):

Ages 0-3 (free)	
Ages 4-9	Ages 10 and up
Breakfast \$7	Breakfast \$10
Lunch \$7	Lunch \$10
Supper \$7	Supper \$10



### Meal Package Pricing:

(No Sunday lunch due to International Food Fair)  
Seniors 65+ Full Package (25 meals) .....\$235  
Full Package-Age 10+ (25 meals) .....\$250

### Camp Meeting Meal Times:

Breakfast	8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Lunch	12:30 p.m.- 1:15 p.m.
Sabbath Lunch	1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

*Please note:* There are no refunds on meal tickets.

No meal tickets will be sold during Sabbath hours. Please purchase your Sabbath meal tickets at the camp office before 9 p.m. on Fridays.

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Project: AAAC

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

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Project: Pathfinder group

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Project: MANS

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Project: Philippine/Indonesia Mission trip 2018

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Project: Student Aid-Chinook Winds

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**EDMONTON SOUTH**

Menu: Nachos-\$5, ice cream floats-\$4, pop-\$2, freezies-\$1, cookies/squares-\$1, cookie tray (5)-\$4, squares tray (5)-\$4  
Project: ADRA

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# CWAA Bolivia Mission Trip

Early on Sunday morning, March 26, thirty-four Chinook Winds students gathered along with several staff members and parents at the Calgary airport to check in for our air travel to Bolivia. The group traveled to Houston and then Panama City. In Panama City, we needed to obtain our boarding passes for the final flight to Santa Cruz. It was at this point when faced one of the many challenges of our trip. Due to an issue with our flight reservation, we almost had to spend the night in Panama City. But thanks to some great airline employees, we were finally given seats on the flight and could travel on to Santa Cruz on the flight as planned.

Once in Bolivia, we were transported to the location where we lodged for the trip. On that Monday afternoon, we got to do some sightseeing in the city of Santa Cruz. Tuesday was the first work day. Part of the group traveled to assist with a health fair, part of the group worked on “construction,” and part of the group did a combination of “construction” and children’s ministry. The first couple days of “construction” work were focused on ditch digging and clean-up. On Thursday, the construction team finally started work on some of the walls of the medical clinic.

The health fairs took place on three days - each day in a different location. These fairs included an educational component (NEW-START topics and nutrition), the chance for residents to be seen by a doctor and a dentist, as well as the option to receive care from a physiotherapist.

The children’s programming took place in conjunction with some evangelistic meetings. There were generally 50 to 60 local kids in attendance for the songs, games, crafts, dramas, and spiritual teaching at these programs.

On Sabbath, our group worshiped with a local church in Santa Cruz. Afternoon activities included visiting a nearby park, participating with the Pathfinders in distributing invitations to the church’s holy week series, and then eating pizza at a restaurant that night. On Sunday, our group visited a resort and enjoyed some swimming

and recreation. Monday and Tuesday were the last work days. On each of these two days, part of our group traveled up into the mountains to visit a long-term care facility and an orphanage, part of the group worked on construction at the medical clinic, and part of the group did some painting at the church where we had worshiped on Sabbath. Wednesday was the group’s last full day in Bolivia on this trip. After packing and cleaning at the place where we lodged during the trip, we went to a biological preserve/resort for recreation, relaxation, and a final time of worship and sharing before heading to the airport. Despite the many challenges that our team faced on this trip (work challenges, food challenges, sickness challenges, travel challenges) - there were many positive experiences and opportunities for learning. —Submitted by Brent Wilson, CWAA Chaplain



Puppets were one of the features of the evening children’s program.



The group posing in the future medical clinic where some of our students helped to construct some walls.



Some students helped to work on crafts with children who came to the health fairs.

# Forty-two Guardian Angels in Bolivia

I have had the privilege of participating in five mission trips in my life and truthfully, the mission trip to Bolivia was unlike any other. On this mission trip, we faced some unique adversity. For instance, 17 students and staff fell ill - missing an equivalent of 20 work days, our main construction project took 3 days to get started, our water supplies and meals were sometimes inadequate, our kids ministry location was challenging, our transportation was often uncertain, our sleeping quarters were hot and riddled with mosquitoes and spiders, our washroom facilities were inadequate for 42 people and required constant cleaning to maintain a sanitized environment for our sick students and staff, during our construction experience we encountered a tarantula, snake, iguana, and untold numbers of spiders and insects! There were many other challenging circumstances and yet, our students rose up and demonstrated a true heart of service. Just as “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28), our students served.

