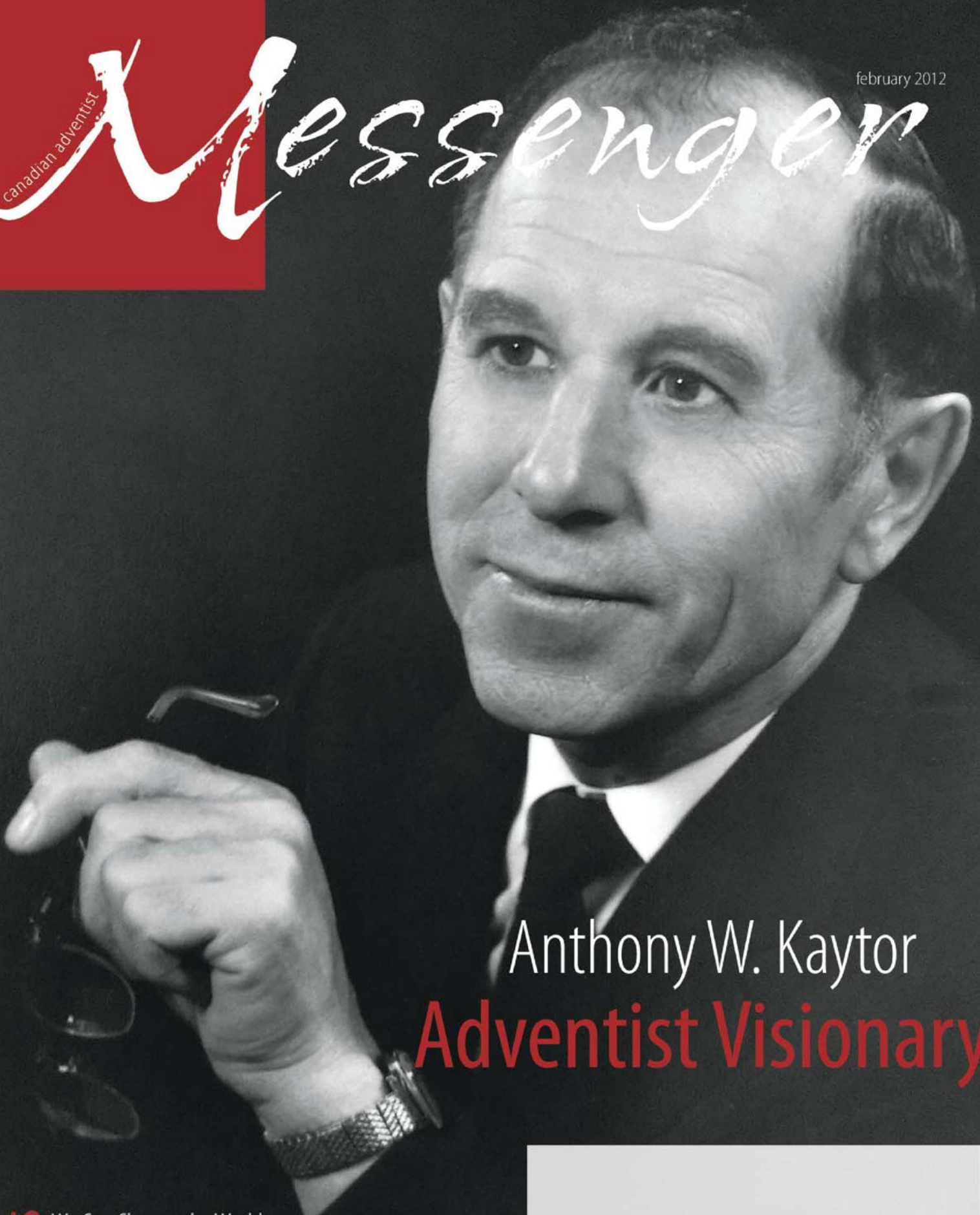


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Growing

When I was a kid, my mom's Aunt Bess used to visit every year on my birthday. Each time, she took a picture of me in front of the kitchen counter. Today as I look at those photos, I can see the growth. As a pastor visiting in homes, I frequently saw marks in a doorway or on a fridge recording the height of children.

Growing is something we expect. We would be worried if children or grandchildren stopped growing for some reason. Growth requires food and exercise, vitamins and minerals. Neglect to provide food and rest, and you have trouble.

Have you thought about the growth of your church family lately? I do. As I fly across Canada, sometimes I look out the window of the plane and wonder how the church is growing in this area or that area. Like children in the family, we should expect that our churches will grow. And the Church in Canada has been growing. Currently there are just under 64,000 Adventists holding membership throughout our country.

Should our church family continue to grow? It must! Christ designed it as a place of change and growth. In the early church, "the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47, NASB) God's church will grow as we express our faith by our lives and through sharing what we believe.

Can you imagine what might happen if every Adventist in Canada would plan to introduce one new person into Adventist fellowship and membership in 2012? What a difference it would make! Here's what Jesus says about it: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ..." (Acts 1:8, Weymouth).

I believe that God wants to use you and me to share His Kingdom. Will you join me in taking it to those around you? ■

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We Can Change the World

by Christine D.M. Wollmann

“Sa-wad-e-ka!” As a preschooler I heard stories of this faraway land and wondered about what they made in “tie-land.” Later I discovered Thailand in Santa Barbara, California, where I was introduced to its exotic food and developed a fascination for the country.



Christine Wollmann talking with Thai villagers.

Fast-forward a decade and I’m given an invitation by ADRA Canada to visit this enchanting place! Armed with a sincere desire to make a difference and my affection for Thai culture, I accepted the invitation and soon landed in Bangkok.

Breathing the warm air, I drove by beautiful ancient buildings, exotic vegetation, tall skyscrapers, congested city streets that were contrasted by shacks, all within close proximity. At first glance, it appeared this land didn’t need any help from non-governmental organizations, but looking closer, I realized otherwise.

The next morning, I traveled to the northern province of Chiang Rai and was introduced to the gentle hill tribe people called the Lahu. I visited a large school thriving with many activities and programs. The children were attentive as I sang in English, and then we enjoyed a game of soccer together.

As I walked through the village of the Lahu, I learned of many problems they were facing. Several ADRA offices around the world, including ADRA Canada, are helping to rebuild their lives through education for the young and the old. Children attend a school and day care built by ADRA and managed by local villagers and teachers. Meanwhile, the parents are taught a trade such as beading, sewing, maintenance of equipment, crafts, etc. ADRA also teaches them to market their products.

ADRA also provided the materials to help them develop a safe and secure water source—a gravity-fed water system that brings water to their homes! Now they have clean, running water for cooking, washing and bathing. The men and women are encouraged to form committees that are trained to maintain the much-needed water system. The program assisted them in building a squat toilet or latrine next to each home. They are also given health education.

Early each morning, as we made our way to the villages, the people were already labouring in the rice fields! Witnessing their daily routines, I saw villagers at work, children going to and from school and at play, each doing day and evening chores, bathing in the river, eating with family and friends. I saw how they live a full and productive life thanks to the work of ADRA. They have a great work ethic!

The song “Reach” from my recording project *Nail Scarred Hands* (also an ADRA song) pleads with us not to be indifferent

to human suffering, to show love by taking action using the symbol of a hand reaching out to help others in need (Psalm 18:16).

I was troubled by the injustices I saw, especially regarding the displaced, almost forgotten Hill Tribe peoples and the issues surrounding human trafficking and wrote “Change the World,” a song reminding us that God calls us to action, to help one another. God calls us to be His hands, His feet, His voice, His heart. I not only enjoyed visiting one of the girls’ shelters, but understood more clearly how these precious lives are affected and changed forever. ADRA continues to assist girls suffering from the effects of human trafficking and those at risk through excellent support programs. For more information on this subject, please visit my website.

When it was time to say goodbye, there were tears, smiles and invitations to come back and visit again. The experience was truly unforgettable!

For many years ADRA Canada has been working to help vulnerable people in Thailand. I am happy to report that the work has progressed in a positive manner. Their lives are changed for the better, forever.

“Sa-wad-e-ka,” and “cow-pung-ka” are two of the first words I learned while on my ten-day mission in Thailand. They mean “hello” and “thank you,” respectively. A wise person once said, “Preach the gospel always, and if necessary, use words.”¹ I believe ADRA Canada is doing just that at home and around the world! So, I say, “Cow- pung- ka” to ADRA Canada for demonstrating God’s love in action!

