The Chitans go to Washington

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Campmeeting Time

Campmeeting. It’s something that brings Adventists together over long distances to renew faith and friendships. All across Canada, young families, the middle-aged and retirees will soon make their way to these special events.

The roots of campmeeting go deep into the culture of our church. The young adult founders of Adventism needed to connect with others of their faith. Distances were great. Adventists were few. They traveled from farms and villages by horse and buggy or by train. It was a sacrifice, but those young families thought it was worth it.

Conference leaders begin arranging speakers and seminars months or years in advance. Youth and children’s leaders develop programs to make faith real to a very energetic section of our church family. Closer to the beginning of campmeeting, camp staff and conference workers arrive for the final preparation of the grounds and buildings so that everything will be ready when guests begin to arrive.

Campmeetings make memories. I’ve stayed in tents, trailers, lodge rooms and a large dormitory-type room with a dozen other fellows. I’ve watched tents blow down, searched for missing adults and children, watched the fog burn off in the morning, picked blackberries, and more. My finest memories, though, are of meeting God’s people, praying together, listening as God speaks through human mouths, making lasting friends.

Whether you attend for a day or for a week, I’d encourage you to follow in the steps of those young adults long ago. They envisioned something bigger than what they had. Big vision requires even bigger faith, and that’s what campmeeting is about. From Woody Acres in Newfoundland and Labrador all the way out to Hope in British Columbia, the experience awaits.

As you look through these pages at this year’s campmeeting plans, put yourself in the picture. It’s a time for prayer, praise and planning for God to use you in a special way.

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Speaking of...

Helga on her ADRA Connections Trip with Purpose Experience

Recently I spoke with Helga about her experience on the ADRA Connections Asia trip, which took her to Thailand and Cambodia in February.

**ADRA:** How did you find the experience of travelling with ADRA different from your other vacations?

**HELGA:** This is travelling with purpose. I found I was tired of the typical all-inclusive resort trips. When I found ADRA Connections and saw I could experience sightseeing but also participate in something more significant, I was very pleased.

**ADRA:** How would you describe your experience?

**HELGA:** Absolutely thought provoking! I came away with trying to understand, for example, how someone like Pol Pot could be educated in Paris, have a university degree and return to his country to eventually take power and enact genocide on his own people? How a human can do this is a mind boggling! The damage he did is embedded in the people’s minds for those who survived. I wonder how people move on after such atrocities. This all happened in my lifetime and I was ignorant of the fact till I came on this trip. I am so grateful to see how ADRA is helping the Cambodian people try to stop human trafficking.

**ADRA:** Have any of your thoughts or preconceived notions about development and the work of ADRA Canada been affected by your Connections trip?

**HELGA:** In essence, the trips confirmed my understanding of ADRA’s relief and development work. It is very interesting to see the complexity of the mechanisms by which different programs reach their development goals.

**ADRA:** How would you describe development work to someone who has never given it a thought? What new things did you learn on your ADRA Connections trip?

**HELGA:** When you go to a country where devastating circumstances have occurred, it is necessary to bring the people together to assist and participate in their own recovery. ADRA provides the leadership to develop this participation so that these groups become self-regulating.

**ADRA:** What was one of your favorite experiences on the trip?

**HELGA:** I have to admit it wasn’t one of the ADRA program days. The Woody Elephant Training Facility was my favourite experience! [laugh] I would never have imagined I would have an experience such as my adventure with the elephants. It was never on my ‘bucket list’ to do anything of this nature, but I am so glad that ADRA presented this opportunity as part of the trip because I formed such a strong bond with these huge, magnificent creatures! Playing in the water and having the opportunity to partner with my elephant to spray the other participants with our “fire hose” was really the highlight for me.

**ADRA:** What is the most important thing you would share with someone considering participating in an ADRA Connections trip?

**HELGA:** The main purpose is to see how ADRA functions, but most of all, it is a blessing to experience the gratitude and joy of the beneficiaries. At the Emergency Kit distribution, I was particularly pleased when one of the beneficiaries made an effort to seek out each [Connections] participant and thank the ADRA staff for helping his family and community. I just happened to be the beneficiary of his gratitude even though I know that there are so many more people to thank behind the scenes. So I must thank all who contributed to ADRA as I got your thank you. As a church member, I am also proud to know we have ADRA Canada to address the issues of poverty and help to alleviate some of the suffering in our world.

The ADRA Connections program was officially launched in 2011 with an inaugural trip to Peru. Since its launch, 78 Canadians have participated in Connections trips to Dominica, St. Lucia, Puerto Rico, Cambodia, Thailand, Mongolia and Peru. Trip opportunities still exist in 2012, with a trip to Kenya in the fall and another planned for Jamaica in December. To experience a Trip with Purpose, please visit www.adra.ca/connections or call ADRA Canada at 888-274-2372.

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Adventist judge seeks healing, justice

by Barry W. Bussey

Speaking to a group of Seventh-day Adventist lawyers is not the usual assignment for Judge Daniel Nserekos, currently serving in the Appeals Chamber on the United Nations Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Yet Nserekos’s message struck a chord with the international advocates meeting in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic: “Lawyers are healers,” he said. His presentation was met with a standing ovation.

Nserekos’s speech was part biographical, philosophical and legal. His father was an active lay preacher in the Anglican Church and became a Seventh-day Adventist. Nserekos gravitated toward his mother’s faith in his early years, but at 18 years of age, he joined his father’s church. Living in a family with different religious views helped him to appreciate religious difference and be tolerant of others.

He enjoyed school and thought of various career possibilities—medicine, aviation and even the military. Though his father encouraged him to pursue an education career, Nserekos was drawn to the study of law.

Nserekos’s fascination with the historical struggle for the freedom of the oppressed—the rise of the peasants in the French Revolution, and Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation—gave him a calling to advocate for justice. Men such as Mahatma Ghandi and Ugandan Roman Catholic Archbishop Janani Luwum, who were each assassinated for their dedication to the cause of the unjustly treated, convinced him law was the profession to engage the perpetrators of injustice.

Nserekos experienced the skepticism of fellow churchgoers for his choice to pursue law: “No one ever questions whether a doctor is a Christian,” he noted, but many question the faith credentials of a lawyer. He was not deterred. His dedication to eradicating injustice has been a lifelong commitment and passion.

“There is no society without law,” Nserekos shared with the attentive audience. “Without law everyone does as they wish and the law of the jungle prevails.” As law is important for society, so lawyers are important for the law.