Throughout our 12-day trip our students amazed us with their unfettered enthusiasm to our mission: to serve, and not be served. They demonstrated courage, strength, a sense of humor, strong work ethic, genuine kindness and compassion, and a true heart of unselfish service. They came together to serve as the Body of Christ and embraced every part of the mission trip: digging up old pipes, digging ditches for a new septic system, moving wood piles and heavy construction materials, building walls in a new medical clinic, preparing and cleaning up food, carrying water to the construction site, sharing personal testimonies, planning VBS programs for children, singing Spanish songs with passion and enthusiasm, sweeping and mopping floors, cutting fire wood, cleaning toilets and sinks, hammering nails, digging up weeds, translating into Spanish or English, performing a skit or special music, painting, cutting grass, fixing motors, showing compassion to friends who were vomiting, feverish, dealing with headaches, stomach aches, bringing water or electrolytes to a dehydrated and sick friend, keeping sick friends company by singing with a guitar or playing a game of cards, offering a hug to a disabled person at a shelter, serving meals, hand-delivering evangelistic brochures in a Santa Cruz neighborhood, playing with the kids at VBS with zest and joy, preparing craft supplies, assisting the doctor, physiotherapist, nurse and dentist with the patients at the medical clinic, etc.

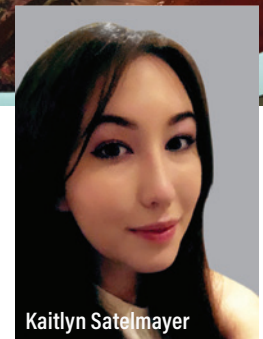
We are grateful to God that He sent 42 guardian angels to Bolivia with us to protect each student and staff from danger, and for sending the Holy Spirit to equip us with the fruits of the spirit and a spirit of tenacity and determination to prevail despite the many challenging circumstances! Praise God, our mission was accomplished! “And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name, they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” Mark 16:17-1  
—Submitted by Lara Melashenko, CWAA Principal



Grade 3 students from CAA visit Ironwood Estates.

## Grade 3 Students from Coralwood Adventist Academy Visit Ironwood Estates Old Folks Home

The Grade 3 students at Coralwood Adventist Academy have become friends with many of the residents at Ironwood Estates in St. Albert. MOVE 58, a community service program, a Coralwood Academy incentive, introduced the Grade 3's to Ironwood Estates Old Folks Home. They sang for the seniors just before Christmas and then again before Spring Break. The Senior Engage Life Coordinator, Leslie Luh-Foley, asked if the students might be interested in helping with their annual Spring Carnival. On April 20, the children became re-acquainted with the residents and after singing several choruses to them played games together like bean bag toss, Velcro ball bullseye, and Frisbee golf. The students left with pockets full of treats, Google eye glasses, a kite and a whole lot of fun memories. A couple of girls were heard saying, “You’re like my Grandma, lots of fun.”—Submitted by Rayette Hetland, Grade 3 teacher, Coralwood Adventist Academy



Kaitlyn Satelmayer

# PACeS Trip to Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

*In April, students and teachers from Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool (PACeS) went on a school trip to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on the west coast of Vancouver Island. It was a great educational trip for all. Two students share their personal experiences below.*

## **Kaitlyn Satelmayer shares her experience on the PACeS trip to Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre**

During the week of April 3rd, 2017, I was given the opportunity to attend a research field trip with my school Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool (PACeS) at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on the west coast of Vancouver Island. It was a five-day research and field trip experiencing the many aspects that marine biology has to offer. Over the course of the five days we experienced many labs, presentations and experiments that focused on the biological and environmental

factors affecting the creatures that call the west coast home. From watching and initiating the fertilization of sea urchin gametes to calculating the photosynthesis and cellular respiration of different seaweeds in different light environments, there was never a dull moment.