To be a part of this great work, visit www.adra.ca to see how you can reach out to your brothers and sisters in need in Canada and beyond!

The question was asked, “Can we change the world?” The answer is a resounding Yes! Jesus changed the world, and He asks us to follow His example. With faith and love, we can change the world (John 10:10, Micah 6:8). ■

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To join God, to participate in the divine enlightenment of others is our highest calling.

Rays of Divine Light

I have always been so thankful for the compassionate mercy extended to me by Christ in the person of the Holy Spirit and the angels who unselfishly labour for my salvation. Only eternity will tell of the countless interventions of grace that spoke to our hearts, enlightened our minds and led us to “a repentance that need not be repented of,” and, at last, eternal life with Christ Jesus.

In the book *Education*, page 29, we read: “As through Christ every human being has life, so also through Him every soul receives some ray of divine light. Not only intellectual but spiritual power, a perception of right, a desire for goodness, exists in every heart.”

To join God, to participate in the divine enlightenment of others is our highest calling. We as a people are called to empower others to recognize and appropriately respond to the measure of grace that is present in their hearts. To do this effectively, we must acquaint ourselves with the Light and obediently receive His will, that we may impart it through gracious comment and enabling acts of service. To lay aside our agenda, to recognize the leading of God in others and to embrace the will of God so expressed requires spiritual discernment, but God is able to enlighten and subdue our hearts as we offer ourselves to be His hands and feet in this rebellious world.

Pondering the divine privilege of empowerment, I have reflected upon the acronym **E.M.P.O.W.E.R.** to consider more fully the potential that is ours to realize as His Servants.

E Experience personally the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. All of our efforts must be preceded and bathed in prayer. Jesus is the leader of His church, and we must find ourselves faithful to His revealed will. In this regard, the Spirit of Prophecy is particularly clear: “... it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer” (*Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887).

M Mentor others spiritually that they might receive the blessings we have found focusing on the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy. To be a vessel in the Lord’s hands is the greatest of all privileges, and it brings true purpose and fulfillment to life.

P Prayerfully devote yourself to a consistent, orderly study of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. Personally, I have found that my relationship with Christ is best fed when I pray myself through the promises of Scripture.

O Others first, should be our motto. If we are to reflect the ministry of Jesus, then we must work to advance the call of God in others. It is such a blessed way to approach life in Christ.

W Win souls for Christ. Perhaps, this is what keeps our own life in Christ fresh. To participate with the Spirit of God and to witness the miracle of conversion in others does our own hearts good as we rejoice in His goodness.

E Enrich relationships through praise and the gift of encouragement. Whenever Christ came into someone’s presence, that person was blessed and experienced healing, restorative power. We can choose to bless others through our witness.

R Return of Christ. This truth should motivate us and encourage us to reach out to others. Jesus is coming soon, and every friend we make can be an eternal one through the grace that God offers to each of His precious children!

To this end, we offer our best to God, that He may be honoured. May we reflect the grace that is extended to us individually and corporately. It is my sincere prayer that our manifold ministries be “rays of divine light” that would grow and prosper Christ’s Kingdom. ■

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T33nTalk

Will I always be alone?

Recently I walked into a conversation between some teenage girls and their angst over if/whom they would ever marry. At first I was amused. I mean, only girls would be worrying about marriage at 15, right? On the flip side, my brother's co-worker is around 30, was involved in a very negative relationship and is pretty sour about the whole dating scene. She especially hates Valentine's Day. From time to time, when I'm in the area, I'll stop in to visit my brother at work; I have to pass by her desk to do so. On the way by, I'll smile and say, "Happy Non-Valentine's Day!" and she laughs and says, "Thank you."

I tell these two real-life stories as an intro to what was the first problem on planet earth, way back in the Garden of Eden, a problem that arose before sin! You didn't think there were any problems before sin, did you? "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.'" (Gen. 2:18, NLT).

Not good for man to be alone... Is this why at 15 girls are already worrying about whom they will marry? Is it why we seek friendships; why we'd rather have someone else on the bus even if we don't know them; why when I give my students the choice between working alone or in a group, they almost all prefer working in groups, etc.?

We were not designed to fly solo. God made us for companionship. We are "wired" this way. However, sometimes we are alone. When it comes time to write a test in school, we are alone. When I was wheeled into cancer surgery seven years ago, I was alone. But you know what? I wasn't alone. I have a beautiful wife, but she could only come so far, and she had to leave me. My parents weren't there. No one I knew or loved was there. Yet, in that scary time, I was not afraid. Though I was alone, I was not alone.

Will you always be alone? God knows your heart, your personality, your needs and He knows the person He has for you to spend your life with. Rather than trying to find one yourself, making all kinds of mistakes and breaking your own heart and the hearts of others in the process, be patient. You are not alone, and God knows your needs better than you do. While you are waiting, love Him and serve others, and when you least expect it, your Eve or your Adam will be there, and if not, then God knows what is best. Walk with Him, trust Him, and you'll never look over your past with regret, guilt or shame. ■



This month's contributor is Dan Wilson, pastor of the Halifax and Fox Point churches in Nova Scotia. If you have a question for him or any of our Teen Talk writers, email us at messenger@adventist.ca.

Creation Corner for Kids



“... not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

Purple Martins

On a screen connected to a nest-mounted web cam, we watched purple martins tending their young. The air around the martin house was busy with adults carrying food to the fledglings. Feathered babies sat on perches of their apartments and opened enormous-looking mouths to take insects from their parents.

Young adults will sometimes reject a purple martin house, even if there are loyal older adults nesting there. One reason for young adults rejecting a site is that trees were allowed to crowd in around the house space. The adult birds that originally nested in the house will continue to return year after year until they die, hardly noticing the trees growing ever nearer the house. The adults will have a hard time recruiting young birds to nest in the colony unless the trees are pruned or cut down.

Think about it.

Young adult purple martins are sometimes able to see problems in a colony and stay away. It's often like that in the church, too. While abandoning a poorly maintained colony might be the only option for purple martins, abandoning the church is not the only option available for young Christians. How can you contribute to the success of your local church?



Do it!

Prayerfully consider 1 Corinthians 14:26 for ideas about how you might contribute to your church. Also see what the Bible has to say about pruning trees and vines in John 15:1–5. Are you allowing the Gardener to “prune” you? You can learn more about purple martins at <http://purplemartin.org/>.



By Lynn McDowell

BIG CHANGES

in the lives of students at
Canada's Adventist university

"Going to CUC was the best decision I ever made. It was also the hardest thing I ever had to tell my father."

—Andrea Leaist, Calgary, Alta., Biology major, Class of 2013
2011 Legend Scholarship recipient

For Andrea Leaist, Adventist education at CUC is a dream come true.

A campus life leader whose contributions and academic achievement were recognized at the CUC Awards Night 2011 in March, Andrea credits CUC for the vibrant world that's opening to her.

"I'm not the kind of person to shy away from an opportunity," says the soccer star who also coaches kids' soccer, volunteers at a soup kitchen, participates in Sunshine Bands and Sabbath School, and will take the speaker's podium when asked, be it as speaker at Student Week of Prayer or as vice president of Communications of the CUC Student Association. "I have a lot of interest in spreading God's message—that's the most important thing," says Andrea. "I want to be an ambassador for Christ in all I do."

Andrea's parents began exploring private schools when their daughter was unhappy in the French Immersion public school setting and sent her to Chinook Winds Academy in the 8th grade, but they fully expected Andrea to accept the University of Calgary's offer to enter the Advanced Scholar track. Andrea, however, felt strongly, after experiencing Adventist education and working at Foothills Camp, that CUC was where she belonged.

"I got to know God, and I started succeeding," reflects Andrea. "I realized, 'I like these people; I want to be in the community that has a lot of the values I already have.'" CUC was the clear choice to Andrea, but not to her father, a University of Toronto graduate. Visiting with Dr. Lawrence Wong, however, and seeing his daughter happy and winning a major scholarship has done much to ease his concerns about Andrea's choice. The family is excited about her opportunity to fulfill a long-standing dream of learning German at Bogenhofen, which she can now do without putting her CUC degree program on hold, thanks to her Legend Scholarship and CUC's participation in Adventist Colleges Abroad.

