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 With a Very
Big Heart

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Nigeria

Unreached population:
61,684,000*

Unreached people groups:
95*

Taiwo, left, and Onifade, center, work in southwest Nigeria. They are helping a small Adventist congregation grow. Each day they visit people to ask about their needs, pray with them, and if possible, study the Bible together.

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Indonesia

Unreached population:
163,676,000*

Unreached people groups:
222*

When Roy accepted an assignment in the mountains of Indonesia, his first task was to register at the government office. This two-day walk took him over a 14,000-foot mountain. He tried to find an easier way back to his village, but he finally decided to walk. Not even a day later, he walked five hours to a funeral in a nearby village.

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heart to heart

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

—Matt. 25:40, ESV

Strangers, Samaritans, and Saints

Jesus pretended not to have heard the question. He had just been teaching that we should care about someone unrelated as much as we might care about God or a neighbour. The question from the crowd was about the neighbour—who was she or he?

So, instead of a simple answer, Jesus told a story. And we still remember it today! It was the story of a traveller and a Samaritan. Those listening had trouble with the Samaritan showing up in the story.

The Samaritan, more than all the “church folks” in the story, seemed to have a better grasp of what was needed. He didn’t waste time running the need through a committee. He just took care of it.

It is fairly easy to make a high and lofty statement in Sabbath school discussion or a board meeting; less easy, it seems, to spot the need and tend to it in real life.

How about the young single who phones just before midnight and simply needs to talk? Is there time in your day for them? Or what about the adult who needs a ride to the worship service on Sabbath morning? Is there space in your car and room in your heart for them? And would it still be there in six months? What about the one trying to sort out life who shows up and needs a listening ear and couch to crash on overnight? Are you OK with that?

I have a warm place in my heart for Samaritans I’ve met who have figured out what to do and how to do it.

Jesus said it: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:40, ESV). ■

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



IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

*Shaneek, Grade 11 honours student, cuts the ribbon at
Mamawi Atosketan Junior & Senior High School Opening,
September 28, 2018*

"I didn't think it would make much of a difference," reflected Shaneek after just four weeks in the new Mamawi Atosketan Native School buildings. "But I think I was wrong. [The new school] makes a difference."

Our best for The Master is making a difference for the next generation of potential First Nations leaders. Students like Shaneek, who have been with us for their whole academic career, know they are getting a different sort of education, and they value it.

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1999 student Shad Lehmann building at the house.



1999 brick house built near leper colony.



2018 recipient of house, and Paul Lehmann 19 years later.

Paying It Forward, Looking Back

SCENE 1: NEPAL, 1999

Two professors and 10 students from Canadian University College (now Burman University) working at an Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Canada project at the leper colony in Khohana, an hour's drive from Kathmandu. The plan: build two single-family homes to relocate leper families from their extremely crowded, dingy, unsafe, barrack-type housing and give them much-needed living space, fruit- and vegetable-garden plots, and help to reduce the transmission risk of leprosy bacillus. The three-room brick homes would have the footings, walls, and windows completed during the five-week timeline. The roof, concrete floor, and finishing would come later, allowing two families to call them home.

SCENE 2: NEPAL, 2018

One of the professors, Paul Lehmann, along with his wife, DonnaLee (also professor at Burman), returns to Kathmandu. The ADRA Nepal director, Josue Orellana, graciously arranges a visit to the Khohana leper colony even though ADRA is no longer directly involved.

As ADRA personnel drive the car, Paul starts to recognize the roads and the terraced lands. The village has changed over the last 19 years. The area is familiar, but the two homes have disconcertingly “vanished.” Discovery of several leper compounds along with a small hospital add to the confusion, since they have no single-housing units.

Paul's brain scrambles to connect the dots to find the houses he built in 1999. The colony's social workers keep finding people who seem to know the history and who keep pointing in a particular direction.

Many individuals with scars of this horrible ancient disfiguring disease greet the group with incredible warmth. People with fingers missing, disfigured features, and prosthetic legs want to visit.

Walking on dirt paths, passing vegetable gardens, Paul and DonnaLee suddenly see the very old three-storey empty leprosarium barrack looming ahead—recognition, again! So, where are those red brick houses? Walk up and over terraces, across water channels and narrow paths. Finally, to DonnaLee's persistent question, “Do you recognize anything?” Paul answers affirmatively, “There they are!”

SCENE 3: THE HOUSE

The woman of the house emerges to greet the foreign visitors, curious of their purpose. There is intense emotion on both sides as they meet each other on the porch. Translators describe the search to find the house built so long ago by Canadian volunteers.

There is instant friendship between the professor and the leper, the first and only owner of this 19-year-old home. She has remarkable thankfulness, proudly showing the inside of the very well-kept, nicely decorated home that is her mansion. Adding to the delight were the amazing vegetables, fruit, and flowers surrounding the house. The lovely widowed woman has the happiness of having a son, a daughter-in-law, and a baby grandson living with her.

What a blessing to see the value of “paying it forward” and “looking back” at a leper colony in this Himalayan mountain country. ■

Paul and DonnaLee Lehmann are professors at Burman University. DonnaLee serves as a member of ADRA Canada's board.



NATIVE HOPE RADIO



Native Hope Radio has launched on 102.7 FM in Prince George, B.C.

With a population of 74,000, Prince George has earned the nickname “capital of northern B.C.” Rich in history, the city was originally a North West Company fur trading post established in 1807 by Simon Fraser and named in honour of King George III. The trading post was situated in the centuries-old homeland of the L’lheidii T’enneh First Nation, whose very name means “people of the confluence of the two rivers.” In 1903 the fortunes of Prince George forever changed when the Grand Trunk Railway (eventually, Canadian National Railway) was built to pass by the fur trading post.

Our broadcasting certificate was granted to the Prince George Seventh-day Adventist Church by the federal Ministry of Industry, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development. This is important, as a template has now been established for other First Nations communities in Canada to apply through their local church for a similar license and to broadcast Native Hope Radio to their communities.

Native Hope Radio is a project of the Native Ministries department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and funded by various entities within the North American Division that support First Nations and Native American media outreach. On the website www.nativehopemedia.com, visitors can choose between listening to live radio, watching live TV, or watching videos on demand. The spoken-word content is primarily Adventist but features other Indigenous speakers who are in harmony with our principles. Many musical artists are First Nations. The health message is presented in large part through the ministry of Edward Dunn and Gina Guiboche, who created an extensive series of videos, the *Native New Health* DVDs, covering all aspects of living a healthy lifestyle. The theme of Creation is a strong feature on Native Hope Radio, as are the Scriptures, to reveal our Creator in all His glory. Creation is further reflected in a stunning slide show that airs along with the station.

You can tune in to Native Hope Radio via computer, smartphone, apps (Native Hope Radio, Native Christian Radio), and on Roku TV.

Early listener response in Prince George has been overwhelmingly favourable. One listener phoned our staff at 4 a.m. local time to say what a blessing the station has been in his life since he lost his wife. One caller said he was overjoyed to discover the station because he had been praying for a First Nations-oriented station in this area. Another listener, a truck driver from McBride, B.C., says he looks forward daily to tuning in when he enters Prince George. Others said they loved the soothing, calm vibrancy of Native Hope Radio.

If your church wishes to start this ministry for your community, you will require an area in which to place an antenna as well as a computer with Internet access. Some minimal technological expertise is needed.

To qualify for the CRTC exemption under which we broadcast, your town must be in what is defined as a “media-deprived area” and have no more than two over-the-air television channels. The Native Ministries department of the SDACC will arrange for submission of your application to the government. The startup cost for this is usually less than \$10,000. Some conferences within Canada provide a subsidy; check with your local conference office for more information. Other typical expenses include Internet access and a small monthly fee to be paid to Native Hope Radio.

The broadcasting of Native Hope Radio in Prince George, as approved by CRTC, is perhaps the first time an Internet station has aired on an over-the-air radio station. The door is open, and if your church is interested, please contact Campbell Page at page.campbell@adventist.ca. ■

Campbell Page is the Indigenous Relations director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, and Glen Striemer is a former literature evangelist who now runs Native Hope Radio as an outreach.



teen talk

Q: There was this group of Christian girls I knew that would look at me funny and talk quietly when I passed by, so I figured they were talking about me. One day I was hanging out with a girl in the group. She started showing me some pictures on her phone, when a text from one of her group friends popped up saying unkind things about me. What should I do about this if it happens again?

A: That must've been so awkward and hurtful!

There are two thoughts that come to my mind, which you can share with your parents and discuss how you feel about it:

- 1) Be happy with who you are. Gossip and cliques might make a dent in your self-esteem. You don't need their approval. You are exactly what God wanted you to be. If they talk badly about you, it is actually God they are messing with!
- 2) Confront them with class. A genuine smile (coming from you being happy about yourself) will hopefully spark in them a healthy dose of guilt. Let the Holy Spirit take it from there. You become an example of what a young godly lady truly is. ■



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

Creation Corner for Kids

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.
—Genesis 3:18

Elf owl

A tiny feathered face with large yellow eyes peeks out from a hole in a tall saguaro cactus. The female elf owl sings a cricket-like trilling song while looking out across the moonlit desert. She is incubating three eggs and won't leave her nest. A small dark shape appears, flying like a bat. It's the male elf owl. He glides to the opening of the hole in the cactus with a gift for his mate. It's a moth for her supper.

Measuring only five to six inches (12.5–15 centimetres) from head to tail tip and weighing less than two ounces (55 grams), the elf owl is North America's smallest owl and lives in the southwestern United States and Mexico in dry regions among cacti and thorny shrubs. Its diet is made up mostly of insects, but it has been known to eat scorpions after removing the stingers.



Think about it.

Elf owls cannot protect themselves. They're not aggressive and don't have fangs or large talons to fight with. Instead, they take refuge in thorny cacti. Likewise, we cannot protect ourselves from the painful problems our enemy attacks us with. But God's goal for allowing the thorny troubles that come our way is for us to feel our great need, ask for His help, take refuge in Him, and learn to trust Him. Then with David we can say, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted" (Psalm 119:71).

Do it!

Next time trouble comes your way, admit to God that you are helpless. Ask Him to use the trouble to make you more like Him. Don't allow Satan to make you bitter. Allow God to make you better.



Tammie Burak and her family enjoy studying and learning from God's creation. Visit Creation Corner at www.facebook.com/CreationCornerforKids. Based on *Steps to Christ* by Ellen G. White.

aguilars in uganda

In the Presence of the King

There's a certain excitement in the air when roadways are beautifully lined with freshly cut banana stalks. Traffic is diverted, roadside businesses pause, pedestrians move aside and face the roadway, and in addition, the ladies kneel. The entourage arrives heralded by flashing lights and sirens with armed guards leading dark-tinted Land Cruisers. This is the protocol and respect given to the beloved Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II.

"Kabaka" is the title given to the king of Buganda, the largest traditional kingdom in Uganda. The royal family is loved and honoured. Royal lands have been donated for educational development, including a public state university. Housing for communities displaced by Kampala's growing urban development has also been designated royal lands.

The city of Kampala is known for its hills. Strategically, the Kabakas' palaces are located on hilltops for security purposes. From this vantage point, great distances can be seen, and it boasts some spectacular sunrise and sunset views. The king's palace on Kireka Hill boasts a stunning view of Lake Victoria. This is where the Kabaka resides. Kireka Hill is also home to many Adventist institutions, including the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) compound. The royal family donated a major portion of Kireka Hill to the Adventist Church in admiration of their faith.

It is quite a scene to see armed men in army camouflage fatigues surround a man wearing trendy athletic gear, headphones, and sunglasses jogging in the neighbourhood. That's because the same respect is given even when the Kabaka is not on official duty. Pedestrians and vehicles move aside, face the Kabaka, and women are seen kneeling by the roadside. This is his regular routine, rain or shine, on the weekends. On occasion, he waves and greets people



Avenue leading to the Bulange, or Parliament of the Kingdom of Buganda, seen from the gate of the Kabaka's Palace. Kampala (a contraction of local language words for the hill or the place of the impala) is the capital and largest city of Uganda, a fast growing African city with a population of about 2 million people.

when he passes the conference Seventh-day Adventist church and has also been known to invite the district pastor to his palace to discuss topics he has heard on Adventist Prime Radio. It is an honour to be living peacefully in the presence of the Kabaka.