Our different instructors took us on several field assignments where we observed intertidal environments, tide pools and temperate rainforests. We were fortunate to have no rain during our field assignments, however, it often poured when we got back to our labs. Presentations and

proposals were part of our daily routine and coming from an online school it was fun to present in front of an actual audience. I would have to say that one of the main highlights of this trip was my contribution to the creation of a marine DNA data base for planktonic organisms. From participating in the plankton tow, to sitting in a lab trying to isolate these small creatures through a microscope, to finally seeing it on a high definition photo screen, this was truly an amazing experience.

—Submitted by Kaitlyn Satelmayer, Grade 12 student, PACeS

**Aaleeya Loftman shares her experience on the PACeS Trip to Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre**

I'm Aaleeya Loftman, a Grade 11 student presently attending Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool (PACeS) based in Lacombe, Alberta. The career path that I have chosen requires me to study biology at the university level. PACeS provided me an amazing opportunity to discover the nuances of this course by bringing students from Grades 9-12 to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) located on the West Coast. For someone traveling from the other side of Canada, this trip allowed me to see a whole new ecosystem different from that of the east. I was marveled at how mountains protruded from the earth with such majesty and beauty. No matter how many pictures I took to try and capture the scenery for my friends and family to see, my camera could not do God's marvelous creation justice.

During the trip, we were exposed to hands-on marine biology guided by accomplished marine biologists. At BMSC,

we had the opportunity to successfully fertilize sea urchin embryos and watch their development, observe wildlife and sea creatures in their natural habitats, and conduct experimental marine biology on live animals. I learned so much about the Pacific's environment and ecosystem and was even able to apply concepts I'd learned in class to certain topics discussed by our guides. The workshops made us aware of endangered marine species and allowed us to do case studies on some marine animals and their environments. I also enjoyed meeting classmates and teachers and getting to know them outside of the classroom face-to-face.

The whole experience allowed me to see into only a little bit of the great intricacy to which God has created every living thing on this earth. I think that the fact that we don't know everything is even more exciting because if we did, we wouldn't have faith. It's like God has put a limit to how much humanity can discover in order for us to have no choice but to make a decision to either choose to believe that



Aaleeya Loftman

He is the Creator, or that something happened billions of years ago to bring life into existence. It was a truly humbling experience that I could never do justice through words.—Submitted by Aaleeya Loftman, Grade 11 student, PACeS



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# Things Are Happening at PAA

At Parkview Adventist Academy, we are always working to improve our program and our space. Isaiah 43:19 reminds us of the work God is using us to accomplish, saying: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland” (NIV). Simply put, water and a way are the basic requirements to relocation, and God is moving people in His school!

This year, the senior class of 2017 saved their funds in order to gift their soon-to-be-Alma-Mater with a much-needed

water fountain replacement. Angie Ward gratefully accepted this gift on behalf of the school and decided to match it with a second water-filtering fountain. More than that, she wanted the Grade 12 students to have an opportunity to see the impact of their efforts, so she scheduled installation to take place over spring break. When students returned to see these streams in the figurative wasteland, it was a true moment of celebration!

Isaiah’s perspective is also an invitation to see what God is currently doing (a new thing), and PAA has many new things to report. The weeks leading up to summer are always filled with enough activities to occupy the calendar and make the time feel shorter than it is. PAA’s Student Association is hosting another fun School Spirit Week (May 15-18) and the annual spring celebration banquet in June; Graduation weekend will be over before we even realize (May 26-28), and just as soon as we finish saying a congratulatory “farewell” to our Seniors, we’ll be saying a hearty “hello” to all our Alumni and friends (June 2-4) as well as the prospective students who visit for PAA Days Open House (June 4-5).

Greetings are always a little easier than goodbyes; and the staff, students, and administration of PAA are eager to extend a special welcome to several new staff members who will be joining for the fall. With the upcoming change in personnel, the school is very excited about competent new hires, and wishes blessings and safe journeys to those who are leaving.

Claude Trepanier is finishing his first year of teaching, and has done an excellent job of stimulating conversations surrounding the Bible and the world as he has taught Religious and Social Studies. The inspiration of his job has lead him into full-time Bible work beginning in July. He will be employed by the Quebec Conference and, while missing his student connections from PAA, he is happy to be re-joining his grandchildren!