"I put an emphasis on my spiritual growth and stepped up whenever called upon, and I like to encourage others to take opportunities, too," says Andrea. "Adventist education is very important, and that's something that I will always promote very keenly." ■

An Attitude of Gratitude

the domino effect of scholarships

Legend scholarship inspires new Legacy scholarship and multiplied impact

Receiving a Legend scholarship at CUC was a powerful experience for Marcus Heisler. The medical student, now in his second year at Loma Linda University (LLU), felt honoured and validated, but also humbled. “There were a lot of deserving people,” says the soft-spoken Sacramento, Calif., native. “I can only hope to live up to the name.”

He already is. Marcus, who headed CUC’s Wilderness Ventures Club, was Campus Ministries volunteer coordinator and stood out academically as a Chemistry tutor (in short, a typical Legend recipient), is also following in the philanthropic footsteps of the Legend Scholarship founders, who established a fund on the eve of their graduation in 1997. As his own graduation neared in 2010, Marcus marshaled five senior buddies and proposed they create a scholarship of their own.

Marcus picked up the simple form from CUC’s Advancement Office. Before heading to professional schools, Marcus, Kirk Baker (Brighton, Col.), Luke Elloway (Wash. State), Andrew Song (Vancouver, B.C.), Derrick Soong (Vancouver, B.C.), and Nik Willing (Peace River, Alta.) had established the Legacy Scholarship.

“I’m glad we created the scholarship,” says Nik, the only one of the Legacy founders to choose law school (at Australian National University, Canberra) instead of medical school at Loma Linda. “I’d like to encourage each graduate of CUC to consider their own scholarship. It is a very easy thing to do, contributes to the community, and gives someone out there a chance to succeed where they may not have been able to before.”

“Even though I am an American,” adds Kirk, “whenever CUC is mentioned, I feel proud to have spent four years in Canada! It’s nice to be able to give even more than we already have to CUC.”

Without knowing it, the founders of the new scholarship echo the thoughts of Legend founders, who continue to feel good about their support of Canadian Adventist education at CUC.

“We are all still excited about the scholarship,” says Legend co-founder Ian Lund, who, along with Sunil Ilapogu, Rob Clark Jr., David Cadogan, Trevor Cadogan

and Brad Oetman created the scholarship. They’re so excited, according to Ian, who is chief of Anesthesia for St. Paul’s hospital in Saskatoon, that they’re planning another phase: “Our goal now is to grow the endowment to be a self-sustaining scholarship long after we are retired and gone.”

“I’ve met a few of the recipients and they all have been very wonderful individuals,” says Rob Clark, Jr. of Vancouver, BC, who, like the other founders, has been directly involved in choosing the scholarship’s recipients each year. Rob credits his family with developing his philanthropic spirit and shines a light on the array of work choices in which the giving spirit can manifest itself. Rob works with the Portland Hotel Society, where he coordinates programs like the STRONG Project for downtown Vancouver residents with mental health issues including addiction, as well as being a farmer, active musician and photographer.

Legend co-founder Brad Oetman, who graduated in the top 10 percent of his class at LLU medical school, practices Anesthesiology in the Dallas–Fort Worth area. Besides his experience with Christian education at CUC and LLU, Brad did his Anesthesiology internship at Duke University, a prestigious secular school. His Duke experience provides another useful perspective on his investment in CUC students:

“I strongly feel that a Christian-based educational experience is superior to the secular area. Fostering relationships with like-minded Christians during the educational process is invaluable professionally and spiritually.

My hope is that students see the Legend Scholarship as encouragement. The cost of education, especially professional school, is daunting. Some may think the financial cost is not worth the reward at the end. I think that God blesses those who are committed to representing Him in the professional arena. I believe we need more strong Christians leading our communities.

I hope the Legend Scholarship helps produce many more strong Christian professionals and leaders.”

With student philanthropists and others expanding CUC’s scholarship programs, Brad’s hope is sure. ■

MYTHS ABOUT ADVENTIST EDUCATION Is Your Child Missing Out?



into that relation with Christ which will make them a controlling power in...life.”² This is what Adventist education offers to your child that no public school can.

The mission of Kingsway College is “To reflect Jesus Christ and prepare students for His service.” At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, we embarked upon a very intentional plan to live out our mission statement to our students and help them develop their relationship with Christ. We intentionally put plans in place that would lead students to make decisions for Christ.

At the end of the school year, we celebrated with twelve baptisms at graduation! Ten additional students requested baptism during the summer at their home churches!

At our first Week of Prayer this year in October, an amazing thing happened. After a call the pastor made at the end of the week, approximately half of the student body came forward, many in tears, as the Holy Spirit convicted students of their need to take a stand for Christ. As a result, 90 students asked to be part of an optional Bible study that meets weekly so they can develop a more personal relationship with their Saviour. Is there any greater source of evangelism than what our schools offer our youth?

When compared to the free tuition of public schools, the financial investment of an Adventist Education can seem daunting; however, Adventist schools provide a critical role in the spiritual development of our youth. The benefits of Adventist education are immeasurable. They cannot be assessed merely by statistics or other worldly means.

Is your child missing out? ■

Scott Bowes is the president of Kingsway College. He lives in Oshawa, Ontario, with his wife, Katherine, and two children: Ashley and Amber.

Adventist schools provide our children and teens the best that education has to offer. In addition to an excellent academic program, Adventist schools provide a variety of opportunities for students to develop their relationship with Christ and teach the value of service to others. Adventist schools focus on preparing students for a life of service not only in this world but also in the world to come. Why is it, then, that so many Adventist families across Canada are not taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities available for their children in Adventist schools?

As I speak with parents about their children’s education, I consistently hear the following concern: “Public schools focus on only one thing: academics. Adventist schools, on the other hand, focus on so many things (academics, spiritual development, outreach, etc.) that something has to give.” The automatic assumption (*Myth 1*) is that it is the academic program that must be suffering. Let me show you some statistics on Adventist education.

Students at Kingsway College have participated in standardized testing for the past six years. Grade 9 students are tested when they first arrive, then retested again in grade 11. Our grade 11 students consistently score above the Canadian

average in every area on the exam! And these results are not unique to Kingsway College. CognitiveGenesis testing¹ found that the longer students spent in Adventist schools, the higher their level of achievement was.

The second assumption (*Myth 2*) I often hear expressed is that other than Bible classes, nothing of spiritual value really happens in Adventist schools. Some parents believe that the home and church offer sufficient spiritual training. And there is no question that the spiritual training a child receives in the home and church is of great value. But where do children and teens spend most of their time? Aside from two to three hours a week at church, busy evenings at home with the family that involve getting supper and completing homework, while hopefully leaving enough time for family worship before bed, kids spend seven or more hours every day at school! Students who attend Adventist schools are constantly surrounded by the influence of godly teachers, positive adult role models, and peers who believe the same things they do. This offers tremendous potential for spiritual growth. The goal of Adventist education is “to aid the student in comprehending these principles [regarding the character of God], and in entering

¹ CognitiveGenesis is the first division-wide (United States, Canada, and Bermuda) study to assess Adventist academics in elementary and secondary schools. Researchers at La Sierra University in conjunction with the North American Division Office of Education and the cooperation of all nine unions undertook this project from 2006-2009. www.cognitivegenesis.org

² Ellen G. White, *Education* (Mountain View, Calif.: Pacific Press, 1952), p. 30.

Friendship Evangelism



Photo far left: Sandra Stagg (seated); Emily Stagg and Faye Goodyear (back l-r) .

Photo left: (l-r) Ashley Goodyear, Brittany Stokes, Adam Stagg, Justin Stagg, and Riley Stagg who attend Bible Studies in Sandra's home.

Cape Freels, Newfoundland, a small community of approximately 200 residents, has had a Seventh-day Adventist presence since approximately 1959. However, it has not always been easy to find a leader for this small but faithful group of believers. For the past 12 years, Sandra Stagg has felt called by the Lord to fill this role. She did not begin with this in mind, but the Lord had plans for her.