Recently, Uganda has been experiencing national security issues with planned protests and riots. We can be assured peace so long as we stay on the hill until the protests have subsided.

However, we have a King whose presence remains with us wherever we go (Josh. 1:9). He has promised to be with us wherever we go, through all our joys and in the midst of challenges. May we accept to be in the presence of the King of kings every day. ■

The Aguilar family originally hails from British Columbia. They are currently serving as missionaries in Uganda.





LOST AND FOUND

In October 1997, Josephine Beardsley found herself alone at the age of 65. Her children were grown. Elizabeth, the youngest and now a doctor, had moved to Halifax, while her eldest daughter, Rebecca, lived in Ottawa with her husband and three children. Josephine's husband—her beloved Al—was gone, having lost his life to unforeseen complications during a routine surgery a few months before.

As Josephine padded into the living room and sat in her armchair to drink her tea, she felt the weight of that chilly, grey, misty day upon her. Although she had assured her children she was doing just fine, Josephine felt alone—and lonely—and a little bit lost.

Josephine sighed and picked up the TV remote and began flicking through channels. After a few minutes, the calm, peaceful tone of Henry Feyerabend's voice filled the living room and brought Josephine's channel surfing to a halt. She had never encountered this program—called *It Is Written*—before, but after a few more moments passed by, she found it had piqued her interest. By the time the

ending credits rolled, she felt soothed, even uplifted. She noted the title, time, and channel and went on with her day.

One week later Josephine sat in her chair, tea in hand, and tuned in to *It Is Written*. Again, she found comfort. Again, she felt she had learned something insightful and important. And so, again and again, week after week, she found herself tuning in, until those weeks became years and decades.

Josephine and her husband had been raised Methodist and raised their children as such. When Josephine died in 2016, at the age of 84, she was still a Methodist. However, it was through her will that her daughters learned how important *It Is Written* had been to their mother. They fondly remembered that every once in a while, she would talk to them about an episode of *It Is Written* that she had particularly enjoyed.

In the late fall of that year, Nancy, a secretary to estate lawyer Paul Hamilton, reached out to our office. Josephine's daughter and executor of her will, Rebecca, had asked Paul, her long-time friend, to

assist her in carrying out her mother's final wishes. One of these wishes was a bequest of about \$25,000 to *It Is Written*.

When Josephine had updated her will, she had given her lawyer the correct name of the program she had been watching and supporting regularly, but she had given him an incorrect address. This created some confusion. It took a little detective work to determine where Josephine wanted her bequest to go, but once this mystery was solved with the help of our office, Hamilton prepared the appropriate documents so that Josephine's bequest could be fulfilled.

After Al died, it had taken Josephine some time to overcome her loneliness and calm her restless soul and ease her feeling of wanting something more. She found that “something more” in *It is Written*, and this shows us that even when we don't realize it, Jesus is seeking us. We simply have to be open, to allow ourselves to be found. ■

Leah Keys writes from Newcastle, Ont.

where are they now

Where Are They Now

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

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



Dwight and Donna Rose

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

Dwight Rose: My life began in Winnipeg, Man., but we moved to the country just outside the city when I was a teenager. My social life was quite limited because my dad needed my help on our acreage. That taught me how to work, and it also kept me from running around with the local boys who often got into trouble.

Both my mom and dad were quite religious, and they did a lot of reading and discussing the Bible. On weekends, some neighbours would often visit, and my dad would always quit his work and discuss the Bible with them as I listened in. It was there that I learned the truths of God's Word and how to refute error. Some years later our family was baptized.

I'm forever grateful for my godly parents! Inspired by their example, I laid out all the doctrines of the Bible with scriptural references and wrote them out neatly in a little loose-leaf binder. I still have that binder, and I still believe what is written there!

M: *Where did you attend school, and what degrees did you earn?*

D: I attended public schools in Winnipeg through high school because we weren't Adventists at the time. Then I attended the University of Manitoba and completed a BA degree and a Certificate of Education. A few years later, I attended Andrews University (my first Adventist school) and completed a master's in school administration.

M: *What influenced you to choose Adventist education as your career?*

D: It's surprising, perhaps, that I would choose to give my life to Adventist education, since I never attended an Adventist school in my earlier years. But I read a lot of

Ellen White's books, and especially the book *Education*. I wanted my life to make a difference, and I was drawn to high school because it's during the high school years that young people face life's three biggest and most important questions: (1) Whom shall I marry? (2) What career shall I choose? (3) What about God?

I wanted to help kids with these decisions, and that's why I chose to be an Adventist high school teacher.

M: *Where did you serve and in what capacity?*

D: Through my 43 years of service for the church, God has led us to many places around the world. I began my teaching career at Red River Valley Junior Academy in Winnipeg as principal and teacher. From there, we moved to Alberta, where I taught in Lacombe and Calgary.

Then came a call to go overseas to serve as principal and high school teacher at Beirut Overseas School in Beirut, Lebanon, for seven years. Because of the war raging in that country, we returned to Canada, where I was Secondary VP and high school English and Bible teacher at Okanagan Adventist Academy in Kelowna, B.C., for 15 years. And lastly, we accepted a call to serve as principal and teacher at Nile Union Academy in Cairo, Egypt, for 10 years before our retirement.

In each of these places, we knew that God was directing and enriching our lives!

M: *Do you have a mission story while serving overseas or an experience you could share?*

D: During our seven years in Lebanon, there was war in the country, and we often had to run to the bomb shelter. Once, we were trapped in our house when the shelling began. With our three young children, we crawled on our hands and knees to the safest place of the house where there would be three walls for protection. We prayed earnestly and then ran for the bomb shelter as soon as there was a lull in the shelling. In our last year there, we and all the expatriates had to be evacuated because the war escalated and it was unsafe to remain. Through it all, God protected us and the whole Adventist community so that no one was killed or hurt!

M: *What were some of the unique challenges in the mission field compared to homeland service?*

D: In any school, the finances are extremely important, because if they come short of the budget, the school will eventually have to close its doors. At Nile Union Academy (NUA), this was especially true. The year before we came, the Egypt field president announced that NUA was going to be closed because of a lack of funding and lack of teachers. Therefore, one of our chief priorities was to increase the income of the school. In the past, students had been allowed to enrol without paying the full tuition, because their families were very poor. We shared this situation with our Rutland church in Kelowna and set

up a bank account for NUA. That's all we could do. The rest was up to the Lord.

The principle we had to follow was "If you don't pay, you can't stay." A third of the students were from war-ravaged Sudan and had little or no money. Many had to be put on our waiting list. And then the miracle happened! Each Thursday after school, we would travel to Cairo to stock up on groceries. At the supermarket where we shopped, there was an ATM machine. Every week, we would take out 4,000 Egyptian pounds, the maximum allowed at one time. And the money was always there! And it happened over and over again. That ATM was like the widow of Zarephath's jar of oil that never went dry in the days of Elijah. That money enabled students to stay in the school, study for their high school diploma, and learn about Jesus.

M: *Tell me about your family.*

D: Donna and I met in the Winnipeg English Church as teenagers. We were married in June 1965. We have three daughters: Lisa is a Kindergarten/Grade 1 teacher at Cariboo Adventist Academy in Williams Lake, B.C. Pamela lives in Kelowna and works in administration at the University of British Columbia–Okanagan. Shawna is the children's pastor at the Loma Linda University church in California. We have seven beautiful and talented grandchildren. Much of our travelling is associated with important events in their lives!

Donna has been my faithful companion and right arm for more than 50 years. I could not have achieved success in my endeavours and projects without her help and advice. In both Lebanon and Egypt, she demonstrated her talent as a teacher by taking charge of the ESL program. This was vitally important because most of our students came to us with poor English skills or no English at all. She took them under her wing and became known as "mom," especially at Nile Union Academy, where students lived on campus far from home and missed their families.

Many of the baptisms we held each year can be attributed to her counselling them and leading them to Jesus. We still keep in touch with many of these students, now scattered around the world. Music was another area of Donna's expertise. Because of her musical talents, we were able to have an active music program and choir.

M: *Where are you now, and what do you do in retirement?*

D: We have retired in Kelowna and are busier than ever. I serve as president of Gospel Outreach, Canada, an organization that sponsors 170 Bible workers in the 10/40 Window in Africa. Donna is director of iServe, the community services outreach program of the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kelowna. We want to make the best use of our time and energy because Jesus is coming soon! ■

Dedicated to Education:

How a Project Manager in Afghanistan is Changing Lives through Education



Javid Noori stands with the contractor and students at the hand pump project in Kabul, December 2016. In Afghanistan children are typically responsible for delivering the water to their families, especially if it's found outside the home.

In Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul, Javid Noori stands committed to A Better World Canada (ABW). He takes taxis to meetings, oversees construction, and makes telephone calls in a country where insurgent groups set off explosions and commit other attacks.

Noori works as the local manager for ABW's Afghanistan projects, including Azalea Lehndorff's 100 Classrooms Project. Lehndorff, a Vancouver surgical resident, has made it her mission to see hundreds of children, especially girls, get an education.

Noori enjoys making a difference for girls' education, which is being rebuilt in Afghanistan following several decades of conflict. He said he personally hasn't faced any dangers. "The good thing with north Afghanistan [is that] people like education and they know this is the only way they can change a life," said Noori.

People respect, help, and try to protect those working in the educational field, he added. "In overall Afghanistan [sic], even the Taliban and Daesh [Arabic acronym for Islamic State] sometimes don't create any problems for those people working in the educational field," Noori said. "But other projects like road construction and other components—definitely, there are risks."

Noori used to work at Afghanistan's Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) office when he met Lehndorff. He left the agency in 2014. Noori receives an honorarium and is paid for any expenses through his volunteer work at ABW.

He recently earned a bachelor's degree in human resources

but hasn't found permanent work because of corruption and a lack of available jobs. His dedication is key to the success of Lehndorff's project, which began in 2010.

Noori's daughter is nine, while his boys are eight and six. "My daughter is attending school now, and I'm thinking she should continue further. ... If she's well-educated, say a doctor, she can actually change my community."

If there are more educated females, they can change the whole family, added Noori. "In my religion it says that you have to respect your mother more than your father," says Noori, a Muslim. "What I am today is because of my mom."

While Lehndorff's project is now complete, Noori said the demand remains for more schools. He receives inquiries on whether ABW can do water upgrades and establish new schools or other projects in their community. "My children walk 35

minutes to their school. ... There are lots of other children who walk one hour to 90 minutes to reach their school. So there is a huge need."

Since the war in Afghanistan formally ended in 2014, life continues to improve. Millions of international dollars have poured in. "When I was going to school, we didn't even have a tent. It was just open air.... There were no health facilities in my community, no social services, but today at least we have the departments. We have the system there."

While Noori hails international involvement, Eric Rajah, co-founder of ABW Canada, said improvements couldn't be done without dedicated locals like Noori: "Javid brings experience and passion and shows dedication to his people. It's project managers like him who make projects successful in a country like Afghanistan."

Lehndorff credits Noori for the project's success in a challenging environment.

