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heart to heart

“But in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” —1 Peter 3:15, *ESV*”

A Story

On a recent short flight, a young lady took the seat next to me. “My name is Mark,” I said. She told me hers and mentioned that she was prone to air sickness. I checked the seatback ahead of me to make sure that we had the little white bag available, just in case.

She told me a bit about herself. It was a fascinating story—her childhood, her home, her work, her husband. We discovered a number of common interests. Then she asked me what I did. “I’m a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church,” I replied.

She looked out the window for a while and then turned to me. “I don’t think I know much about you.”

I told her that Adventists are Christians, people of faith who love Jesus and have immense respect for the Bible. Maybe we could be described as folks of hope and wholeness. Hope, because we’ve read the Book and we are glad for how it ends. Wholeness, because we believe that God created everything as the Bible says, and as a result we’re interested in taking care of ourselves and taking care of others.

She looked out the window again. We were flying over mountains. “So you believe that those mountains were made 6,000 years ago?”

“I have no problem at all believing that,” I said. “I know a God who is big enough to do it.”

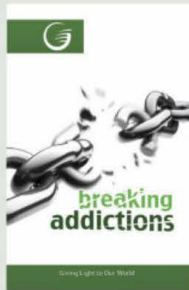
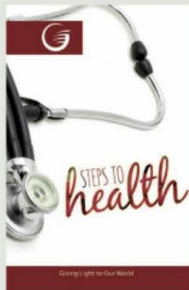
It had been a while since I’d had so frank a discussion of faith so fast. In a few minutes we were on the ground. We chatted some more on the way into the terminal and then went our separate ways.

As I drove to my appointment, I mused on the unexpected opportunity to speak of faith, how important it is to be relevant to others whose worldview is different than mine, how I need to be ready to share my hope with gentleness and respect.

God opens the way for amazing conversations. Faith is best expressed in simple terms. ■

Mark Johnson is president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.





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Hope and Food Both Sprout from the Ground



SERAFINE, HER HUSBAND, AND THEIR THREE YOUNG CHILDREN live in the Ndego district of Rwanda.

When Serafine and her family returned from neighbouring Tanzania after the genocide in 1993, they returned to subsistence farming in their native district of Kirehe. They struggled to feed their family and build a life.

The Ndego area had been part of a national park. The Rwandan government opened the area for settlement to accommodate the returning residents after the end of the genocide. Serafine's family was relocated from Kirehe to the isolated and challenging district of Ndego.

Located behind a mountain range in one of the driest climates in the entire country, Ndego became their home. For the next 16 years they farmed a tiny plot of land, growing beans, sorghum (a drought-resistant edible grass), and maize (a type of corn). They were doing their best to keep their children healthy, but they needed help. Crops take time to mature. Daily life doesn't wait for the harvest. Water is scarce and had to be hauled great distances to nourish the garden. Without adequate tools and knowledge, they continued to struggle to feed their family of five. They could not always afford to buy vegetables. On most days they ate only two meals.

ADRA was aware of the hardships faced by the families of Ndego. We began a project to assist families like Serafine's in overcoming malnutrition and poverty. Serafine and her family are Adventists and had heard of ADRA's work. They were delighted to be included in the project.

The instructors showed her how to balance the crops and maximize her yield. She was able to diversify her little farm to include more nourishing produce. The cassava (similar to yams), spinach, beets, carrots, and onions helped her children regain their health from years of malnutrition. Serafine learned how to mix foods for a balanced diet. As her family learned new dietary principles to build strength, boost energy, and prevent illness, the meals that the children eat now have the nutrition to combat years of near starvation. They are now able to eat three meals each day.

One of ADRA's primary goals is to concentrate on the most vulnerable, those for whom the risk of death from preventable diseases is greatest. These include expectant mothers, new mothers, and children under the age of five.

Serafine's children are now attending school and doing well. Serafine and her husband now report being healthier and stronger since the ADRA sponsored project began. They are not sick as often and feel more protected against the simple but deadly diseases.

The women and families of Ndego make the most with their modest means. Life is still a daily struggle.

ADRA helps, supports, trains, and educates the mothers in need. Designed to help every child in the village to not only survive, but thrive, this work can only continue with support from people like you. ■



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Already Done

“We expressed our certitude that even though the area we were visiting was small, God already had big plans ...”

God is willing to give us more than we ask, even more than we could conceive through our limited understanding. His divine wisdom knows everything in advance, and His loving heart provides for His children exceedingly beyond their own limitations (Eph. 3:20.)!

Some months ago, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) scheduled a trip to Saint Pierre and Miquelon (SPM), two French islands off the coast of Newfoundland. They are part of the SDACC territory, and after several discussions with leadership in Newfoundland, it was decided that the best solution to reach the population of 7,000 French-speaking people was to attach these islands to the Quebec Conference. Four administrators made the trip and discovered an additional time zone in our field: SPM is 30 minutes earlier than Newfoundland. Emile Maxi, Quebec Conference president; Remy Ballais, *Il Est Écrit* director (French *It Is Written*); Stan Jensen, SDACC communication director; and Daniel Stojanovic, SDACC vice-president of administration went to the island of Saint Pierre for the first time.

After landing, Emile Maxi made a very meaningful request: that the first item on our agenda be prayer. This is what led us to find a quiet place at the airport and spend time connecting with our heavenly Father. We expressed our certitude that even though the area we were visiting was small, God already had big plans for its inhabitants. With a spirit of trust and confidence that our projects would succeed, we claimed these islands for Jesus Christ. This was, without a doubt, an inspiring beginning to our three-day visit.

The purpose of our trip was to collect information and determine the best ways to start a church group and provide services to the population. We agreed that the most effective way would be to tap into media and begin broadcasting our TV and radio programs. As we contacted city hall, French government institutions, libraries, TV and radio stations, newspapers, and other valuable institutions, it became evident that the proce-

dures to make these things happen would take longer than we expected. For instance, decisions surrounding the use of media were to be made in consultation with France and according to European criteria. Nevertheless, we continued to pray and did all we could while remaining confident that God would find a solution.

After numerous attempts, we approached a cable company that had been operating on the island for several years. Some of us prayed while others tried to ask the right questions. While listening to all the explanations of how long the process would take, I discussed with God, “Lord, could you do something to make these things fast and easy? The decisions of a commission and the authorizations to broadcast the programs with religious content are nothing for your almighty power. Could you please show us clearly that you are with us in this project and open the doors for the good news of salvation to be proclaimed?”

God was good to us. When we received all the application forms, we also received a listing of the existing channels in the islands. What a surprise to discover that some Canadian, American, and European channels were already there—especially some well-known channels from the province of Quebec. In fact, we were already broadcasting in SPM! And this is the best part: Prime time for religious programming in Montreal is on Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., but this window is very expensive, so we had purchased the 7 a.m. time slot, and with the two-hour difference, *Il Est Écrit* was broadcasting at 9 a.m.—prime time in SPM!

“God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as co-workers with Him.” ■

Daniel Stojanovic is the vice-president for administration at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.



¹Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 63.

teen talk

Q: How do you place your worth in the esteem God holds for you rather than what other people think of you?

A: By using the cross as a lens to look at yourself and others.

Yourself. Meditate (think without interruptions) about what happened at the cross. Jesus offered to die because He knew you were worth the sacrifice. Yes, He was aware of your faults and shortcomings, but He saw you as a beautiful child, covered you with His love, and said, "This child is mine!"

Others. This might sound counterintuitive, but if you make an effort to look at others as Christ saw them from the cross, you'll find it easier to apply the same technique on yourself.

So there you have it. Use the cross to ignore whatever malicious feedback is sent your way and become a gossip breaker by uplifting others when they also are attacked. ■



Do you have a question for Pastor Josué Sánchez? Email it to messenger@adventist.ca.

Adelie Penguin

But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."

—Luke 9:50

Adelie penguins spend the Antarctic winters catching krill, fish, and squid in the icy ocean. In spring they waddle-walk across the ice to nest on the rocky shore. Both parents care for their two chicks until they can swim and catch food for themselves.

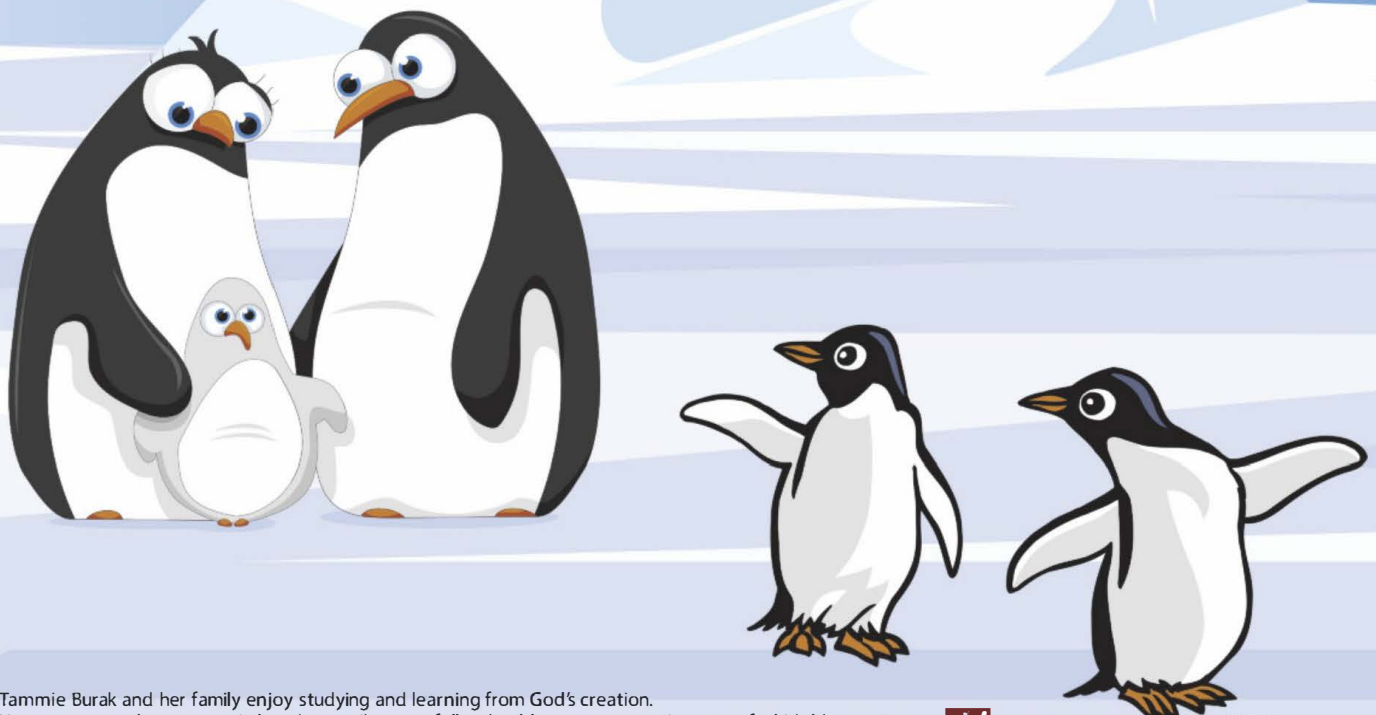
Adelie penguins are normally black and white, but sometimes albino chicks hatch that are all-white. Scientists have found that albino Adelie penguins almost never find mates and raise families. Instead, other penguins peck at them or ignore them. Sadly, most albinos don't survive, because they're not accepted and are easy prey to hunting seals or other predators.

Think about it.

Adelie penguins are part of the same big family whether they're black-and-white or just all-white. Jesus' disciples stopped a man from doing the work of a disciple because he wasn't part of their group. The disciples were more concerned about their own importance than doing God's work, and Jesus said that was wrong. Have you ever been jealous of someone else because they did something good that you could have done? Have you ever felt envy when someone else was asked to sing or read instead of you? Don't be like pecking penguins! Jesus welcomes all helpers. Cheerfully do your part and encourage others to do the same.

Do it!

Prayerfully read 1 Corinthians 12:12–31. When you feel tempted to criticize or peck at others because you feel jealous, admit your wrong feelings to Jesus and ask Him to help you be like Him. Then pray that God will bless the person you envy. Jesus needs you both.



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Of service in Swaziland



Back row, left to right: Gabrielle Featherby, Dustin Logan, Nicolas Hayward, Kylee Redberg, Allison Gallant, Steven Pye, Seth Hunter-Owega. Front row, left to right: Professor Paul Lehmann, Paul Sargent, Rober Gaede, Professor DonnaLee Lehmann, Jyssica Delpeche.