It all started as a ministry to children. While having worship with her two boys one evening, one of the neighbourhood children dropped in and became quite interested in what they were doing; from then on, he returned each evening to study with Sandra and her children. Soon, many more of the children would drop by to study with them. They enjoyed it so much that it soon developed into much more than family worship. They would cook Sabbath meals together and, after lunch, visit the shut-ins in the community, bringing them a little handmade card and gift. The children were very involved in this community service and were an inspiration to all the people they visited.

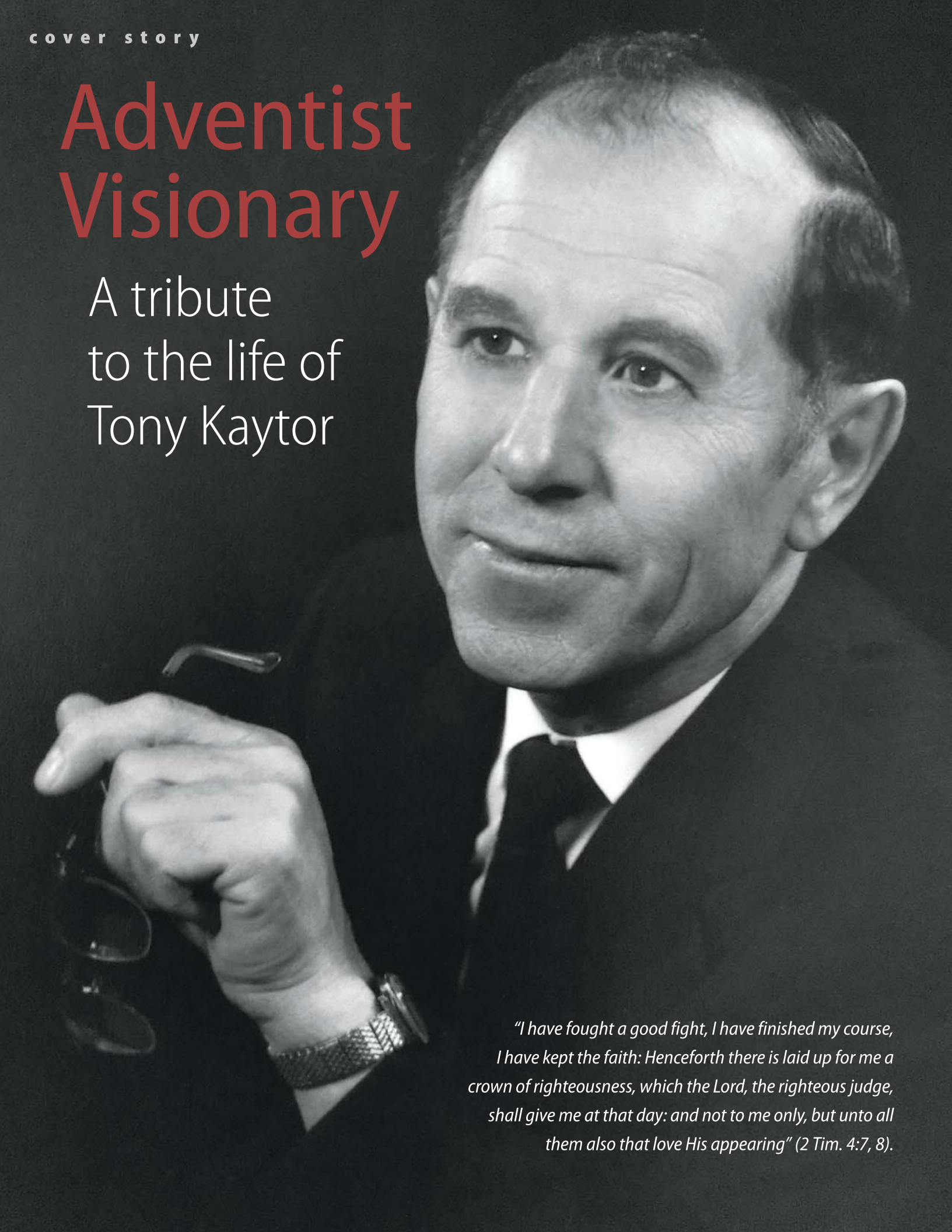
Sandra continued her leadership with the children. In 2005, however, she expanded this ministry after two other members joined her: Emily Stokes and Faye Goodyear. Together, these three ladies spent much time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide them as to the direction their ministry should take. They wondered whether they should pursue obtaining a church building of their own, but the Lord had other plans for them.

The owner of the seniors' home they often visited asked them if they would like to hold their Sabbath services there with the residents. After praying about this, the ladies felt that God was leading them to do just that. This began a close relationship with the residents of the seniors' home, as well as with the members of the community. The residents are not the only ones who attend the services; many times, those visiting the residents join in as well. The ladies continue to make close friends during these services, and any community outreach they have embarked on so far has been warmly received. They have planted many seeds with their friendship evangelism and continue to pray for guidance as they again make plans to build a church in this area. ■



Adventist Visionary

A tribute
to the life of
Tony Kaytor



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

What a difference just one person who is consecrated to God can make!

When a child is born into this world, we cannot fathom the potential of that boy or girl, but God surely can. What a difference just one person who is consecrated to God can make!

Anthony William Kaytor was one such person, and what a difference he made for his beloved Seventh-day Adventist Church during his fruitful life, which lasted only a couple years short of a century. Most of what's been established or built under his leadership—which spanned over four decades—still stands today: memorials to his faith in and tireless efforts for God's causes in Canada.

A.W. Kaytor, or Tony, was born on August 16, 1914, into a Catholic family in the southern Saskatchewan town of Punnichy. When an Adventist minister came to town and called on their home, his family, the Peter Kaytors, readily accepted the Advent message, which led the townspeople to persecute them. For instance, their family pew was removed from the church and gunshot full of holes.

Such intolerance of their faith forced them to move to Rouleau for a time and eventually farther south to Regina, where Tony could now attend church school. There he soon surrendered his life wholeheartedly to the Lord and was baptized in 1930. At 25, the handsome young man was taking a shine to the Regina church school teacher, Evelyn Chambers, second-eldest girl of four children raised by a single mother who likewise was a teacher of 35 years and whose husband had died at 36 in the 1918 “Spanish flu” pandemic.

During the Depression, when earnings came hard, Tony left a meagre job of window washing to earn a scholarship through colporteur ministry, which God blessed. The fall of 1940, Tony and Evelyn both left for Canadian Junior College (CJC; today called Canadian University College); she went there to teach; he, to study theology. That spring, a limited, once-a-month privileged meeting with Evelyn at the parlour was 26-year-old Tony's chance to propose; she accepted.

However, for the following two years, they could only maintain contact through letters that flowed freely while Tony continued his studies at Walla Walla College (funded by more colporteur scholarships) and she stayed at CJC. Tony graduated with a BTh degree from Walla Walla in the spring of '42. That year, once back in Regina, the couple married on July 5 in the home where Evelyn was raised.

Tony's first ministerial call was to pastoral duties in Windsor, Ont., for two years, followed by a six-month pastoral term in Ottawa. The “brethren” soon saw his acumen in leadership, and he was called to take up conference work for the Youth (MV) and Home Missionary Departments early 1946. In May, their daughter Lyn was born in Oshawa, and she became an incomparable lifelong blessing and miracle. Convicted the conference needed a camp, Tony found a cottage country property to purchase; it was owned by Fred and Brenda Hosking, who eventually donated it. Camp Frenda was a blend of their first names—Tony's idea.



A young Tony Kaytor.

After a four-year detour from Canadian work to Home Missions duties at the Pennsylvania Conference, in 1955 Tony accepted a call from Elder T. Jones to be administrator of the new North York Branson Hospital. During the following eight years, God helped him raise millions of dollars for development and the establishment of a School of Nursing. He loved to tell how thrilling it was



Kaytor at the office.

Right: Kaytor at a speaking engagement.



Far right: The Kaytor family.



Below: Kaytor at North York Branson Hospital.



when service clubs donated far more than what he asked for.

The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference wanted him as president, but the word on the street was “he’d never leave Branson.” They called him anyway, and it was obviously time for a move, so in 1963 off he and Evie went, and in four short years, his insatiable desire to build led to the erection of nursing homes in Saskatoon, Winnipeg and Swift Current. These nursing homes housed elderly Seventh-day Adventists and provided employment opportunities for members.