"Most people are surprised that we have been able to deliver the school construction projects on time and within budget. This would not have been possible without Javid's efforts. It has always been clear to me that his priority and heart is for improving his fellow Afghan's lives." ■

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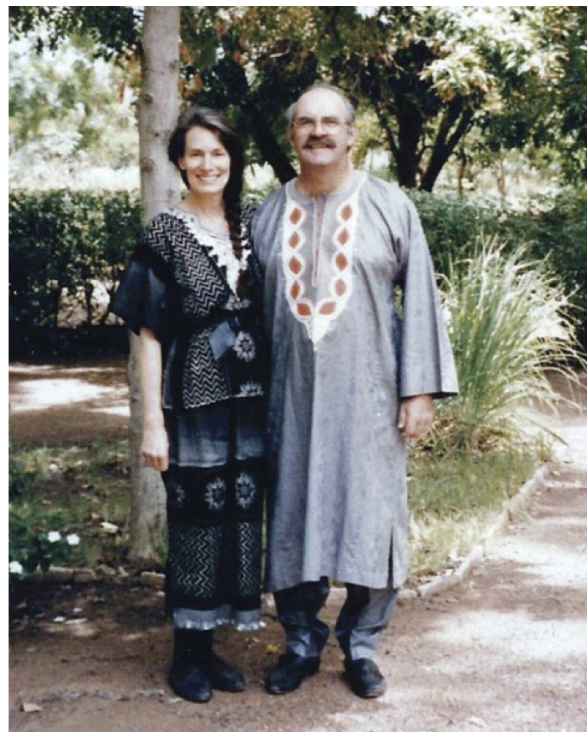
“Dear Sponsor,” the note reads, obviously copied carefully from a blackboard. “Thank you for sponsoring me. I like my school. May God bless you and your family.” This note represents one of many sent by orphaned children in Uganda who, but for the dedication of Marta Roffey, would be at best an uneducated servant in a relative’s home, at worst a victim of human trafficking.

In the late 1980s, Marta and her husband, Jim Roffey, left Canada and went to Rwanda to run an orphanage. Marta grieved as she watched babies and young children die from AIDS despite her efforts to save them. After some years she and Jim transferred to Uganda to build orphanages funded by the Danish government. They would drive around the countryside collecting orphans from their villages and bringing them to the orphanage, only to have many run away back to their villages. Marta learned that usually orphans had relatives who could take them in, thus keeping them in their familiar environment. Often the relatives were poor, and if any children in the family were to be educated, their own children would be first.

Marta had a burden for these children and their education, believing that education could change their lives and give them a future. She set up FACE—Free African Children thru Education, with the idea of providing funding for orphans attending village Adventist elementary schools. In the beginning Marta was president, Jim was vice-president, and her daughter, Wendy, who lives in the United States, was treasurer. While on furlough, Marta and Jim travelled from church to church in the United States and Canada, talking about FACE and obtaining pledges and donations for the children. After they were transferred to Burkina Faso, they continued to expand the work of FACE, until there were around 45 schools, with up to 20 sponsored orphans in each school.

Marta and Jim returned to North America, living first in Georgia, and then in Ontario, where Jim passed away about 10 years ago. Marta recruited other friends to serve on the board of FACE, but it became a full-time occupation for her: communicating with the schools, reviewing and filing their reports, wiring funds to Uganda, and complying with Canada Revenue Agency requirements. Every year she mailed out letters, report cards, and photos to each sponsor.

I first met Marta when I responded to an appeal in her annual newsletter for a bookkeeper to help her comply with CRA



Upper photo: Marta and Jim Roffey dressed in traditional African clothing.

Lower photo: A few of the hundreds of orphans waiting for sponsorship so that they may attend school.

requirements. We never met in person but spent many hours on the phone as she told me FACE’s history and shared experiences she’d had in Africa. Marta loves to talk, she loves her Lord and her church (while in Africa she taught herself to play the piano so she could play for church), and she has a deep passion for the education of children.

Over the past few years, Marta developed health problems that forced her to pass on the work of FACE to others. When it appeared that FACE would have to close, God provided an executive director and other volunteers to continue the work. To discover what you can do to ensure that Marta’s legacy will live on in the lives of African orphans, visit www.facecharity.ca. ■

Charlene Masson lives in Alberta and volunteers as treasurer for FACE.



Be Still

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

The year 2019 is upon us. How quickly time flies! As we begin praying in this new year, I'd like us to consider how much time we spend listening in quietness for God to respond, give suggestions, and guide us.

This is something I struggle with—particularly when I'm busy. I'm a “list” girl who likes to get things done and keep things organized, which is great, but I'm not much of a multitasker. When I'm on the phone, I can't hear what you're saying to me. When I'm doing something that requires concentration, I can't talk and probably can't hear you when you talk to me. It is very important that I take time to actually *be still* and listen for God to speak to my heart and mind.

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). We're given that counsel for good reason.

What would change if we were to do that? Would we be able to receive more of His love to heal our own hearts and flow over to others? Would our attitudes and perspectives change? Would our fears dissipate? Would our faith grow? Would our perplexities receive solutions? Would our courage be renewed? Would our capacity to receive the Holy Spirit increase? Would we become more loving and loveable?

There is no value in listening just for the sake of listening, however. We need to *receive* any instruction or direction and then obey it. If we can't do that, we need to ask God to deal with whatever it is that keeps us from responding to His loving direction in a positive way.

Revelation 14:4 talks about those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These will be translated without seeing death; they are the bride of Jesus. Do you long to be in that group? I do. But I don't follow everything He says yet. Do you? There are times when He prompts me, and I just breeze on by as if He hasn't spoken; or when I outright refuse to, say, forgive someone because I want to hold on to the feelings of injustice a little longer; or I believe people need to see things the way I do in order to be “right.” That *isn't* following the Lamb. The Lamb is behind me in these things, just as the ram was behind Abraham when he was offering up Isaac on Mount Moriah.

I *need* to take time to be quiet and listen. I need to receive the fully surrendered heart of Jesus in exchange for my own at-least-partially-resistant one. I need to receive the willingness to follow Him, and obey.

Will you join me in starting to take that quiet time? I pray it will become so precious to us that we surrender to it as often as the Lamb wishes us to. ■

Erna McCann is the prayer coordinator liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.



barry's blog

A Battle for the Human Soul

We are at a cultural moment. No further evidence for this is needed than the ideological struggle in Alberta over the right of Christian schools to hold a fundamental understanding of what it means to be a human being. Religious schools are designed to pass on the faith to the next generation of young people. There is nothing strange about that. Since ancient times societies have had schools of learning to preserve and perpetuate the wisdom of generations past, while nurturing the intellectual skills needed to grapple with contemporary issues.

Indeed, education, as we know from experience, is a key factor in maintaining a peaceful, productive, and purposeful society. Religion has long been part of that reality. From Isaac Newton to Max Planck, renowned scientists and intellectuals have been inspired by faith; their studies have been aimed at a better understanding of the world and its Creator. Today, however, religion and education are often portrayed as mutually exclusive. According to the thinking of certain secularists, the more educated a society becomes, the more religion will dissipate. Yet, after many decades of predictions, it is now evident that the secularization theory has failed to materialize. Religion still exists despite the educational and technological advances in the Western world. However, according to famed sociologist Peter Berger, there yet remain three distinct areas where the theory has seemed to hold true. Those are Western academics, the legal profession, and the media.

Those three have congregated themselves into an echo chamber—a sort of “filter bubble”—where they constantly speak to one another and reinforce their pre-established opinions of the world based on a shared ideology. They view religion as an anachronism at best and harmful to society at worst. Hence, they are on a mission to “save” the world from the bonds of retrograde religion.

Given this mindset, it is no wonder that the academic establishment in Alberta would seek to interfere with Christian

schools, declaring unacceptable any policy that says, for instance, “God created mankind as male and female, equal in dignity and worth, yet with distinct and complementary roles.” Apparently, this statement violates the Alberta *School Act*, which requires a “welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environment.”

The Alberta government has sided with the current academic coterie that endorses an ever-increasing menu of genders from which children should be permitted to sample. The “safe place” mechanism the government is imposing on Christian schools is, ostensibly, to help these young minds sift through an ever more complicated matrix of sexual orientations and gender identities. To teach that humans are binary is to present a very different understanding of human life—one that the secularists have deemed “disrespectful.”

Those religious schools that do not subscribe to the government’s ideology are facing an uncertain future. The provincial government has declared that they will not only defund such schools but also deny accreditation. The battle lines have been drawn. Just how far will both sides bend to reach an accommodation? Or, are we now at a point where no accommodation is possible?

Behind every Christian school is a Christian community. Such communities can take their religious heritage back thousands of years. This is no small matter. The age-old Biblical teaching on human nature, including the divinely given dignity of men and women, stands at the apex of this struggle. The government is not fighting “bigoted” religious communities. It is fighting Christian civilization.

There is now before us a battle over what it means to be human. ■

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Growing Up Millennial



"for the sake of Christ... I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities."

The Gap Year

My gap year wasn't an academic one. It was a dating one. At the very end of my senior year of high school, I started dating a boy, and I dated him for the entirety of my first year of university (long distance). We dated for over a year. I fell in love.

And then we mutually broke up at the end of our second summer together; we were just too different, and it wasn't fair to either of us. We never had a fight, but we knew it was time. So I went back to university, my second year, single.

It took me a really long time to get over my first boyfriend. At first, I cried almost daily. He was my best friend. I couldn't imagine my life without him. Even though I had been the one to suggest we break up, I was absolutely heartbroken. I didn't know that heartbreak could cause actual physical pain.

September of my second year of university, I wasn't over him yet, and so I wasn't exactly ready to be in the dating game again. This phase, for me, lasted almost four months. Suddenly, I didn't have someone to FaceTime every night or so. I didn't have someone whom I could rant to for hours, and I didn't have someone I romantically loved anymore. So I threw myself into my schoolwork, into my friendships. This was the start of something good: even though I still cried sometimes, and I still felt lonely sometimes, I was figuring life out on my own again.

In January of my second year, I went on a date with someone new. By this point I had recovered from the initial shock of the feeling of "being on my own," and I

had grown to love the newfound independence, and by spring in my second year, I went out with a few different people. None of these dates blossomed into anything, but I discovered something: I would be OK. I could go out with people, I had opportunity, and I had all the time in the world to find someone whom I would eventually love. And most importantly, I found myself again.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm scared to be vulnerable again. The heartbreak hurt more than I would ever care to think about. And I'm at the vulnerable place with someone new, now. I'm excited, and I'm ready to take the plunge in some ways, yet I'm nervous. Heartbreak hurts, but it's worth the risk. The amount I learned about myself after being in love and then having to fall out of love is something that I wouldn't trade for the world. During that time I learned to really lean on God for help. Second Corinthians 4:7 even says "that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us," and then later verse 12:10 says that "for the sake of Christ ... I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, I am strong" (ESV).

Without God, I don't think I would have been able to appreciate my gap year from being in love. I don't think I would have understood that I would get through it and be OK, and I don't think that I would be able to be back in the place I am now. ■

Jordyn Boonstra is a British Columbian millennial studying at Walla Walla University.





Carrot Greens and Arugula Pesto

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 packed cups (500 mL) carrot greens, washed and dried
- 1 cup (250 mL) arugula
- 3 cloves garlic, smashed and roughly chopped
- ½ cup (125 mL) pumpkin seeds
- 2 tbsps (30 mL) hemp seeds
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) nutritional yeast
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) onion powder
- ¼ to ½ tsp (1–2 mL) Himalayan salt
- ⅓ cup (75 mL) olive oil

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut the stems off the carrot tops and the arugula
- Place all ingredients except olive oil in a food processor. Process well, but don't purée the mixture.
- Stop the food processor, add the oil, then process another several seconds.
- Taste, and adjust salt and seasonings to your liking.
- Enjoy!

Love pesto? Here's a delightfully flavourful and nutritious take on the usual recipe.

First of all, forget everything you think you know about carrot tops! Instead, hone in on the fun facts that not only are there are a multitude of ways to use the tops, but they are also super good for you, containing six times the Vitamin C of their more famous root.

At the farmers' market, we sell our carrots with their beautiful green tops and encourage our customers to eat 'em up! Use the greens in salads, soup, or as a fresh garnish.