He found inspiration in Psalm 106:3, “Blessed are those who keep justice” (NKJV). He reminded the audience that the community needs Christian lawyers to be good ambassadors, leaders who are lights in the world of injustice. They are to make a difference as Joseph did in Egypt, as Daniel in Babylon. He also noted the words of Ellen G. White, who wrote: “As disciples of Christ, you are not debarred from engaging in temporal pursuits; but you should carry your religion with you. Whatever the business you may qualify yourself to engage in, never entertain the idea that you cannot make a success of it without sacrificing principle” (Fundamentals of Christian Education, p. 82).

Throughout his career, in private practice in Uganda and as a judge at the International Criminal Court, Nserekos advocated justice while maintaining his own Christian walk. Even today when he enters his office at the court, he takes the first ten minutes for prayer, asking the Lord to give him wisdom for the day’s activity.

“The role of a judge untangling the complex issues and making decisions requires wisdom,” Nserekos maintains. One of his favourite texts is that found in Proverbs 3:5, 6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths” (NKJV).

From his successful representation of Ugandan widows being forced off their own land, to the international justice issues of dealing with the world’s strong men, Judge Nserekos has practiced law as a healer.

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no more drama

I don’t want any more drama, just one true friend. What should I do?

First of all, let’s establish the truth. There is only One True Friend. He sticks closer than a brother and loves more deeply than a mother. He has engraved us on the palms of His hands. I know you are referring to friends here on earth, but we’ll get to that. Jesus had disciples. They were a group of people with vastly different backgrounds and ways of seeing the world. A few were fishermen, hardworking and probably a little rough around the edges. Thomas was a chronic doubter. Matthew was a tax collector, which means nobody would have liked or respected him until he earned it. Simon was a zealot. Today we would say political activist. Some might even label him a terrorist. He was of a mindset that political upheaval and change was the answer to all of life’s problems. Nathaniel was a dreamer. Andrew appears to have been a social butterfly. James and John had terrible tempers. Most of them were extremely racist and prejudiced. They all fought with one another a lot. They all wanted to be the best, to be first, to be Jesus’ “favourite.” Notice I haven’t even mentioned Peter yet. Is there a need? He had an answer for everything and was never shy to make it known either. Can you see yourself in these men? Can you sense the drama? Even their moms got involved when one day the mother of James and John came to try and persuade Jesus to make her boys the “head of the class.” Don’t you just love it when your mom steps into your drama?! Did you ever realize that despite the pictures of old men with beards, these disciples were likely teenagers? Jesus died in AD 31; John was still alive into the 90s. Do the math…

Here is the bottom line. You have a True Friend. His name is Jesus. He will stick by you even when you stab Him in the back, snub Him for other friends, take Him for granted, etc. You are His disciple, and your other friends who are sometimes adding too much drama to your life are His disciples, too. Some of them may not know it yet but they are His kids. He is working with them and in them and He is doing the same for you. Read John 15 and Jesus’ prayer for His disciples in John 17. The drama will continue, but the closer you stay to Jesus, the more strength you’ll have to handle the drama and the more grace you’ll find to deal with the drama that’s in your own soul. God is not done with you or your friends: “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phill 1:6).
**GEODES**

When I was eight years old, my uncle brought me a chunk of amethyst crystal from a mine in the Northwest Territories. I’d never seen anything so beautiful. Each crystal had six sides that rose to a fine point at the top. The crystals were purply-pink and glassy. When I held the crystals up to the sun, light streamed through. To think that I was the owner of such a special treasure—I felt rich!

Geodes can help us understand how crystals are formed. Geodes were once gas bubbles in molten rock. As the rock cooled, mineral crystals formed in the empty bubble space. On the outside, a geode looks like a dull, grey rock, and many people just throw them aside. But to a rock hound, the round, bubble shape tells of hidden treasure inside.

**THINK ABOUT IT.**

Faith is like that, too. We can’t see Jesus or the angels or heaven. But we have faith because of what God has done for us and because we see His power in nature. By faith we believe that wonderful treasures are waiting in heaven for us: eternal life with Jesus, perfect love, peace and happiness.

**Do it!**

How do you know God is trustworthy and you can believe His promises? List the things that God has done that give you faith. Start a rock collection, if you don’t already have one. Use a magnifying glass to examine the mineral crystals. Praise God for making beautiful crystals and giving us reasons to have faith.
Big Changes
in the lives of students at Canada’s Adventist University

“My studies at CUC opened my mind to the possibilities in music. When they brought in the Bachelor of Music degree, I started to think about Organ Performance.”

—Cari Astleford, B.Mus. (Organ), BA (English) 2012, Chetwynd, B.C.
First graduate of CUC’s new Bachelor of Music program
Graduate Student, University of Alberta
Master of Music in Applied Music (Organ)

The big question for most college freshmen is, “What should I major in?” Cari thought she’d be a librarian, so she declared herself an English major. She decided to add a second major, music, mostly because she couldn’t imagine not taking piano lessons, which she had started at age four.

Now the tables have turned—twice. After experiencing the college church’s Casavant tracker pipe organ, which she started playing while in grade 11 at Parkview Adventist Academy, Cari realized that there was nothing she enjoyed more than being immersed in the power and purity of sound provided by the organ. For awhile, she tried to keep up piano, too, but it was impossible to put in the time required on both instruments (15 to 19 hours per week each) plus her other classes and work hours. Cari knew she’d have to choose.

“The music faculty was very supportive,” recalls Cari, of her decision to switch instruments, and her English professors, she notes, have always encouraged her double major. “Even in my English classes, my teachers will incorporate music for me—like in Victorian Literature; Mrs. Glatt is including Gilbert and Sullivan.” Cari still sees her English degree as a good match for her professional aspirations as she pursues a PhD, with a view to becoming an organ professor and performer.

“Music is my life!” says Cari, before slipping off to practice the pieces she’ll play at her own graduation ceremony—perhaps only the fifth time her parents will have heard her play the organ. “Playing the lowest notes in performance registration is like a treat,” CUC’s first organ major gleefully explains, “because you’re enveloped in the sound!”

Scholarships help students stay at CUC. A total of 74 students received CUC scholarships and awards at the March 12 Awards Night. Some—like Cari Astleford, a past recipient, and Alison Bottomley—are going on to graduate and professional schools. Nearly $150,000 was distributed.
The Big Commencement: 20 Years of University Degree Status

Historic agreement yields first grads from two-year “after degree” teacher certification program

At the April 2012 graduation ceremony, CUC granted its first two-year B.Ed. degrees. The event marks the 20th anniversary of CUC degrees being recognized by the province as on par with those granted by its public universities.