Then, in 1967, it was away to Alberta to serve as president. At that time another nursing home was established in Edmonton and Foothills land for a much-needed campground acquired. He determined to have the camp up and running in a year, and miraculously, even though his dear cousin Bill Bothe said “that would be unrealistic, if not impossible,” with God’s blessing, it happened just as Tony had envisioned.

By 1974, British Columbia would not be left out of God’s plan for Tony. Once again he responded to a call for presidency. His unstoppable spirit led the way for the establishment of Camp Hope, nestled in majestic peaks near

Hope, B.C., perhaps the crown jewel of camps in North America. Two acres of land in Abbotsford’s inner city were procured for the Adventist Villa and negotiations undertaken with B.C. government officials for building Rest Haven Lodge in Sydney on Vancouver Island. Tony also brought Christian Record Braille ministry into Canada, managing it for a time himself; a Canadian office was eventually set up, with field representative operatives across the nation.

At 64 during camp meeting, Tony handed in his letter of retirement notice that he would not stand to run for office another term. Understandable. The quantum building program over so many years, almost exhausting just to think about, would have leveled many workers. But not Tony. Perhaps it was because such a legacy was never his aim. People thrive when they get to live their passion, and that is what he did. His attitude and aim in life was ever to do what he could for God, never for personal prestige or gain—the very reason God was able to use him so profoundly and prolifically. Said one prominent worker, “He is the most humble VIP in our work I have ever met.”

It must be underscored that while all this detailed work of building up camps

and retirement homes was taking place, many other duties were pressing. Soul-winning was paramount to Tony. He was a gifted preacher and teacher and on the road doing that. All this labour demanded hours in committee meetings as well, plus home life and caring for a wife and wheelchair-bound daughter. But Tony managed it all with a contented heart and God-given grace.

Tony fell asleep in Jesus on November 3, 2011, at the age of 97 and will be missed immensely. He leaves to mourn, his wife, Evelyn of Abbotsford; one brother, Gordon of Hamilton, Ont.; and one sister, Anne Lennox of Abbotsford; as well as many relatives and friends too numerous to list here. A favourite Scripture tells where his heart and mind were fixed: “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:7, 8). ■

Frank McMiller is a retired pastor living in Abbotsford, B.C..

a Church of their **Own**

They were young immigrants
in a strange land, in a tumultuous time.

From Trinidad in the south to Jamaica in the north, their Caribbean
homeland was still under British rule, and next door in America, racial
unrest filled the front pages of newspapers.

BY ROYSON JAMES

Urich Ferdinand, an experienced church worker and graduate of Caribbean Union College had barely set foot on Canadian soil when his brother-in-law, Neville Smith, dropped the idea he had been nurturing.

“Let’s start our own church,” said Neville.

The year was 1961, and the West Toronto Seventh-day Adventist Church, Canada’s first such congregation led by and geared toward a West Indian–style worship, was about to be born.

Toronto was an emerging city, growing and finding its place. Given the critical shortage of nannies, the government created the West Indian Domestic Workers Scheme in 1955; Caribbean women could come to Canada, but only to work as domestics.

That’s how Iva Smith got here. She married Milton Saunders and she later brought up her brother, Neville. He would marry Urich’s sister, Sheila, in a double wedding with Roy Sulker and Lurline Day. They didn’t know then, but these Enterprising Eight were to become pioneers in a divine mission that continues to populate the Ontario Conference with Adventists five decades later.

The Original Eight worshipped at Pauline Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, one of the original Adventist churches in Toronto. Founded in 1910, it would later become the Kingsview Village Church.

Like Toronto at the time, Pauline Church had a smattering of black folks, and like the society in which it was nestled, Pauline was not always a comfortable fit. Sheila Smith had years of experience in Trinidad as a skilled Sabbath School superintendent and secretary to the Caribbean Conference president, but she languished at the church, undiscovered. Urich had served as an elder, evangelist, school principal and acting pastor for a year in Trinidad. Throughout the congregation, West Indian members felt stymied. Accustomed to lively worship services and Saturday night socials, the West Indian members felt that the experience at Pauline left something to be desired. Then, a racially explosive event cemented their desire to create a new worship space.

While not nearly as openly racist as the United States at the time, Canada was not devoid of racism. Bryan Saunders, one of the first children of the new Toronto West Church, recalls his days at the local Dewson Public School. On his walk home from school, he would often be serenaded by white classmates with, “Walking, talking chocolate bar; walking talking chocolate bar.”

In December 1959 a recent Canadian Union College graduate (from Trinidad) was to marry his white fiancée, a classmate from B.C. On the wedding day at Pauline, the pastor failed to show, leaving the couple waiting at the altar. Members scrambled to get Rev. Dr. A. S. Markham from the nearby British Methodist Episcopal

(BME) Church to do the ceremony. There was no smoking gun, but everyone attributed this embarrassment to race, and the news hit the media.

Neville and Urich were joined by others as they started to plan the new church. Meeting often in the home of the Saunders, they began to strategize.

All over Toronto, West Indians were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. What if a church could bring all these believers together? There were several problems. Where to worship? Would West Indians leave the three English-speaking churches (East, Willowdale and Pauline)? How to find the ones not attending church? And toughest of all, how to break this to the conference without sounding like Black Power radicals?

The group received support from the likes of iconic black American pastor E. E. Cleveland, and Pastor L. L. Bock, president of the Ontario–Quebec conference, gave the idea his blessing.

The news spread like wildfire to West Indians at the three churches. On Thursdays, the group of eight hit the streetcar routes, where they would meet the West Indian women, many of them domestics on their day off. Soon they had the names of scores of West Indian Adventists who were not attending church and were interested in joining.

One December Saturday night, they rented Rev. Markham’s church on Shaw Street for a social—fun, games and Caribbean food. Near the end, Neville and Urich outlined their plans for service the following Sabbath.

“Joy and jubilation filled the room. Everyone was so happy. The impossible was about to become a reality,” Urich recalls.

“Oh, what a morning when we walked through that door on December 16, 1961. Oh, what joy when we sang that first song for Sabbath School song service. Oh, what pride when Sheila welcomed us to Sabbath School. Every service proceeded on time and without a hitch,” from Sabbath School to Adventist Youth (AY), then called Missionary Volunteer (MV).

That day, with full conference blessing and 200 attending, the West Toronto Seventh-day Adventist Church was born and has functioned continuously since then, first at 460 Shaw Street, then 10 Harvie Avenue, and now at 1621 Albion Road.

It would be another two years, in 1963, before the church became officially incorporated as the West Toronto Seventh-day Adventist Church, with 39 people signing the official registry. It was a Canadian first, with many more to come.

The church grew rapidly. A story in the May 6, 1964, edition of the *Messenger*¹, marveled at the pace and reported that Pastor E. E. Cleveland had conducted a



Inauguration Day, Dec. 14, 1963. The company of believers worshipping at the BME Church on Shaw Street officially becomes the West Toronto SDA Church with close to 100 members in attendance. Of over 70 people in this picture, only three still attend church at West Toronto regularly. (Front row, l-r) Milton Saunders, Roy Sulker, Calvin Butterfield, Pastor Aso, J.W. Bothe, Lowell Bock, Carl Klam, and Lester Mohns. (2nd row, 2nd from l.) Juanita Greaves. (4th row, 2nd from l.) Lurline Sulker. (5th row) Ulrich Ferdinand, (3rd from l.) Bryan Saunder, Iva Saunders, Rhoda and Pastor Rudy James. (6th row, 2nd from l.) Paulette Walker.

successful evangelistic series. The story also carries a picture of the new West Toronto pastor, Rudy James, who had been working as a literature evangelist and salesman of pots and pans. Pastor James became the first black Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Canada.

By 1969 West Toronto bought its own building, at 10 Harvie Avenue, and moved in June 1969 with 250 members and 100 children. The Saunders held the first fundraiser at their house and raised \$35, a princely sum. E. E. Cleveland preached at the church opening, on August 24, 1969. Within 17 months, 50 members launched out to start the Perth Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, then Malton, then Apple Creek and Central. Bethel (formerly Parkdale) had a liberal dose of Toronto West members among its founders.

The congregation is renowned for being innovative and youth-focused, factors that continue to feed it with members and non-traditional ministries. Toronto West was the first Ontario conference church to ordain a woman (Merlyn Sparks) as elder. In 1990, member Neals Chitan started an annual anti-drug march that still continues. The youth department, led by Karen Bingham, started feeding the homeless downtown, and that has now evolved into Touch of Love, involving several churches.

