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Does **Size** Matter?

A look at life
in large and small
churches

The New Messenger: Forum for Dialogue

Welcome to the new edition of the **Canadian Adventist Messenger**.

Over the past several months, we have been preparing for a transition in staffing and production. June Polishuk retired after many years of admirable editorial service, and I have joined the **Messenger** as managing editor. As well, the production process has been transferred from the experienced hands of Allan Collieran and Robin Carby at

Maracle Press; the design and layout will now be done in the **Messenger** office by myself and production assistant Joan Tanasiychuk.

In the pages ahead, you will notice both design and content changes. I would like to thank the members of the **Messenger** Operations

Committee for their hard work and endless flow of creative ideas in planning feature articles and new sections. The members of the committee are: Kay Bacchus, Farrell Hall, Howard Homenchuk, Clareleen Ivany, Joan Tanasiychuk, and Dirk Zinner. Let us know what you think about new sections such as Feature of the Month, Youth Alive, New Member Profile, and The Messenger Asks.

Our vision for the **Messenger** is to become an interactive publication, where we can serve as a forum for dialogue between readers and the leaders of the SDA Church in Canada, as well as between readers across the country. We know how many active, talented, and inspiring Adventists exist across Canada,

and we believe the **Messenger** is a place where those ideas and gifts can be shared across the miles. Let's pool our talents!

We hope you will share our vision for the magazine:

We intend that the Canadian Adventist Messenger will:

1. **Inspire readers** – By painting a vision of a vibrant, relevant church that invites commitment and involvement.
2. **Educate readers** – By stimulating thought, showing spiritual gifts and Christian skills in action, and expanding understanding of the Adventist church.
3. **Encourage readers** – By nurturing all segments of our church community, sharing spiritual insights and practical applications, and building a network of people and resources.

How will we fulfill this vision? By:

- focusing on Canadian members, issues, and achievements
- presenting candid discussions and multiple viewpoints
- describing what works, what doesn't, and why
- emphasizing the human interest element in stories
- using visual elements to spark curiosity and hold attention
- creating interactive channels for reader involvement
- providing contact information for follow-up by readers

Throughout this issue, we describe our new features and how you can become involved. As well, if you have story ideas, please give me a call!

I'm looking forward to beginning a dialogue with our **Messenger** readers. Do drop us a line – our ears are open (and Compuserve never sleeps!). ■

*by Shelley Nolan
Managing Editor*



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Meaningful Worship Shortchanged?

A quick glance at nature reveals a God who is the author of variety. He specializes in the creation of varied tastes, textures, sizes, shapes, and colours. His creativity is not limited to the natural world but is discernible also in the talents and spiritual gifts that He has given to us individually.

How would it be if, in our church families, we were each enabled to discover our spiritual gifts and then use them to the benefit of the church? The use of individual spiritual gifts could be a powerful means of enhancing worship services, and at the same time provide each individual with the opportunity to be meaningfully involved in ministry.

This may seem idealistic, yet, is it impossible?

It's easy to throw up our hands and say this will never happen because no one will listen, no one wants to change. If this were the attitude of our gifted ancestors, where would electricity and telecommunication be today?

Is the answer then to maintain the status quo and traditionalism at the expense of more meaningful worship? Worship that could more effectively meet the varied spiritual and emotional needs of our members?

In Mark 7:8, Jesus registered his concern about traditionalism taking prece-

dence over the real purpose of worship when He said, "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

Too often we substitute traditionalism for spirituality and Biblical authenticity. This robs us of creative, innovative, meaningful, fulfilling and interesting forms of worship.

For example, have you ever observed the reaction of some to the idea of changing the order or time of the service on Sabbath morning? I have heard some amazing stories of members thinking the church had apostatized just because their comfort level was disturbed by the introduction of an innovative idea.

I am in no way advocating for the introduction of anything sacrilegious. Our services should always be worshipful, spiritual, and uplifting. However, I am advocating freshness, relevancy, and creativity in the context of true Biblical worship.