Kristy Grovet also has an exciting new path to pursue as she joins a cohort of PhD candidates at the University of Calgary’s Education department.

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

*Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)*

In her near-decade of teaching at PAA, she has always looked for ways to incorporate differentiated instruction and technology. Her students have benefited from her passion for lifelong learning, and now her influence will expand as she researches these areas more heavily while working toward a doctorate in Learning Sciences.

Chelsea Lamming has served PAA for four years, working to refine and expand the upper-level Physics and Math 31 courses, sponsoring a graduating class, and being an important part of the Student Association. New opportunities are being presented a little farther east and PAA congratulates her as she continues to follow God’s call.

Katelyn Ruiz will also be refining her role as a classroom instructor to become the full-time teacher of just one as she begins maternity leave in September.

Each of these people has found a way in the wilderness that passed through PAA, and we are happy to have been a part of their story. This beautiful thing called Life changes the landscape of learning, but PAA continues to uphold their commitment to excellence in education by providing diverse opportunities for student development and growth. Please remember

this most important ministry and pray for the new things God is doing in and through our school as well as the new people who will get to enjoy them in 2017-2018. —Submitted by Katelyn Ruiz, PAA Communications



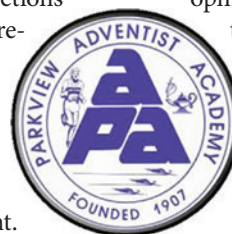
Two Grade 10 students smile their way through Foods class.



Leaving teachers Kristy Grovet and Chelsea Lamming pose with Michelle Lintan, who will continue teaching at PAA.



Claude Trepanier teaches Social Studies.





Students celebrate receiving their degrees with the traditional cap throw.



Eric Rajah, co-founder of A Better World, addresses students at Sunday's commencement service as the keynote speaker.



L-R: Mark Johnson (Board of Trustees Chair), Mark Haynal (President), Paul Ramalingam, Carolyn Doss, Debra Bakland, June Fiorito, and Noble Donkor (VP for Academic Administration).



Taylor Lakusta-Wong marches down the aisle with fellow graduates at Sunday's commencement service.

## Burman University Grads Encouraged To Impact Their Communities

Burman University conferred degrees to 98 students at its 2017 commencement service on April 30, 2017. This year's graduates come from seven provinces, five states, and five countries. From April 28 - 30, friends and family of our graduates gathered at College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church to celebrate the grand occasion. Speakers for the weekend included Pastor Ron Sydenham, former pastor of College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church; Dr. Sandra Roberts, president of the Southeastern California Conference;

and Eric Rajah, co-founder of A Better World. Graduates were encouraged to continue in the path of changing their communities and changing the world. We wish all our graduates the best of luck as they move on to the next chapter of their lives. We are excited to see the impact they will have on the world around them.

During the commencement service, Burman University also took a moment to honour our faculty and staff who will be retiring. We would like to thank the following individuals for their service at

our university: Debra Bakland; Carolyn Doss; June Fiorito; Paul Ramalingam; Jerrold Ritchey; and Cecilia Ritchey. They have made a lasting impact on our campus and we will never forget their contribution to this university. We wish them all the best as they enjoy retirement!—Submitted by Kryzia Abacan, Burman Communications



# Mission NOW Team Share the Gospel in the Philippines

On March 8, 2017—22 volunteers set out from Toronto and Calgary as part of the Mission NOW Canada Team to serve the people of Iloilo City, Philippines. The team’s approach to service had at its core the belief that Christ’s method alone would bring true success. Weeks of Prayer were delivered in five local schools and academies, two evangelistic series and a medical, dental and optical clinic served nearly 4000 people. Simultaneously, Allan Heacock

and his building team undertook the funding and building of the initial stage of what will be the first Seventh-day Adventist Church building in Barreo Obrero, a short distance from downtown Iloilo City. Brother Andrew Alivio and his team served 400 homeless and needy children lunch and an afternoon of games. Dr. Jim Martins and his dental team saw over 650 patients in 7 days including 61 patients at the Iloilo District Jail. The optometry clinic distributed 1000 pairs of reading glasses—388 of which were made available to inmates at the Iloilo District Jail. Pastor Ishmael Ali conducted an evangelistic series on the rooftop of the Iloilo District Jail. A few years ago prison administration granted permission to the West Visayan Conference to build a Seventh-day Adventist Church on the roof of the jail. Today that church operates regularly, run by the inmates—ministering to



First round of baptismal candidates as a result of the Iloilo City wide evangelistic series—to date 102 candidates have been baptized including 15 inmates at the Iloilo District Jail.