Two of my favourite ways to enjoy this pesto are slathered on pita bread and toasted in the oven, or on pizza instead of tomato sauce. Be sure to smash the garlic with your knife and let it sit for 10 minutes to release all its gloriously pungent flavour and medicinal properties. For those who don't love arugula, in this recipe it lends a nice piquant flavour without being overpowering, but you can use other favourite greens, like dandelion, kale, spinach, parsley, or basil. ■

Beverley Edwards-Haines is a registered dietitian, farmer, associate raw-cuisine chef, and a Food for Life instructor.





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AT THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN COLUMBIA, MARYLAND.

The month of January means a fresh start. What do you hope to do differently this year?

G. Earl Knight, President, Atlantic Union Conference:

"I plan to pace myself much better."

Ricardo Graham, President, Pacific Union Conference:

"To live more authentically as a Christian. More loving and patient. More appreciative of those around me."

Ken Denslow, Assistant to the President, North American Division:

"To be a kinder person."

Larry R. Moore, President, Southwestern Union Conference:

"I want to spend more time in Scripture. I really will; I promise. I will exercise more; I won't promise. May God bless His people in Canada and Texas!"



education feature

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN CANADA

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

The primary rewards of a teaching career cannot be tangibly measured. Teachers in our Adventist schools across Canada have committed to helping students grow in their experience with Jesus. They are truly partnering with homes and churches to reach children for eternity.

by Betty Bayer

Each year, the SDACC Office of Education recognizes five of our educators as the recipients of the Excellence in Education awards. The 2018 recipients (four teachers and one administrator) were nominated by colleagues, parents, students, and/or church members and selected by a panel of judges made up of members from the SDACC Education Council Executive. While we select only five educators annually, we also want to take the opportunity to recognize and appreciate all the men and women who have dedicated their time and talents to serve in the education ministry.

ADMINISTRATOR AWARD



Heidi Morehouse

HEIDI MOREHOUSE currently serves as the principal of Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool in Alberta (PACeS), one of our two Adventist distance learning schools in Canada. Heidi graduated with a B.Sc. from Andrews University and has 23 years of education experience from kindergarten to high school mathematics and science. Under her leadership, PACeS has grown to over 160 students from across Canada, the United States, and other countries. Her teachers commend her for her ability to mentor, guide, and

inspire, and for her focus on collaboration and ongoing professional growth. Parents have commented that she is approachable, encouraging, and supportive, "always willing to hear the parents' needs and then work together to achieve that goal."

Heidi says that she chose Adventist education as a career because she believes that Adventist education matters and she wanted to make a difference. She is actively involved in mission trips, camping, and hiking and also enjoys baking and cake decorating.

TEACHER AWARDS



Dorothy Bogan

DOROTHY BOGAN has been a teacher in Adventist schools for 31 years. Dorothy graduated with a B.Sc. from Walla Walla University and has taught in elementary schools in Alberta and British Columbia. Dorothy has demonstrated a gift for multi-grade teaching, most recently at Pleasant Valley Christian Academy in Vernon, B.C. Her principal describes her ability to keep several projects on the go at one time and how her students are adept at assisting

one another. "Dorothy has a true passion for teaching," she says, "and she glows when she talks about the accomplishments of each student."

Dorothy says she fell in love with teaching when taking her first education course in college. She chose Adventist teaching so that she could share her faith in a loving God with her students, and parents confirm that Dorothy's relationship with God is "a bright testimony to her students."

JOAN LAPOINTE graduated with a BA from Andrews University and has more than 23 years of elementary teaching experience in Adventist schools in Alberta and Ontario. She has taught in one-room schools and single-grade classrooms and currently serves as the French and special education resource teacher at College Park Elementary School in Oshawa, Ont. Joan says she appreciates Adventist education because she is able to share all aspects of her beliefs and to help prepare students for both this life and the next.

Joan is a positive influence on both

students and staff, according to her principal. She actively seeks positive solutions to problems and seeks to meet the individual learning needs of all her students. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Joan volunteers for various after-school sports activities where she encourages all students to participate; in particular, she provides a role model for girls on the school volleyball and basketball teams. As the daughter of a long-time educator, Joan says that she was drawn to teaching from childhood and loves working with children.



Joan LaPointe



HILARY BLACKBURN graduated with a B.Ed. degree from the University of Lancaster and comes to us from England, where she taught kindergarten and lower elementary grades and worked as a deputy head teacher. She has 17 years of teaching experience and currently serves as the senior kindergarten teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary, Alta.

Hilary says that she grew up wanting to be like her primary school teacher, who was kind, gentle, an encourager with a

genuine interest in all her students, and always fun to be around. She loves teaching in an Adventist school, where "Jesus can be brought into all aspects of the curriculum." Parents say that she "sees and treats each student as a unique child of God" and is a "mom away from home" for her kindergarten students. "Only God knows," says Hilary's principal, "how her work with her students will raise up great men and women who will serve God."



Hilary Blackburn

GRACE ATKINSON, our youngest recipient, graduated from Burman University with a B.Ed. degree and has four years of teaching experience as the Grade 1/2 teacher at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy (FVAA) in Aldergrove, B.C.

Grace's principal describes her as forward-thinking, enthusiastic, and creative and observes that she has significantly raised the academic learning level of her students in her time at FVAA. In addition to academic

excellence, Grace "lives her faith out loud." Her colleagues see her as a team player, quick to take on extra roles to support the school program, and one who can be trusted to pour her heart and soul into the work the Lord has set before her. When asked why she chose to teach in an Adventist school, Grace says, "Because I am able to teach kids that despite the brokenness in our world, they have a beautiful hope and future in Jesus."



Grace Atkinson



Research continues to show that the greatest determiner of quality education is not class size or socioeconomic status or available technology resources, but the quality of teachers.¹ How blessed we are as an educational system to serve with individuals such as our 2018 Excellence in Education recipients who have chosen to commit their lives to follow God and lead children to strive for excellence and to use their gifts to serve God and others. Please join me in praying for all our teachers and for the important ministry of Adventist education.

¹ Dylan Wiliam, "Teacher Quality: Why It Matters, and How to Get More of it," Spectator Schools Revolution Conference, March 2010, <https://bit.ly/2KBphgQ>.

Tyler

The Little Boy With a Very Big Heart

BY CORINNE LINDBERG

People often wonder what a child can do in situations that overwhelm even adults. Then, in walks Tyler Sheffield, an eight-year-old with an extremely big heart, a loving spirit, and a caring personality that shows he lives by Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (NIV). This verse describes Tyler as he took on a project bigger than him and his entire family.

Tyler; his sister, Kaylee; and parents, Terry and Kerry Sheffield, have lived in Hanley, Sask., for 10 years. Despite the distance, Terry and Kerry take their children 63 kilometres to Saskatoon so they can attend the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School (SDACS). This is where I met Tyler. He is a young boy who sees the good in others and desires to help others. He is in Grade 3 now and still remembers that early June 25 morning when his family witnessed a horrific fire tragedy in Hanley.

None of us are immune to tragedies around us, but when it strikes so close to home and affects people you have known for years, it does touch the heart. The Sheffields' friends, the Grindheims, are all too familiar with tragedy.

Darren and Sandra Grindheim and their two children, Josh and Abby, were a family just like any other living near Hanley, Sask. But in July 2007, the first of three tragedies struck this family. Sandra was involved in an automobile accident that took her life. Darren and the children were devastated at the loss of their wife and mother. Family and friends rallied around them with support, and slowly the family began to move on. Darren and his two children continued to live in Hanley and were involved in community activities. Darren continued to work as a dispatcher with the Saskatoon Fire Department in addition to serving as the chief of the Hanley Rosedale Volunteer Fire Department.

In September 2015 another tragedy hit the family: Darren was diagnosed with pneumonia. A very short time later, he died of an aggressive cancer, leaving

Josh and Abby alone. Both parents were now gone. Darren's parents, Daryl and Shirley Grindheim, took on the task of raising Josh and Abby in the home where the children had lived with their father in Hanley.

Tyler had gotten to know Josh, Abby, and their dad while all were living in Hanley. Terry Sheffield also volunteered with the Hanley Rosedale Volunteer Fire department and knew Darren quite well. So, when tragedy struck the Grindheim family for the third time, it was personal to not only the residents of Hanley but also especially to Tyler and his family.

In the twilight morning hours of June 25, 2018, a passing neighbour noticed some smoke coming from the garage next to the Grindheim home. This person ran up to the home and began pounding on the door to awaken the family out of a sound sleep to tell them that there was a fire. The grandparents went to wake up Josh and Abby. Shirley then grabbed her purse, and they all dashed out of the house in their pajamas and very little else as the fire trucks roared up to begin battling the blaze.

By now the fire had spread to the house. Within a matter of minutes, the entire house was engulfed in flames. Not only were the volunteer firefighters there, but also many of the town residents, including Tyler, his mother, and sister, were watching as the firefighters battled the blaze. These firefighters fought desperately to keep the other structures close by from also being destroyed. Folks were comforting the family, who had now lost everything. No more mementos, pictures, videos, etc., that Josh and Abby had since

they were born. It was especially hard when they finally realized that everything they had been holding dear since both of their parents' deaths was now officially gone. All they had now were memories and any pictures or mementos that extended family members could share with them.

Tyler moved quietly up to 16-year-old Josh and began talking to him with comforting words and, in friendship, expressed how much he cared. They watched together as the home that Josh and Abby had shared with their grandparents crumbled to a smouldering mass in the early-morning sunrise. Nothing could be saved but the four members of that family.

While watching his dad and the other firefighters attack the blaze, Tyler saw that the firefighters were drinking plenty of water and throwing the empty water bottles on the ground. Josh wandered over to his sister and grandparents, who were still in shock of what was happening. Tyler then slowly started collecting the bottles that were strewn around, to add to his growing collection of bottles and cans at home that he was going to take in to the Saskatoon Sarcan Recycling Centre. Can- and bottle-collecting was something that Tyler had been doing for the last three or four years to make extra money for items he wanted to buy or to donate to worthy causes like the Fort McMurray fire families. During that fire, Tyler had set up a lemonade stand in Hanley to raise money for the relief effort to help the affected families. Tyler's heart had begun to grow even back then.

As the skeleton fire crew were doing



Tyler helps his dad load the 20-foot trailer with the donated recyclables.



The Grindheim's burned out home.

the mop-up of the smouldering fire and watching for possible hotspots, Tyler and his family began walking back to their home at around 6 a.m. As they walked, Tyler turned to his dad and asked, "Dad, what can I do to help Josh, Abby, and their grandparents? I wasn't able to fight the fire, but I want to help." His dad continued to walk slowly, helping Tyler carry the bottles he had collected. It was then that Terry and Kerry suggested that maybe Tyler could give the money he would receive from the refund to the Grindheim family.

Tyler's face lit up at this idea. As step by tired step was taken, Tyler asked to see his mom's cell phone. He carefully started to type, and his mom leaned in to see what he was typing. At first, Kerry couldn't figure out what the message was but then realized that Tyler was trying to post something on her Facebook page. He explained to his mom and dad that he wanted to ask for donations of cans and

bottles to add to his collection so that he could give the money he raised to his friends who had just lost everything. Kerry helped him post it on Facebook and the Hanley Buy-and-Sell page.

Looking at their tired but happy son put a large smile on Terry and Kerry's faces. They got the children ready for bed, and they fell into a deep sleep at 6:30 in the morning, not thinking of what the latter part of the day would bring.

Terry and Kerry thought that maybe a couple of van loads worth of recyclables would be donated when the collection was finished. When they awoke later that morning at 11 a.m., it was to many messages on Kerry's cell phone asking for them to come pick up the collection of bottles and cans they had for them or asking where to drop off their donations. It was decided that their yard would be the drop-off location. What started out as about five bags of cans and bottles quickly grew and grew. The Sheffields

spent the entire day picking up donations.