As we allow God to help us recognize the difference between traditionalism and spirituality, may we resolve to make our times of worship meaningful, relevant, and inspiring. ■



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*by Orville Parchment,
President of the
SDA Church in Canada*

NEW

Send Us Your Letters!

Beginning with the April issue, the Messenger will publish letters to the editor. We welcome your reaction to any of the articles and topics in this issue. Please note these guidelines:

- Refer to a specific article and issue date.
- Include your full name, address and home and daytime phone numbers.
- Keep your comments to 150 words or less.
- Submit your letters by the deadlines published in the masthead (page 27) and address them to **Letters to the Editor**.
- We reserve the right to edit for clarity and space.

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Does Size Matter?

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING across Canada, thousands of Adventists arrive at church, ready to worship God and fellowship with other members.

What do they find when they arrive? Some settle into the pews of rented buildings, while others inch their way through half-finished new lobbies. At some churches it takes only a minute to greet the handful of other people present; in other churches, hundreds of faces are famil-

iar, but names are not known to everyone.

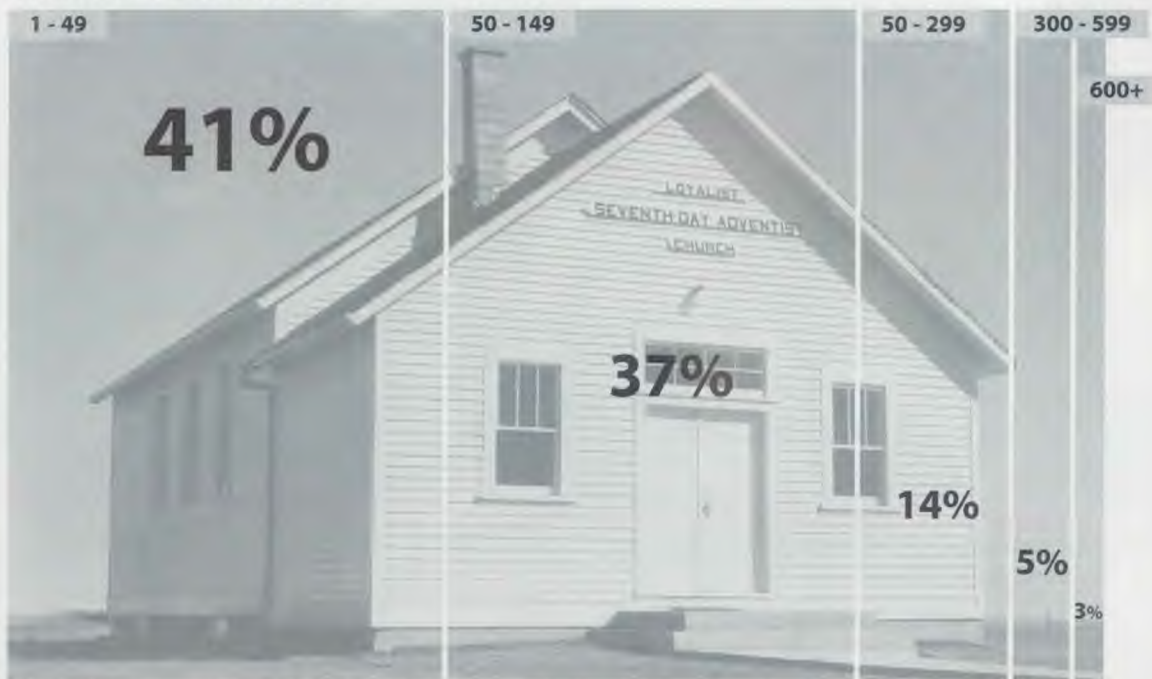
Adventist churches in Canada come in all shapes and sizes. Our smallest church has 4 members and is located in Horsefly, British Columbia. The largest congregation is found in Willowdale, Ontario, where two services are held each Sabbath for the 1,221 members.