JYSSICA DELPECHE WANTS TO BE OF SERVICE. This longing to be of service has seen Jyssica go through a few career paths and goals searching for that avenue of service. Heading into her last year at Burman, she is confident that service has led her to this point and place in her young life. In a year she hopes to graduate with two degrees, one in health and wilderness studies and the other in biology. While degrees and majors may have shifted in her time at university, one thing remains clear: she wants to be of service. Her need for service propelled her to travel this past summer with the Outward Pursuits department to Swaziland, where she found a need and served.

This past summer students from the Outward Pursuits department at Burman University ventured outside their comfort zone and travelled to Swaziland to study culture and be of service to those around them. Organized by Paul Lehman, Chair of Outward Pursuits, and DonnaLee Lehman, Assistant Professor for Outward Pursuits, the study tour saw 10 Burman students travelling to Swaziland to work with the Saving Orphans Through Healthcare and Outreach (SOHO) organization.

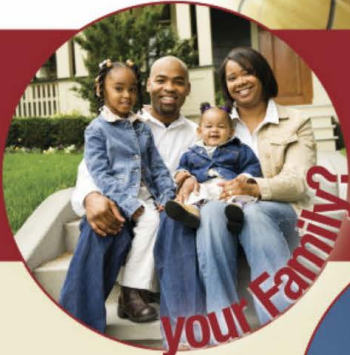
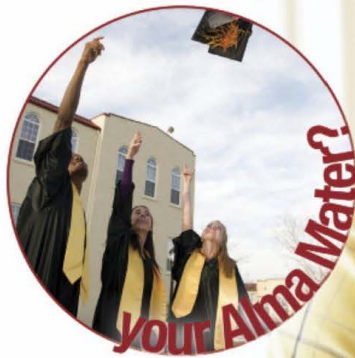
The Outward Pursuits program at Burman, and specifically the International Health and Wilderness Studies concentration, provides its students with a combination of leadership and management capacities in cultural awareness, health, safety, and practical outdoor skills. It addresses the need of humanitarian agencies for personnel who are trained to respond to development and disaster situations on a local and international scale. The program prepares students to work in international settings, assisting development projects and responding to disasters.

This year's Outward Pursuits study tour took them to Swaziland, where the students found a variety of ways to be of service. "We worked with SOHO, which specifically caters to orphans and needy communities. We were able to help out with a wide variety of tasks, including mixing and pouring cement to make an outdoor patio, painting, building repairs, leading out with community health clinics, community food distributions, and planning many more activities for the children," says Jyssica.

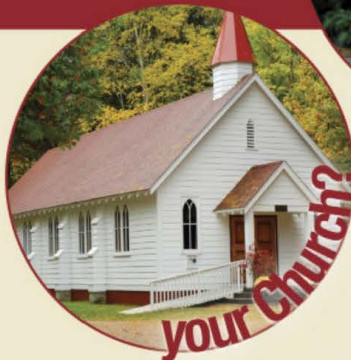
During their time they were also able to meet with and dine with Swaziland government officials, including the deputy prime minister, the education minister, former ambassador from Swaziland to Canada and the United States, and one of the princesses of Swaziland.

For almost a month the students from Burman University did their best to ease the burden of those around them, doing whatever they could to achieve that. For Jyssica, her need of being of service is further fuelled by her participation in study tours like Swaziland. She reflects, "I learned that as long as I am willing to serve, God can do amazing things. I was inspired by the faith of those that I met. In addition to that, I learned and observed how to plan service projects so maybe I can lead one someday." ■

Jr Ferrer is vice-president for marketing and enrolment at Burman University.



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Where Are They Now



Ron Watts

Messenger: Tell me where you were born and about your childhood.

Ron Watts: I was born in Paris, Ont., the third of six children of George and Jean Watts. When I was in Grade 2 or 3, my parents had a major quarrel, and my dad took his six children to live with his parents. After that I only saw my mother at Christmas, when she showered her children with gifts. My grandfather became the central figure in my life, but then he suffered heart failure and died. I was devastated. When my grandfather became ill, the Adventist church elder came every night and cared for him. We had an Adventist neighbour, and I became very close with their son, Reg Madden. I asked Reg some questions about the Bible he could not answer, so he invited me to church. I did go with him and was determined to go every week to Sabbath school. Some in the family thought this was just a way to get out of work on Saturday, but my grandmother told the family to leave me alone.

M: Where did you receive your education?

R: My first seven years were at the local school in Paris, Ont. I then enrolled in the Adventist school in the church basement and in Grade 10 attended Oshawa Missionary College (OMC), now Kingsway

Messenger catches up with former leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. In this issue we talk with Ron Watts.

Interview by J.D. Victor Fitch, Messenger Staff Writer.

College. I took my first two years of college there before transferring to CUC [now Burman University] graduating with a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1958. My master's degree in Bible and Systematic Theology was earned at Potomac University in Silver Spring, Md., in 1959.

M: When did you choose your career in gospel ministry, and what led you to this decision?

R: After completing high school at OMC in 1954, I planned to study business management. To finance my education I chose to do literature evangelism. Shortly after beginning this work in Bracebridge, Ont., I was spending the Sabbath in my rented room. That Friday evening I opened the book *Patriarchs and Prophets* by Ellen G. White. The first chapter is "Why Was Sin Permitted?" That question had troubled me and I had never received a satisfying answer. I was thrilled and excited—my questions were answered. That night I was convinced the great purpose of my life was to explain the great controversy to others. I knew I had to become a gospel minister.

M: Briefly, where and in what capacity have you served?

R: After completing my master's degree in 1959, I married Dorothy Eaton, and we began our ministry in Winnipeg, Man., but in December we were transferred to

Prince Albert-Quill Lake, Sask. After three years I was ordained and pastored the Saskatoon churches. Following this I was in full-time evangelism for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. I then received a call to full-time evangelism in India. Later positions of responsibility in India included ministerial director of the South India Union; president, South India Union; and ministerial director, South Asia Union. For family reasons we returned home, and my service included five years as personal ministries director at the Oregon Conference followed by the same position in the Michigan Conference. The North American Division called me to edit a new publication for local church officers. I then served as president of the Alaska Conference and then president of the BC Conference. I ended my full-time service to the church back in India as the president of the South Asia Division.

M: Tell me about your family.

R: Unfortunately, Dorothy passed away on Nov. 8, 2010, from cancer. We adopted three children, Stephen, David, and Esther, from India, and the Lord intervened in India, and with the Canadian government, in miraculous ways in the total process for them to become Canadian citizens.

M: Where are you now?

R: I am retired and living in Surprise, Ariz. ■



Big Insight, Big Impact: Brad's Story

It was that time again—the dreaded annual physical. Sitting in the waiting room, Brad reflected on the first 50 years of his life, especially his adult years, when he hadn't been careful about his health. His prosperous lifestyle as the CEO of a major international company demanded worldwide travel, and during those years his philosophy was to eat, drink, and be merry. He believed he would likely follow in the footsteps of his father and older brothers, who had all developed coronary artery disease and diabetes and died in their mid-60s. Brad had been a heavy meat eater and loved sweets, eggs, and cheese. He recalled how hard it had been to change his way of life.

When he joined the Adventist Church and learned about its health message, he decided to make big changes. He committed to God and to himself that he would make better lifestyle choices. Within a month, his clothes fit better, he felt better, and he had more energy than he'd had in years—and these trends continued for many more years to come.

As he waited to be called in to see the doctor, he looked around for something to distract him. He picked up a magazine.

Paging through it, he noticed an article about donating life insurance to a charity. *Hmmm*, he thought to himself. This was an idea he hadn't considered before.

Now, at age 71, he was grieving the recent death of his wife, Angela. Prior to her death they had done a quick review of their estate and talked about changing their wills to direct more of their estate to their church. They did not have children or surviving siblings, so it seemed like a sensible choice.

Brad met with his insurance agent, financial advisor, and the Conference Planned Giving director to discuss the transfer of ownership and beneficiary designation of an existing \$300,000 policy to his church.¹ By doing this, he would be sure that the insurance proceeds would go directly to his church when he passed away, and each year that Brad paid the premium, he would receive a tax receipt.

Access to the church and other buildings was a constant challenge for Angela during the last 23 years of her life, when rheumatoid arthritis had put her in a wheelchair. With this in mind, Brad felt that improving access to the church was of great importance, so he included a

personal written request with the insurance policy that the money be used for accessibility renovations.

Brad's church was over 50 years old and in desperate need of repairs and modifications. The sanctuary needed new flooring and pews, as well as pews that would accommodate wheelchairs and walkers. The washrooms needed more stalls, including handicap stalls, and an area for parents with small children. Impressed to give more, Brad decided to make an immediate, one-time cash gift of \$500,000, which gave him a sense of gratification and a charitable tax receipt he could include on his next tax return.²

Brad did not want recognition for his donation before or after his death. Years before, prior to joining the church, he might have enjoyed the acknowledgment, but now he had a clear sense of God's purpose in his life and wanted all of the glory to go to God. The improved life the church had given him, physically and spiritually, was thanks enough. ■

*Frances Chant is a retired
planned giving director.*

¹ Always contact a professional advisor before deciding a course of action. The donor must make an unconditional transfer of ownership.

² The Canada Revenue Agency does not require charities to issue tax credits for gifts, but most charities do. Donors cannot claim a charitable tax credit or deduction unless they are issued an official donation receipt.

A Better World Canada gains ground in Tanzania



Cathy Roozen at the opening of a new school in Mombo.

It's a country known for having Africa's tallest mountain. Home to Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania is also a place where A Better World Canada (ABW) is climbing to new heights. Since its first project was finished in 2013, the international development organization is gaining ground in this East African country. Thanks to the dedication of a strong sponsor as well as volunteers helping at medical clinics, A Better World is witnessing success.

During a visit to the country in March, A Better World Canada co-founder Eric Rajah was pleased to see progress with various building projects near Mombo, a community six hours southeast of the city of Arusha. Cathy and Harold Roozen of Edmonton sponsored the projects after entering into a five-year commitment with A Better World in 2013. They invest millions of dollars into many health and education-related causes in Canada.

Originally, during a trip to Tanzania, a tour guide explained to Cathy how people were in dire need of assistance within the area, and so she approached A Better World about it. "I was impressed with the way A Better World goes about doing its development work," says Cathy, a recipient of the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2013. "It holds local people responsible for their destiny. I like the way donors are kept engaged in the projects, and progress reports are given regularly."

Renovations have since been finished at two primary schools. "The schools had been in dilapidated condition, and there were

hardly any floors ... and there was not enough furniture," says Rajah. "Roofs were leaking and there were no windows. We renovated them all." A water system was added too. Schoolchildren are learning much better, thanks to the renovations. Teachers have their own staff rooms as well.

Another recently completed project involved upgrading a health clinic found within the Mambo area. "We needed overnight patient care, and there was a building, but it wasn't designed for patients to stay," explains Rajah. "So we put in toilets and constructed partitions. We repainted the clinic and made it viable to have [inpatient male and female wards]." A Better World gave lab equipment and other medical equipment like stethoscopes at a dispensary, which is like a walk-in clinic in Canada.

In total, the Roozens have injected \$125,000 in the community located within the Mambo district. Cathy contacts Rajah regularly about Tanzania, so her engagement in the projects is already highly evident.

Other projects being planned are (1) sponsoring surgeries at a rehabilitation centre, (2) setting up more water collection points in village, (3) giving 10 farmers loans, and (4) providing employment through agriculture and other businesses.

"We have done most of our projects in Kenya because that's where we started," says Rajah, "but our focus is East Africa, so Tanzania fits right in." Rajah is glad they've branched out into Tanzania, which has similar cultural traditions to Kenya. Language is more of a barrier in rural Tanzania, where local Swahili is spoken more than English. "I like working in Tanzania, and it's exciting and new," says Rajah. "We have a good project manager there and we have a donor who stands behind our development."

A Better World is looking for medical volunteers for its next trip to Tanzania later this fall. Nurses, doctors, and pharmacists are needed, along with anyone who can sort medicines or do crowd control or paperwork. Ten medical volunteers held 10 medical clinics in March, which attracted 1,100 patients. ■

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Stay on the Path

“When you find my body, please call my husband, George, and my daughter, Kerry.”