Toronto West members span the globe. Two former pastors (E. R. Bacchus and Derrick Nichols) served as Ontario Conference presidents. Others, like Gladstone Knight and Steve Cassimy, serve American conferences.

Singer Wintley Phipps used to hone his skills in the basement at Harvie. Walter Douglas left the church's pews for Andrews University and ended up training ministers at the seminary.

Neville and Sheila Smith left for the United States before the Harvie move. Both earned doctorates and became educators. Neville is now deceased and Sheila lives in Florida. After years as director of the Office of the Premier, under Bill Davis, Ulrich Ferdinand, and wife, Eulice, live in Markham. Roy and Lurline Sulker live in Woodbridge. Iva and Milton Saunders live in Ajax. Pastor James passed away in 1992. His wife, Rhoda, has remarried and lives in Toronto.

On May 12, Toronto West will host Pioneer Sabbath and recognize as many of the original pioneers who can attend. The day will launch the start of preparation leading to 2013, when the church celebrates its golden anniversary, July 27 and August 3, 2013.

For information, a special invitation, all notices and details of T-WEST50, the Year of Jubilee, email audroy@aol.com, and Audrey James, one of the Shaw Street children, will be in touch. Please send her the contact information of any former members you know. Also, watch for the coming website; follow on Twitter and Facebook. ■

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Ontario

An Ordination First at Mississauga SDA Church



Mississauga SDA Church deaconesses are ordained.

“They that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 3:13).

On the Sabbath of January 14th 2012, the Mississauga Seventh-day Adventist Church performed a historical and ground-breaking ordination ceremony. Due to changes in church policy as outlined in the new church manual, 22 deaconesses were ordained for the first time in Mississauga’s church history. These women have been commissioned and appointed by the church board and have worked tirelessly in service to the church for a number of years. They have accepted the calling of service to God as they continually represent the Lord by assisting the congregation and community.

Deaconesses hold similar positions to

deacons in church office. As outlined in the book of Romans, they have existed since the early Christian church. The primary role of a deaconess is to assist in the running of services, the visitation of members and the care of the sick. Earlier in church history, there was no specification given for their ordination, but the 2010 General Conference Session held in Atlanta determined that the ordination of deaconesses can now be performed in the same way deacons have always been ordained. It is interesting to note that many other denominations have been ordaining deaconesses for many years.

Ordination is a ceremony that is done by the laying on of hands for individuals that have been appointed to a certain office. It certifies and commissions individuals to function in a role that they are generally already performing.

Pastor Nembhard gave a heart-stirring sermon inspiring the deaconesses and the congregation to greater service for the Lord, and to lead others to greatness in His kingdom. He encouraged the ladies to continue to assist in the cause of the ministry and commissioned all in attendance to be servants first. Elder Lambert welcomed the deaconesses into greater service to the church, and Pastor Afflick charged the women to continue to serve the church and the community to God’s glory and honour.

Those in attendance were glad to be a part of the history-making service and reflected on the positive direction of the local church and the worldwide church as a whole. We celebrate with these wonderful women of God and know that He is pleased. ■

The Golden Ears Pathfinder Club



Some of the Golden Ears Pathfinders' Club when they met on January 28, 2012.

The Golden Ears Pathfinders' Club was inducted into service on November 14, 2011, in Mission, B.C., with the Maple Ridge and Mission churches joined together so there would be enough children to form a club. Currently, there are 13 Pathfinders. They will meet in Mission on the first and third Sabbath afternoons and in Maple Ridge on the second and fourth Sabbath afternoons.

Lester Lorensen of Maple Ridge is the director of the club. He has been involved with the Pathfinder program since the age of nine, when he was a member of a club in Tanzania, East Africa. He went on to become the leader of a club at Canadian Union College (CUC) in Lacombe,

Alta., and served as a drillmaster at the Newfoundland camporee. Lorensen also served as the director of the Adventurers' club in Wetaskiwin, Alta., as an instructor of drill and camping honours in Grand Prairie, Alta., and as an instructor in camping skills for the Fraser Valley Titans Pathfinders' Club in Aldergrove, B.C. We are looking forward to him leading out here in this club.

Chereca Weaver is the leader of the Maple Ridge group. She worked with Pathfinders in St. Kitts, Antigua, in the Caribbean and, is currently completing a Master's in Counseling Psychology at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. She plans to return some day to the

Caribbean, where she will continue to work with Pathfinders. Jesse Spangler, who has also been involved with the Pathfinders since the age of nine in McBride, B.C., is the leader for the Mission group. He lives in Mission and is currently working to become a Master Guide.

The Golden Ears Club is currently working on their outdoor skills, camping and knot tying. So far this year, they have made model airplanes, learned about seeds and learned how to build a fire. They are planning a food drive to help the local food bank, and conducting visitations. The Pathfinders are eager to serve and are investigating what other things they can do. ■

British Columbia



Making a Positive Difference in 100 Mile House, B.C.

Canada Day 2010 was the first day that VOAR began broadcasting in 100 Mile House in British Columbia. 100 Mile House is a small town in the Cariboo region of British Columbia serving a regional population of 20,000. There is a small active Adventist church in the community with a weekly attendance of about thirty.

VOAR has already had a positive response in this community, with folks coming forward to help finance Christian programming in the community. "We recently had a \$1,500 donation, to help with the set up and local expenses, from a Christian listener enjoying the new radio station," says Sue Wolfe, assistant church treasurer and elder.

"A month ago, there was a call on our church phone," says Pastor Cameron Johnston. "It was a lady saying that she would like to talk to a pastor and left her phone number but no name. Before I could call her later that day," he continues, "my wife called me and said she just got off the phone with a lady in 100 Mile House who needed to see a pastor and

was interested in baptism.

“I immediately called the lady and made an appointment to visit her later in the day,” Pastor Johnston continues. “Arriving at the home, I found four people waiting and eager for a visit. We briefly answered a number of spiritual questions and arranged to come and have Bible studies with them. Before leaving, I told them of our small Seventh-day Adventist Church in town and invited them to come and visit any time even though I was only there once a month.

“Two days later on Sabbath afternoon, I got two phone calls from two very excited church members saying that they had five visitors in church and that they planned to be back and attend regularly. Later we learned they had been listening to VOAR for over two years, first in Williams Lake and the last several months in 100 Mile



100 Mile House Seventh-day Adventist Church in British Columbia

House.”

This family has not missed church since that first Sabbath, and they are planning on baptism soon. VOAR is already having

a positive difference for the gospel in the small town of 100 Mile House. ■

by Cameron Johnston, Pastor,
100 Mile House SDA Church

SDA Church in Canada

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Excellence in Education Award



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Excellence in Education Award has recently been reviewed and modified to conform to recommendations of the SDACC Education Council. Following are the key changes:

The Process

- Any stakeholders, including students, can nominate someone for the award.
- Three letters of recommendations are required, including the nominator’s.
- A Nominee’s Response is required before the selection committee meets.
- The selection committee consists of one representative from each conference and boarding academy.

The Award

- An elegantly designed plaque made of glass and metal.
- The teacher’s cash award is increase to \$1,000.

- The administrator’s cash award is raised to \$1,500.

Application Deadline

- The application deadline is April 15th of the current year.

It is our hope that the SDACC Excellence in Education Award will inspire our teachers and school administrators to always strive for excellence in teaching and service, and that those who are presented with this prestigious award will truly appreciate it as a token of our thanks for having them as excellent teachers and/or administrators in our school system.

Please take the time to nominate your Adventist school teacher or principal today. Nomination forms can be found on CAT~net, <http://catnet.sdacc.org> under Resource—Awards or you may call the SDACC Office of Education at 905/433-0011, x2072. ■

“Cruising” at Winter Camp—Canadian Visually Impaired Campers Head South

Even though the forecast for February promised little to no snow, Christian Record Services Inc. Canada (CRS) still looked forward to hosting their 14th National Camps for the Blind (NCB) Winter Camp at Camp au Sable in Grayling, Mich. Most would prefer a warm, southern vacation in the winter months, but for four dozen visually impaired campers and sighted volunteers, the highlight of their winter would be to head south of the Canadian border and meet up with about 20 American fellow campers and volunteers.