This issue of the **Messenger** takes a look at life in churches of three very different sizes: small, medium, and

large. We asked the churches to tell us about their community outreach activities, methods of member networking and support, and more. Although the churches varied in the scope of their programs, we found a common thread of energy, commitment, involvement, and interaction.

If you would like to tell us about **your** experiences related to church size, please see the guidelines on page three for sending letters to the editor. We'd love to hear from you! ■

Number of members per church



Percentage of churches in Canada

Members in
Canada:
45,403

of Churches:
332

Average
church size:
136 members

of Pastors:
237

Glovertown SDA Church, Glovertown, Newfoundland

The Big, Little Church

by Dave Crook,
President of the SDA
Church in Newfoundland
and Labrador

IS BIGGER BETTER? HOW MANY members are needed to carry on church programs? The small congregation in Glovertown, Newfoundland, constantly demonstrates what a few members can do.

Fewer than 10 members meet faithfully every Sabbath. As you drive up to the church, you are impressed by a well-kept and functional building. Entering the church, you can be sure someone will be there to greet you. Once in the sanctuary, you feel a warmth radiating from the members. The Sabbath School superintendent takes her place, and a well-prepared program gets under way. The Sabbath School lesson study sees good participation. All of this time you have forgotten that you are meeting with such a small congregation. All of the activity gives evidence of being well planned and organized.

Members Fill Leadership Roles in Absence of Pastor

There was a time when the Glovertown membership was considerably larger. The deaths of elderly members and people moving away to seek employment have brought the membership to this number.

For the last several years and part of the nearly 30-year history of the church, there has been no pastor. The flock has been led and shepherded by Wilfred Blackmore, who has shouldered the responsibility of this leadership role since he was baptized into church membership. His wife, Jessie, a lifetime Adventist, has served as treasurer for most of this time as well as holding other offices and taking her turn as Sabbath School teacher.

The Blackmores' dedication is evidenced by the fact that they moved from Wilfred's birthplace to Glovertown in order to be close to the church and serve more effectively.

Cluny Moyles was a construction contractor who one day received a

(Left) Wilfred
Blackmore preaching
in the Glovertown
church.



(Right) Karen Pritchett,
Sabbath School
superintendent



brochure inviting him and his wife, Helen, to a weekend of meetings at the Glovertown church. Knowing nothing about Adventists, they attended the meetings, began Bible studies with Pastor Ern Brake, and were finally baptized. The matter of a small congregation did not hinder them from embracing the truth.

Today they are playing a leading role in the church. They attended an Amazing Facts evangelism training seminar in Maryland and since then have held Revelations seminars at their home church as well as in other areas. In February, they, along with the other church members, will hold a video evangelistic series in a nearby town.

Personal Witnessing Brings Church Growth

As soon as the Moyles became Adventists, they began witnessing to their family. It wasn't long before their daughter, Karen, a beautician living several hundred kilometers away, was baptized. Since Karen has moved closer, she now serves as Sabbath School superintendent.

Lucy Tuff, a charter member, has recently seen her husband join the church during a lay effort. Having been a businessman for several years, he knows most of the residents in the area. Gerald is faithful in working with every witnessing program the church has.

Patience Oram, another charter member, has been very faithful in help-

ing out in the church programs. Her daughter, Coralee, acted as church pianist until she moved recently.

This little self-motivated group organizes themselves for the annual ADRA appeal and last year collected \$1,359 in the community. The members have carried out religious surveys, enrolled people in Bible studies, and distributed Christmas cheer baskets. There is no discouragement because of the church's small size; they just continue with their quality programs.

When you visit Glovertown, you are impressed by the members' unity, positive spirit, and mutual love and acceptance. You won't go away hungry, spiritually or physically, because you will have felt the Lord's presence, and if there isn't a delicious potluck someone will invite you home for dinner.