The degree allows individuals who’ve already earned a bachelor’s degree to add a B.Ed. degree in either elementary or secondary education but in half the time previously required. The document that paved the way for the program, signed by SDACC president, Mark Johnson, and Alberta Minister of Advanced Education, David Hancock, was delivered as a framed gift from the province to CUC in March.

CUC is the only private university to have an Alberta government-approved four-year B.Ed. degree program. It is also the only private university authorized to offer both an Alberta-approved four-year B.Ed. and a two-year B.Ed. After Degree. Public universities authorized to offer the streamlined program are seeing up to eight applicants for each available spot.

CUC Grads Head for Top Graduate and Professional Schools at Above-National Rates

According to a survey conducted by Hanover Research of Washington, D.C., for the Government of Alberta, CUC grads aim high and hit the mark more often than most.

While not all graduates of CUC’s 40 different degree options responded to the survey, 71 percent of respondents indicated that they’d applied to graduate or professional school (e.g., medicine, dental hygiene, law, etc.) after completing their program at CUC, and 95 percent of those received acceptances. Nationally, approximately 20 percent of graduates are considered competitive for grad schools, and only 20 percent of those applicants are accepted.

For the past two years, 100 percent of CUC’s B.Sc. applicants to professional schools (e.g., medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy) were accepted into their chosen programs. While some of this year’s applicants are still awaiting word, graduates of the BA programs, including Alison Bottomley, are also celebrating graduate school admissions.

“With encouragement from Dr. Froese, I applied to three competitive programs in international affairs, although I felt certain I would not get accepted this year,” says Alison Bottomley, the first graduate, along with Michel Kirby, of CUC’s International Studies program (English minor). “To my surprise I was accepted, with significant funding, to all three schools—Political Science at the University of Alberta, International Affairs at Carleton, and Global Governance at the Balsillie School [at the University of Waterloo].

“I cannot stress enough the support students receive at CUC,” says Alison. “It’s due to the attention and guidance from professors at CUC that I can compete successfully for graduate funding with students from some of the largest political science and international affairs programs across Canada.”
Have you thought about how a first-time visitor sees your church? It is easy for church members and staff to be so overwhelmed with last-minute things on Sabbath morning that visitors are often neglected. Here are some suggestions on how to welcome newcomers to our worship communities.

**What to Expect When You Are Expecting**

*Getting Prepared for the Seeker*

**RESERVE THE BEST PARKING SPOTS FOR “FIRST-TIME VISITORS.”**

By posting signs at your premium spots, you are making a statement to your visitors and your church members that new people matter. If you are a pastor, please reconsider moving your “pastor’s parking” to the farthest spot in the lot. When you get to church early and park in the last spot, it signifies to your members that you, too, are willing to put others first, which supports the mission of the church.

**DON’T EMBARRASS YOUR VISITORS.**

Most seekers want to check out the church on their own terms. They want to slip in and slip out without being noticed. The last thing they want to do is stand up to be recognized or have the congregation sing them a welcome song. Lydia K. Hawes wrote a post called, “An Open Letter to Churches Seeking New Members,” where she says: “We want to be anonymous because we’re not sure we want to see you again; and, frankly, we’re still seeing other churches. It’s not you; it’s us. We just don’t know you very well yet.”

**MAKE SURE YOUR WEBSITE INCLUDES WHAT TO EXPECT.**

Every church is different. Be certain that your church website has a feature called “What to Expect.” On this page you can write a narrative on how the worship service is typically outlined. Be sure to include the times of the service, and the dress code. The more detailed and descriptive you are, the more you will help seekers feel prepared for their impending visit.

**INCLUDE DETAILED SIGNAGE AROUND THE CHURCH.**

When was the last time you updated your church signs? Would a visitor know where to find the prayer box, Sabbath School rooms, coat rack, or restroom? Do your children’s Sabbath School room signs explain the age range for each class? For example, consider including on the sign, “Primary: 2–3 grade.” Many seekers will not understand the in-house Adventist language that we have become accustomed to.

**INVITE THEM TO RETURN.**

While seekers don’t want you to hold a parade for their attendance, they do want to be acknowledged—in subtle ways. Ask your greeters and elders to be on the lookout for visitors. Welcome your visitors from the pulpit and invite them to come back again. Train your greeters and elders to be on the lookout for visitors as they leave the church. Thank them for coming and say, “I hope to see you next week.”

**GIVE THEM A GIFT.**

Everybody loves a free gift. The key is to get people to move from visitors to regular attenders to members. While every person will take these steps at different times, you can build incentives to help people make the leap. At New Hope we offer something called “7 Minutes or Less,” a brief meeting after the service where visitors receive a free gift bag while they hear about the mission of our church. During the course of a year, over 600 people come through this short orientation. In just a little over five minutes, we are able to collect valuable data about our visitors, such as their past church experience and how they felt about the service, while also gathering personal contact information so we can follow up with invitations to Bible studies, small group or prayer meetings. This is an invaluable ministry that helps us connect with the seeker.

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2 Take a look at my church site for some examples at [www.lookingforachurch.org](http://www.lookingforachurch.org)

3 Watch a short video about “7 Minutes or Less” at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9oksluU8400](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9oksluU8400)
What Adventist Education is All About!

In dialogue with the principals of Adventist schools in Alberta, we have discovered some exciting stories that reflect the true meaning of Adventist education! Stories of how students and their families become part of the great Adventist education family need to be shared. Following is one such story:

In a small, rural Seventh-day Adventist school in Central Alberta that only a few students attend, a miracle happened this past fall. A couple of returning students, two boys, were not so sure they wanted to go back and were seriously looking at alternatives to their education this school year. However, when school finally started, the boys invited their friend from the neighborhood to attend school with them since his school was not going to start for another week. The friend took them up on the offer and began to attend the little, two-teacher, country school for the week, just for something to do.

Each day the friend would go home all excited about school, and his parents began to wonder if this was their child! Never before had they seen him so excited about school! They started asking the two boys and their parents some questions. What kind of school was this and how come they had never heard of it before? It was explained that this was an Adventist School and the cost would be whatever they could afford. You see, this particular school is a tuition-free school and is a major ministry of the local church. The parents were favourably impressed, that their son all of a sudden had an interest in school and learning.