GERALDINE A. LARGAY’S BODY WAS FOUND TWO YEARS AFTER SHE PASSED AWAY in the deep woods off the Appalachian Trail. Completing the 2,160-mile journey had been on her bucket list. She started the journey with a friend; however, because of a family emergency, the friend prematurely ended the trip. However, 66-year-old Largay was determined to continue on.

During her hike she veered off the trail briefly to find a spot where she could relieve herself. Unfortunately, that seemingly small misstep turned her around. She ended up lost. Mrs. Largay attempted to text her husband unsuccessfully over the next 24 hours, “In somn trouble,” she wrote. “Got off trail to go to br. Now lost.” There was no cell signal. Police would later discover the unsent messages on her cell phone. Geraldine was a small woman who was prone to anxiety. She set up her camp and began journaling, hoping that she would be found.

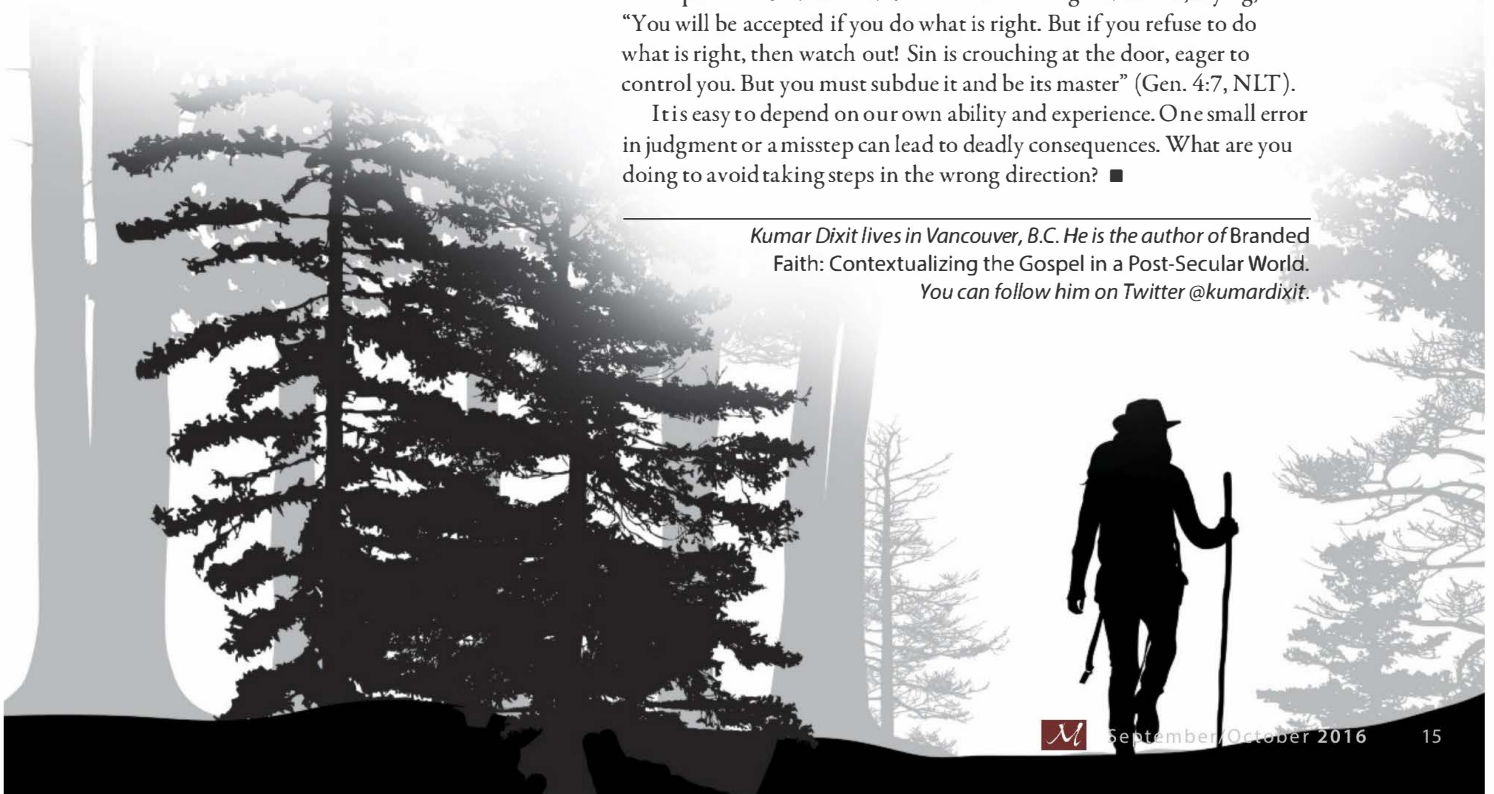
Her husband of 42 years was supposed to meet her at a specific rendezvous a week later, and when she didn’t turn up, he alerted the authorities. A full search convened, without a trace of the retired nurse. She lived for almost a month in isolation, surviving on the food and water rations she had. In one of her final journal entries she seemed to have accepted her fate: ““When you find my body, please call my husband, George, and my daughter, Kerry.”

What makes this story so devastating is that she was only a mile off the trail. Two years after her death, a forest surveyor found her body in the collapsed tent she had been living in during her final days. Her remains were in the living bag, and her campsite was meticulously kept, even with two water bottles, one that still had water in it. How did one misstep turn into disaster?

This story reminds me of how frail our spiritual journey can be. Even though we can be in top spiritual shape, one small pivot can lead us into a downward-spiralling path of despair. Think about the Bible giants, such as David, Moses, Peter—all who had close walks with God and yet made small errors in judgment that led them to experience devastating consequences. God warned Cain to make the right decision, saying, “You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master” (Gen. 4:7, NLT).

It is easy to depend on our own ability and experience. One small error in judgment or a misstep can lead to deadly consequences. What are you doing to avoid taking steps in the wrong direction? ■

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Dirty Hands

 Words by God —1 John 3:18, NIV

If I asked you what it means to be a disciple, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? What does an everyday disciple look like to you? When Jesus gave us the great commission to “go out into all the world and make disciples” (see Matt. 28:19), He was talking not just about preaching the gospel message but living it in our everyday lives too. It means getting our hands dirty and doing the jobs that no one else wants to do.

Think of the story of what Jesus did for us; I’m not talking this time about the cross but what happened the night before. His disciples were gathered together for a meal, and earlier two of them had been arguing about who had higher rank and status with Jesus. Some might call it showing each other up to prove they had it all together. Jesus wordlessly lived out what it means to be a disciple; taking a towel and filling a basin of water, He carefully knelt before Peter and began to wash his feet. Peter was shocked that someone of His position and standing would wash the feet of someone like him! In their culture this service was the lowest and dirtiest job, even below the people who fed the pigs. Why would the Saviour of the world humble Himself to the place of a servant?

This picture of selfless love and service reminds me of what a disciple of Jesus represents. It isn’t a title of high esteem and praise but a humble and compassionate heart, willing to put others first and striving to follow Christ in actions, not just in our words. “Love one another not by word or tongue but in action and truth” (1 John 3:18, NIV).


When was the last time being a disciple of Christ pushed you out of your comfort zone? Whether it’s going to the soup kitchen and serving meals, sitting down in the mud playing with kids in your neighbourhood, talking to a stranger who’s looking sad, or allowing God to inconvenience and disrupt your day? Philippians 2:3, 4, says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others” (NIV).

Jesus came to show His love, character, and heart for all people—everyone with a heartbeat—not just the ones we like or feel comfortable with. It can be messy and raw sometimes, but He asks us to love others as He loves us. Jesus’ love is complete, unconditional, full of hope and grace—His love never fails. His Word asks us to look after the poor, the widow, and the orphan compassionately. To love Jesus is to love our neighbour, our community, and one another. “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Pet. 4:10, NIV). To live as an everyday disciple of Jesus means to follow him wholeheartedly and be a servant of all.

Be Blessed. ■

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 Watch “Be One” by Natalie Grant: goo.gl/4zyyaq



His Mysterious Ways

"God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

We were flying to Saskatoon, Sask. Nicole Thorsteinson and I were to represent the Maritime Conference prayer ministries department at the Canadian prayer conference hosted by the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. I was sitting next to Brian, a young man on his way home from Wales.

Let me tell you how we became seat partners! The day before our trip, I went online to book our seats from Saint John, N.B., to Toronto, Ont., and from there to Saskatoon. There were many empty seats for both legs of the trip, so I knew it wouldn't be a problem for Nicole and I to sit together. We hoped to work on our presentations for the prayer conference during the flights. But Nicole and I had asked God to place us in seats according to His plan.

I booked our seats next to each other for the first leg of the trip. But when I went to the last flight, I couldn't believe my eyes. The plane that had so many empty seats just a couple minutes before was now full except for two seats, one in the front on one side of the plane and the other in the very back on the opposite side! How could that be? We found out later that three volleyball teams had booked seats while I was booking seats on the first leg of our trip!

We left the next day, and everything went well until we got to Toronto. We were hungry, so we bought lunch to eat on the plane and nearly missed our flight. We didn't realize we had left the secure area, until we had to get in line for security again. Nicole saw we were in danger of missing our plane and talked to the Nexus express lane attendant, who rushed us through their security check. When we got to our gate, the waiting area was empty except for the airline agent who hurried us onto the plane. We barely sat down when the plane pulled away from the terminal.

So, there I was next to Brian on his way home from Wales. When he learned I was attending a prayer conference, he shared that an American friend had urged him to attend a religious conference with him in Wales. Although he hadn't expected it, it turned out he was deeply affected spiritually while at the conference and was baptized by immersion. We talked about God and Bible teachings all the way to Saskatoon.

Interestingly, he and his wife are into healthful living and homeschool their five children. His lives near Pinehouse Seventh-day Adventist Church, where our prayer conference was being held. I invited him and his family to attend church the next day and gave him my contact information, encouraging him to get in touch with me if he so desired.

I see three things God did to seat Brian and me next to each other. He booked us on the same flight. He prompted me to book seats on the first flight while the second flight filled up with volleyball teams. And He foiled Satan's plans for Nicole and me to miss our flight. "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."¹

Brian didn't come to church that Sabbath, but I shared the story of our experience with the Pinehouse church during my presentation and asked them to join me in praying that Brian and his family would join their church family someday. Will you please join us in praying for them, too?

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barry's blog

"The right of all Canadians is to live their identity to the full."

Sending a Message to TWU: *Your Graduates Need Not Apply*

While at the hearing of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, I listened intently to the arguments of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (NSBS) justify their denial of the Trinity Western University (TWU) law degree. It was evident that a major purpose of their rejection was to send a message to TWU. However, the practical effect of that decision denied TWU law graduates the ability to practise law in Nova Scotia. The graduates are to suffer the ire of the society for TWU's religious position on marriage.

According to Jill Perry, president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the decision was "not about penalizing TWU graduates." Rather, "it's about sending a message to the university that we as a law society have a problem with your admissions policies."¹ That is not how Justice Campbell saw it when he ruled in favour of TWU in his 2015 decision, saying that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was not a "blueprint for moral conformity."² His decision was a stinging rebuke to NSBS's refusal to recognize the TWU law degree.

The NSBS is offended³ by the Christian law school's admission policy, which requires students to sign a Community Covenant and thus commit to maintaining a lifestyle that abstains from "sexual intimacy that violates the sacredness of marriage between a man and a woman."⁴

The regulations governing the society stated that a "law degree" was defined as that degree approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. The society's lawyers admitted that the Federation's approval meant that the TWU degree was an approved degree in Nova Scotia. However, given the context, the society did not want to recognize the degree. The society held a council meeting on April 25, 2014, and voted 10–9 not to approve the TWU program unless TWU either exempts law students from signing the Covenant or amends the Covenant "in a way that ceases to discriminate."

Notice the order of events here: First, the law school is approved by the Federation, and, as a result, it is a lawfully recognized law degree in Nova Scotia. Second, the NSBS does not want to recognize the law degree,

because it does not want to “condone” TWU’s allegedly “discriminatory” admissions policies. Third, the society’s regulations do not give the society authority to disapprove the degree, so it subsequently amends its regulations in July to retroactively support its April decision. One would have thought that the better approach would have been to make the changes in the regulations first and then make a decision—but hindsight is always 20/20.