The question: "When have you felt more blessed?" The answer: "I don't know. All I can say is that it has been a bit of heaven this Sabbath." Fellowship with this little congregation, one sees the power of the Holy Spirit at work. With the right attitude and God's spirit, it's marvellous what can be done. Pray for Glovertown, won't you? ■

If you would like more information about the Glovertown church and its programs, please contact:

Wilfred Blackmore • 709/533-2159

Cluny Moyles • 709/533-6632

Surrey SDA Church, Surrey, British Columbia

Varied and Vibrant

Six years ago, the 117 members of the Surrey SDA Church dedicated their beautiful new church building, after contributing 70,000 hours of volunteer labour. Today, the attendance has doubled to 230 members. What has enabled this healthy church to keep thriving and growing so dramatically?

"Reasons for such a happy, growing church include a strong emphasis on Christ our Righteousness," says Pastor Don Kack. "This theme has pervaded all Bible study and services by leadership and laity alike."

Vigorous Evangelistic Activity

Public evangelism has been enthusiastically supported with finances, attendance, and staffing. The church has coordinated four public evangelistic series in the past two years, which have helped to attract more than 120 new

members. These new members have added tremendously to the love, warmth, and excitement of reaching Surrey for Christ.

Older members have appreciated seeing new, capable members serve in roles ranging from elders to kitchen personnel. There are newly-baptized members everywhere, and it is a joy to see their enthusiasm in being involved in ministry. The church's motto has been **Give Us Surrey for Christ or We Die**.

Home to Many Cultures

Among its members, the Surrey church has representatives from 23 nationalities and languages. Three years ago the church opened its doors to a fledgling Yugoslavian group, two years ago to a Spanish-speaking group, and most recently a Portuguese/Brazilian group. These three Global Mission

groups have had an additional 25 baptisms in 1996 alone. The church has been referred to as an international evangelistic centre.

If you were to visit on Sabbath morning, you would first be seated in the sanctuary for songs of praise and a dynamic mission story. Following that program, you would find small group classes in every available space. The goal is to increase these small groups by five or more as the large pastor's class breaks up around May of this year.

Kack says, "We earnestly pray and work to see Christ uplifted as Savior and Lord. This balance must be a part of every meeting. Lives finding a gospel that gives assurance of salvation and power to change are lives filled with joy and purpose." ■

*by Don Kack, Pastor of the
Surrey SDA Church*

Every new member is encouraged to take part in active ministry. The Surrey church is currently involved in a Metro Vancouver evangelistic series with Leo Schreven. Sixteen of the church's newly-baptized members are a vital part of the staff each evening, along with several long-time members.

If you would like more information about the Surrey church and its programs, please contact **Pastor Don Kack** at 604/591-2922.



Shawn Jeeves (left), who was baptized last year, and Laurier Chabot, who has not yet been baptized, collect tickets at the door nightly.



Deanna Minnie (center), who was baptized in 1995, serves as the communication secretary and Discover Bible School coordinator. Margrit Johnson (right), baptized last year, works nightly at the Bible table with Deanna.



Barry and Shirley Dzenick, baptized two years ago, are at the registration table each evening. Shirley is the head greeter at the Surrey church, while Barry is a Sabbath School teacher, assistant superintendent, assistant personal ministries leader.

Henderson Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Utilizing Resources, Preserving Intimacy

In the past century, the Adventist movement in Manitoba has grown in both rural and urban regions to now represent approximately one percent of the population. As the largest church of 33 churches in the Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference, the 423 members of Henderson Highway SDA Church (HHSDAC) enjoy the benefits of a large multicultural congregation, a range of population demographics, a generous financial base, an active talent pool, a modern worship facility, and a growing youth group, including a baby boom witnessed in the last three years.

Achored in Christ, and led by Pastor Ron Sydenham and Youth Pastor Wesley Szamko, HHSDAC is one of eight facilities serving the needs of nearly 600 Adventists in the greater Winnipeg area.

Playing the Numbers

While we acknowledge that congregation size cannot possibly serve as an accurate gauge to measure spiritual wealth, we do believe that spiritual growth on a personal level is ultimately enhanced by the spiritual development experienced on a corporate level. With 19 of the 33 Manitoba/Saskatchewan churches having 25 members or less, size is indeed a factor when discussing the activity of the Advent movement in our conference.