So they enrolled! The boy was so excited that the school went on a field trip the first month of school. He liked the fact that he was doing well in his schoolwork. He was earning better grades than he ever had before. Every morning when his ride came to pick him up, he would be sitting outside on the steps eager to go to school, whereas before, his parents had to drag him out of bed in the morning. He did not like the teachers at his old school, but now he has grown to love his teacher at his new school. He is participating in the school hand bell choir, and his friends have joined him to offer moral support. He is participating in school events even if they take place at the local church. Even though the school year is almost over, he is still excited about school, so much so that his older sister is seriously thinking about attending the Adventist school next year. This story is still unfolding. The next chapter is being written as the school year marches on, and its conclusion may never fully be known on this earth. Just think, if each current student and his or her family would reach out to their neighbours, our schools could be full of students who are candidates for the kingdom of God. Isn’t that what Adventist education is all about—sharing the good news about our schools and the gospel to our neighbours?

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Where Are They Now

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\textit{Messenger} catches up with former leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. This month we talk with Orville Parchment.

Orville Parchment has a long history in Canada. He completed his first two years of college at Kingsway College before returning to Jamaica to complete his Bachelor of Theology at West Indies College. He received a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University.

Parchment’s service in Canada began when he pastored in Ontario from 1973 to 1984. In 1984 he was invited to become the secretary of the Ontario Conference, and in 1985 he was elected president of the conference. Parchment served in this position until 1989, when he was asked to be the secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC). He was then voted as the president of the SDACC in January 1994 and served in that position until 2002.

When Parchment was voted president of the Ontario Conference in 1985, he became the first black man to serve as a conference president in the Adventist Church in Canada. Despite the potential for tension and prejudice inherent in his new position, Parchment never felt that he was being discriminated against. “As I traveled across Canada, the members did not treat me as a black person. They just treated me as a person,” reflects Parchment. “We were all one in Christ. That made all the difference in the world.”

During his time in Canada, Parchment is remembered most for being a peacemaker and a warm and friendly man. “What I remember about him is his great sense of humour and his contagious laugh,” recalls Marilyn Pazieka, director of Seventh-day Adventist Church Retirement Plans for Canadian Employees. “He is a genuine Christian gentleman.”

Of his time in Canada, Parchment says this: “I consider it to be a privilege and an honour to have been asked to serve in Canada. As I look back, I can see instances where I should have done things differently, but I look at those instances as learning opportunities. One of the many aspects of my ministry that I value was interacting with such a dedicated, faithful and diverse membership. This added to the richness of Canada. I will always cherish my ministry in one of the greatest and best countries of the world to live in and work.”

In 2002, Parchment left Canada to accept the position of president of the Arizona Conference. In August 2003, he was invited by then General Conference president, Jan Paulsen, to become his assistant and has been serving in that position ever since. When he was elected in 2010, President Ted Wilson asked Parchment to continue as assistant to the General Conference president. Parchment and his wife, Norma Jean, reside in Laurel, Md.
As Gladys Curtis sat in the waiting room at her doctor’s office, she wasn’t as concerned about her physical health as she was about her doctor’s spiritual health. So she took a *Steps to Christ* from her purse and had it ready to give to him when she saw him in the examination room.

“You know, when he accepted it, I thought he was going to give it back, but this is what he said to me: ‘I’m so glad you gave me this book. I don’t think there is anyone in this medical building who needs this more than I do,’ ” says Curtis.

This nonagenarian is living proof that even if you have obstacles to overcome, you can minister to others and share Jesus’ love. After all, Curtis is in her early 90s and has trouble seeing, hearing and speaking but has a vibrant prayer ministry and close walk with Jesus that is evident to all who know her. It is her greatest joy to share Christian books and to pray with her caregivers, medical personnel and other residents in her care facility in Armstrong, B.C.

Where does Curtis get her strong faith and commitment to sharing Jesus? She has an “upper room,” just as the disciples did when they experienced the blessing of a closer walk with God. Curtis’ “upper room” is an antique desk in a corner of her room where she can go when she needs quiet time with Him.

“Whoever comes in the room can see that’s where I have a special experience with God. It’s just beautiful,” says Curtis. “People should just have an ‘upper room,’ a special corner where they talk to God as friend to friend. My upper room is a most beautiful, beautiful experience.”

And God has blessed her with a lifetime of beautiful experiences, giving her talents she could use for him. In her youth, she was a vocalist and enjoyed singing for Him, but after surgery prevented her from singing again, she asked God for the ability to write as a way to provide therapy after an illness.

“It turned out to be the greatest present, and I spent many hours writing,” Curtis remembers.

In fact, she ended up writing two children’s books called *Jesus Needs Helpers* and *Boys and Girls Wanted,* both in rhyme. She was then asked to write a third book in the series, but she was too ill at the time. But still God blessed her, and she was later able to write a third book, *The Miracle of the Mustard Seed,* which was recently published. The story, based on 2 Kings 5:1-19, is about the little slave girl from Israel who witnesses to her master, the captain of the Syrian army. Because of poor eyesight, Curtis was not able to write the words herself, so she asked her friend Marty Cunningham to help make her dream a reality.

“Marty and I worked together because I can’t see to write,” she explained. “I prayed that I would live long enough to see it published.”

And God answered her prayer, giving her one more way to share His love with those she daily comes in contact with.

“I am so glad in the eventide of life, that even though I am here in this place, I am able to have a prayer ministry that I couldn’t have anywhere else,” says Curtis. “When blessed by God, the smallest seeds we sow are multiplied.”

There’s a mustard seed called kindness and its language is quite clear.
It’s a speech the blind can see and those who are deaf can hear.
Seeds sown by the captive maid cultivated by God’s care, this blessing can be multiplied when seeds are sown with prayer.

Excerpt from *The Miracle of the Mustard Seed.*

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To order Curtis’ books, which are published under her maiden name Gladys Henry in honour of her father, go to www.authorhouse.com and www.amazon.ca. All royalties from the book will be donated to worthy students for Christian education and evangelism.
Ambassadors to the Whi
The Chitans go to Washington
The Chitan children are dressed in their church best, all colour-coordinated and neat, ready for their cover photo. Kayandra, aged 12, and Kaiziah, aged 14, two oldest girls, are more vocal than their more timid younger brothers, Jayden, aged 8, and Jesse, aged 11—sporting long ponytails they plan to donate to Locks of Love—but all of them are pretty soft-spoken. Then there is little Karlainah, aged 5, who sometimes joins in on their practice sessions but is still too shy to join them onstage. When answering questions, they often look to their parents for cues. Hard to believe that these young Adventists have sung everywhere from a correctional facility in Edmonton, Alta., to the back of a truck mounted with loudspeakers rolling through the midnight streets of Brooklyn, N.Y., and most recently, on the lawn of the White House.