Dental clinic in Iloilo City-The Medical clinic saw 1016 people; the dental clinic saw 591 and the Optometry clinic saw 781 people.



Pr. Bill Santos, Pr. Ishmael Ali and Pr. Richard Means at the Iloilo City Central Seventh-day Adventist Church with one of their helpers!



Pr. Ishmael Ali and Pr. Richard Means at the Iloilo District Jail - Pr. Ali conducted an evangelistic series on the rooftop of the jail.

the 1800 male and 110 female inmates. On the last Sunday in Iloilo, Pastors and Elders came together to baptize 15 new members of the Iloilo District Jail Seventh-day Adventist Church—7 more candidates made a decision for baptism at that ceremony. Pastor Bill Santos led out in the district wide evangelistic series at the Iloilo Central Church—to

date 76 people have been baptized. Singer Pam Lister provided the nightly music at the meetings. Mission NOW Canada would like to thank all of the volunteers that joined us on this most exciting trip, those that donated and to the leadership of the West Visayan Conference for their coordination locally. Should you be interested in learning more about

Mission NOW Canada and/or joining us on our next trip to Paraguay, August 24 to September 3, 2017 visit the website at [www.MissionNOWCanada.com](http://www.MissionNOWCanada.com) for more details and contact information. A special thank you to It Is Written Canada that allowed Mission NOW Canada the use of the mobile dental equipment and portable X-ray unit. —Submitted by Bill Santos



Attendees of the Edmonton Filipino Women's Day of Prayer.

## Edmonton Filipino Church Celebrates International Women's Day of Prayer

On March 4, the Edmonton Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church held an International Women's Day of Prayer. Guest speaker for the event was Sandra Deer, Alberta Conference Women's Ministry Director. For the church service, she spoke on Passionate Prayer and Fearless Faith. It was an inspiring message that strengthened our spiritual life and taught us how to have a closer walk with God. In the afternoon session, Deer presented a special seminar on ministering from a full cup. She shared how to cultivate our relationship with Jesus, the most important relationship in our lives. In addition to this, she shared creative ideas for spiritual growth and Women's Ministry Ideas. —Submitted by Cristina Brillon



Sandra Deer speaking at the Edmonton Filipino Church Women's Day of Prayer service.

# News From Edmonton Mill Woods All-Nations

## Bible Seminar

Pastor Dario St Louis presented The Prophecies and The Bible seminar from April 21 to May 20 at the Edmonton Mill Woods All-Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church. The meetings were conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, as well as 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays. On May 13, ten individuals gave their hearts to the Lord and were baptized. We thank God for His blessing of a rich harvest. We are grateful to all the volunteers who came out night after night, and helped to make this series happen. We also thank the prayer committee members who spent time in prayer for the moving of the Holy Spirit, while the seminar was in session. —Submitted by Tony Gregory



The Chosen Adventurers and their counselors sing a special song during the Induction ceremony.



New pathfinders into the Edmonton Millwoods Conquerors Pathfinders club.