Like many churches – and as most things in life – the 20/80 rule often applies in our church family's experience. However, while only 20 percent of the membership may provide 80 percent of the financial resources and participation in any church's activities, it is easy to see that 84 active members in a 423-constituent church can more readily complete a series of goals than five active parishioners in a 20-member church. But more importantly, a large church is able to bring so many more

ideas to the table when there are large numbers of active participants.

"I grew up in a small church in Ontario," said one current HHSDAC member, who chose to remain unnamed as her family still worships there, "and it was inevitable that you would have the same families sit in the same pews and fulfill the same church duties and follow the same traditions on a yearly basis."

Evolution of Democracy

In some cases, as reported by another HHSDAC member who was raised in British Columbia and Alberta, "a single family could become so dominant within the congregation that they would have the power to diminish enthusiasm by members who desired a new experience or even hinder the leadership of pastors who would attempt to bring changes."

As a church congregation increases in size, there is a certain degree of democracy that naturally evolves as the impact of individual members diminishes and as there are more people who can participate in discussions that determine benefits of new programming ideas.

Specialized Programs and Generous Resources

At HHSDAC, our programming plans go well beyond the weekly Sabbath services. Our congregation size ultimately means we have the resources (and the need) to carry out programs that occur almost daily.

"I'm not convinced that I could receive the blessings of a weekly pre-dawn men's prayer breakfast if I attended a small church," replied George Mainville when asked about his participation in HHSDAC events.

Sylvia Dawkins, an HHSDAC member for 23 of her 40 years as an

Adventist, observes, "I'm glad that our large church has enough members who are serious enough about spiritual growth to make prayer meeting a weekly event in their lives."

It would be hard to imagine the ability of a church school, two nursing homes, and one seniors' apartment lodge to survive without the support of at least one large church in Winnipeg. In terms of support for annual events such as an evangelistic crusade or our upcoming prayer seminar weekend, it is often easier to obtain high-quality and popular speakers when you can guarantee large audiences and handle large program expenses.

Just think of the impact we could have if our corporate church body was recognized as the driving force behind civic-minded duties

Parents Ministry

But even for local and low-budget projects, interest levels for virtually any program are usually high because of the variety of needs that are met by the programs offered.

Our recent baby boom, complete with the classic paradigm shift witnessed by some mothers and fathers who have chosen to temporarily leave work to care for their children at home, created an obvious need for parents ministry. Initiated by Cindy Keenan, a former Adventist school teacher now raising three boys of her own, up to 20 parents and children meet at her home on a weekly basis to share ideas on parenting, home economics, discipline, health, and spiritual renewal.

"Often we are so busy providing the programs for our children in Sabbath School that we don't have time for our own growth," Barb Hilderman says.

"But our parents ministry allows us to spend up to four hours with other adults in a real learning environment and wonderful Christian fellowship with others who are meeting similar challenges."

Putting Technology to Work

Technology seems to be more readily accessible and implemented more often when working with members of a large church. In addition to eagerly purchasing and installing satellite dish equipment for Net 95 and Net 96, we were also North America's first Adventist church to go on-line, as we felt it was important to create a cyberspace presence as part of our outreach program.

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Andrew Park, a university student and active church volunteer, explains that the previous two years have seen our Web page basically serve as an archive of selected article reprints, a church e-mail directory, TV and radio listings for national Adventist programming, and outlines for future local events.

"But now we'd like to take this to a higher level, much like we've seen in other Christian churches," say Harry and Stephanie Yamniuk, who helped initiate the project in late 1993. "We could show photos of our pastor and family, provide maps leading visitors to our church, conduct on-line Bible studies, create a bulletin/message centre for current members, and offer Christ-centred advice for members and non-members who are trying to meet the daily challenges of financial stress, marital difficulties, employment concerns, and other real-life issues."