The “cruise” theme for camp was a hit, complete with “destinations” such as Bermuda, Alaska, and many ports in between. Everyone enjoyed the various food samples representing the exotic destinations. NCB staff gave a full spa service complete with facials, soothing massage therapy and waxing, a much-welcomed service after a great day of nordic and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobile rides and other activities at Challenge Mountain. In keeping with the cruise theme, the campers enjoyed group swims and hot-tub soaks at a local Grayling aquatic centre. Frank Larkin of Charlottetown, P.E.I., with his guide dog, Leroy, said that the lack of snow at winter camp didn’t matter; “it’s seeing friends and NCB staff that makes this special.”

Friendship is what NCB is all about, and as the many volunteers who have been to camp know, blindness can affect anyone from young to old. Long-time NCB camper Emily Green of Toronto excitedly said: “Once our group gets together, the disability of vision loss is overlooked; we are all treated as not just friends but like family! I love it here!”

To “see” more pictures and to understand the full scope of CRS/NCB, check us out at www.crsblindservices.ca ■

*Daniel Richards,
CRS/NCB Maritimes Rep.*



Volunteers and campers attending the NCB Winter Camp at Camp au Sable in Grayling, Mich.



Campers enjoy a winter hayride at NCBs Winter Camp.



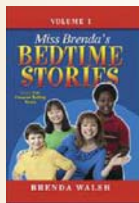
Hung Xu of Toronto (totally Blind); Nordic skiing assisted by Challenge Mountain volunteer.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING MESSENGER'S "SOMETHING MISSING" CONTEST! We had a lot of fun and hope you did too. A big thanks, also, to our sponsor, the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Centre, for providing the prizes as well as a discount for our readers on the featured book.

WE HAVE OUR WINNER! The *Messenger* would like to congratulate Bev Kohut of Winnipeg, Manitoba, our contest winner for December. She will receive a book from the Eastern Canada ABC and a small package from the *Messenger*.

In the December issue, the *M* was on page 15. It was on the bulletin board in the photo at the bottom of the page.

Contact the Eastern Canada ABC before March 30 and mention the *Messenger* contest to receive a 20% discount on the book our winner will now enjoy!



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■ **Announcements**

Washington Adventist University celebrates Alumni Weekend,

April 13–15, 2012. Join us for the grand opening of the Leroy and Lois Peters Music Center, April 14 at 8 p.m. Visit www.wau.edu/alumni for a list of events and activities or call 301/891-4133 for more information. (3/12)

Richmond Hill Church will be celebrating our 50th anniversary

in Richmond Hill, Ontario, August 24 and 25. Former members, pastors, family and friends are invited to join us for vespers Friday night, Sabbath services, fellowship lunch, a special musical program and a slide presentation. Let's celebrate & reminisce together! www.rhsda.ca

59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend

Our 59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend will be held on May 24, 26 & 27, 2012. Honoured classes are Classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987 and 1982; TJA Classes of 1977, 1972, 1967 and 1962. Fashion Builds, an alumni-driven event in support of the new school initiative, will be held on Thursday,

May 24, 2012; Alumni Sabbath followed by an evening Alumni Reunion Concert on Saturday, May 26, 2012; the 4th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, Richmond Hill Golf Club, and the 7th Annual Walk 'n' Roll 4Education will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2012. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, toll-free 866/960-2125 ext. 234, dhall@tadsb.com; or Judy Cardona-Gamez, ext. 248, jgamez@tadsb.com. Visit our official website, www.tadsb.com.

Union College Homecoming

April 5–8, 2012. Alumni, friends and former faculty are invited to Homecoming, April 5–8, 2012. Honor classes are 1942, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. Special Unionaires reunion—celebrating 25 years under the direction of Dan Lynn. For more information contact the alumni office at 402/486-2503, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506 or alumni@ucollege.edu. (02/12)

■ **Legal Notice**

The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-third Regular Session (Fourth Quadrennial Session) of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at TCU Place, 35-22nd Street East, Saskatoon, Sask., on Sunday, April 15, 2012, commencing at 9 a.m.

The session is called for the purpose of receiving reports, the election of officers and department directors, the election of a conference board of directors and a standing bylaws committee, amendment of corporation bylaws and the transaction of other such business as may properly come before the session at that time.

As provided for in the current bylaws, delegates to the Quadrennial Session are chosen as follows: One delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.

*Ron Nelson (President)
Collin Akre (Secretary)
Abednigo Mandalupa Jr. (Treasurer)*

■ **New Members**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ivy Mao was baptized in Burnaby, B.C., on Sept. 10, 2011, by David Ellis. The day was made even more special by the fact that it was also her

birthday. She is now a member of the Westminster church.

MARITIMES

Marie Bourget and **Guyline Lavoie-Richard** were baptized in Moncton, N.B., on Dec. 31, 2011, by Métard Salomon. They are now members of the Moncton church.

Kaicee Clark was baptized at Camp Pugwash, N.S., during camp meeting, on July 30, 2011, by Paul Llewellyn. She is now a member of the Maranatha church.

Doug Connelly was baptized in Hampton, N.B., on Sept. 24, 2011, by Jacques LeBlanc. He is now a member of the Maranatha church.

Seth Dorion, and **Kenneth and Trudy Northrup** were baptized in Hampton, N.B., on Aug. 13, 2011, by Jacques LeBlanc. They are now members of the Maranatha church.

Shaeleah Dorion was baptized at Camp Pugwash, N.S., during camp meeting, on July 30, 2011, by Jacques LeBlanc. She is now a member of the Maranatha church.

Katelynn Malcolm was baptized at Camp Pugwash, N.S., during camp meeting, on July 30, 2011, by Paul Llewellyn. She is now a member of the Halifax church.

Justin McCullum and **Katherine Nickerson-McCullum** were baptized in Yarmouth, N.S., on Oct. 8, 2011, by Leroy Corkum. They are now members of the Yarmouth church.

Patronia Murray-Butcher was baptized in Dartmouth, N.S., on Dec. 24, 2011, by Pedro Graça. She is now a member of the Dartmouth church.

Tristan Pulsifer was baptized at Camp Pugwash, N.S., on July 30, 2011, during camp meeting, by Dan Wilson. He is now a member of the Tantallon church.

■ **Births**

Wilson Gabriel Boyd was born on September 2, 2011, to Christy and Alex Boyd of Fredericton, N.B.

■ **Weddings**

Tina Blabey and **Grant Stenmark** were married Jan. 1, 2012, in Aldergrove, B.C., and will be making their home in Maple Ridge, B.C. The couple was married at the home of Grant's sister Teresa Penner.

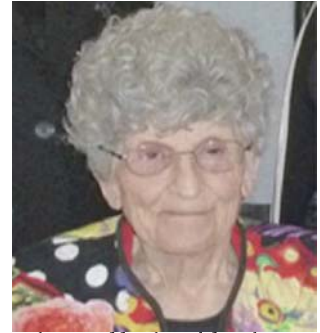
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Saulnier were married September 18, 2011, in Meteghan, N.S., and will be making their home in Church Point, N.S.

Katherine Nickerson and **Justin McCullum** were married October 8, 2011, in Oak Park, N.S., and will be making their home in Yarmouth, N.S.

■ **Birthdays**

Mary Heintz of Raymore, Sask., celebrated her 100th birthday on October 25, 2011. She enjoyed a



gathering of family and friends on October 23, where they shared music, food and anecdotes from Mary's life. Mary also received greetings from the Queen, Prime Minister Harper and other dignitaries.

■ **Obituaries**

Eileen (née Davidson) Best was born April 28, 1922, in Virden, Man., and died Jan. 9, 2012, in Armstrong, B.C. Eileen served her church as a youth leader and community services leader. She is predeceased by her husband, Clarence Best. Surviving: son, Barry (Maryanne) Best of Campbell River, B.C.; daughters, Myrna (Fred) Irish of Lacombe, Alta., and Gaylene Best of Burnaby, B.C.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Allen Comm was born May 8, 1941, in Leduc, Alta., and died Nov. 28, 2011, in Edmonton, Alta. Allen was a faithful member of the Leduc church for most of his life. He is survived by his sister, Nadine Coombs of Victoria, B.C.; nephew, Edward Jr. (Paula) Coombs of Sooke, B.C.; and great-nieces Chyanne and Adriana of Sooke.