Their parents, Layne and Karen Chitan, tell me that they hardly ever turn down an opportunity to sing. That’s saying something since people are constantly asking for the children to sing for them, and not just Adventists either. Their singing engagements include the 2012 International Women Achievers’ Awards (IWAA) in Brampton, Ont., 11th Annual Martin King Celebration in Toronto, and the 29th Annual Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA) Harry Jerome Awards, a national event that recognizes excellence in African Canadian achievement. Aside from their singing engagements, every year they volunteer with various churches in downtown Toronto, singing and feeding the homeless, and doing whatever else they can to help.

“They are kept busy,” says mom Karen. The children are homeschooled, and that gives them the time and flexibility to devote themselves full-time to singing together. “They enjoy what they do; that’s the most important thing. Sometimes if we go to the mall and someone requests that they sing, they’ll sing. If it’s one person … wherever.” The kids are constantly singing, at doctors’ offices, dentists’ offices, seniors’ homes, nursing homes, wherever they find themselves. Even when they are home and relaxing, the singing never stops. “When you call them, they sing to answer you,” Karen laughs.

When they are performing, you’ll rarely see the Chitan children use sheet music, though they do practice with it and are all able to play the piano and read music. So how do they memorize their songs and how rigorous is their practice at home? “When we started … we used to have a certain time to practice” admits Kaiziah, but, she says, soon they found they only needed to practice in the car on the way to a performance. “We didn’t have to have a certain time to practice because we were always singing our songs,” she says.

In fact, Mom and Dad don’t tell them much about where they are singing or how many people will be in the crowd. “One, there is no anxious build-up, and two, when they get there and there are five people there, that’s who you came to sing to” says Layne, outlining the reasoning behind this philosophy. Sometimes they don’t even know what they will be singing until their track starts to play over the sound system.

The Chitan children have sung at churches, campmeetings, benefit concerts and other events throughout Canada, the United States and the Caribbean, and they’ve made many connections along the way. One of those connections, Reverend Terry Lee, led them to the White House. Rev. Lee is the founder of the Annual White House Prayer initiative, which has been running for 14 years.

The Chitans met Rev. Lee while they were visiting Brooklyn, N.Y., in October 2011. They happened to be singing at an evening concert at the Mamre Seventh-day Adventist church in Brooklyn when they were invited to come and sing at the Voices of Praise TV station that Sunday during a segment that recognized Christian artists. After the children had performed on a live broadcast at the studio and garnered numerous bookings from the various pastors who were gathered there, the station asked them to return to the studio on the Monday to sing for their prayer breakfast. Again they agreed and returned the next day. That Monday Rev. Lee was at the television station telling his incredible story.

Terry M. Lee came to New York from his native Jamaica in 1989 and started a unique street ministry that earned him a reputation as the man with the “Church on Wheels.” That refers to the truck he uses to haul around a large speaker set he uses to preach and teach in the streets of New York. The Chitans got to participate in this unique ministry when Rev. Lee invited them to accompany him out into the streets on the back of his
truck, their last night in Brooklyn. Around and around Rev. Lee drove until he found an intersection that had enough people, right near the mouth of a subway station. Over powerful speakers that projected sound for over six blocks, Rev. Lee introduced the Chitans and had them sing six songs before he preached and prayed to the crowd. As they were packing up to go, at about midnight on that cold October night, Rev. Lee asked Layne and Karen if he could take their kids to the White House. “Sure!” they replied, thinking he was joking, but a couple months later he called them and said, “We need to talk about the White House.”

Reverend Terry Lee is the founder of the White House Prayer initiative, an annual event that coincides with the National Day of Prayer, an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May. Since 1998, Rev. Lee has been holding prayer vigils on the lawn of the White House, and it was there that the Chitans found themselves on May 5, 2012. Were they star-struck and nervous? The Chitan children quietly shake their heads. “It was really cool,” says eldest Kaiziah with a smile, “it was exciting… it was also a blessing because a lot of different people prayed [and] there was a lot of different singing.”

Anyone would think that after reaching the heights of Capitol Hill, the Chitan children would be feeling pretty special. But looking at them now, I don’t get the sense that they’ve let it go to their heads. They are the picture of well-behaved children, speaking only when spoken to, pleasant and somewhat reserved, but it’s more than just window dressing with these kids. For them, it makes no difference whether they are singing for dignitaries in Washington or homeless people on the streets of Toronto. They aren’t performing; they are witnessing. “It helps us get other people to learn about Jesus and to help them be safe in God’s kingdom when He comes again,” says Jesse when asked what singing with his siblings means to him. After they sang at the correctional centre in Edmonton, Karen asked Jayden if he enjoyed singing to the prisoners. “Mom, where were the prisoners?” he answered, confused. “To him, they were not prisoners, they were just people,” Karen recounts.

So what’s next for the Chitans? They have several engagements coming up, including an award they will be receiving on July 7 from the City of Brooklyn for their contribution to the life of the city. Another contact they made while in Washington, the deputy director at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Dr. Jannah Scott, was so impressed with the children that she has promised to arrange a meeting between them and the Obama family.

Looking further down the road, the family is constantly looking to expand their ministry. They want to invest in an RV so that they can accept more singing engagements and have a place to stay wherever they go. Mom and Dad know that soon the children will be getting older and going on their own ways—already Kayandra has expressed her ambition to become a lawyer, and her older sister Kaiziah wants to be a teacher and a missionary—but they hope that this early introduction to ministry will keep them rooted in their mission to spread the gospel through their God-given talents. ■

Hermione Wilson is a staff writer at the Messenger.
SENDING SMILES TO CAMP is precisely what National Camps for the Blind Canada’ (NCB) has been doing since 1972. If you have ever been to a Blind Summer Camp in the past 40 years, then you know the smile that we are talking about! Happy campers with jovial expressions on their faces from morning to setting sun—this is a theme that permeates throughout each of the NCB summer camp programs.

Every spring, from Vancouver to the Maritimes, a buzz is in the air for hundreds of blind campers who make preparations to attend NCB camps. As early as March, the telephones start ringing to our offices across Canada with the same types of questions, “Can I come to camp?” and “When will I receive my application?” Imagine a place where, for a full week, blind individuals can play table bowling, bocce ball and checkers; go hiking or walking every day; canoe or swim in a lake, a river or even the ocean; play horseshoes, practice archery, participate in various crafts, go horseback riding, enjoy a boat ride, go tubing or even water skiing; and, of course, visit with friends, friends and more friends! Oh yeah, add daily campfires, lots of singing and great Bible studies, and voilà, this is the atmosphere that engulfs each of our summer camps from the mountains of Camp Hope in British Columbia, the ranchland of Foothills Camp in Alberta, the Muskoka Lakes Cottage Country at Camp Frenza in Ontario to the Shores of the Northumber-and Straight at Camp Pugwash in Nova Scotia!