In July 2014, the society amended its regulations to say that after the Federation approves a law degree, it will be recognized as such in Nova Scotia “unless Council, acting in the public interest, determines that the university granting the degree *unlawfully* discriminates in its law student admissions or enrolment policies or requirements on grounds prohibited by either or both the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act.”⁵

Notice the word “unlawfully.” This is very important, and it was picked up by the judges on the Court of Appeal. The problem is this: TWU’s admissions policy is not “unlawful”! This is what Justice Campbell found in his January 2015 decision. TWU does not violate any law, because it is exempt from both the charter and the BC Human Rights legislation. Therefore, even on the basis of the society’s own regulatory amendment, TWU is absolved from any legal challenge!

When confronted with the problem of using the word “unlawfully,” the lawyers supporting the society’s position tried a number of approaches. First, they argued that the admissions policy would be “unlawful” under the human rights legislation in Nova Scotia. However, the justices did not appear convinced with that answer. It troubled the Court that the policy was not of a law school in Nova Scotia but in British Columbia. There is an obvious problem with extraterritoriality. Simply put, how can the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society rule on matters in British Columbia? It is outside of their jurisdiction.

Second, they argued that the society’s decision, in and of itself, being made in Nova Scotia, was bound by the charter and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Not to make a statement against TWU’s discrimination,

they said, would be to condone that which is against “charter values.” Charter values, it was argued, included the view expressed by Justice Abella in the Loyola⁶ case as being concerned with “equality, human rights, and democracy.” TWU, it was claimed, discriminated against the LGB community with its admissions policy. Therefore, it was against those three “charter values.”

That is a curious formulation. Here we have a university policy that was already vetted by the Supreme Court in 2001⁷ and was found constitutional. Further, is it not strange that a “charter value” would take away a positive charter right—religious freedom? Consider that religion is an equality right; religious freedom is a human right; and Chief Justice Dickson in the seminal case on religious freedom (Big M Drug Mart⁸) noted that the principles of religious freedom undergirded our democratic system of government!⁹

The issue of condoning is peculiar. The society argued that if it accepted the TWU law degree, it was condoning TWU’s discrimination. That simply does not flow. The locus of the society’s work, in reviewing those wanting to practise law, is to ensure that they are competent with the requisite skills to practise law, not whether their religious beliefs are acceptable.

The reality is we have a constitution that protects both rights. Ours is a society where we must be able to live peacefully on the same real estate. The right of all Canadians is to live their identity to the full. That may mean that there are some who are uncomfortable with the views and practices of others. However, if the charter means anything, it is that we are obliged to respect the rights of everyone.

The message that the Barristers’ society sent, though it may not have intended it as such, was that any TWU law graduate that holds the traditional view of marriage is not welcome in Nova Scotia. That is unfortunate. ■

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Photo: Keith Chant

Almost vegan

One of the challenges in eating a vegan diet is watching out for the hidden animal products in the foods we buy. Reading the labels on everything helps ensure we don't buy food with animal products in it. The following are some common animal ingredients we look out for: milk and milk products (such as cheese, casein, and whey), egg, gelatin, l-cysteine, and carmine. There are many resources available online to help you wade through ingredients and figure out their origin.

Sometimes you also have to watch out for products that you have relied on for years, as the company may change the recipe. Case in point, just after we had perfected a vegan cottage cheese roast that uses Special K, Kellogg's changed their Special K recipe, and Special K now contains milk products. We now use Corn Flakes instead, along with the cottage cheese recipe we introduced in the August 2016 issue of the *Messenger*. ■

Keith and Cheryl Chant, along with their son Ben, enjoy baking, cooking, and experimenting with flavours and recipes.

Cottage Cheese Roast

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups (500 ml) vegan cottage cheese
- 5 cups (1,250 ml) corn flakes
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 teaspoons (20 ml) arrowroot flour
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) water
- ¼ cup (62.5 ml) almond milk
- ¼ cup (62.5 ml) almonds, ground
- 1 cube onion soup mix

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Sauté onion in the oil until browned.
- Combine liquids with onion soup cube and mix until dissolved.
- Add cottage cheese, sautéed onion, and arrowroot flour and mix well.
- Crush Corn Flakes, add to mixture, and mix.
- Place in greased baking dish and bake covered at 350° Fahrenheit (180° Celsius) for 35 minutes, remove cover, and bake an additional 15 minutes, until golden brown.

God Will Fill the Pews



With deep roots in the Adventist faith, the Silver Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church lies southwest of Salmon Arm on the northern tip of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. An abundance of trees, waterfalls, and wildlife attracted Adventist pioneers to this little piece of paradise. Some of those trees are being removed from Leslie Leskosek's property as changes are being made that will improve the quality of Christian radio their Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR) tower provides to Salmon Arm and other parts of the valley.

People in the area appreciate the opportunity to listen to Christian radio, and VOAR's variety of programming and music makes it easy for Leslie to recommend the station to co-workers. Mr. George Schwartz, a young church historian of 86, is the go-to person for listeners with their requests to keep the programs coming.

Christian radio helps turn hearts toward God and encourages people, even Adventists, to search the Scriptures for themselves. Programs like *More Abundant Life* with Wintley Phipps, *It Is Written* with Chris Holland, Doug Batchelor's *Bible Answers Live*, and *Faith Out Loud Canada* with Dave Jamieson introduce people to the Adventist message.



If you have an opportunity to visit the Salmon River Valley, "come visit the Silver Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church!" Leslie's prayer, and ours, is that God will use VOAR to help fill their baby's room, fill their children's divisions, and fill their pews! Please add your prayers to ours, because we serve an amazing God who longs to do just that!

Recent changes to VOAR's delivery system make stereo sound for each RDU site possible. If you are interested in helping to finance the reasonable investment required, please contact voar@voar.org. ■

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Rebecque Johnson

ON THE
ROAD WITH

Becky AT THE ABBOTSFORD CHURCH
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

*If you could do this week over,
what would you do differently?*

Ethel Sauer: Rest more and pray more.

Edith Koch: I would go walking.

Linda Glatts: Spend less time commuting and more time with family! I also wish I would have been more persistent to try to strike up a conversation with that person on the Skytrain!

Sandra Dykstra: I would have been more patient in situations at home that did not go the way I expected.



Q & A

BY STAN JENSEN

When people connect with the Messenger for pretty much any reason, they are soon connected with Aimee Perez. This month we interview Aimee. I am so thankful to work with her, as she brings joy to our workplace every single day. Now you can know more about her as well.



Aimee and Martin Perez with their sons, Sky and Hero.

EDITOR: *Where did you grow up?*

AIMEE PEREZ: I was born and raised primarily in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). I was fortunate enough to have obtained the majority of my schooling within the Adventist educational system. But although I now only live about 100 kilometres away from my parents' house, the journey God led me on to reach this point has spanned 10,000 kilometres (over the course of 16 years).

EDITOR: *That sounds like quite a story. Do tell.*

AIMEE: Well, while attending Canadian University College (now Burman University), I met my now-husband and fell madly in love. Being young and (maybe) a little foolish, we decided to get married and settle down in his hometown of Chicago. However, God was working on our hearts and didn't let us settle down there as we had planned. One dramatic car crash later and we were back on the road to Alberta. I spent the next five years working in the Marketing and Enrolment department at CUC while my husband completed his degree. While working there I discovered my passions for the communication field and denominational service. The next five years or so we stayed on the West coast, around Central Alberta and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, until God called me back home to Ontario. In early 2014, I saw a Facebook post that the *Canadian Adventist Messenger* was hiring and thought, *I would love to work there.* And God worked out the rest.

EDITOR: *And it has been a pleasure working with you for the last two years. Why don't you tell our readers what your day-to-day job entails?*

AIMEE: I mainly wear two hats in the office. One is as the Ad and Circulation Manager for the *Messenger*, which means I work with advertisers and manage subscriptions. Another main task is overseeing the workflow on the production of the magazine. This means that I work with all of our writers and contributors to receive submissions in a timely manner, liaise with our copy editor to ensure we stay on schedule, and complete numerous other tasks to get the magazine to press every month. My other "hat" is as secretary

for the Communication department of the SDACC, which means I do whatever I can to implement and execute the director's vision.

EDITOR: *What is your favourite aspect of the job?*

AIMEE: I love all of it, but I think I most enjoy working with our contributors all across Canada. Most of them are people whom I'd already met and worked with in the past, so it feels very comfortable and "full circle" to work with them again. I also love flipping through the finished product and seeing evidence of my work on every page.

EDITOR: *You manage to do all that around the office and still take care of your family at home. How?*

AIMEE: First of all, God is good. I love my job, so it doesn't feel like work. I still feel privileged to come to the office every day and work with such a great group of people, which is all the SDACC employees, not just the *Messenger* staff. At home, I have the benefit of a fabulously supportive husband and two of the sweetest, most helpful boys on earth.

EDITOR: *Tell me more about your family.*

AIMEE: My husband, Martin, is a pastor by trade. He is also the best father I could have imagined for our kids. We have two boys, Hero, who is almost seven, and Sky, who is four. They both attend a local Adventist school and love everything about it. I may be a little biased, but I think they are the most thoughtful, politest, funniest, and handsomest children in the entire world.

EDITOR: *Can you share your favourite Bible verse with our readers?*

AIMEE: I have many verses that I lean on, but one of my favourites is Proverbs 3:5, 6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (NASB). ■

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I am not sure I could realistically imagine what life would be like for the many folks who use this service if it was not there. Life is challenging enough for folks who may have mental health or addiction issues, have limited income, and need the basics of life. ... Many patrons have told us they don't go to church, that this (soup kitchen) is their church.

The Bread of Life



Erbert (Bert) Operana, volunteer; Ron and Delphine Dame, founders of Bread of Life Soup Kitchen.

God Picks and Prepares His People

My husband, Ron, was raised by an alcoholic parent; and I, by a mentally ill parent. As an adult Ron trained younger workers. I became a psychiatric nurse. We were further prepared by being baptized by the Spirit and water in 1991. We wanted to share God's love with others, but neither of us knew how until a friend was suddenly widowed in 1996 and wanted to open a street ministry to cope with the emptiness. She had done street ministry before but wanted help getting started, so Ron volunteered. They began once a week in the park with a soup pot, a loaf of bread, and a package of cookies.

Funding was out of pocket at first. It grew enough that by 2000 Ron and I fundraised for two months out of every year going door to door to raise \$4,500 for supplies. We had volunteers but none who could take over the soup kitchen for the six-month stretch of our absence, and we knew nobody would want to do the annual fundraising. However, while fundraising in 2003 someone advised me to solicit the local service clubs. "They raise money half of the year and then wait for the rest of the year for people like you to come and ask them for it," he said. We hadn't thought of that, but we took his advice. With other unexpected donations, we garnered an incredible \$17,000 for the soup kitchen that fall! Ron retired the following May. Our church members then formed a team to run the soup kitchen. The Lord had set everything up for us.

The project grew to about 100 patrons each Sunday and a daily bread and produce run. Everything was stored in seven fridges and freezers at our house and had to be loaded into our truck to be set up and served at the local Carpenters' Hall, which we rented every Sunday.

In 2007 Ron and I were invited to a meeting of ministries with our British Columbia Conference leaders. One by one, all the attendees introduced themselves and briefly explained their ministry. After we spoke, Gordon Pifher, our conference president at the time, remarked, "You've been doing this for 13 years and we didn't know about it? What is your greatest need? How can we help you?"

We asked the impossible: "A building of our own!"

He replied the incredible: "Go look for one!"

There were only three suitable buildings in Terrace, B.C. One was much too big and expensive. Another was unavailable. The third and most suitable was Carpenters' Hall. In all our years of renting it, the hall had never been up for sale. Not even a whisper that the owners were thinking of selling it. It was our last hope, so I approached the manager to try to rent, lease, or buy the building or any part of it. Remarkably, he said that it was for sale and that it had already been appraised but that they just hadn't put it on the market yet. In addition, he let us know that for us, an offer far below the appraised price would be accepted because of our work! That summer the evening offering at Camp Hope was divided between BC evangelism and the purchase of the Carpenters' Hall for the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen. This had never been done in the history of the BC Conference. The hall, renamed the All Nations Centre (ANC), became ours on Dec. 1, 2008.



More Miracles

Once the hall was ours and we were using it only on Sundays, it was important to have it occupied regularly and generate enough income to cover taxes, utilities, and upkeep. The local paper published an article on our acquisition of the hall, expressing our desire to use it as a warm place for homeless people to go during the day in winter because the brother of a dear friend perished outside just months before. It seemed a pipe dream because we had no way to staff a project like that. Within days Casey Eys, the homeless outreach worker, called us. He said, "I read your story. We have wanted to do the same thing for years but couldn't find a suitable place. We have the people and resources to run it, but no building. You have the building but no people or resources. Can we work something out?"

