Ontario Conference Acquires New School Building in Pickering

July 30, 2014, Oshawa, Ontario…OCN

On Tuesday, July 29, 2014, the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists took possession of a 15-classroom school in Pickering.

The single-storey former Roman Catholic School, located at 1765 Meadowview Avenue, on nearly three acres of land was built in 1983. It borders Shadybrook Community Park.

The new building will facilitate the relocation of Crawford Adventist Academy—East Campus, from Agape Temple Church at Fairport Road, Pickering. The school has used the church facilities since its establishment in 2008.

For the past three months, the Ontario Conference with the Toronto Adventist District School Board (TADSB) negotiated with the Durham Catholic District School Board and agreed on the purchase price of $3,700,000.

Pastor Mansfield Edwards, president of the Conference, was very happy to announce news of the acquisition. He told Conference departmental directors at a monthly meeting, “We have just purchased a new school building in Pickering”. “It’s a fairly modern facility with thirteen classrooms,
two kindergarten rooms, one gymnasium, a stage, a library and additional rooms, such as offices and staff rooms. It looks like it will be among one of the best school buildings owned by the church in Canada.”

Wendy Hutchinson, principal of the school, credits the acquisition solely to God. “To God be the glory!” she said. “We moved forward to obtain the school by faith, and He has rewarded our faith. There is so much to do preparing for the new school year, but I am very happy. This is a wonderful way to spread the gospel!”

The TADSB plans to offer a day care programme to the surrounding community as a feeder to the elementary school. The plan for the day care is to begin on September 1, 2014 with ten children and growing to thirty by 2016. The day care will operate between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Early drop off service may be offered as needed.

A few weeks earlier, as news of the possibility of obtaining the building spread among some churches in the east of the GTA, a number of parents eagerly committed themselves to registering their children in the elementary school should it be purchased. Presently, 60 children are already registered for the new school year. Last year’s registration was 37 pupils. The projection by the TADSB was for 50 pupils for the new school year.

Over the next six years, the TADSB projects that the school will grow to 115 pupils. The school can accommodate 200.

To register your child, please contact 905-839-0849 or 416-821-9707.

Wilson Thanks Jordan for Renewing Church’s Registration
July 25, 2014, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, Andrew McChesney/Adventist Review

Seventh-day Adventist Church President Ted N. C. Wilson, wrapping up a nearly month-long tour of five countries, thanked Jordanian authorities for averting a possible crisis by renewing the official registration of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Middle Eastern country.

Wilson met with Jordan’s tourism minister, Nidal Katamine, on Wednesday afternoon and thanked him and the government for renewing the registration, which is required for Adventists to worship and had been in jeopardy just weeks earlier.

“Jordan’s parliament resolved the issue,” Wilson said.

“We asked the minister to give thanks to the king of Jordan and to the prime minister,” he said by e-mail.

The Adventist Church only has about 150 members in the country, whose population is about 95 percent Muslim. But the Church has been legally authorized to function there by royal decree since 1960.

Wilson said that he met with members at the Amman Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday night to bring them spiritual encouragement during these challenging times in the Middle East.

Wilson, who lives near the world church’s headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, United States, has travelled in recent weeks to Britain, Switzerland, Thailand, Egypt and Jordan. Among the highlights was a weeklong health conference attended by 1,150 Adventist leaders and health professionals in Geneva, and a pastoral conference of 1,200 people in Bangkok.

Curiously, Wilson’s return flight to the U.S. did not go off without a hitch. His Lufthansa flight, scheduled to leave Amman at 2:55 a.m. Thursday, landed late and then took about an hour longer than scheduled to reach Frankfurt after the pilots circumvented the airspace near the Tel Aviv airport and instead flew south over Cairo and then up to Germany, Wilson said.

Airlines are on alert in the region after a militant rocket landed near the Tel Aviv airport earlier this week, and a number of them have cancelled flights to the Israeli city.
"We praise God for His protection and ask for God's blessing and protection for His people in the Middle East and North Africa Union," Wilson said.

After a few hours of rest, Wilson will fly to the U.S. West Coast to speak Friday night and Sabbath at the Soquel Camp Meeting organized by the Central California Conference.