Two days later, at the SDACS year-end musical, Tyler spoke about the project he took on and why he was doing it. He instructed people to contact his family if they wished to donate to this worthy cause. The following Sabbath Tyler and his parents spoke at Living Hope Adventist Church in Saskatoon about his project. Word of Tyler and his project to help the Grindheim family quickly spread far and wide. Over the following week, donations poured in from Saskatoon, Asquith, Martinsville, Warman, Dundurn, Shields, Meacham, Hanley, and too many other places to mention. The donations, however, were not just cans and bottles; several people gave monetarily as well.

As the cans and bottles came pouring in, the entire family helped Tyler sort the cans and remove the caps off the bottles. Then they bagged them separately to be ready for delivery to Sarcan. Once this was done, another problem plagued them. How



were they going to get all these large bags to Saskatoon?

The Sheffields had a family-sized van that would fit only a few of these large bags at a time. Terry telephoned a close friend to help them figure out how to get all these bags to Saskatoon. When Trygve Sira heard what Tyler was doing, he not only loaned them a truck but also donated the fuel for the trips to Saskatoon. Having a truck was better, but it was still not enough room, and it would still require many trips. This is when Craig Evashenko of Evashenko Trucking stepped in and loaned them a 20-foot trailer.

When as many bags as possible were stuffed into the trailer and the trailer door could barely close, they made their way into Saskatoon to Sarcan. After they had taken in the cans and bottles and had received the refund, they headed back to Hanley to the Grindheim family, where Tyler presented them with \$1,744.70. This was made up of \$1,324.70 from the

cans and bottles collected and \$420.00 from cash donations. The Grindheim family was overwhelmed with what Tyler had done for them, and Tyler left feeling like he really made a big difference for this family.

As they neared their home, they were unable to make it into the driveway. Their driveway was filled with more bags of cans and bottles. This wasn't the end. More donations just kept coming in day after day over the following weeks. Tyler and his sister, Kaylee, never seemed to tire of sorting and removing caps as they bagged more to take into Sarcan.

News crews from Global News Saskatoon and CTV Saskatoon did feature stories about Tyler, the boy with a big heart from Hanley. As these stories were aired on the evening news, even more donations and calls came in. Fellow workers of Terry's from Earthwork Equipment, fellow church members from the various Adventist churches in

Saskatoon, Tyler's classmates' families and teachers, members of Mommy Connections where Kerry works, and strangers were bringing in more donations of cans, bottles, and money.

Less than one month after the fire, on July 17, Tyler and his family took a second load of cans and bottles into Sarcan. This time, along with the refund and monetary donations, Tyler was able to give the Grindheims another donation of \$1,855.30, bringing the grand total raised to \$3,600.

Tyler, through this project, demonstrated a true Christlike spirit by putting the needs of others before himself and his wants. He is an inspiration to everyone, showing that age or size doesn't measure the heart. He put his whole heart into a project that benefitted another family and never sought praise for what he did. ■

Corinne Lindberg is the education superintendent and communication director for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.



A Persistent Angel

"I don't know if you believe in God, but sometimes we need to be reminded that He cares for us."

To learn more about Lifestyle Canada and CYC, please visit lifestylecanada.org, or contact us at mail@lifestylecanada.org.

Monique Clarke, a missionary with Canada Youth Challenge (CYC), was having a very difficult day at the doors. When she knocked, few answered, and those who did were not interested in what she had to say. Still, Monique kept walking, knocking, and praying in her heart.

Monique was heading toward another house, when she noticed a dog standing out front. She silently prayed and said, "Lord, there is a dog over at that door, and I need to go over there. Please get rid of that dog!" Shortly afterward, someone came and took the dog inside, and she was able to freely go to that door.

Later that afternoon she began to feel thirsty. She silently prayed and said, "Lord, I'm thirsty." At the very next door she knocked on, a man came out and said, "I'm really not interested, but do you want a bottle of water?"

Monique stared at the man, dumbfounded. Then she faintly responded, "Sure!" In a few moments she left the house with a bottle of water in her hand.

After lunch the missionaries moved to another community, and Monique walked up to a door and knocked. A woman soon came out, but before Monique could say a word, the woman said, "I'm really not interested. I don't care what you have." As the woman spoke, Monique noticed behind her stones on the wall with the words "Faith," "Love," and "Peace" carved into them. Looking at those stones, Monique asked the woman, "What do those things mean?" The woman then sought to explain how although she was spiritual, her lack of interest was justifiable.

At the appropriate moment, Monique asked if she could share something with her. "Fine, go ahead," the woman said. Monique then told her about the experiences she had had, first with the dog, and then with the bottle of water. She shared how just when she needed something and prayed to God for help, God answered. Then Monique said, "I don't know if you believe in God, but sometimes we need to be reminded that He cares for us. God knows what we need, and He knows what we need to hear, and sometimes as humans we need to be reminded."

Hearing this, the woman began to cry. She cried and cried, harder and harder, then invited Monique into her home. There, she shared with her some of the challenges she was facing, including the troubles she was having with her husband, and the fact that she didn't know where her son was. Monique shared with her the book *Peace Above the Storm*. Then the two prayed together. When the prayer was over, the woman hugged Monique and said, "Thank you for being my angel today." She was so happy that Monique had come to her door and had loved her enough to persist.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4, Paul writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (ESV). In the experiences Monique had, God reminded her how much He loved and cared for her. He then gave her an opportunity to pass on that comfort to someone who needed to hear it. When God does something for us, it is our privilege to share it with others, even though we may face some resistance. ■

Monique Clarke shared story with Lifestyle Canada, Canada's literature evangelism ministry that operates Canada Youth Challenge.



Oh, How I Wish

Now, as I look back over my 30+ years of teaching in Adventist schools, how I wish I had gone to Adventist schools sooner!

ADVENTIST EDUCATION was not something that I experienced at a young age. My parents were not Adventists, even though my mother had been raised in an Adventist home. My parents were baptized when I was 12. One year later I was baptized and began to enjoy membership in a vibrant Adventist church. All my friends from church were going to the local Adventist school and would often invite me to change schools and join them at the Adventist one. But I had friends in my neighbourhood and public school, and I was afraid of change, so I didn't go.

During Grade 10, my parents asked me if I wanted to attend CUC (now PAA) with my friends from church, but again I decided to stay at home close to my family, friends, and church. Then, as I began Grade 12, I had a big decision to make. My life goal was to be a dental hygienist, and no university or college in Canada offered this program. So I applied to every Adventist college or university in the United States. I received several letters of acceptance and decided to spend the first two years at Walla Walla College

(WWC) and then transfer to Loma Linda University. This meant I would be leaving, not only my home, city, province, and country, but also my entire network of family, friends, and church.

I arrived at WWC in 1977 and had to adjust to many changes: dorm living, cafeteria food, classes all over a big campus, worship three times a day, and a campus full of people from around the world where I didn't know anyone. But I was too busy to be homesick. And even more important, I felt like I belonged on that campus. Teachers were kind and caring. Dorm life was like one big family. Even teachers who didn't have me in class knew me by name.

I never had to defend why I didn't drink, smoke, go out partying, or why I chose to go to church on Saturday. I could write about my God, His creative powers, and His love for me without criticism from teachers and fellow students. I was given the opportunity to share my faith through various activities that were planned for us throughout the school year. Being at an Adventist college didn't shelter me; rather, it strengthened my

faith by allowing me to talk about it and to be with others who shared my goals and beliefs.

The days raced into months and then years, even when I changed my major to elementary education. Then, sooner than I wanted it to happen, graduation loomed on the horizon and my college experience was over. I didn't want to leave. I didn't want to say goodbye to friends and teachers who had become like family.

Now, as I look back over my 30+ years of teaching in Adventist schools, how I wish I had gone to Adventist schools sooner! Those years spent in an Adventist college and the following years teaching in Adventist schools have had the strongest impact on my life. I would not be who I am or where I am today if it wasn't for Adventist education. ■

Corinne Lindberg has accepted the position of Director of Education and Communication for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference and has been a teaching principal for 30+ years in Adventist education.

burman university

Burman University Offers Nursing Program Option to Students



Burman University students can now obtain a nursing degree through a partnership with Kettering College.



After three semesters at Burman, students will transfer to Kettering for the final two years of the program.

ON OCT. 1, 2018, Burman University entered an agreement with Kettering College in Dayton, Ohio, to provide an opportunity for Burman University students to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at Kettering College. Students qualifying for the program can complete a prescribed curriculum consisting of three semesters of full-time study at Burman University and two years of full-time study at Kettering College. When applying to Burman University for the first three semesters, students must meet the application requirements set by the university. When transferring to Kettering College for the final two years, students must meet the application requirements as outlined by the college.

"Burman University is excited about this partnership," says Loren Agrey, president of Burman University. "It is important for us to find opportunities to offer relevant degree options to students. This partnership allows us to offer a reasonable option for students looking to pursue a nursing degree."

Because of regulations set by the Government of Alberta, it has been difficult for Burman University to establish its own nursing program. However, the university recognizes the need to provide an option for its students interested in pursuing a nursing degree. The partnership with Kettering College provides an option.

A few highlights of the program include:

- For formal acceptance into the BSN program at Kettering College, students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.8 and a minimum grade of C in all required prerequisite courses.
- Canadian students accepted into the program will be eligible to pay for Kettering College's tuition rate in Canadian dollars.
- After successfully completing the program, students will have Ohio licensure that enables them to work in the United States (up to one year for Canadian students).
- To work in Canada, students will need to inquire with the professional and regulatory body for registered nurses and nurse practitioners of the province they intend to work in. If students would like to return to Alberta, graduates of the BSN program at Kettering College must apply as a foreign-trained nurse.

"We're thrilled about this new partnership between Kettering College and Burman University," adds Nate Brandstater, Kettering College president. "Kettering College looks for innovative ways that create unique opportunities for students to earn a health-care degree, which also opens the door for future employment at Kettering Health Network."

Applications are now open for September 2019. Please email info@burmanu.ca for more information on how to apply. ■

Kryzia Abacan is the communications coordinator of marketing and enrolment services for Burman University.



From Boxcar to ...

THE CROPS WERE OFF THE FIELDS, AND VICTOR FITCH WAS GOING BACK TO LAMMING MILLS FOR THE WINTER TO PILE LUMBER INTO BOXCARS—neither a very challenging nor exciting prospect! But what was a man to do until spring planting?

Before leaving the next morning, he wanted to see his friends at CUC (now Burman University). The school year would begin Monday morning, but everyone was back for the Saturday night program. So with mixed feelings, he drove to the hilltop.

The last time Victor had been here, he was suspended—for the third time. That was in June of the previous year. Administration had been unhappy with his blatant disregard of the rule that prohibited attending hockey games and ball games. So he had spent last winter in Lamming Mills loading lumber. Tomorrow he would be heading back there. So he thought.

But God had other plans for Victor. Two faculty members, Malcolm Fisher (dean of men) and Vernon Winn (chemistry teacher), noticed him talking with friends and decided to “welcome him back.” He was convinced that he was wanted. So Monday morning found him registering for classes. Someone else would have to load Lamming Mills’ lumber.

The foundations were being laid for a 51-year-long career that included serving the Church in Canada as dean of men, teacher, local conference and union educational superintendent, and college president.

When he thinks back to when he first came to CUC in 1948, Victor remembers God’s leading with gratitude. His primary school years had been spent in a one-room school close to home. When he came to the hilltop for Grade 10, he lasted only one month before homesickness drove him back to his parents’ farm. With his family’s encouragement, he tried again the next fall and graduated from CUC’s academy (now Parkview Adventist Academy) in 1952. After his first year of college, Victor’s studies were interrupted with the Lamming Mills experience. But then God used two godly men to change the trajectory of his life.

During a vesper service at CUC, Victor committed his life to God in fall 1954. That year he also discovered his lifelong love for learning and teaching. His five years as dormitory dean, however, gave him his “greatest joy and satisfaction.” Perhaps that was because he saw himself in the role of umpire.



Above: Victor and Gem Fitch with their daughter’s son, Jarod Franklin, his wife Carolyn, and their great-grandchildren Liam and Maddie.