In spite of not having any funding in place, the Homeless Outreach Program (HOP) was opened Dec. 19. It was a very cold winter, and if we waited for funding, somebody else might die of hypothermia. We let Casey and the Lord find a way to pay the power and utilities. Casey pounded the pavement and eventually found the funding. His drop-in program, the Living



Room project, is a beautiful success with up to 100 people dropping in daily. Many come every day. It is much more than just a place to keep warm. Soup is served, TV is available, and many feel part of an extended family.

The Renovations Project

Ron realized that the electrical service was dangerous and had to be redone. It cost all of the \$3,000 we had in the bank. We were nervous, since the rent barely covered utilities and left very little. The following week a patron from another denomination told us she was about to receive her \$30,000 residential school settlement and she wanted to give her tithe of it to the ANC because she believed in what it was doing for the community!

The building could not accommodate the seven fridges and freezers required to store the produce and bread during the week, so these remained at our home. The addition of a storage room had always been part of the plan, so we started fundraising. ADRA donated \$10,000, and a local lottery winner donated \$11,000 unsolicited. However, this was still not enough, and we had no time to do it anyway with the now expanded duties of directorship of the hall. So we waited. But the delay was God's way to accumulate funds almost effortlessly. K'san Society, who run the local men's shelter, decided they wanted to also operate a damp shelter in the winter. They rented from us every night while Casey's

program operated by day.

By January 2015 we had enough to do the job and get those fridges and freezers down to the building. That would start smoothing the way for others to eventually take over the soup kitchen. We were nearing 70 years old and were less able to do all the work. Finding a contractor was Ron's job. He barely got started looking when a brand-new patron at the soup kitchen heard of the project and volunteered to do the job free of charge. He believed in what we were doing and was willing to do what he could. He proved to be capable, trustworthy, and imaginative. We hired another patron to help him. The project started in June and finished in October 2015.

People Working Together

The community has generously supported the soup kitchen and the All Nations Centre. Members of other denominations have donated their work and money, bringing youth groups to serve food. Some donate supplies and others money. Many young offenders have spent hours serving their community with us and have returned to help after their hours have been completed.

The collection expanded to 75–100 boxes of food weekly, serving about 100 people every Sunday. Around 45 volunteers make it all happen, with 10 soup makers, a delivery crew, a Sunday setup crew, and the food serving and distribution crew.





Erbert (Bert) Operana, a church member, was there on day one in September 1996. He continues weekly to make and donate soup, and to take charge when needed even though he works full-time. Bert taught his children to volunteer with us through their teenage years and now brings his mom to help.

Irvin Henry is the longest of many patrons-become-volunteers, having been with us almost since the start. Through that relationship he was married and baptized in our Terrace church in 2000.

Glenda Bugler was a patron who has become a volunteer. She says, "We were down and out, and the soup kitchen helped with food costs, and it got me out of the house. I feel like part of a group, I like the camaraderie, and I'm proud of helping out. My mom is proud of me too."

Sally,¹ a young adult, was a regular patron for a couple of years. After a prolonged absence we became concerned for her whereabouts. Then we saw her one day cashiering in a store. She had done educational upgrading, got a job, and no longer needed the help. This story has repeated itself innumerable times.

C. and L., in their 30s, had never held jobs, yet they volunteered with us for two years or more. It gave them the confidence to go out and get jobs. They have both been employed ever since then.

It is a remarkable "coincidence" that when a Sunday morning volunteer quits, a new one starts immediately without any advertising on our part. The other volunteers also recognize these providences of the Lord.

I am not sure I could realistically imagine what life would be like for the many folks who use this service if it was not there. Life is challenging enough for folks who may have



mental health or addiction issues, have limited income, and need the basics of life. We often put free tracts and books out for the patrons. We say grace before the meal. Many patrons have told us they don't go to church, that this (soup kitchen) is their church.

Mayor Carol LeClerc says, "The contributions made by Ron and Delphine Dame running the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen in Terrace for close to 20 years are immeasurable. For two people to tirelessly give up their Sundays to ensure the people who need a meal are fed goes above and beyond the call of duty. These two selfless people have shared their time, resources, and compassion with folks in need." ■

Delphine and Ron Dame are retired and living in Terrace, B.C. They have a blended family of six adult children with 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild, all living in B.C.

Bill Both is communications director and head deacon of the Terrace SDA Church.



¹Not her real name.



A Day at the Doors

"The first time you came here I thought you were nothing but trouble. But now I am really glad you came."

Computer programmer. That, on a normal day, is my normal job description. But one Sunday afternoon, *normal* for me was turned on its head when I decided to give literature evangelism a try.

My first sale came at the fourth door I knocked on. Rain began to pour as I told the man about the book *Foods That Heal*. The man did not invite me inside out of the rain, but he did buy the book. At another door a man with his preschool-aged son listened to my presentation. When I finished, he turned to his son and said, "When you grow up, I want you to be just like that man."

At one home I met a Catholic man with two young children. He agreed to buy two health books, but when I encouraged him to get the book *Storytime* for his children, he declined, saying that he was very careful when it came to books for his children. I encouraged him to read the stories himself before sharing them with his kids. He agreed and bought all three books.

I met two men sitting outside smoking something suspicious. They were friendly and as we talked, they shared some of their personal troubles with me. But they were not interested in buying any books. After knocking on two more doors, I went back to them and gave them each the book *Steps to Christ* as a gift. I shared my personal testimony, then said, "When I am discouraged, this is the book I read. When I doubt, this book reminds me why I believe. This is the book I turn to when I need encouragement to forgive. Every page is full of Scripture, and the Bible comes alive every time I read this book."

One man said, "The first time you came here I thought you were nothing but trouble. But now I am really glad you came. God bless you, brother."

One lady I met was interested in health, but she said that she didn't have any money to get the things I offered. I believed her, and I told her that she could have the DVD *Eat to Heal* for a donation of any size. She went inside, and after a while she came back with two toonies and a big smile.

The day had its challenges. Some people were unfriendly, many were uninterested, and others simply did not want to be bothered. But on we went, knocking on doors and scattering seeds along the way.

When the day was over, I wondered about all the people I had met. Would the man who had bought the book from me in the pouring rain read it? Would the little boy grow up to be a literature evangelist? Would the man who bought the book *Storytime* read it himself and share it with his children? Would the two men who were smoking read *Steps to Christ*? Would the lady who so gladly gave four dollars for the DVD gain something even more valuable?

I am eager to know how these stores will end. While I may not find out until I get to heaven, I know that God will bless the seeds that were sown. After all, God has promised that when His Word is shared, "it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11, NASB). ■

Lief Koester, a computer programmer living in Nova Scotia, spent a day at the doors while attending an iHeal training session put on by Lifestyle Canada. Lifestyle Canada is a charity that combines literature evangelism with the personal touch. To learn more about our ministry, visit LifestyleCanada.org or contact us at mail@lifestylecanada.org.

When a Teenager Left a Message



A person called the church after she had moved to town in 2011. It was the same month my wife and I moved from Northern California to serve as the district pastor of two churches in Central Alberta. In setting up my office at the church, I noticed a telephone but no answering machine. I began inquiring into getting a device to record messages, when I learned the church had voicemail through their telephone provider.

Upon retrieving the messages, I noted that three of them were from the same person, a young lady requesting a ride to church. When I returned her calls, I apologized for the delay and found she was anxious to attend church, but since she was only a youth living in a group home, she didn't have transportation of her own and needed permission to go to church. So I contacted church members to make arrangements, and then I called her back to make sure she knew who would be picking her up and the time to be ready.

On Sabbath morning I met her in the foyer to welcome her to the services and couldn't help but notice how pleased she was to be there. She was a sweet, friendly, appreciative youth who had previously attended other Seventh-day Adventist churches and liked other events such as fellowship lunches, church socials, or Christmas carolling. In time she volunteered to help in the Sabbath school program in the cradle roll division. The youth and young adults of the church made her feel welcome, and a network of church members were dependable in providing rides.

While she lived in our area, she didn't have family members who came to visit her, so on Family Day at her group home she invited my wife and me, along with some of the church members. We all went, which made her day, but she made ours as she proudly introduced us to each of the residents and staff. This pattern was repeated year after year when she asked us to come for her

birthday, Christmas, graduation from high school, and finally her move to another community.

A couple of times she took my wife and me on a little tour of the group home and her room at two different places she was assigned. We noticed some things she could use to brighten her room and make her feel more important. When her 18th birthday came around, it didn't seem right to not make it more significant, so I contacted the ladies of the church and asked them if our church could do more for her. And they did, which endeared us to her even more. She especially liked the soft, warm blanket, pillows, and area rug, along with the colourful decorations and tasty treats. Who could have appreciated it more? Whom else did she have?

Two years later the church asked the conference evangelist to conduct a series of meetings. This young lady invited some of her friends to the meetings and in the end decided to be baptized the final week of the meetings, which was one of the high points of her life. At her baptism the church gave her a copy of the *Welcome to the Family* album. She proudly opened it and noticed the professional calligraphy with her name indicating she was a part of the family of God. That day she personally asked church members to sign her book, which we were privileged to do.

When she was moved to live in another group home in a different community, I contacted the pastor of the church to make him aware she was in their area. We miss her since she moved away but are glad to know she is OK. No doubt, she is a witness for Jesus in her own unique way. I can well imagine the words of Jesus, "When I called, you returned My messages. When I was in a group home, you visited Me." ■

Larry Weidell is pastor of the Wetaskiwin and Warburg churches in Alberta.

If you are interested in an Adventist Christian education at Kingsway College, contact the enrolment office at admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca.



Alessandro Coronado

What time is it? is the question I often ask myself, specifically when I have to get ready to start my daily journey at Kingsway College. My name is Alessandro Coronado. I am in Grade 11 and currently attending Kingsway College. I am a proud Peruvian, and I speak the best language in the world, Spanish. I have been blessed with two lovely parents, three gorgeous young sisters, and a heavenly Father who guides me in my everyday life.

Attending Kingsway has been a true blessing. Since the first day I stepped foot on this beautiful campus, I have been blessed in so many different ways. Kingsway has impacted me so much that it has led me to do many things to honour and praise our God. I started a group called the CREW in Barrie, Ont. This group is made up of four talented young people who have a desire to work for God. I started training them on how they can become leaders of the church so we can change the world. Kingsway changed my whole perspective on how I can make a difference, and I know it has helped make a difference in others as well.

Pastor Allen Decena was the chaplain when I came to Kingsway in 2014. He was one of the first staff I met, and he guided me through my spiritual life. He healed

me in my most difficult times. All of my teachers, in fact, have always cared about me in at least three ways: my academic as well as my spiritual life, and also they've encouraged me in my physical well-being.

It is amazing how much love I feel at Kingsway. Everywhere I go, people are always asking me how I am doing, sharing their own testimonies, and that has helped my spiritual life to grow even stronger in faith. Building friendships that will last a lifetime. I will never forget any of the friends I have made at Kingsway. Every year there are always new students who come from all over the world, such as Asia, South America, USA, the Caribbean, and Europe as well as other places. Learning from their culture and language has always fascinated me. Not only do I learn English and French, but I can also learn Mandarin, German, and Portuguese from my friends.

Living in the boys' dorm is like having a lot of older and younger brothers. It is a big house full of kids ages 13–18 just having fun and doing a lot of crazy things. Study hall is when everyone goes back to their own rooms to study hard, because, let's just say Kingsway's academics standards are very high. You also don't want to get the RAs (students who do the room checks and make sure everyone is in their own room) mad or else you will not like the consequences. I have always liked having a big family; here at Kingsway I have about 210 other younger/older siblings.

This year I joined the Student Association (SA) as the minister of religious affairs (student pastor) of Kingsway College. My responsibility was to plan events such as worships on Tuesday nights, Friday night vespers, or café nights, Sabbath school, and sometimes divine service and week of prayer. Planning these activities helped me so much in my spiritual growth, as well as the opportunity to work with other students from the school. We also have outreach days, days when we go all over Oshawa helping elderly people and doing other amazing things. Being a part of the SA has helped me grow as a leader.

I have had countless experiences and testimonies here at Kingsway that I could write an entire book about. "Let the young men, and women, and children go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action . . . The Lord will help those who will use their God entrusted capabilities to his name's glory."¹ ■

Christina Lister is the development coordinator at Kingsway College.