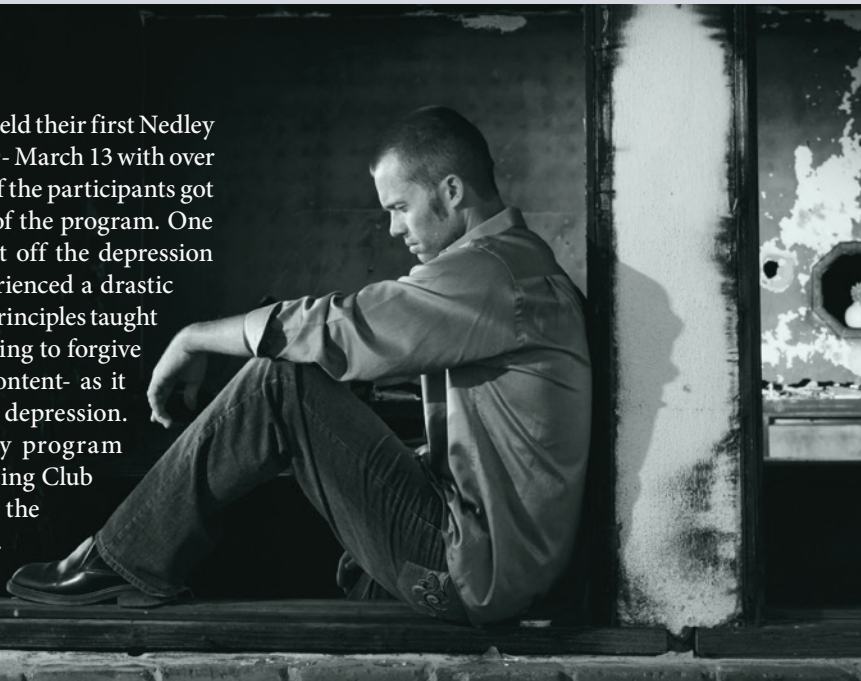
## Adventurer and Pathfinder Induction

On April 22, the Edmonton Millwoods church held an Adventurer and Pathfinder Induction program with Michael Pappoe, Master Guide Executive Coordinator for the Alberta Conference.

## Depression and Anxiety Program

Millwoods All-Nations Adventist Church held their first Nedley Depression and Anxiety Program January 9- March 13 with over 24 attendants. During the banquet, many of the participants got up to share their progress and testimony of the program. One individual shared that she was able to get off the depression medication she had been taking and experienced a drastic improvement as a result of applying all the principles taught during the program. She shared how learning to forgive was vital, and appreciated the spiritual content- as it was necessary for her to fully heal from depression. Many from the depression and anxiety program regularly attend and enjoy the Healthy Eating Club held monthly and are looking forward to the upcoming Health Expo in the fall of 2017.

—Submitted by Marieann Hussell



# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Women's Ministries Leadership Certification Program is especially designed for the women of our church to develop skills that will enable them to serve in positions of leadership. Don't miss it at Camp Meeting 2017.

July 17-21, 2017 | Monday - Friday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION LEVEL 1:

### MONDAY

Women's Ministries

### TUESDAY

Women in Bible Times

### WEDNESDAY

Effective Public Speaking

### THURSDAY

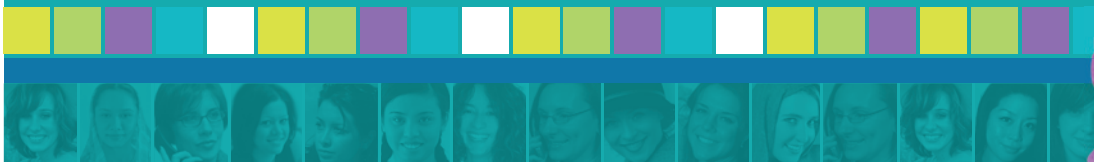
Communication and Conflict Management

### FRIDAY

Women's Needs Assessment in the Local Church

E. G. White reminds us that "There is a higher purpose for woman, a grander destiny. She should develop and cultivate her powers, for God can employ them in the great work of saving souls from eternal ruin." *Evangelism p. 465*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER JOAN ROGERS.** Joan Rogers presently serves as the Director of Family and Women Ministries, for the Ontario Conference and as liaison for women of the Seventh-day Adventist Churches of Canada. Joan Rogers has championed the causes of women and families for over 30 years. Her sense of thankfulness fuels her passion for family development and women's well-being and their importance are evident in every aspect of Joan's ministry.



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Members of newly organized Edmonton Ghanaian Company.

## Edmonton Ghanaian Group Becomes a Company

On March 11, two Edmonton Ghanaian Fellowship Groups were organized into a company.