Source: Adventist News Network

EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2014
Milton Church’s Women’s Ministries Day - “Hurt, Healed, & Restored”

Venue: Milton Christian School - 45 Bruce St. Milton, ON.
Speaker: Sis. Isabelle Castella, executive director of Mayday International
Sabbath School: 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Mid-day service: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served
Evening program: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a very interactive & informative program.
All are welcome & invited.

August 16
Latter Rain Church Seniors Ministry Day
Theme: Living for Christ

The Young at Heart seniors group cordially invites you to the Latter Rain Seventh-day Adventist Church for our Seniors Ministry Day on August 16.
After Sabbath School and divine service programs, share fellowship lunch with us. Stay and be inspired by the free music/drama program at 4:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected towards the church building fund. Refreshments will be served after the program.
Come and bring a friend.

Latter Rain Seventh-day Adventist Church is located at 7 Elinor Ave. in Scarborough near Lawrence East/Pharmacy Ave.

September 7
Save the Date: Reading Celebration - Reading Is Fun!

September 7, 2014: Reading Celebration at Crawford Adventist Academy from 1:00-4:00 p.m. sponsored by the Children's Ministries department, Ontario Conference. Special guest – Frenita Buddy (“Aunt Frenita”). Frenita will also conduct a storytelling workshop for leaders at 1:00. The Adventist Book Centre will be available to display and sell children’s books, games, and devotional materials.

September 25-28
North American Division Women’s Ministries Convention – Orlando, Florida

Registration has begun for the “Free Indeed 2014” North American Division Women’s Ministries Convention. The convention will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. Speakers include Dan Jackson, Dr. Ella Simmons, Katia Reinert, Adrienne Townsend. Enjoy musical performances by Kelly Mower and Gale Jones Murphy. Registrants can visit www.nadwm.org or call the Ontario Conference Women's Ministries department at 905-571-1022, ext. 204. Please let us know at the Ontario Conference office if you need to register or have registered. We want to be sure you are included on our Canadian list.

September 27-28
CHIP Training Session at Brantford Church

Training session for CHIP facilitators, Sept. 27-28, 2014. Presented by a certified coach. Exclusive offer: $250/person (includes CHIP participant kit [value $249]; certification; lunch). Hosted by the
October 4
Bronte Church Is Celebrating 25 Years of God's Richest Blessings

On October 4, 2014 Bronte Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating 25 years of God's richest blessings.

Bronte started off as a small community of worshippers renting space within the United Church on Lakeshore Road. Over the years, Bronte Church has grown considerably and currently has a membership of about 200. Bronte Church has been blessed and blessing the community with several and various ministries and programs.

As part of our mission, Bronte "recognizes that many of our members do not live in the area of the church, so we accept the responsibility that goes beyond church boundaries to represent the gospel wherever we work and live and play."

Bronte Church is excited to be celebrating 25 years in the beautiful Town of Oakville. Join us in our special celebration and bring others to be blessed.

OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

TADSB Enrollment 2014-2015

Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are still being accepted. Academic Scholarships and financial aid are available. To register, please contact:

Crawford Adventist Academy - (416) 633-0090
JK-8 – Mrs. Judy Burgin-Hall, Principal, ext. 271 or 227
High School – Mr. Andrew Thomas, Principal, ext. 240 or 223

Peel Adventist School (JK-8) - (905) 459-0500
Darlene Squires, Administrative Assistant

Crawford Adventist Academy East (JK-8) - (905) 839-0849
Wendy Hutchinson, Principal

Or (416) 633-0090 - Mr. Norman Brown, Supervising Principal, ext. 248 or 222

The new Crawford Adventist Academy East location at 1765 Meadowview Ave., Pickering, ON, will open on September 2, 2014. Bus transportation will be available.

Introducing the Tablet Program!

Kingsway College taps into the Tablet Program, starting September 2014! Every registered student will receive a Dell Venue 11 Pro for the school year, for academic purposes. This is included in the "Kingsway One Fee". Faculty and staff will be trained in spring and summer 2014. Students will participate in a "Tablet Boot Camp" during the first week of school with Dell, as they provide an out-of-the-box experience.
Apply today!

We are now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year! Discover more at www.kingswaycollege.on.ca. To get started on the application process, hover on the "Prospective Students" tab, and click "Application Packets". Feel free to contact us at admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca or 905-433-1144 ext. 211 or 212. We'd love to hear from you!

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