For the past 35 years, Deborah Bray, a native of Trail, B.C., has been attending Mountain View Blind Camp, located in Hope, B.C. Each year, Deborah takes a 10-hour bus or car ride to the beloved blind camp, where she knows she will receive great blessings to carry her through another year. Finding hope in Hope! Deborah mentioned that she has numerous stories to share, but one of her fondest memories is when Lee Richards featured daily slideshows of the campers’ activities mixed with a dose of “Richards’ humour.” “I like the pictures. That is so good because we are not treated like we are blind!” stated Deborah.

Of course what would Alberta Camp be without the brothers, Donald and Allen Sauer, better known as the Fuzzy Twins. These two “almost” identical twins from Moosejaw, Sask., are among some of the most interesting and comical blind campers at Foothills Camp. Neither one of them remembers how they found out about the camp, but they remember it was in 1980. Donald stated: “Each year, someone comes and picks us up and takes us to camp and back! Camp is our second home.” One ongoing gag is that Allen wants everyone to touch his “muklu.” The thing about Allen’s “muklu” is that it is located under his hat! Yes, you guessed it, the soft, babylke, furry and fine hair on his scalp. Just ask anyone at camp!

Needless to say, Ontario Blind Camp also has spectacular and dedicated blind campers who have been attending the NCB camps for decades. Kenny Rojas and Deborah Parks, longtime friends, have been inseparable for the past three years. These best friends love coming to Camp Frenza and to Winter Blind Camp. Kenny says he enjoys swimming and boating, but his greatest memory occurred at Winter Camp when “Big Dave,” another blind camper, threw him into a huge snow bank. “Winter Camp, I just love it!” stated Kenny. Why do they appreciate going to the NCB camps? The answers: “to get away from reality,” “to mingle with friends” and “for the spiritual guidance since it is a place to hang out with other Christians.”

Last, but not least, meet Mary Campbell from Cape Breton, N.S., who has faithfully attended the Pugwash Blind Camp since 1992. Mary enjoys everything about camp—the friendships, the crafts, the activities, the singing, and especially the talent show. She mentioned that “everyone is included whether they are natural singers or not. Each participant is treated equally.” And lots of laughter is heard throughout the evening! With her astonishing musical talent, Mary can bring anyone to tears when she starts playing the keyboard and singing famous, regional folk songs such as “Working Man.” Just ask Pastor Dan Wilson, who longs to hear his friend Mary sing this song. Mary Campbell puts all American and Canadian Idols to shame!

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Daniel and Michelle Richards are PR/Marketing and Associate Director for the National camps for the Blind.

Left: The Fuzzy Twins, Donald and Allen Sauer, hanging out during the evening activities at Foothills Camp.

Above: Mary Campbell Singing during Talent Show Night at Camp Pugwash.

Left: Kenny and Deborah lounging around at Camp Frenza.
Ontario

JAYC Presents Takin’ It Through the Day

The Joyful Adventist Youth Choir (JAYC) gave a debut performance of the musical Takin’ It Through the Day to the College Park Church in Oshawa, Ont., on Saturday, May 5. The musical, which was directed by choir leader Daniella Kuchurivski, talked about Bible verses and how they can be applied to our everyday lives.

About 25 young people participated in the JAYC musical, ranging in age from 10 to 26, including Aileen Pornillosa, College Park Church’s youth director. For Pornillosa, being a part of the group brought her closer to the youth of the church. “Sharing with them, sharing stories with them, helps you get to know them better.” As a young adult in her mid-twenties, Pornillosa admits that the kids are not the only ones who benefitted from the experience. “Being a young adult, you can’t say that you can only learn from people older than you. You can learn from people younger than you as well.”

Choir member Samantha Jones enjoyed preparing for and performing the musical. “I really liked the storyline; it was kind of funny. And then I liked how we had different types of music throughout the musical; it wasn’t... just the same style.” When asked if she would do it again, she quickly replies, with a big grin on her face, yes.

When Kuchurivski was asked to form the youth choir, she happily agreed. “Since my membership was transferred to College Park Church in April 2011, I was asking God... to show me the need in this church so that I may apply the talent of music that God entrusted me,” says Kuchurivski. “I took that question as a call to start doing just that.” She placed an announcement inviting young people from 13 to 35 years of age to join the new group, and pretty soon youth and their parents started to show up. Some of the parents even joined the choir to support the fledgling group, and Kuchurivski lowered her age cut-off to include choir hopefuls younger than 13. As the group began to fill out with more youth, the parents stepped back to let them take centre stage.

“I’ve observed how [the choir members] have blossomed while mastering their skills and talents,” says Kuchurivski. “I also commend devoted parents who religiously brought them to all [the] sometimes inconvenient Sunday evening practices and patiently waited when we ran over our allocated time.”

So what’s next for the choir? “We have many exciting plans for our fall season, including working on a Christmas musical and possibly travelling in spring,” says Kuchurivski.

“Being a choir is more than just singing,” says Pornillosa with conviction. “It nourishes your character. You’re building relationships when you’re in a choir.”

Hermione Wilson, Messenger Staff Writer
Adventist Community Services in Oshawa Recognizes their Volunteers

On May 8, 2012, the Adventist Community Services Center (ACSC) in Oshawa, Ont., held a luncheon to honour their dedicated volunteers. Close to 90 were in attendance—volunteers, partners of the ACSC, and other guests. A number of ACSC volunteers received certificates of appreciation for their many years of service: 5 to 9 years, 10 to 14 years, 15 years, and quite a few for more than 15 years. One of the volunteers is still active at the age of 97. ACSC also acknowledged the service of Kauko Haloimen and his wife, Elma, who have fundraised for the centre for more than 40 years. Oshawa’s mayor, John Henry, joined the group for lunch and made a few remarks.

ACSC is a community outreach ministry of the College Park Adventist Church in Oshawa that has been in operation for over 40 years. The centre operates a food and clothing bank that serves the Oshawa and Courtice communities in Ontario’s Durham region. It is a registered not-for-profit community organization that often partners with ADRA Canada, Feed the Need in Durham, The Salvation Army and other aid organizations in the Durham region.