Ground-Breaking 2016: From Spark to Spade



Alberta Conference secretary, Larry Hall (left), and president Ken Wiebe (right) break ground for the new high school and Industrial Arts Centre.

Some thought the brief interlude of brilliant sunshine in what was otherwise a grey and rainy week a sign from heaven. There was an air of excitement and “Mamawi Atosketan” (Cree for “working together”) as donors, conference leaders, dignitaries, students, and teachers past and present picked up shovels to break ground for an Adventist high school that is a beacon of hope for aboriginal young people and their families.

“I’m so grateful for what this school has done for my children,” says Levi Nepoose, whose children wouldn’t think of going anywhere else. Nepoose worked tirelessly to organize the powwow feature for the day, using his personal connections as a well-known powwow dancer to bring in an internationally-known aboriginal drum group, Northern Cree. “I don’t have much money,” continues Nepoose, who earns his livelihood as a traditional craftsman, “but this is something I can do to give back.”

Special music by Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) parent and gospel singer Ruby Cutknife and prayers in English (by MANS chaplain, Dan Guiboche) and Cree (former Samson Band counsellor and elder, Rose Saddleback) invoked the presence of the Creator before spades went into the ground. Michael Willing, vice-principal for the high school, acknowledged special guests and dignitaries from the County of Ponoka, the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta, and the mayor of St. Albert, who also spoke about the importance of the event. Campaign manager Lynn McDowell introduced Andrew Bartlett of the Canadian Welding Association Foundation, which is donating the equipment for the welding component of the school’s Industrial Arts Centre.

“We’ve looked forward to this day for a long time,” said President Ken Wiebe. “This is God’s project. It’s humbling to watch how He has led.”

The architect’s drawings, by architect Zayda Steinke, a member of the Alberta Conference, can be viewed at www.mans.l.ca. ■

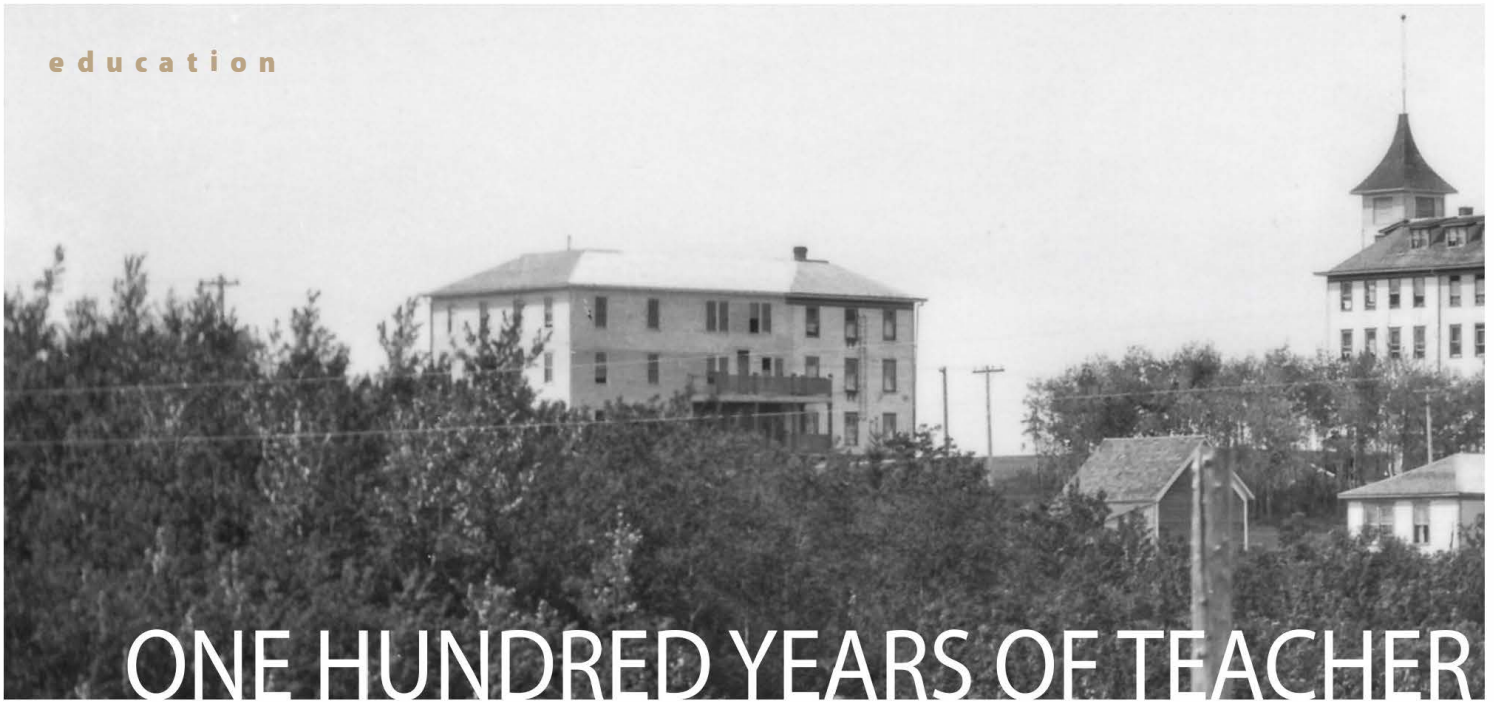
Myken McDowell is the communications assistant for The Bridge Campaign, which will fund the high school building at Mamawi Atosketan Native School.



Founding donor and honorary campaign chair Larry Wilkins breaks ground for the new high school and Industrial Arts Centre alongside fellow founding donor Danny Chase (Chase Interiors, Vancouver).



Levi Nepoose, the MANS parent who organized the powwow feature, dances in traditional Cree regalia he made himself.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TEACHER

THE JOHN MCKIBBIN SCHOOL OF EDUCATION at Burman University can be celebrated with a one-hundred cannon-gun salute! Why? This Seventh-day Adventist Teacher Education program officially began in 1917, with the first two graduates completing the program in 1919.

Archived records preserved at Burman University's Edith Fitch Department of Archives reveal that in order to build a school in Alberta, pioneers Charles and Leona Burman had a crew of 18 men with 18 horses, three bobsleds, and a cutter to fell trees on a piece of land 40 kilometres west of Leduc. Shortly thereafter, a group of pioneers, with guidance from Ellen White, built a school and sanitarium on that land in Lacombe, Alta. Ten years later the teacher training program began.

Eight graduates completed the program between 1919 and 1922. The teacher training program was discontinued in 1922 because of new Alberta government regulations, but almost 30 years later, the college board once again approved a teacher training program that continues to prepare teachers for service in various education fields across Canada and around the world.

As we celebrate the end of the 2015/2016 school year, we can boast of 748 graduates, the majority of whom earned a Bachelor of Education degree from



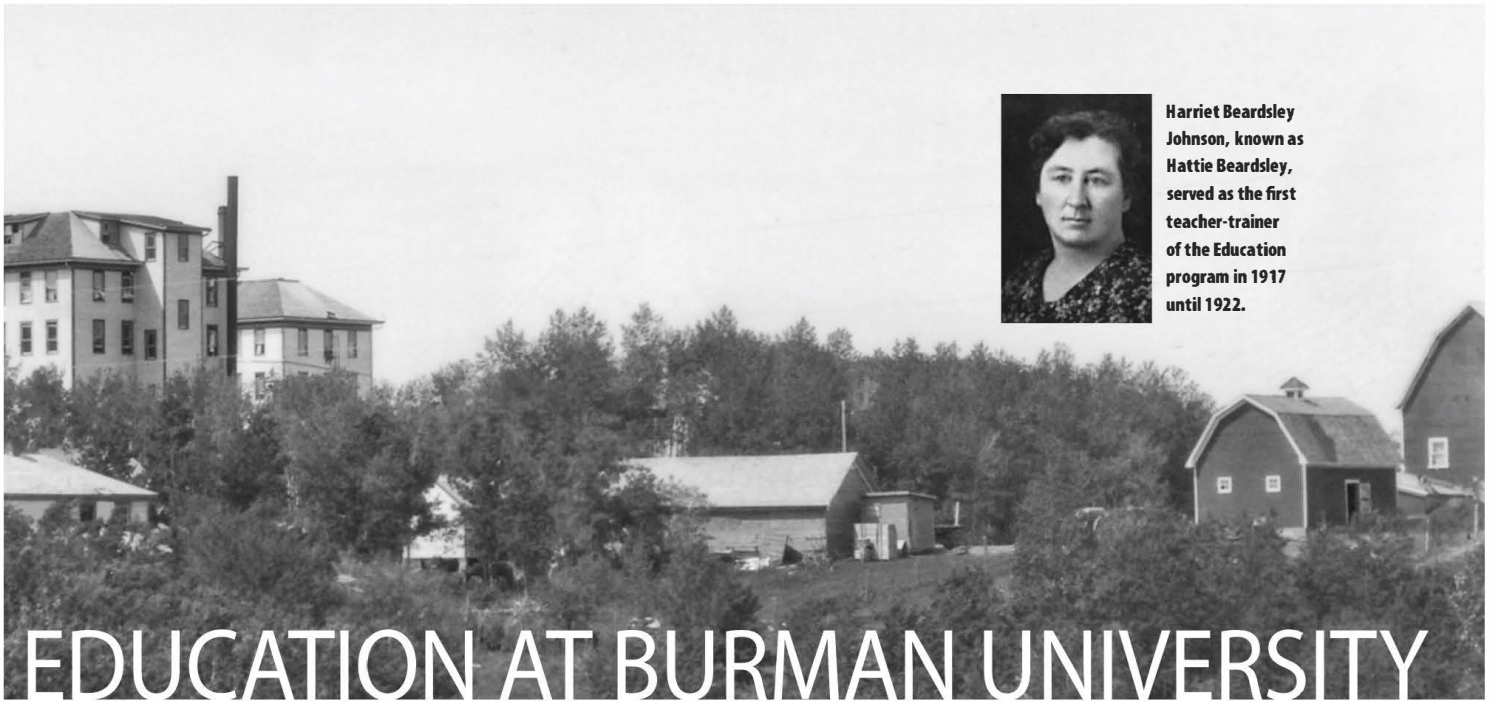
The John McKibbin School of Education, circa 1983.

Burman University and are currently employed in K–12 school settings at home and abroad. Over its 100-year history, 38 full-time professors or part-time contract teachers have taught for the teacher education program at Burman University, according to the records maintained in our archives from 1914 to 2016. Their contributions have produced high-quality teachers who in turn are preparing young people for lives of service at various levels of the education system.

Timothy (Tim) Buttler, a 2004 graduate, joined the Burman faculty as Assistant Professor of Education with special emphasis in math and science

education. Shad Lehman (2002) and Kent Rusk (1995) both serve at the conference level, Shad as superintendent of Manitoba/Saskatchewan and Kent as associate superintendent in B.C.

Nine of Burman's graduates currently serve as principals or vice-principals of secondary schools in Canada: Alastair Atherton (1998), vice-principal and social studies teacher at Peace Christian School in Chetwynd, B.C.; Angie Ward (1987), principal of Parkview Adventist Academy in Lacombe, Alta.; Cathy Domke (1985), principal of Fraser Valley Academy in Aldergrove, B.C.; Caren Erickson (1993), principal of Deer Lake Seventh-day Adventist School in Burnaby, B.C.;



Harriet Beardsley Johnson, known as Hattie Beardsley, served as the first teacher-trainer of the Education program in 1917 until 1922.

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Rodney Jamieson (1993), vice-principal at Parkview Adventist Academy in Lacombe; Roxanne McPherson (1989), vice-principal and kindergarten teacher at Mamawi Atosketan Native School in Ponoka, Alta.; Lee Richards (1985), president of Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont.; Darren Shankel (1995), principal at Peace Christian School in Chetwynd; and Gail Wilton (2004), principal of Mamawi Atosketan Native School in Ponoka.