As a large church, we are more easily

able to make use of General Conference resource materials that are directed beyond our own Adventist audience.

Lindsey Domaschuk, an active member of the young adult division, has long admired TV commercials professionally produced by other non-Adventist churches. As a long-distance cycling enthusiast, he is eagerly looking forward to working with other HHSDAC members who have ordered a sample video kit featuring Adventist-produced commercials that highlight water skiers, rock climbers, mountain bikers, and snow boarders who also happen to think it's important to fit God in their lives.

"I'd like to explore the option of airing these commercials here in Winnipeg in an attempt to invite even more youth here at our own church," Domaschuk says.

Participation in Community Issues

So what do non-members see in our large church? How do they perceive the Advent movement and on what basis do they judge our church members as participants in the community at large?

"Whether appealing to councilors at Winnipeg City Hall on Sunday shopping issues, imploring members of the Manitoba Legislature to ensure Adventists still have an active role to play in health, or addressing a Senate committee revising national legislation concerning tax implications of financial contributions to churches and charitable groups, I have always found that politicians and business leaders tend to better appreciate the message of a large constituency," says Bret Dobbin. Over the past two years, he has voluntarily represented the Manitoba/Saskatchewan Conference in the face of health reform that threatens Adventist governance in their own facilities.

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On a larger scale, many members mentioned that they would like to see HHSDAC formally participate in a more "back-to-basics" community approach including Adventists joining members from other Christian churches in running soup kitchens, adopting Winnipeg-area portions of the Trans Canada highway to perform litter patrol, volunteering to tell stories at local libraries, or creating audio book tapes for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

"Individual Adventists are to be commended for already carrying out these civic-minded duties," reports Rob Ivany, "but just think of the impact we could have if our corporate church body was recognized as the driving force behind these actions."

Ivany, a director of nursing at one of our two local Adventist personal care homes, has long been a member of the Rotary Club, but suggests that "our church could take this one step further and have our nominating committee assign this community duty as a church office, thereby ensuring that each of the local service/business/community clubs would see HHSDAC in a well-balanced sacred and secular light."

Consolidation or Division?

Lora-Lee Toop and Neva Pieper, active leaders in the Cradle Roll division, would like to see our large church take on an even larger persona. Proponents of a campus concept, they have suggested that "it would be ideal for all four Winnipeg churches to join congregations, pool resources, work with each other's pastors, and centralize our efforts in healthcare, education, and

worship in a large church newly built just outside city limits where land is inexpensive, taxes are low, zoning is flexible, commercial distractions are few, and our worship would be enhanced by a setting in nature."

But other members would rather see several smaller churches than one large joint facility and worry about the potential dangers inherent as congregations grow. There are concerns about creeping compromise that can occur as a church expands its base and includes members with a broad set of backgrounds. There is the threat of growing differences in socio-economic origins and a widening generation gap.

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"I think one of the real problems we see in large churches," says women's ministries leader Cheryl Best, "is a super-sense of sophistication that can occur to the point where we see only the most educated allowed to speak at the pulpit, only the most influential requested to hold high offices, and only the most talented chosen to provide special music."

Cell Churches

So just how does a large church foster dynamic growth, protect itself from the dangers of elitism, ensure it doesn't become a haven for members who want to hide in the crowd, and avoid becoming cold to visitors and members alike?

By acting like a tightly-knit group of several small churches, of course! Introduced by former Pastor Bob Hossack in early 1992, the ingenious sub-parish concept is still not fully implemented but has been well received

by at least one lay leader. Acting head elder Rudy Jacob and his wife, Chris, consider it a privilege and a duty to accept the responsibility of hosting monthly luncheons in their home, writing a newsletter that includes everything from prayer requests to social notices, and reaching out to former members who still live in their geographic sub-parish region.

"Of course I enjoy participating in outreach programs such as my music ministry and prison visitations," Jacob says, "but I see a real need for inreach – where we aim to keep our members enthusiastic even after they've joined the church."