ACSC’s service to the surrounding community relies on the many volunteers who work free of charge for many hours each week. In 2011 they contributed more than 10,000 volunteer hours, the equivalent of five full-time workers. About 80 percent of ACSC volunteers are members of the College Park church, in addition to a number of volunteers from other faith communities.

F. Edgar Nunes, associate pastor of the College Park Church

Alberta

Sanctuary Seminar Offered at Alberta Campmeeting

Campers at the 2012 Alberta campmeeting will experience a life-size model of the wilderness Sanctuary setup on the campground! Young and old are invited to tour Mesiiah’s Mansion!

Understanding the significance of the sanctuary is highlighted by a 10-session workshop, Jesus in the Sanctuary! offered by Ulrich “Ole” Unruh, pastor and director of Northern Light Seminars. The workshop is a prophetic portrayal of the steps our Lord took while on earth (and is still completing in heaven) to secure our salvation.

Have you ever heard of the seven foundations of the sanctuary, or how the sanctuary portrays not only Christ’s death and his two-phase heavenly work but also His baptism and ascension? You will see where the three angels’ messages are portrayed and how Daniel’s prophetic timelines correlate with the three compartments of the sanctuary. The study disproves the theory of Antiochus Epiphanes IV as the fulfillment of Daniel 8. Learn why the two heavenly compartments are distinguished by the terms holy and most holy places and how this highlights the work of Christ as our human and divine mediator.

Critics discourage interest in the sanctuary message, but this presentation will confirm your faith in the distinctive teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and encourage a revival of true godliness. This class is not a rehash of what you already know but provides amazing new faith-building insights. You will see and understand Jesus as you never have before.

Although the seminar is free, it is recommended you obtain the 260-page workbook, complete with lecture notes, for a suggested donation of $25. To reserve your copy, pre-order by emailing uunruh@telus.net or call Northern Light Seminars at 780/632-3746 and leave your name, phone number or email address.

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GROWING IN CHRIST
British Columbia Conference Lay Evangelism Festival

The tranquil atmosphere of Camp Hope, B.C., was transformed into one of excitement and joy with the arrival of the attendees for the B.C. Conference Annual Lay Evangelism Festival on Friday, March 30. The program ran throughout the weekend, concluding on Sunday, April 1. The guest speakers were Dr. Ricardo Norton, Andrews University Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism; Wesley Torres, B.C. Conference executive secretary/Church Growth and Evangelism; Herb Larsen Jr. and Russ McCann, local and internationally experienced lay evangelists.

The theme for the weekend was Growing in Christ, which emphasized our daily need to grow spiritually following in the footsteps of our Saviour in order to be of service to humanity and lead people to the path of salvation in Christ. Keynote speaker, Dr. Norton, challenged the participants to grow like trees with deep roots, those of love, service and work for God’s children. He also presented very practical seminars on Principles of Evangelism throughout the weekend. Small groups were formed for discussions and strategic plans for actions in the different local churches represented.

Herb Larsen Jr.’s presentation focused on practical ideas and experiences to assist the participants in how to make new friends in this busy world and lead them to Christ. Russ McCann shared his personal testimony about the way the Lord changed his life from a non-committed Christian to one heavily involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. Pastor Torres’ presentation explained how to transform our nominal friendships with our neighbours and introduce them to a fulfilling and loving relationship with Jesus. Throughout the program, the lay members were given the opportunity to share their personal testimonies and lead in special prayer sessions. The musical talents of Keepers of the Faith enriched the spiritual environment for the group, consisting of about 130 attendees from various churches throughout the B.C. Conference, including two First Nation (Gitxsan) village chiefs who came from Terrace, B.C., to participate in this training event.

At the end, the members felt spiritually energized. They committed themselves to continuing to Grow in Christ, work together for the expansion of God’s kingdom in B.C. and to reach 450 souls for Christ this year. To God be the glory!  ■

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NEW BEGINNINGS
A Reflection Upon the Blessing of CUC Graduation

New beginnings! There is such a powerful sense of anticipation when it comes to Canadian University College (CUC) graduation. For the graduates, it marks the closing of a very meaningful chapter of experience, and the support of family and friends always makes the occasion special. The three-day event is a testimony to the greatness of our God, who calls and prepares our people for active, purposeful ministry.

It was heartwarming to see pastors and friends from throughout our field gathered to lend their support to the graduates. To personally welcome two pastoral candidates to our field and to affirm a much-appreciated conference employee was part of my assignment, and I thoroughly enjoyed the privilege.

CHRIS ARBEAU and his wife, Anabelle, will be moving to Saskatoon to join the pastoral staff of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference August 1. The Mount Royal church in Saskatoon as well as our church in Rosthern will be greatly benefited by their enthusiasm and deep love for our Lord and His church. Chris and Anabelle met in Seoul, Korea, while Chris was teaching in the English as a Second Language program, and shortly after their wedding and return to Canada, Chris responded to our Lord's call. It will be a privilege to support them as they transition to active, full-time pastoral ministry.

OSCAR GUTIERREZ, his wife, Joselyn, and their two children, Noemi and Eliezer, will make Brandon, Man., their new home while serving the Brandon and Portage La Prairie churches. They were well received by the district, and their zeal for ministry promises to be a blessing to our field. Their fluency in English, French and Spanish will be very much appreciated by the ethnically diverse congregation in Brandon. Their future in our conference is very strong.

SCOTT NISCHUK has added a lot of depth and strength to our office as our IT Technician and was recently appointed as junior accountant/auditor. His work in church auditing and his deepening involvement in accounting are appreciated. Scott completed two degrees; one in music and the other in business administration. His commitment to further study continues to strengthen his influence among us. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in Scott’s development as a church leader.

As I have reflected upon the festivities of CUC graduation, my own heart was warmed with thoughts of the considerable influence of this institution. May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of the faculty and staff as they lead the students to a deeper appreciation of our Lord's call to ministry.

Ron Nelson, President of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference
A Look Back...

Saskatoon Campmeeting

After all these years, may we never forget the way the Lord has led us, how he has used our parents as role models and campmeeting as the place to grow spiritually.

Ah... the old Saskatoon campmeeting on the grounds by the banks of the Saskatchewan River. It was one of the biggest things our family did all year. My parents reserved two tents, one for the four girls and one for the parents, which also served as the place for cooking and eating. The three boys slept in the back of the old two-ton farm truck that Dad rigged with a centre ridge pole from front to back and stretched canvass over the top and down the sides to look like a tent. When it rained we were high and dry!