Top left: Vic Fitch, at a 1994 baseball game, umpiring for CUC students.

Being the men’s dean was a constant balancing act. He needed to be trustworthy and support his “guys” and, at the same time, uphold rules that were necessary to running a well-organized school and dorm. Often, that required creativity. So when Roy Jamieson needed to drive to town, Victor couldn’t allow him to drive his own car. That was against the rules for high school students. But there was no rule saying that Roy couldn’t drive Vic’s car. It was also against the rules for Ron Wombold, also a high school student, to take friends for pizza after the Saturday night program. But Vic could—and did.

As Victor Fitch recalls those days, he says, “I was determined that no young man would believe that I hadn’t been fair and honest. I played with them on the basketball court and baseball diamond and prayed with them in my office.” He continues, “I coveted for my students what I had found on the hilltop: a commitment to God and a vision for a fulfilling and satisfying life work.”

What does Mr. Fitch do now in his retirement with Gem (O’Brien), his sweetheart of 60 years, at his side? Volunteer at Burman, of course! ■

Renate Krause is the editor for Burman University Magazine.



AWA and ADRA: A Divine Partnership

Rolling off the ferry, we began our fourth day of bouncing wildly over the remote road networks of northern Uganda. This hard, long ride was beginning to reveal some of the potential benefits of air support to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

Charles Aguilar, the ADRA Uganda country director (and former communication director for the BC Conference), had approached me a year before about the possibility of Adventist World Aviation (AWA) providing aviation support to their projects. As with all considerations of expansion for AWA, we always look for invitations and watch for God's hand in preparing the way. With the celebration of ADRA's 30-year anniversary working in Uganda, the partnership seemed like an ideal opportunity for AWA.

Our trip had been to visit a number of ADRA field offices and their nearby airstrips. It was fascinating to see the varied ways that ADRA was improving the conditions and circumstances of these communities, through microfinance, water, hygiene, agriculture, education, and programs to prevent violence against women. The consistent emphasis on empowerment was a common thread; the goal of each program is the sustainable improvement of individuals, who are to take ownership of the results.

As we contemplated the role aviation could play in supporting ADRA Uganda, we had one final airstrip to visit in Arua. We chatted with the security guard at the airstrip, and he insisted we take a walk around. As we did, a Cessna Caravan landed. It was owned by Samaritan's Purse, another mission aviation group.

As the pilot and mechanic finished putting the airplane away, I walked over and introduced myself. The mechanic promptly asked me if I knew Kyle Stevenson. Surprised, I said, "Yes, Kyle and his wife, Rebecca, have recently applied to AWA, and their applications are actually being reviewed right now."

It turns out Mark had worked in the same shop as Kyle before entering mission service in Africa, and Kyle had told Mark about his application to AWA. Divine appointments like this are always so fascinating—this was an impossible meeting! Mark isn't even based in Uganda, but in Kenya. He had never been here before and would only be here one night. There was no more than a five-minute opportunity for our paths to cross here at the Arua airstrip. And now Kyle and Rebecca are new AWA missionaries!

Just a few weeks after returning from Uganda, we received a call from an owner of a later model Cessna 182. He wanted to donate it to the Lord's work. While this aircraft is in great condition, it does require a major modification to best equip it for use in Africa. Because of the extremely high cost of aviation gasoline, AWA will be converting this airplane to a diesel engine that will allow it to use much less expensive jet fuel. With the combined fuel cost savings and increased efficiency of this engine, this results in an impressive 75 percent reduction in fuel costs! And with travel sometimes taking days, ADRA would have more time and resources to do what they do best: change lives.

The full initial conversion will cost over CA\$250,000. While costly, this will pay back over the long run in operational savings, plus it puts new technology that adds value and many years of life to this aircraft. Praise God for His amazing timing and for the hearts of generous donors! ■

Jud Wickwire is the vice-president of operations for Adventist World Aviation.



Jud Wickwire is welcomed by the Aguilar family.

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A Room of One's Own

New High School Brings Out Extra Care, Student Leadership



Grade 11 honour student Jade feels the difference that having dedicated classrooms and study spaces makes. "They're really easy to do your work in," she says.



The Ptarmigan Cree Cultural Centre, funded by the Ptarmigan Foundation, is already becoming a key place for developing student confidence and leadership skills. In the first gathering of the new drumming group, two student co-leaders spontaneously emerged. "When we come to drum," one participant told the group seriously, "we are men."

Teacher Pattie Reasor brimmed with excitement as she arranged equipment in the new Howard and Judy Gimbel Science Lab at Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS) before opening day. Lunch supervision hadn't even seemed like a chore—sitting in the new lounge area of the school's entrance where students can enjoy one another's company or take in a nature video during lunch. "It's really great to get everyone together here rather than in six portables," Reasor says. School spirit is strong, and students openly talk about the things they love about their new school.

"The classes are really nice," says Jade, who's in Grade 11 and an honour student. "They're really easy to do your work in. You can focus."

Since the Ground Breaking in May 2015, groups of students trekked over at every opportunity to observe progress on the new high school, which celebrated its Grand Opening on Sept. 28, 2018. "I've never seen anything like it at other schools I've built," said project manager William Piersanti. "I think it helped give them a sense of ownership."

Principal Gail Wilton is pleased with the protective attitude and owners' sense of pride that she's observed. "The older students are very protective of the new space," she says. "They'll get after the younger ones if they think they're not taking enough care."

Even students who exhibit the scepticism typical of teens are impressed. "I didn't think it would make much of a difference," reflects Shaneek, Grade 11. "But I think I was wrong. It makes a difference."

The impact of dedicated space and incorporating cultural activities is already evident. When Wilton gathered male students interested in traditional singing and drumming to move the school's drum into the Ptarmigan Cree Cultural Centre, she told the group that leadership would have to come from within their circle; she had no skills to pass on. Then something unexpected happened.

The group became serious. This wasn't about spending spare time or an excuse to horse around. This was about respect, being Cree, and growing up. "When we come to drum," said one student, "we are men."

What happened in the next 20 minutes was, in Wilton's words, "jaw-dropping." A new Grade 9 student who had been on the fringes socially emerged as the most knowledgeable and experienced in singing and drumming. He began directing the others, teaching them what he had learned from community elders. They were focused. They knew they wanted to continue meeting and drumming, and they told Wilton what they needed to become better at drumming and singing in their tradition. Then they carefully put away the drum, making sure it was stored safely.

"The transformation was so fast," says Wilton. "To watch the leadership emerge so quickly was incredible. They know what needs to be done, and they do it. There's no question: the drumming space needs to be a permanent part of the Cultural Centre room." ■

Lynn McDowell is the director of Planned Giving/Philanthropy for the Alberta Conference.



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finance feature

FREE MONEY to Fund Adventist University Education

DID YOU KNOW

that the Canadian government wants to help you send your son or daughter to an Adventist university? (Actually, any university—but Adventist education is no exception.) Could you use some free money to put toward a future higher education bill? If so, the Registered Education Savings Plan, or RESP¹, is for you.

One of the first things my wife and I did after our daughter was born was to start RESP contributions for her university education. Now that she is only a few months away from high school graduation, we are so glad we did! For every \$100 put into the RESP account, the benevolent Canadian government added another \$20 to it (and sometimes even up to \$40). Investments and personal finances are my hobby, but it should be easy for anyone to agree that a guaranteed 20 to 40% return in the first year is a great investment!

Even better, the government gives a Canadian Child Benefit to eligible parents based on their income. Most families with middle-class income² or below receive at least \$100 per month per child (the lower the income, the more benefit received).³ Take this free \$100 benefit, put it into an RESP, and it will become at least \$120 as the government gives a 20% Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG), regardless of income (more if family income is below \$91,831).⁴ This \$120



per month (\$1,440 per year) over 18 years adds up to \$25,920 without any interest or growth. Adding a 5% growth rate on the \$120 monthly amount over 18 years yields \$44,533.85. (Add \$100 of your own money per month to the RESP and watch the amount double!)

The news gets even better for families with a net income of less than \$46,606. There is a Canada Learning Bond that jumpstarts an RESP with \$500 and adds another \$100 each year until the child is 15, without the parent having to contribute anything! This is potentially \$2,000 (plus growth) in additional free education money.

Some provinces add other bonuses. British Columbia gives \$1,200 for any

resident who applies between the child's sixth and ninth birthdays, regardless of income, no contribution necessary. Saskatchewan and Quebec give additional grants corresponding to 10% of annual RESP contributions made by anyone living there.

So, can my child go to Burman University (our only Adventist university in Canada) without needing student loans? As detailed on their website, the cost for a dormitory student taking a full load is \$20,764 per year.⁵

Over four years, this comes to \$83,056. (By the way, I hear they also have many scholarships to lighten the financial load.) As seen in the example above, the government could easily provide over half of the cost to go to Burman and could provide most or all of it, depending on the RESP contributions and rate of return earned over the years!

In case you didn't know, student jobs still exist, both during the school year and summer. At \$15 per hour (Alberta's minimum wage), a student can easily make over \$9,000 during the summer (May to August) and \$4,000 during the school year. Combined with free government money and an RESP, this is more than enough to pay for an Adventist education at Burman University. As an alumnus, I can say from experience that it is well worth the investment! ■

Jeff Kapiniak is an auditor for the General Conference Auditing Service.

1 An RESP is a type of account that allows funds to be invested in a variety of investments, from a guaranteed savings account or GICs, to mutual funds, stocks or bonds, etc., depending on your risk tolerance. There is no tax deduction for contributions, but the invested funds grow tax free until taken out. When withdrawn, the amount of growth will then be regarded as taxable income to the student, who generally pay little or no taxes because of the low annual income of a student and the tax deductions available to them. For detailed information on RESPs, including an RESP savings calculator, see <https://bit.ly/2zzCmmw>.

2 Average middle-class income in Canada was \$33,000 to 130,000 in 2015. The median household income reached \$70,336 in 2015, according to 2015 census data. See Erica Alini, "Are You Earning a Middle-Class Income? Here's What It Takes in Canada, Based on Where You Live," *Global News*, Nov. 6, 2017, <https://bit.ly/2E4l0kG>.

3 The Canada child benefit calculator can be found on Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) website, at <https://bit.ly/25kTUTw>.

4 <https://bit.ly/2KlAuMT>

5 <https://bit.ly/2Rj2d9m>



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STATEMENT

On November 18, 2018 the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) voted the following position statement:

VOTED,

The Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) hereby affirm:

1. Consistent with the July 11, 1990, decision of the General Conference Session, "... the Scriptures and the writings of Ellen G. White ... affirm a significant, wide-ranging, and continuing ministry for women, which is being expressed and will be evidenced in the varied and expanding gifts according to the infilling of the Holy Spirit";
2. That General Conference Working Policy A 15 15 permits men and women pastors who are "called and empowered by the Holy Spirit and driven by love for souls";
3. In accordance with the 1984 decision of the General Conference's Annual Council, local churches may "elect and ordain a woman as a local church elder";
4. That it is the responsibility of all church organizations to prayerfully find a way to work in unity; and
5. That every Bible-believing man, woman, and child of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is part of the priesthood of believers and is commissioned by Jesus to focus on the soul-winning mission of the church.