It was not only an exciting day for all the members, it was a colorful day as many of the ladies dressed with beautiful African attire.

Gary Hodder, Conference President, gave the morning message; Wayne Williams, Conference Secretary / VP for Administration led out in the organization ceremony; George Ali, Conference Ministerial Director had the consecration prayer; Keith Richter, Conference Treasurer

shared about the conference's financial support to the company and Don Corkum, Conference Church Planting Coordinator gave a message of congratulations.

We pray this new company will realize the projected vision through the enabling power of Christ. —Submitted by Don Corkum

## Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant News

The Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant just completed their 5th depression, anxiety, recovery and life management program in April. A total of 27 people registered for the program and 20 attended the graduation dinner at the end. The group also management a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show, handing out 300 tote bags that contained the Seventh-day Adventist Church logo and website address. Darrell Beaudoin, pastor of the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant, commented about the trade show saying, "It was exciting to see hundreds of

people walking around the trade show displaying the church's logo." On May 1, the church started their 4th Revelation of Hope seminar with 25 people in attendance. Beaudoin stated that 13 of those individuals also attended the depression, anxiety, recovery and life management program in April. The Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant is growing with an average weekly attendance of 40. Please keep this group and leaders in your prayers as they continue to share the love of God to their community.—Submitted by Darrell Beaudoin



The Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant depression, anxiety, recovery and life management program held in April.



Booth at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show.



Bags that the Fort Saskatchewan Church Plant handed out at the Chamber of Commerce Trade Show.

Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church Board Chair, Johan Kritzinger (right) with Senior Pastor, Olaf Clausen and Keith Richter, Alberta Conference Chief Financial Officer, share their send-off gift to the new company, affectionately reminding the leaders that their "Mother Church" is always there to offer support.



Epic Church at worship.



Signing members of Epic Church smile with Conference sponsors

# Epic Church Becomes a Company

On April 15, 2017, Epic Church became established as a 40+ member Company, making them the second official congregation in Red Deer. With a mission to empower young adult leadership and the support of the Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church, Epic Church began as a visioning prayer group in the spring of 2015. Just over a dozen core members were involved in those early planning sessions, sharing ideas for outreach and community connection. The small group created the project's mission in conjunction with the choice of name because "epic" means "grand story," and there is no story worthier of attention than that of God's redemption and love for His people. Epic Church designated their mission to be a radically inclusive community in Red Deer and a place where people might come to discover where their story meets God's story.

Launching as a fellowship group in February of 2016, the leadership team was intentional about mentoring young people into roles of service. First-time praise leaders and preachers took turns working with the Red Deer pastors to develop their messages and approaches. Epic volunteers became recognized by

the City of Red Deer for providing labour to support initiatives like the community clean-up "Green Deer," the Woody's RV World Marathon, and the Red Deer Council's Fire-Safety week. In establishing these community partnerships, Adventists in Red Deer have been extremely effective in building relationships that lead to conversations about God.

Now, going into a second year of focused, outreach-based relational ministry, the aim is to present the Great Controversy, making it relevant to those seeking spiritual community. Within the ministry of Epic Church, we see that God is working to engage young people's curiosity and eagerness to serve, allowing this new congregation to provide a space where people can have an authentic experience with the God of the Bible. Adventists have a long history of contextualizing the gospel message, calling it "present truth." Epic Church is committed to communicating this message in a way that is both faithful to the Scriptures and accessible to this generation. Please pray for Red Deer's expanding ministries. —Submitted by *Katelyn Ruiz*

# Pushy People

**Y**ou ever feel like in life sometimes people can be just too pushy. The world...just too pushy. People in church just too pushy. People always pushing you or something on you? There is a tendency to push people to believe in what we want them to believe in. And a result we end up pushing people further away from us.

But the opposite of pushing is pulling. Jesus had this amazing way of not pushing people away from Him but doing just the opposite. Jesus had this magnetic presence that allowed him to pull people toward Him. He had this way about Him that pulled people in. There is something to be said about the way that Jesus pulled people toward Him. He pulled 12 men from all different walks of life out of the world and they followed Him. They became His faithful disciples. Not only did they come closer to Him but they lived

their lives just like He did.