Mary (née Kowtek) Dovich was born March 1931 in Samburg, Sask., and died Sept. 1, 2011, in Saskatchewan. Mary served her local church for many years and assisted in raising money for two churches in the Ukraine. She is predeceased by her husband, Peter; her brothers, Peter and John Kowtek; and her sister,

Ifimia Soroka. Surviving: son, Vernon (Kristi) Dovich; daughters, Janice (Collin) Akre and Sharon (Rick) Doulin; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Henry Grzybowski was born April 23, 1931, in Hudson Bay, Sask., and died Nov. 5, 2011, in Hudson Bay. Henry is predeceased by his brothers, Walter, Ralph, Aphonse, Theodore and Alex; and his sisters, Lotty, Helen, Jeannie and Caroline. Surviving: wife, Elaine; sons, Dwight (Catherine) of Winnipeg, Man., and Dwayne of Martensville, Sask.; and two grandchildren.

Mary (née King) Muir was born March 28, 1922, in Sydney Mines, N.S., and died Dec. 19, 2011, in Sydney River, N.S. Mary was very involved with the Dorcas Society and other church affairs. She is predeceased by her husband, Robert Muir, and her brothers Angus and Gordon King. Surviving: sons, Robert (Gail) and Gary (Beverly); daughter, Ruth (Ken); brother Frank (Marlyn); sisters, Marguerite (Albert) Grabo of N.B., and Ruth (Joe) Strutz of Alta.; and five grandchildren.

Wesley Olfert was born June 1, 1942, in Swift Current, Sask., and died Sept. 29, 2011, in Puyallip, Wash. Wesley was a school teacher at a Adventist school in St. John's, N.L., from 1963-65; served as a missionary in India for 10 years; and worked as a pastor of churches in Wisconsin, Texas and Washington in the United States; as well as conducted overseas evangelism. He retired in 2005 after 42 years of service to the church. Surviving: sons, Robert (Victoria) of Renton, Wash., and Mark (Melissa) of Morgantown, W.Va.; brother, Ronald (Sunny) of Plains, Mont.; sister, Marlene (Daniel) Deakins of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Audrey (née Cherniwchan) Tkachuk was born July 13, 1946, in Bellis, Alta., and died Dec. 19, 2011, in Smoky Lake, Alta. Audrey was baptized at the Smoky Lake church on Nov. 17, 2007, and was a welcome addition to the small congregation. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her sons, Blair and Conrad; her daughter, Dawn Bloxham; her brothers, Brian and Darrell Cherniwchan; her sisters, Deloyce Kusick, Patricia Larkin and Gail Knudson; and her six grandchildren.

Tributes

Eva (nee Solanik) Koronko passed away Sunday, November 27, 2011 in the arms of her daughter at the Lacombe Continuing Care Centre,

where she resided since enduring a major stroke on May 3, 2009, that required unceasing care. Eva was an active member at the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1968 as a Kindergarten teacher and deaconess. She also opened up her home to many ladies who wanted Bible studies. In 2006 she moved to Lacombe, Alta., and was a member of the Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church until her passing. Her faith never wavered even in the turbulence that she endured in the last chapter of her life. Waiting to reunite with Eva are George Koronko of Royal Oak Manor of Lacombe, her husband of 62 years; her son, Kevin (Livia) of Canmore, Alta.; her daughter, Kellie (Gerald) Berg of Lacombe; her precious grandchildren, Jamie and Jason Berg, both residing in Lacombe; and an abundance of hearts that were embraced by Eva in the 83 years of faithfulness and love God blessed her with. Our reunion is not far away!

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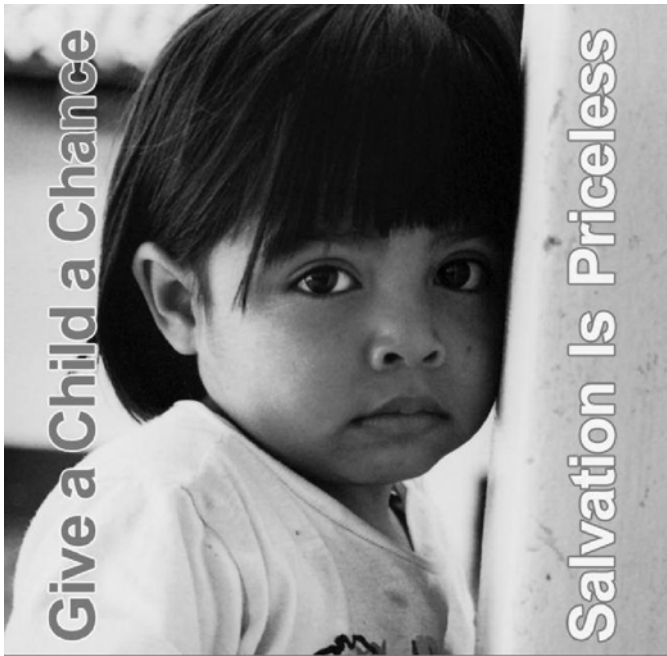
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In 1964, Pastor Rudy James became the first black Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Canada of the first black congregation in Canada, the West Toronto Seventh-day Adventist Church (now Toronto West). He is remembered as a spiritual man of great dedication to the ministry of the church and who got along easily with everyone regardless of skin colour or ethnicity.

Evangelistic Effort In Portage La Prairie



Left to right: Lloyd Janzen, song leader; Mrs. Lloyd Janzen; Mrs. James; Rudy James, speaker.

The Portage la Prairie Church of Manitoba under the leadership of Brother Bill Plantje, local church elder, recently conducted their first evangelistic effort in the city of Portage la Prairie.

Speaker for the effort was Brother Rudolph James, a theology graduate of Canadian Union College. Brother James who plans on taking post graduate work next fall at Andrew's University, Michigan, is presently a regular colporteur in the city of Winnipeg.

Assisting him were Brother Lloyd Janzen, (also a theology graduate) assistant publishing secretary of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Mrs. Rhoda James, wife of Brother James, was one of the soloists at the meetings.

The "Portage Gospel Crusade" which lasted from November 13 through November 24 was favourably attended each meeting.

As a result, several interested persons are now attending Sabbath School. Some of these have already begun to attend Bible studies conducted by Brother and Sister James.

This clipping from the Jan. 18, 1961, issue of the *Canadian Union Messenger*, reports on an evangelistic series held at the Portage la Prairie church in Manitoba, where Rudy James was a speaker and one of the organizers. James, a recent graduate of CUC and newly wedded, was working as a literature evangelist in The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference at the time.

For more details about the history of the West Toronto Church, refer to the article on page 15.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

we will continue to explore the *Messenger's* rich history and share more interesting tidbits with you from the archives of the General Conference. 🍁



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The Toronto West Church Is Swelling Its Membership

(Effort Conducted by General Conference Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association)



Left to right: Rudolph James, pastor of the Toronto West Church; F. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference and L. L. Bock, President of the Ontario-Quebec Conference.

E. E. Cleveland, Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, held a nine-night evangelistic series in Toronto from April 3-11. Over four hundred attended these meetings, and before the evangelistic series was over approximately twenty people took their stand for the Truth and expressed their desire to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church through baptism.

Elder L. L. Bock, President of the Ontario-Quebec Conference invited all the ministers of the conference to attend the evangelistic meetings and thus receive first-hand experience in conducting a short public evangelistic campaign. During the day Elder Cleveland gave instruction in soulwinning techniques. Much time and study was given the various ways that Jesus went about preaching, teaching, and ministering to the people around Him. Every worker was impressed and challenged to attempt great things in soulwinning this year.

The Toronto West Church was organized into a church of forty members December 14, 1963. Many others attend church from Sabbath to Sabbath. Pastor R. James, a ministerial graduate, was asked to pastor the church and build up its membership.



The four ushers who served at the evangelistic meetings.



Three young ladies who were the receptionists for the meetings. They gave a warm welcome to each one who came in.

An article from the May 6, 1964 issue of the magazine, entitled "Toronto West Church is Swelling Its Membership", tells of another evangelistic series that Pastor James organized soon after he became the pastor of the Toronto West church. The series featured as a speaker the late Elder E. E. Cleveland, then the Associate Secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference.

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