ÉNONCÉ

Le 18 novembre 2018, le Comité exécutif de l'Église adventiste du septième jour au Canada (ÉASJC) a voté d'adopter le suivant énoncé de position:

VOTÉ,

Le Comité exécutif de l'Église adventiste du septième jour au Canada (ÉASJC) atteste par la présente que :

1. Conformément à la décision prise le 11 juillet 1990 lors de la Session de la Conférence générale, « ... Les Écritures et les écrits d'Ellen G. White... confirment que le ministère des femmes est vaste, important, et continu, qu'il est exprimé et qu'il sera constaté dans les dons variés et croissants que leur accorde le Saint-Esprit »;
2. Le règlement sur le travail de la Conférence générale A 15 15 permet aux hommes et aux femmes qui sont « appelés et habilités par le Saint-Esprit et menés par l'amour des âmes » d'être pasteurs;
3. D'après la décision prise en 1984 par le Conseil annuel de la Conférence générale, les églises locales peuvent « nommer et consacrer des femmes comme anciennes d'une église locale »;
4. Toutes les entités de l'Église ont la responsabilité de trouver le moyen, par la prière, de travailler dans l'unité; et
5. Tous les hommes, toutes les femmes et tous les enfants de l'Église adventiste du septième jour au Canada qui croient à la Bible font partie du sacerdoce de tous les croyants et sont envoyés par Jésus à participer activement à la mission de l'Église qui consiste à gagner des âmes pour son Royaume.

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British Columbia

Like Mother Like Daughter—in Christ Saga of Our Spiritual Journey into Adventism



Crystal Clark (of Fort McMurray, Alta.) and Doreen Zyderveld-Hagel (of Kelowna, B.C.), at campmeeting.



Left to right: Rex Kennedy, Crystal Clark, Pastor David Guzman.

Photos: Donna Rose

I was a cradle Catholic, baptized as a newborn, and, therefore, did the same with my daughter when she was only a few weeks old. Fast forward to the day after her 38th birthday: I was blessed to participate in my daughter's baptism once again, but this time the Biblical way.

Watching Crystal get baptized at Foothills Camp in Alberta on July 21, 2018, was amazing, to say the least, and truly a dream come true. It is also remarkable because my husband, Len (her stepdad), and I had just become Adventists in 2016.

God was working on the hearts of this mother and daughter during the same time period. Len and I became convinced through a Doug Batchelor

prophecy series we watched online with Len's co-worker Frank Turkovics and wife, Shelagh. Len also listened to Walter Veith's *Total Onslaught* and *Genesis Conflict* series while truck driving, then passed them on to me. "We have painted ourselves into a corner," Len said, and now had to change from our Sunday-keeping Pentecostal faith. Our journey went from being Catholics to attending Protestant churches and then, led by the Holy Spirit, to the Seventh-day Adventist movement.

Crystal, meanwhile, was going through her own personal struggles and attended some health seminars at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Fort McMurray, Alta., and was befriended by a woman

who had recently been baptized. Crystal and I had many deep telephone discussions about the meaning of life and God's role in it and how the Adventist Church was the only one that made sense about keeping all of God's commandments. Their in-depth knowledge of the Word and of the history of early Christianity and the Crusades was revolutionary.

When Crystal was little, I read her children's Bible stories, so she had that foundation, but we both got sidetracked by the world for a time. However, we truly have an awesome God who worked on Mother and Daughter, miles apart, and wove us back into the fold, together again. ■

—Doreen Zyderveld-Hagel,
Kelowna

Church in the Valley Holds Free Dental Day



More than 25 dental professionals gathered at Church in the Valley in Langley, B.C., offering their services free of charge to anyone who was unable to afford to see a dentist. Care provided included cleanings, fillings, extractions, and X-rays.

It's no different than a regular trip to the dentist, except no one has to pay. Why? Well, because more than 25 dental professionals gathered at Church in the Valley in Langley, B.C., on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 4 and 5, 2018, offering their services free of charge.

"We did a free community dental day for anyone who is unable to afford to see a dentist," said lead pastor, David Jamieson. According to the Canadian Dental Association, 32 percent, or one-third, of all Canadians either aren't covered by dental insurance or cannot afford to see a dentist.

The AOK Free Dental Day was organized by our charitable initiative in Langley called AOK—Acts of Kindness—which assists low-income individuals and families in need in the Township of Langley. The two-day, volunteer-staffed clinic provided free dental care to anyone in need, on an appointment basis. Care provided included cleanings, fillings, extractions, and X-rays.

AOK aims to build community and cultivate better lives for residents of the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland of British Columbia. It regularly hosts a variety of free community initiatives and events, such as Single Parents' Oil Change; Cars for Moms; a Single Moms' Support Group; Extreme Home Repair; Breakfast Club at a public elementary school in Aldergrove, B.C.; summer camp assistance for dozens of children each year to attend Mountain View Summer Camp in Hope, B.C.; a weekly Food and Clothing Pantry; and, last but not least, AOK/Nightshift, which ministers to and feeds those without a home every Thursday evening throughout the year.

AOK is also passionate about connecting people who have

a heart for their community with the resources and tools needed to enrich the lives of their neighbours and friends.

Since 1996, in collaboration with other local agencies, and through the generosity of major donors, Acts of Kindness has supplied food, education, shelter, support, and compassion to thousands of individuals in the Township of Langley.

Our very first Free Dental Day helped 115 patients see a dentist who otherwise would not have been able to do so.

While performing a filling and chip repair on a patient, Dr. Rhonda Elloway-Stephens explained the joy she receives when giving back. "To come in like this and do it for free, it's great," she said, leaving her patient with healthy teeth and hundreds of dollars saved.

One patient interviewed shared that seeing a dentist "definitely would have been something I wouldn't have done this year; it would have taken a little bit longer to save up the money."

Another said, "I was a little nervous. I didn't think I would get much done, but they have been great, they have been fantastic. I came in, and I got a cleaning done, and now I'm also getting an extraction."

It is absolutely amazing to see that local dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants were willing to give back to their community for two days and to make a difference in people's lives.

If your church is interested in making a difference in its community or becoming a part of a new AOK Acts of Kindness Network, please call 604/514-8335 or email hello@churchinthevalley.ca. ■

—David Jamieson, lead pastor,
Church in the Valley (Langley)

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Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner a Savoury Success

When most people would have hung up the apron long ago and donned their slippers instead, Croden is still full of energy at nearly 80 years of age.

Photo: Donna Rose



Helen Croden and Pastor Cam Koronko

Seventy-seven-year-old Helen Croden is a going concern when it comes to helping people. She has a wealth of over 40 years' experience using her gifts—cooking, catering, and organizational skills—mostly on a volunteer basis. Her unpaid humanitarian portfolio includes having been a sous-chef for the Salvation Army in both Rutland and Sutherland, B.C., as well as for Inn From the Cold, the YMCA kids' camp in Rutland, and the Uptown Rutland Business Association Scarecrow Festival. Before all of this, she had her own catering business in Edmonton, Alta.

When most people would have hung up the apron long ago and donned their slippers instead, Croden is still full of energy at nearly 80 years of age. Though she is a member of the Salvation Army church, she and her husband had just finished attending an *It Is Written* series by Chris Holland in Kelowna, and they attended the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church. They were in attendance that day when Cam Koronko, pastor of the Rutland church, gave her, along with 23 others, a crisp \$100 bill to further God's kingdom. Koronko left it up to them to decide how to invest that money. It was called the Kingdom Project, and she took it on with the zeal of a disciple. With her \$100, Croden decided to help God's little ones in the community through the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. Hence, the idea of a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser was born.

Croden went to such lengths as writing letters explaining her mission and personally delivered them to various grocery store chains, then followed up later. She went to Global Okanagan, Castanet, and a city councillor for help to advertise the event. The event was held on Oct. 28 at the Salvation Army facility on Sutherland Avenue. Kim Burry, the captain, graciously donated the use of their hall, kitchen, and decorations and assisted with the meal serving, along with volunteers from the Salvation Army and the Rutland church.

Croden approached Kris Newson, the general manager of The Old Spaghetti Factory, for his advice on cooking noodles. He not only offered advice but also volunteered to cook the noodles and assist with serving the meal. He brought along sous-chef Michael and server Sherry Anne, who also volunteered their time and expertise. Kris (Croden's angel in disguise) was great at training the other volunteers participating at the event as well.

Shireen Prysunka assisted Croden in picking up groceries, prepping the kitchen, and serving. Croden spent six hours making the yummy sauce and said the recipe would be available upon request. The following companies generously donated food: Costco (\$500 value), Safeway (\$100 value), Cobbs Bakery (buns), Valerosa (canned tomatoes), Old Spaghetti Factory (noodles).

A nail-biting experience, the event didn't come together until the proverbial eleventh hour. Advance ticket sales were meagre, but Croden put the problem in God's hands—and 160 hungry people showed up. From the \$100 investment, Croden, with the help of many other unsung heroes, made \$1,000 in profit to benefit the disadvantaged families in our community through the Salvation Army's program, thus advancing God's kingdom.

"The smiles on the kids' faces is my reward," said Croden. ■

—Doreen Zyderveld-Hagel, Kelowna

Family Affairs

Evelyn and Brenda were born into an Adventist home, but because of family breakups, they eventually broke with the church too.

Trying various Sunday-keeping churches, Evelyn felt uncomfortable because the day just didn't seem right. When her atheist husband put her down for her beliefs, she quit attending any type of church, but she didn't stop praying. "I prayed all the time," she says, "especially when I was all alone, as on mountain tops."

Her mother also prayed, and introduced her to the Doug Batchelor videos. The one on the Sabbath struck a chord. When she moved to Penticton, B.C., two and a half years ago, Evelyn looked up the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Meanwhile, Brenda, Evelyn's half-sister who had rejected a Christian lifestyle altogether, was in a serious accident. Their mother was visiting Evelyn at the time but cut her visit short so she could be with her other daughter. She realized that Brenda was injured more severely than first suspected and took her back to the doctor, who found soft-tissue damage in the spinal cord that was causing paralysis.



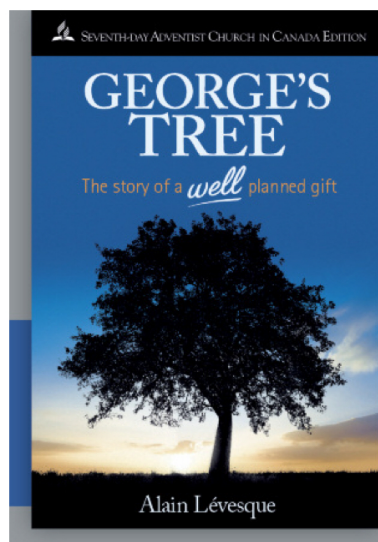
From left to right, Evelyn Johnsen, Pastor and Mrs. Wellman, and Brenda Ward.

Through good care, prayer, and a change in lifestyle, healing came.

On the Sabbath of November 3, with many family members present, both ladies were baptized in the Penticton Seventh-day Adventist Church. Evelyn became a member of the Penticton church, while Brenda became a member of the Cawston Church.