They trusted him and wanted to be more like Him. What was it that made the disciples want to draw close to Jesus and act like Him? Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." It was the light inside Him.

Jesus drew people closer to Him by showing them love, kindness and performing good deeds. Perhaps if we lived more like Jesus and loved more like Jesus, people would be drawn close to us? Maybe if we had the same kind of love that Jesus had for people, people would be pulled closer towards us.

Jesus said in John 12:32 "If I be lifted up, I

"When we lift Jesus up in our lives by living like Him, people will be drawn closer to Him."

will draw all men to me." When we lift Jesus up in our lives by living like Him, people will be drawn closer to Him.

After all, we should be pulling people towards Jesus rather than being just too pushy. —Submitted by Lyle Notice, Alberta Conference Youth Director



## MANS CREE CAMP AT CAMP MEETING 2017

Explore First Nations culture and Mamawi Atosketan Native School! THE BRIDGE Teepee will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and during the weekends as posted.

### COME:

- See the progress made on the high school and industrial arts buildings at MANS
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- Enter the draw for the great prizes
- Watch for other special features

### ENJOY THE WEEK AT THE TEEPEE VILLAGE:

**SUNDAY:** International Food Fair - Tasty Bannock Buttons served with butter and jam or Bannock Pops with veggie filling—yum!

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**MONDAY:** Learn how to make 'Fry Bread' and enjoy a sample

**TUESDAY:** Sport a MANS logo

**WEDNESDAY:** Game time

**THURSDAY:** Make a note in style

**FRIDAY:** The winners' names will be pulled from all the entries for the great prizes displayed in THE BRIDGE Teepee—you may be a lucky winner!



## BAPTISMS

### Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Baptisms



L to R: Thomas Hanks, Terry Inman and Lisper Picoto were baptized on April 29 by Pastor Enock Okwaro at the Edmonton Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Parkdale Seventh-day Adventist Church Missing Members:

1. Aquillo, Evella (Ella)
2. Aquillo, Patricia (Kim)
3. Blagdon, Twyla
4. Booth, Peter
5. Clarin, Wilfredo
6. Cruz, Armand
7. Eirch, Ken
8. Erich, Nancy
9. Fronda, Emma Leah
10. Garcia, Salvador
11. Graham, Elizabeth
12. Hammond, William Anthony
13. Ho, CK
14. Kitchen, Joan
15. Lustina, Valentin
16. Marin Garcia, Angelica Victoria
17. Moyo, Ruby T.
18. Nyuon, Nyanuer
19. Swietzer, Kim Lee
20. Thu, Lim, Tri
21. Yim, Thol

If you have contact information for any of these individuals, please email Tiffany Tulliong at [tiffany\\_at17@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffany_at17@yahoo.com) or phone (403) 284-3131.

### One-day Workshop on CREATION Health Lifestyle Ministry

CREATION Health is a faith-based, award-winning wellness plan developed by Florida Hospital. By consistently practicing the eight principles of CREATION Health—Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition—we fulfill God's original plan for our lives. On Tuesday, June 20, at College Heights Church there will be a one-day workshop on CREATION Health, with an emphasis on using the plan for lifestyle evangelism. Guest presenter for the day will be Dr. Kerrie Kimbrow from Southwestern Adventist University. A small charge of \$15 includes lunch and hand-outs. For more information and to register, please contact Keith Clouten by phone at (403) 782-7796 or email [keith.clouten@gmail.com](mailto:keith.clouten@gmail.com). Sponsored by SAGEALBERTA. Everyone welcome.

### Northeast Regional Camp Meeting, Beauvallon

Northeast Regional Camp Meeting will be held at the Beauvallon Seventh-day Adventist Church, June 16-18. Guest speaker is Pastor Monte Church, Director of Native Ministries for the Northwest Pacific Union and Ministerial Department. He will be preaching on the theme "How God Saves You." Non-serviced camping available at the Beauvallon church. Program begins Friday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. A special program will be provided for children. For more information, please contact Toby Wong by email at [twong@albertaadventist.ca](mailto:twong@albertaadventist.ca) or by phone at (780) 819-1356.

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