An additional 17 graduates currently serve as principals, vice-principals, or teaching principals of elementary schools in Canada: Daniel Carley (1985), principal of College Park Elementary School in Oshawa, Ont.; Susan Christison (1988), teaching principal at Shuswap Adventist School in Salmon Arm, B.C.; Patricia Ferreira-Lopez (2000), teaching principal at Adventist Christian Elementary School in London, Ont.; Steven Gabrys (2001), vice-principal and Grade 5/6 teacher at College Heights Christian School in Lacombe, Alta.; Reo Ganson (1963), principal of College Heights Christian School in Lacombe; Janice Harford (1982), principal of Lakeview Christian School in Victoria, B.C.; Laura Holland (2014), teaching principal at Robson Valley Junior Academy, in McBride, B.C.; Renee Johnson (2005), teaching principal at Bella Coola Adventist School in Bella

Coola, B.C.; Karen Landry (1996), teaching principal at Rosthern Christian School in Rosthern, Sask.; Janelle Mutya (2015), teaching principal at Near North Adventist Christian School in Barrie, Ont.; Jason Perkins (1995), vice-principal and PE/computers teacher at College Park Elementary School in Oshawa; Davina Peters (1991), principal of Pleasant Valley Christian Academy in Vernon, B.C.; Andrew Savenye (1996), teaching principal at Curtis-Horne Christian School in Regina, Sask.; Leidamae Solijon (2004), teaching principal at Windsor Adventist Elementary School in Windsor, Ont.; Juli Sukow (2000), vice-principal and special education teacher at Avalon Adventist Christian Academy in Port Hardy, B.C.; Cyndi Walper (1984), principal of Avalon Adventist Junior Academy in Avalon, B.C.; and Rhonda Ziakris (1993), administrative principal for four small Adventist schools in Central Alberta (Woodland Adventist School in Ponoka, Peace Hills Adventist School in Wetaskiwin, South Side Christian School in Red Deer, and Sylvan Meadows Adventist School in Sylvan Lake).

Two Burman University graduates serve in specialized jobs that call for additional training and expertise in their field of work. Lisa Stevens (2003) is the special education/inclusive education

mentor for the B.C. Conference and SDACC REACH co-ordinator, and Tracey Jamieson (1991) is the learning coach for the Alberta Conference.

Currently, four Burman University graduates serve in leadership positions in the local public school sector: Evie VanScheik (1997), inclusion coach for Terrace Ridge School and Lacombe Outreach School in Alberta; Darin Ratzlaff (2000), vice-principal at École James S. McCormick in Lacombe, Alta.; Mark McWinnie (1995), assistant superintendent for Wolf Creek Public School Division in Alberta; and Jason Lovell (1994), acting superintendent for the Wolf Creek Public School Division in Alberta.

The faculty of the John McKibbin School of Education at Burman University praise God for His leading through the past hundred years and are committed to the counsel given by Ellen White in 1903:

“We need to follow more closely God’s plan of life. To do our best in the work that lies nearest, to commit our ways to God, and to watch for the indications of His providence—these are rules that ensure safe guidance in the choice of an occupation.”¹ ■

June Fiorito is Chair of the School of Education at Burman University, Lacombe, Alta.

¹ *Education*, 267.



Parkview Profiles

by Katelyn Ruiz

"I thought I knew everything about PAA before I got here, but I had no idea what it would mean to me personally."

Parkview Adventist Academy's student body knows they can count on Kalmani Huether, a community student whose family is closely connected with campus, to get things done. In her three years at PAA, Kalmani has become a lifeguard, a star volleyball and basketball player, as well as short-term missionary, class secretary, president, treasurer, and yearbook editor in her senior year. Her focus and her smile are just a few of the reasons she will be missed after graduation.

"I've lived in Lacombe all my life," she says, "so coming to PAA was kind of a given. Both my parents graduated from PAA and had good experiences, and when it was my turn, I already knew a lot of people in the school. It was exciting to come and see what high school life was like, and it made me appreciate this campus even more."

Life for Kalmani quickly filled up as she took advantage of the many opportunities available to PAA students. She shares, "We think it's normal that we have a choir touring internationally and an Acronaires tumbling team, and all these different things, and we forget that at other places, it's not so common."

Being from Lacombe and familiar with PAA does not mean that Kalmani's life has followed a predictable pattern, but rather that she has had to work a little harder to define her independence. Kalmani admits, "I thought I knew everything about PAA before I got here, but I had no idea what it would mean to me personally. It's cool to fulfill a family legacy, but it's also cool that each experience is different for every person."

The campus and calendar are packed with activities, and Kalmani enjoys being part of the excitement: "I love the sports seasons, and that time of year when we're all crazy busy, and there's still volleyball, and basketball, and all kinds of trips happening. And the teachers have all helped me and encouraged me to get involved. I realize that my participation is valuable here at PAA."

Where Kalmani has added so much life to PAA's plans, she has also taken away the kind of connections with students and teachers that will last. "I love all the teachers," she says. "I love how you can have a personal connection with them. And they are not just your teacher; they're also your friend. The majority



Kalmani Huether

of PAA staff are on the younger side, so they can still relate to us students. They always ask me how my life is going, and I love that they care and open up to us by sharing their stories."

As for her friends, Kalmani explains how the social structure of PAA is unique when compared with other high schools: "There are smaller friend groups here, but we all know who everyone else is. Even though you may not see it at first, we are a close-knit family and when one of us gets hurt, we all notice and do what we can to take care of them. It's not just that PAA is comfortable for me, it's where I want to be. This small group of people can do amazing things!"

She recognizes that with each year, more experiences lead to greater wisdom, and, in turn, an improved life. According to Kalmani, "You should expect to grow at PAA. Every year in high school, you kind of change, so if you want to stay the same way, you're in a hole and you shut yourself off from learning. If I came into school and wasn't open to these opportunities, then I'd miss out on everything that's created who I am at PAA."

Because of her appreciation for Adventist education, Kalmani will continue to grow into the person—and the educator—God created her to be. ■

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Alberta

Calgary Central Church Holds Second Annual Community Stampede Haystack Dinner

If you've been an Adventist for long enough, you know all about "haystacks" and probably even have your own opinion on how to assemble this unique take on taco salad. Since haystacks and the Calgary Stampede just seem to go together naturally, Calgary Central church, for the past two years, has used this easy-to-make meal to reach out to our community during the Stampede week. Although the meal is quick to put together, there is a lot of planning and preparation involved when you are inviting all your neighbours. Thankfully, many volunteers were happy to help wherever necessary.

This year's Stampede was easily the wettest one many in Calgary have seen. It rained every single day. The early afternoon skies suggested that our dinner would need to be moved inside to the church gym. One hour before the dinner the clouds disappeared, and we were blessed with a beautiful blue sky. As we set out our tables, chairs, and food, we were so thankful for this timely blessing because serving the meal to our guests in the church parking lot meant that everyone could easily see us and know we were there to feed them supper.

What a turnout! Last year we were able to serve approximately 80 people from our community, but this year we came close to doubling that number and served 135. Including those from our church who attended, we served 195 people! During our supper our guests were treated to some live country music by Rachel Miranda on her violin, and we even had a special little boy from the neighbourhood who helped hand out



dessert and juice boxes because he wanted to be part of the serving team.

As the various parts of the haystack meal were served, it was encouraging to see many people from last year and also hear comments from both returnees and people coming for the first time.

"I've been looking forward to this all week!"

"I enjoyed it so much last year that I invited my friends and neighbours!"

"We wouldn't miss this!"

"It's so healthy and tastes wonderful!"

"What a cool idea. I can make this at home for my family."

"What other types of programs does

your church offer?"

The rain did return later that evening but, amazingly, not until everyone had enjoyed the meal and the entire cleanup was complete. Praise the Lord!

Haystacks have been a staple in the Adventist Church for many years, and it has been exciting and fun to share this simple yet healthy meal with our community. When we can show our neighbours a little bit of who we are and that we care, it's just another step in reaching out with the love of Jesus. ■

— Joanne Burns,
Calgary Central church

British Columbia

Camp Hope Singles Retreat



Every fall in the beautiful lodge at Camp Hope in British Columbia, many Adventist singles from the whole Northwest and beyond meet together. For the past four years, Jana Bislin, the BC SDA Singles coordinator and her friends, host this event.

Usually about 100 and more singles come here together for a program, full of great sermons, music, hikes, trips, walks, and fellowship. This great event attracts many Adventist singles, and they meet together for three or four days, and for many who come from far north or south, from small churches, this is the only venue to meet and make new friends. Last year, we had singles from as far as Texas, Montana, California, Oregon, Washington, and Alberta. It's a great opportunity to meet new and old friends, hear great sermons, and walk the many trails on the beautiful campgrounds.

"It's a great ministry that brings our Lord closer to many of us every year. We have three baptisms so far and many lasting friendships, relationships—even marriages start right here," says Jana. We have now more than 500 singles registered on our Facebook page, BC SDA Singles Group, and have the largest Adventist Facebook membership in North America. "Any Adventist single can join us," she says.

This year's retreat is Oct. 21–24th, 2016, and pastors Karel Samek and Greg Wellman are this year's speakers. For more information and registration, please call Jana at 604/309-4823 or send an email to jana0209@gmail.com. ■

Creston Concert in the Park



Rob and Bethany Folkenberg performing at a local park in Creston, B.C.

"Refreshing, inspiring, and a blessing to our community" would best describe Creston church's second Concert in the Park.

The evening of July 2 was warm and sunny, and an audience of approximately 200 people gathered to listen to the music of Rob and Bethany Folkenberg, who serve as a pastoral couple in the Rutland church. Their youthful energy and enthusiasm for the God they serve was evident throughout the program, which featured, solos, duets, harp, and cello. Rob and Bethany are gifted musicians and have appeared on some of the Fountainview Academy DVDs. Their presentation in word and music was a powerful witness and a great way to break down prejudice in our community.

As a service to those attending, the local church also offered free bottled water and set up a GLOW tract display. Comments after the program were very positive, and we recommend this as a great way to REACH out in your community. ■

—Averil and Ian Cotton,
Communications, Creston Church

Michael Wixwat Accepts Call to Serve MENA



Michael and Melanie Wixwat

On April 30, 2016, Michael Wixwat left his position as vice-president for Finance/Treasury of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Columbia Conference for a new role as missionary treasurer for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Union of Seventh-day Adventists. He has been ministering in MENA since June 1, 2016, with his wife Melanie serving as the personal assistant to the MENA president.

Wixwat has the distinction of being one of BC Conference's longest-serving administrators, having started there in September 2005. And after nearly 11 years of faithful service he has left a legacy of excellence. Wayne Culmore, recently retired president of the BC Conference, says, "For close to 11 years, Michael kept the BC Conference on a solid financial foundation—members of the Board of Directors, the Finance and Building Committee, and the ABC Committee held Michael in the highest regard and respected his expertise. [Notably], for the past two years the BC Conference has received a clean letter—which is unheard of—from the auditors. I don't need to convince anyone what an incredible job Michael has done—his

work speaks for itself."

When asked what they will miss most about Wixwat, his close colleagues depict a man who is not only a fantastic administrator but also a friend. Sven Tornlov, associate treasurer and planned giving director, and Esther Koppers, administrative secretary, say, "He's an excellent treasurer because he's very focused but also knows when to have a laugh."

Wesley Torres, then vice-president of the BC Conference (now president of BC Conference), concurs: "He's a guy who means business, [but] he [also] has a big heart."

Wixwat feels especially fortunate to be able to work for God in MENA, as a couple of years back he fell through one of the conference skylights and sustained multiple injuries, including five broken ribs; a collapsed lung; a fractured clavicle, scapula, and wrist; and a minor fracture to two lower vertebrae. He was in the ICU on a ventilator but, by God's grace, was brought out of a coma within the next few days.

His health restored, Wixwat most anticipates meeting newly baptized members in places like Egypt, Morocco,

Tunisia, Algeria, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Jordan, and the Gulf; meeting Waldensian students studying in major universities across MENA who are making friends and sharing their faith; and seeing a "Witness on a Wall" event, where an Adventist artist and young people join local artists and community youth in producing a public art project. He says, "God is working in the hearts of people all over the Middle East and North Africa, and it will be exciting to meet some of those people!"

Wixwat asks that the Church in Canada "pray for the indigenous people of this territory and the protection of our workers who live in difficult and dangerous situations where there is no freedom to [preach the gospel]." He also invites the Church in Canada to sponsor different groups to work in MENA, such as pastors, Adventist professionals, and Waldensian students from Canada, to help spread the gospel in a largely unreached territory.

Directly connected to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Middle East and North Africa Union comprises 20 countries. The region is bordered by Morocco to the west, Iran to the east, Turkey to the north, and Sudan to the south. There are roughly 500 million people in MENA, encompassing 48 cities that each have a population of more than one million people. Languages spoken include Arabic, Turkish, Berber, Farsi, French, and English. The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates Middle East University in Beirut, Lebanon, which was established in 1939 and is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in the country. MENA has one Adventist for about 159,000 non-Adventists.