There we would meet new friends and reconnect with those we had gotten to know the year before. It was there that we found our way to the kindergarten, primary or junior tents to listen to stories from missionaries who had served in some exotic, far-away place. It was there that we watched the "techies" of 60 years ago carefully manning their reel-to-reel tape recorders in a back corner of the auditorium to capture the preaching and music to take back home. And it was there that some of us made commitments for baptism and to serve the Lord.

It was appropriate that Saskatoon berries grew on the banks of the river and were in season during campmeeting. What a treat! Adjacent to the campgrounds there were greenhouses run by a Chinese family. Our folks would go there to buy fresh vegetables for our gang of seven kids. As a boy of about 10 to 12 years of age, I would wait in anticipation for the Voice of Prophecy (VOP) to show up. The rich radio voice we heard every Sunday on the VOP broadcast from CKCK Regina was actually there in the person of H.M.S. Richards. What a preacher. I would sit in the front row on one of those horribly uncomfortable folding canvas benches and luxuriate in the rich, blended harmony of the King's Heralds Quartet, and the Olive Bralley. I thank God for those experiences. I'm confident that it helped to plant the urgency of the mission of Christ and the joy of service in our hearts.

We could always count on a group from Canadian Union College to be there enticing young people to come to Lacombe for their education. Charming, good-looking young people from the college would be singing in trios or other musical presentations that made CUC seem like the place to go.

Campmeeting was never quite complete without a good torrential downpour that left the grounds a sloppy mess, leaving no option but to slog through the muck. So here's to another jaunt down memory lane. After all these years, may we never forget the way the Lord has led us, how he has used our parents as role models and campmeeting as the place to grow spiritually.

Gerry Karst is the former assistant to the president of the General Conference and is now retired and living in Maryland.
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Ron Smith
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Seth Yelord
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Follow Me! Be Like Jesus
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Living from Desire to Action
Newfoundland Campmeeting
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Worthy is the Lamb
Alberta Campmeeting
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To live, to Love, to Serve
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July 6-14, 2012 at Camp Whitesand, Theodore, Saskatchewan

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John Scott
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Professor, New Testament, Andrews University
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June 2012
Murd Nicholson was baptized in Whitehorse, Y.T., on Dec. 24, 2011, by Tim Gray. He is now a member of the Whitehorse church.

Charity Northwest was baptized in Hobbs, Alta., on March 31, 2012, by Peter Ford. Charity is a student of Manniwok Anokak Native School over 10 years ago and has recently returned to the church. She is now a member of the Hobbsa fellowship.

Birthday

Kyle Murray of Kelowna, B.C., celebrated his 90th birthday on Apr. 16, 2012. Family and friends put on a surprise party for Kyle in the fellowship hall of the Rutland church. Kyle has four children, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Hazel (née Schiesser) Alfano was born July 31, 1934, in Creston, B.C., and died April 1, 2012, in Golden, B.C. Hazel served her local church as a clerk, assistant treasurer, and assistant senior Sabbath School superintendent. She was active in cooking schools and CHIP programs run by the church and made over 100 quilts for donations overseas. She also loved to share her musical talents through song and instrumental music. Hazel is predeceased by her brothers Jacques and Doull. Surviving: husband, Luigi; son, Roger (Carmen) of Aiboñito, Puerto Rico; daughter, Cheryl Alfano of Golden, Rhoda (John) Addison of Kaslo, B.C.; Elizabeth Demers of Golden, and Cindy (Daryl) Flindt of Vernon, B.C.; brothers Bernhard (Terry) of Golden and Fred (Tina) of Golden; sisters, Margaret (Ed) Gould of Kamloops, B.C.; Jeannie Dyke of Maple Ridge, B.C.; Julia Kundiff of Golden, and Nicolette (Denis) Goff of Salt Spring Island, B.C.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lena (née Moseanko) Grange was born Dec. 30, 1916, in Lonesome Butte, Sask., and died Nov. 30, 2011, in Lacombe, Alta. Lena was a charter member of the Lacombe Community church. She is predeceased by her husband, Norman; her brothers, Clarence and Harold; and her sister, Beatrice Kabanuk. Surviving: son, Gordon (Dani) of Dallas, Tex.; daughters, Darleen (Gunter) Merckx of Peachland, B.C., and Dorothy (Jan) Cheeseman of Victoria, B.C.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Norman Grange was born Oct. 13, 1914, in Viceroy, Sask., and died Aug. 2, 2011, in Lacombe, Alta. Norman was a charter member of the Lacombe Community church. He is predeceased by his brothers Philip, Andrew and Samuel. Surviving: wife Lena (died four months later); son, Gordon (Dani) of Dallas, Tex.; daughters, Darleen (Gunter) Merckx of Peachland, B.C., and Dorothy (Jan) Cheeseman of Victoria, B.C.; brothers Walter and Terence; sisters, Irene (Reg) Neal, Ethel Thomas, Catherine MacTavish and Ruth (Sylvester) Riffin; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ronald O’Dell was born June 20, 1919, in Clover Hill, N.B., and died April 3, 2012, in Quispamsis, N.B. Ronald promoted and supported Adventist education and held many offices in the church, including elder, Sabbath School superintendent, and school board and church board member. He is predeceased by his wife, Muriel (née Totten); his brothers Lloyd, Clinton and Millan; and his daughter-in-law Shirley O’Dell. Surviving: sons, Vernon of Barnevile, N.B.; Gary (Clydette) of Barneysville, Gerald (Wilna) of Upham, N.B.; Harvey (Barbara) of Lacombe, Alta., and Kevin (Susan) of St. Stephen, N.B.; brother Cecil (Agnes) of Hardings Point, N.B.; sisters, Doris Charest; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Raymond Clifford Stansel was born May 21, 1921, in Spinney Hill, Sask., and died March 5, 2012, in Swift Current, Sask. Raymond was a dedicated member of the Swift Current church. He is predeceased by his sisters Verna Rose, Mona Mary and Dorothy Smith. Surviving: sons, Glenn (Jeanette) of Lacombe, Alta., and Jonathan Liam (Lauren) Dallison of Victoria, B.C.; daughters, Bonnie Lynn (Maron) Wilde of Sooke, B.C.; Jennie Colleen (Skip) Carby of Sidney, B.C.; Martha (Gray) West of Victoria, Ann Holly (Keith) Sutherland of Saanich, B.C., and Mary Ellen Stansel of Sidney; sisters Pearl Nickel of Grand Terrace, Calif., Lorraine Munson of Kelowna, B.C., and Marjorie Morwick of Saanich; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. (Requiesat)

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