Penticton has an active prayer ministry, and Evelyn has been part of it for some time already. "If someone asks for prayer, I give it, with all my heart," she says, "because I know how important it is." ■

—Elfriede Volk,
Penticton church



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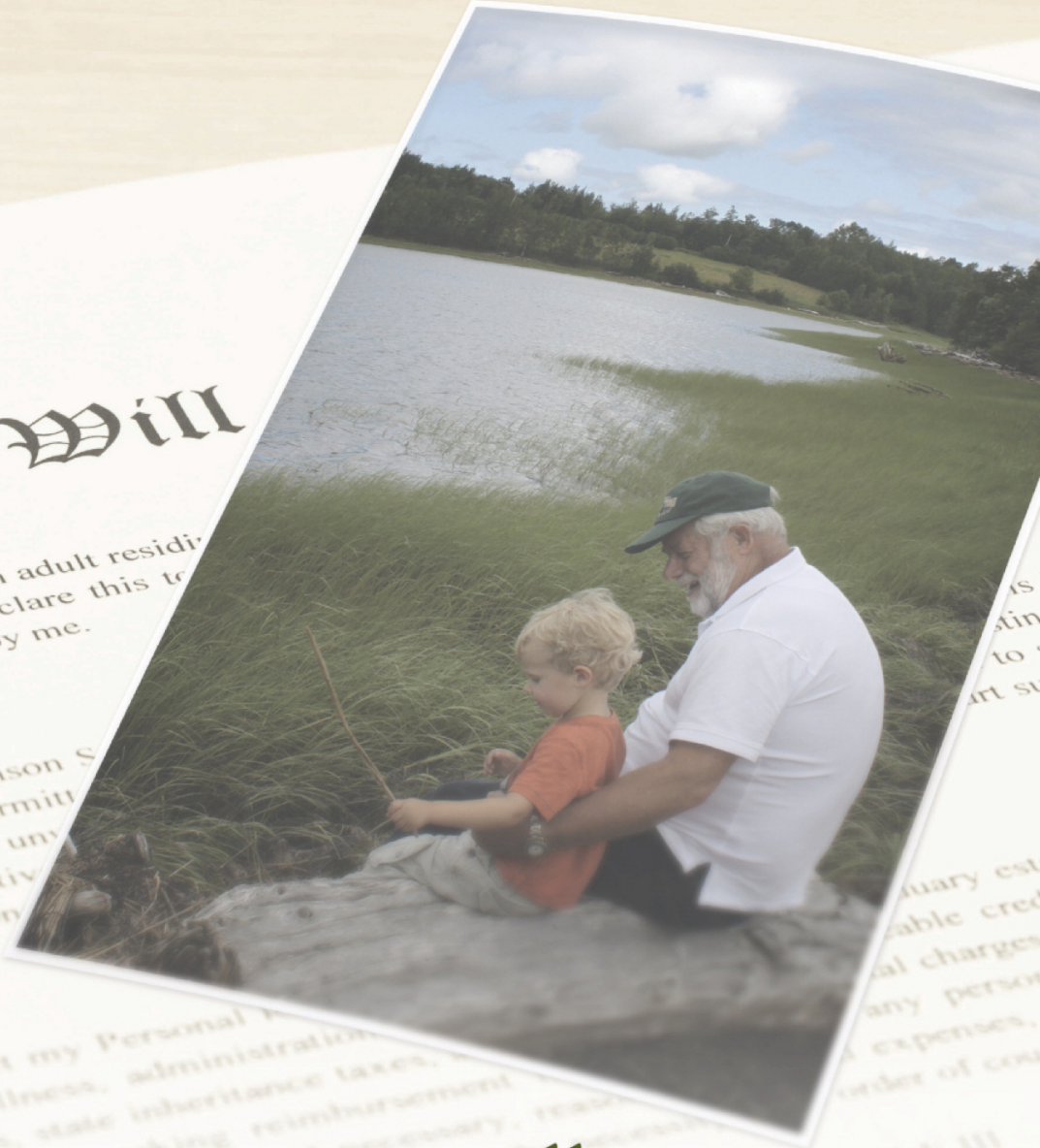
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■ New Members

MANITOBA - SASKATCHEWAN

Maxsym Sakson was baptized in Swift Current, Sask., on Oct. 6, 2018, by Jorge Torres. Some of his relatives traveled from Calgary, Alta., to help celebrate this special occasion. Maxsym is now a member of the New Life church in Swift Current.

■ Obituaries

Leona (née Alderson) Brooks was born on June 4, 1930, in Bosanquet, Ont., and died on Oct. 13, 2018, in Oshawa, Ont. She taught in Adventist schools in Ontario for 40 years. She

served as Pathfinder leader and youth leader, volunteered in CHIP programs and vegan cooking classes, and on the Interagency Council on Smoking and Health in church; sponsored Sabbath school, health and temperance, and AYBL at Kingsway College; and was one of the first female elders ordained at College Park Church in Oshawa. Leona is predeceased by her husband, James Brooks; parents, Roy and Vivian (née Collingwood) Alderson; sister, Mabel Alderson; brother, Bruce Alderson. Surviving: sister-in-law, Joyce Alderson of St. Mary's, Ont.; and three nephews.

Alex Nischuk was born on April 24, 1930, in Tomakhiv, Ukraine, and died on Sept. 30, 2018, in Walla Walla, Wash. He graduated from Southern University and taught in Adventist schools for 26 years. After retirement, he went on 53 mission trips around the world. Alex is predeceased by his wife, Anne (née Penner) Nischuk; daughter, Judy Holcomb; parents, Thomas and Mary Nischuk; brothers, Clifford Nischuk, Louis Nischuk, and Stephen Nischuk; and sister, Irene Lazaruk. Surviving: daughters, Sharon (John) Witcombe of Helena, Mont., Laurie (Val) Ramos of Addy, Wash.; brother, John (Sandy) Nischuk of Sturgis, Sask.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Proud was born on Sept. 1, 1928, and died on Aug. 14, 2018, in Lacombe, Alta. He was devoted to helping Christian education and will be remembered for his generous spirit, cheerful heart, hard work, love for God, family, friends, and the farm. Kenneth is predeceased by his parents, Arthur and May Proud. Surviving: sons, Bruce (Anelyn) Proud, Douglas (Terri) Proud, Rick Proud; daughters, Linda (Roger) Rudyk, -- Karli (Brent) Solari; brother, Ted (Dorothy) Proud; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

William Robb Ramsay was born on Nov. 21, 1919, in Brookdale, Man., and died on Aug. 24, 2018, in Neepawa, Man. He was a quiet person who had a strong faith in God and love of his family. William is predeceased by his wife, Addie (née Elmhirst) Ramsay; son, Malcolm Ramsay; parents, William and Elizabeth (née Graham) Ramsay; brother, John (Esther) Ramsay. Surviving: daughter, Betty Joan (Werner) Rink; sister, Betty Aab-Hunter; and one grandchild.

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from the editor

**JANUARY FEELS REFRESHING AND INVIGORATING TO ME.**

Almost like I get to do a do-over.

I look forward to turning over the calendar at the end of December. It's not that I'm one to make New Year's resolutions, but I do commit to reviewing what I have done in the past year and how I can do them better the next year. Perhaps I should do that every month instead of waiting for January.

Some people commit to reading a different translation of the Bible every year and have found that motivating and uplifting. The translators of the King James Version (KJV), as stated in the preface, recommended reading multiple other versions in order to acquire the full meaning of the original text. There is something internally transformative about reading the Bible. I am currently reading the New International Version (NIV) and am doing so out loud one chapter at a time. I am amazed by the insights I have received.

Other friends have read the magnum opus of Ellen G. White's writings, the Conflict of the Ages series, over the course of a year. For those who have never walked through the five books in this set, now may a good time to start. There are so many powerful statements that reading through it all took me longer than I had anticipated, but it was well worth the added time. The one exception in the series for me was the first book I read, *The Great Controversy*. I remember so well the first time I read it—I read the whole book in one long night. Parts of it were so moving that I had to stand up while I read.

To paraphrase Charlie Jones, *we will be the same as we are a year from now, except for the friends we meet and the books we read*. It might be time to go to your bookshelves or connect with your Adventist Book Center (ABC)¹ and find some spiritual food. Some studies have shown that reading retention is higher when the book is read in hard copy (on actual paper).

Time to read a good book. ■

from the editor

Turning the Page

LAMMING MILLS, B.C., was a small town with a big vision. The town was named after Adventist entrepreneurs Oscar and Ernie Lamming who, in 1943, established a sawmill there. By the 1950s, the predominately Adventist community boasted a church, school, community hall, general store, and post office. But most remarkable was the tiny settlement's faithful outreach in Lamming Mills and surrounding communities. Here are just a few clippings selected from dozens and dozens of Lamming Mills stories found in the *Canadian Union Messenger*, circa 1950/60s.

Progress of Work in Lamming Mills District

Lamming Mills is located six miles west of McBride, which is 110 miles west of Jasper, Alberta, on the C. N. Railway.

The territory of the Lamming Mills district embraces the people living in the valley between Red Pass and Dome Creek, a distance of 125 miles. The one road in the district extends from Red Pass to Lamming Mills, approximately one half the distance of the territory. The balance of the district is travelled by speeder, way freight, or passenger train.

The Lamming Mills church has actively engaged in missionary work through literature, Ingathering, welfare, and a branch Sabbath school.

Because of the scattered population, it was felt best to carry on a soul-winning programme through cottage meetings.

In spite of the severe winter, heavy snowfalls, blizzards and blocked roads, the Lord made it possible to meet all appointments with the exception of one Sunday.

Eleven souls made their covenant with Jesus through baptism on Friday evening, February 22.

A special portable baptistry was placed in the recreational hall in a garden setting, with a beautiful life-size painting of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane in the background.

Mrs. Dawes softly played appropriate selections on the marimba, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Bechthold on the piano, while the members and visitors assembled. Prior to the baptismal ceremony, Elder A. W. Bauer, the officiating minister, briefly outlined the principles of Christian living.

In harmony with the occasion and setting, Mrs. Dawes sang, "In the Garden."

Interested persons who witnessed the baptism expressed their desire to take this important step in the near future.

We are praying that God will give us many more souls as we continue to work with Him in this part of the north country.

HAROLD DAWES

Feb. 14, 1962—*Canadian Union Messenger*, Vol. 31, No. 4.



The Lamming Mills Welfare Centre in action. Left to right are Mrs. Harry Martin, Mrs. Elsie Horvath, Mrs. Harry Fell, Mrs. Clarence Suelzie, Mrs. Leonard Neufeld, and the leader, Mrs. Harvey Mutch.

Lamming Mills Welfare Centre

In a long, narrow valley of East Central British Columbia, we have the Lamming Mills Welfare Centre.

Inasmuch as there are no settlements for 150 miles north or south, and sparsely settled for 100 miles east and west, our field of operation is narrowed down to primarily local appeals.

Through the years that we have operated, families have been burned out, heads of homes taken away, and there have been a few serious accidents.

One lady lost her husband in a fire. The Adventist Welfare Centre obtained a home for her, furnished it, and gave her a bank book with a credit balance of over \$300.00.

The welfare work has been a big help in our Ingathering appeals.

Years ago a sister moved in here who had been doing private Dorcas work. Names of those she had formerly helped followed her, gradually spreading out, until we have many calls from outlying and distant areas, in addition to the local. Every call is filled, no matter from how far away it comes, even to sending clothing overseas to missions. If there are those needing help who do not have access to local centres, we would be happy for you to write us. With two electric sewing machines, and energetic workers, we can overhaul a lot of clothing and pack it in record time. The Welfare Unit workers meet every Sunday under the leadership of Mrs. Harvey Mutch.

To God, the instigator of all loving service, we give the glory. What a thrill it will be to meet souls in the Kingdom we have helped here on earth.

HARRY FELL, HM Secretary
Lamming Mills

Mar. 26, 1952—*Canadian Union Messenger*, Vol. 21, No. 7.

Branch Sabbath School

Elder and Mrs. H. E. Dawes together with the members of the Lamming Mills



Combined children and adult branch Sabbath School at Tete Juane, B. C.

Sabbath School are conducting four Branch Sabbath Schools in their district.

Four adults have already been baptized as the result of the Branch Sabbath School at Tete Juane. A number of others are preparing to join the church soon.

The Tete Juane Sabbath School is fifty miles from Lamming Mills so the members take turns driving their cars over the rough, winding, gravel road in all kinds of weather to pick up the interested folk and take them to Sabbath School.

Surely the Spirit of God is being poured out in a marked way and our laymen and ministers are uniting their efforts as never before to quickly finish the work.

A. W. BAUER

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Lamming Mills Investment

Three hundred and sixty dollars beyond their \$1500 Sabbath School Investment goal for 1964, the Lamming Mills Sabbath School set an ambitious \$2300 goal for 1965.

Last year under Investment leader Oscar Lamming, the Lamming Mills Sabbath School raised \$1860.60 by a variety of schemes ranging from sale of bread, popcorn, plants, calves, etc., to projects like cutting hair, specified amounts set aside for each month free of medical bills, sewing, and about as great a variety of projects as 125 enthusiastic Sabbath School members could think of.

Realizing that airplanes instead of donkeys, ships instead of canoes, and television instead of picture scrolls will effectively save the world, the Lamming Mills Sabbath School members plan an all-out effort for Investment in 1965.

(MRS.) ANGUS CAMPBELL

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