Wixwat's former secretary, Betty Lang, cites the qualities that will help him be successful in this new territory: "his encouragement, his well-spoken demeanour, and gift with finances [demonstrated] in how he took care of the treasury." ■

— Charles Ed II Aguilar,
Communication Director,
British Columbia Conference

Vacation Bible School OutREACH in Creston



Al Grace, the “science guy”

A church without children. A church school that closed a decade ago. A small rural retirement community with a shrinking school population. Not the most promising circumstances in which to run a Vacation Bible School—unless, that is, you have a passion for children’s ministries.

Ruth Graca and Patty Walters were not content to sit back and let these bleak circumstances shape the future of the Creston church in southern British Columbia.

They planned and organized a Vacation Bible School program that captivated the kindergarten, primary, and junior children, who joined together each morning from 9 to noon. More than a dozen volunteers (men and women) provided an enthusiastic and energetic support team. Attendance grew to 20 as the week went on and some of the parents stayed by to take in the activities.

Lively singing, Bible stories, crafts, science experiments, health instruction, and outdoor activities focused on the theme of “Creation.” The mornings ended with a healthy snack and fruit smoothies, which the children helped to prepare.

On Sabbath morning, July 11, church members joined together with VBS participants and their families for a graduation program that was well received.

This is just the first step in our quest to REACH young families in this community. Plans are being made to run a Sabbath morning children’s program with Bible stories and crafts so that we do not lose contact with our VBS children. ■

—Averil and Ian Cotton,
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Camp Frenda 40th-Year Alumni Association Celebration and Fundraising Event



The sons and extended family of Andi King attended the dedication of the photography studio.



Former camp directors, Gordon Pifher, Bryan Lee, and Paul Llewellyn, pose for a selfie.

Nestled in a cozy bay of Lake Rosseau in northern Ontario, Camp Frenda is the jewel of the Ontario Conference. On June 30–July 3, 2016, the Camp Frenda Alumni Association held their 40th anniversary alumni celebration. Over 200 people attended.

The reunion weekend was such a blessing for singing, playing, and worshipping together. Some travelled from as far away as the Northwest Territories, California, and Florida. Four previous camp directors were able to attend: Gordon Pifher, Bryan Lee, Milt Perkins, and Paul Llewellyn.

The weekend was powerful, a spiritual reset, and a reminder of the value of the Frenda family. Many alumni shared testimonies of how camp transformed their lives and led them to a relationship with Jesus. All agreed that compared to other places on earth, the veil between heaven and earth is very thin at Camp Frenda!

Perhaps one of the most powerful testimonies was from Sarah Mora, who calls herself a Camp Frenda success story. Her story is the incredible journey of her life as a United Church Christian camper, to becoming camp staff, to solidifying her relationship with God through the teachings and Bible truths of the Adventist Church, to marrying another camp staff

member. Today she is a Seventh-day Adventist teacher at Crawford Adventist Academy! She says she is proof that Camp Frenda changes lives.

During the weekend we held two special dedications. The photography studio was dedicated to Andi King. Andi started the photography program at Camp Frenda in the 1970s. Two years ago she died of complications from stage 4 Glioblastoma, a type of aggressive brain cancer. Over the past decade she spent a portion of every summer at Camp Frenda volunteering as the camp nurse. Andi's boys and extended family were on hand for the dedication.

The second dedication was the naming of the new structure at the top of the hill that replaced the craft building. In honour of the Sanz family and their creation of the Sanz family Endowment Fund (which funds deserving campers and additional summer camp staff), the building was dedicated as the "Sanz Complex." While Dr. and Mrs. Sanz were not present, both of their adult children and grandchildren represented the family.

The Camp Frenda Alumni Association has helped fund multiple projects since 2008, raising over \$600,000! During the June 30–July 3 reunion, the alumni association raised \$65,000! These funds will be used for completion of six chalet

upgrades, the Sanz complex renovations, and the chapel-in-the-woods project.

Camp Ministry is incredibly unique. In today's world, it provides opportunity for children to "unplug" and connect with God in a way that is impossible in a wired world. It provides a bridge to the community that Adventist churches and schools cannot fill. It provides opportunities for Adventist young people to hone their leadership skills in ministry and in life. The American Camping Association has identified seven key areas of professional skill acquisition unique to summer camp employment that directly translate into the professional world: leadership, management and supervision, problem solving and conflict resolution, teamwork, program development, communication, and evaluation and assessment.

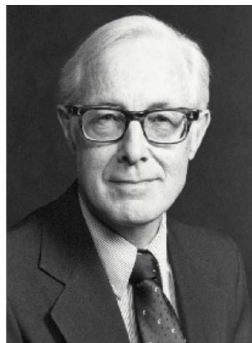
No matter which province you live in, there is a Seventh-day Adventist camp that needs you, your time, donations, and prayers. Do not wait to be asked. Imagine the possibilities if every Canadian summer camp had an alumni association! ■

— Sharon Aka, associate director, Adventist Learning Community; Steven Atkins, biology teacher, Andrews University; Glenn DeSilva, director, Camp Frenda

North American Division

Thomas Atwood Davis, Feb. 9, 1920-July 30, 2016

Best-selling author and former *Adventist Review* associate editor, passes away at the age of 96.



Thomas Atwood Davis was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Safe Harbour, N.L., and died on July 30, 2016, in Kelowna, B.C. Davis started his ministry as a singing evangelist, then pastored in the Sault Ste. Marie and Ottawa churches in Ontario. He was called to be an assistant editor of the *Bible Dictionary* (part of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary Series*) at the Review and Herald

in 1958. From there Davis served as editor-in-chief of the Philippine Publishing House and the Oriental Watchmen Publishing House in India.

Returning to the Review and Herald, he served as associate editor of what is now called the *Adventist Review*, as well as a book editor, and *Life and Health (Vibrant Life)* magazine editor.

Davis wrote many books on practical Christian living, including *How to Be a Victorious Christian* (a best-seller), *Of Course You Can Walk on Water; Was Jesus Really Like Us?; Conscience, Your Inner Voice; Laodicea, the Church that Doesn't Know; Coming, The Latter Rain; and Preludes to Prayer.*

Davis is predeceased by his parents, John and Emma (Attwood) Davis. Surviving: wife, Margaret (Penner) Davis, of Kelowna, B.C.; son: Arlen (Sherry) Davis of College Place, Wash.; daughters: Cheryl (Edward) Dunn of Calgary, Alta., and Lorna (Daniel) Dreher of Priest River, Ida.; brothers, Kenneth and Edward Davis; sister, Irene Town; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. ■

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New Members

ALBERTA

Vezo Gama was baptized in Leduc, Alta., on May 21, 2016, by Melbourne Turgott. He is now a member of the Leduc church.

Anniversaries

Bernice and **Kenneth Fox** of Kelowna, B.C., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11,



2016. They lived in College Place, Wash.; Loma Linda, Calif.; Red Deer,

Alta.; Grand Prairie, Alta.; and currently reside in Kelowna. The Foxes have two children, Shonna (David) Rhine and Todd Fox; and four grandchildren.

Birthdays



Julie (née Grosso) Pfnmuller of Abbotsford, B.C., celebrated her 95th birthday on April 27, 2016. She spends her days reading, watching 3ABN, and praying; and loves visits and phone calls from family and friends. Her five children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are blessed to have a godly mother and Nana.

Obituaries

Pearl (née Cooper) Chang was born on April 12, 1929, in Carnagiey, Cuba, and died on June 1, 2016, in Oshawa, Ont. Her life was one of service; she and her husband took in six of their grandchildren in their retirement (Veronica, Suzanna, April, Aaron, Melissa, Mark Jr.). She dreamt of being a missionary abroad as a nurse in her younger years, but realized her goal in a real way more locally. She was "grandma" to all children who came into her path and was sure to tell everyone the gospel message. Pearl is predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Mary (née Powell) Cooper; brothers, Emmanuel Cooper and Joseph Cooper; sister, Celeste Graham. Surviving: husband, Philip Chang; sons, Mark Chang Sr. of Oshawa and Tony Chang of Oshawa; sister, Iris Mullings; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Philip Chang was born on Aug. 25, 1934, in Smithville, Jamaica, and died on June 8, 2016, in Oshawa, Ont. He served as a deacon at the College Park church for many years. A true scholar, he did much independent study of the Bible and the Hebrew language, contributing to rousing discussions in Sabbath school. Philip and his wife, Pearl, sacrificed their retirement to raise six of their grandchildren. Philip

is predeceased by his wife, Pearl (née Cooper) Chang; parents, Percy and Berle (née Beckford) Chang; and brothers, Chizzy Chang and Winston Chang. Surviving: sons, Mark Chang Sr. of Oshawa and Tony Chang of Oshawa; brothers, Albert Chang, Alvin Chang, Barry Chang, Leon (Valerie) Chang, and Paul Chang; sisters, Eula Chang, Eula Dave Chang, Ucretia Britton, and Olive Chang; half-sisters, Dorothy Beckford and Minna Bonique; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Wilma (née West) Just was born on Nov. 24, 1940, in Halifax, N.S., and died on April 26, 2016, in Kelowna, B.C. She participated and led out in Sabbath school and Pathfinders, visited people in their homes, and represented the church by volunteering for the Red Cross and various community organizations. Surviving: husband, Gerald A. Just; son, Mark Allen (Cindy) Just of Eagle River, Alaska; daughter, Kelly Ann Just of Seattle, Wash.; sister, Linda Anne Toop of North York, Ont.; and one grandchild.

Roy D. Roberts was born on July 5, 1941, in Chadron, Neb., and died on May 27, 2016, in Fort Collins, Colo. He served as treasurer of the Maritime Conference from 1982–1984, during which time he improved the financial status of the conference. Roy is predeceased by his brother, David Roberts. Surviving: wife, Marlys Roberts; son, Todd Roberts; daughters, Lisa Terrell and Tonya Roberts; brother, Jay Roberts; sister, Carla Wabnitz; and five grandchildren.

Esther Streifling was born on March 3, 1923, in Lehr, N.D., and died on May 24, 2016, in Kelowna, B.C. She and her husband moved to Winfield, B.C., in 1983 and remained active in the Winfield church until their deaths. Esther is predeceased by her husband, Bernard Streifling; and daughter, Katherine Jo Crowder. Surviving: son, Patrick (Evelyn) Willard of Tacoma, Wash.; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Tribute

College Park Says Goodbye to First Centenarian



The Mohns family's membership has been at College Park Church in Oshawa for many years. Sabbath June 18, 2016, members attended the funeral of Ruthie Mohns, who was 100 years old.

Ruthie was best known for her forgiving nature and gift of helps. She enjoyed working in Community Services and being of help in the church. Her years of service and compassion will be remembered, and she will be fondly missed. Praise God for a wonderful example of Christian faith and a life well lived for 100 years.

Leanne Marie Grinde, B.Sc., DDS



Congratulations, Leanne, on one of your greatest achievements in life, the successful completion of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Alberta. You have proved your amazing perseverance and dedication. Now you are facing a new chapter in your life, and our thoughts and best wishes go with you. May you find real happiness and satisfaction in your new profession. We couldn't be happier for you! Love, Mummy and Daddy

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from the editor

social media

IN RECENT WEEKS THERE WAS MUCH EMPHASIS ON HOW ADVENTISTS CAN USE SOCIAL MEDIA MORE EFFECTIVELY.

But too often the Adventists who are interested in learning to use social media to engage with the world are merely looking for ways to give clever and witty responses to the various online rants against Adventists or the rest of Christianity. As an active pioneer in Adventist social media since long before the term “social media” came into existence, I can say this: It doesn’t work.

What does work is following the counsel of Ellen White when she said that we should use Christ’s methods because they are proven to be effective. *And what are those methods?* you may ask. “Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’ There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort.”¹

The model that every believer is a minister is an Adventist one. Pointing someone to a website to say, “This is what I believe,” generally does not work well. The activity of mingling nowadays is not limited to face-to-face encounters, but includes all interactions. The need to reach out should not depend on technology alone but rather on every member making a personal effort to come close to the people. Constantly giving unsolicited advice to those we meet online frequently fails just as in real life—if you have not first mingled with them and won their confidence.

Start to mingle. And that doesn’t mean thumping on people and trying to let them know you know everything. Mingle as one who desires their good—showing sympathy, ministering to needs, and winning confidences—and every strategy will be successful. ■

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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