This concept, which is extremely popular in evangelical churches and is often referred to as **cell churches**, is biblically based and outlined by Paul as he initiated churches nearly 2,000 years ago. As each cell of 8 to 10

members nurtures one another and creates a family concept recognizing Christ as the leader, cells will grow into 16 to 20 members, at which time they break into two separate new cells.

While our church has not yet fully adopted such a strategy – or even claim to fully grasp the concept – many HHSDAC members feel that it's the best way to feel the warmth of a small family-type congregation while simultaneously reaping the benefits of a resource-rich church. ■

*by Members of the
HHSDAC Communication
Department*

Would you like more information on how we minister to our community? Would you like to share your stories of success or outline your specific ministry challenges to our team members? Learn about our church activities (including others not mentioned in this article) by contacting:

Pastor Ron Sydenham – a pastor with 15 years of experience in small and large churches – 1314 Henderson Highway, Winnipeg, MB, R2G 1M4; phone 204/334-4782

Pastor Wesley Szamko – a congregation-sponsored pastor specializing in youth ministry and music – same contact information as above

Andrew Park – create a world wide web page for your church after finding us on the Net at our newest web address <http://www.tagnet.org/wpgsda> or send your e-mail comments to Andrew at apark@cc.umanitoba.ca

Cindy Keenan – start a parents ministry in your church by phoning Cindy at home at 204/334-2335 to access the materials provided by the General Conference

Rudy Jacob – make music a more meaningful part of your church services; ask about the power of prison outreach congregational inreach programs; and learn how to start marital management seminars in your church – phone 204/654-1500

Cheryl Best – learn how to be a volunteer women's ministry action worker and organize female speakers for your women's retreats – phone 204/783-9199

Bret Dobbin – send your comments and questions concerning the church's role in local public relations, written communication and political lobbying – phone 204/955-2507, fax 204/772-9414, e-mail dpconsul@cycor.ca

Ivy James – master the art of organizing a vegetarian cooking school in your community by phoning our own registered dietician at 204/633-9390

A Healthy Choice

OVER THE YEARS, THE CORNWALL SDA Church (Ontario) has presented numerous community health programs, which have introduced many individuals in the Cornwall area to God's healing message and the Adventist Church. In the past five years, 1,500 people have attended these programs.



Pastor Robert Putt (left) and George van Beek

The church's last large program, organized by church members and community volunteers, was the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP), led by Dr. Hans Diehl. The program brought George van Beek in contact with the church.

He became interested in studying the Bible at a Revelation seminar held by Pastor Richard Parent and continued to study while attending the Net 95 Discoveries in Prophecy series. At that time until Net 96, he was a frequent attendee at Sabbath worship and the Wednesday night prayer meeting.

It was Net 96 which helped George make a vital decision of which he rejoices today. Being an avid writer, he tells his story in the following poem. ■

All God's Commandments Obey

On many a Sunday to church I went,
Overall feeling relatively content;
Then to CHIP I was exposed
And doubts in my mind soon arose.

When a Chipper I first became
Then I heard the Advent name;
Health and outreach they advocate
And my spirit to God relate.

Baptism on occasion was discussed
And for me this became a must;
I was baptized in infancy
But it was not enough for me.

For immersion into the font I went
And came out feeling quite content;
The step taken brought its reward
As I felt closer to our Lord.

Now on the Sabbath to church I go
Following the command that you know;
Trying all of God's laws to keep
And for my sins His forgiveness seek.

Thank you, Lord, I've found the way,
Trying all your commands to obey;
To follow the path that Jesus trod;
It leads to Your house, O Father God.

*article by Robert Putt,
Pastor of the Cornwall and
Brockville SDA churches*

NEW

New Member Profile

The new member profile is intended to tell the in-depth story of one person's journey into the Adventist Church.

The profile will show how conversion is a process, illustrate how church members are instrumental in that process, and share the perceptions of newcomers. By hearing from these new voices, we will all gain insight into what we are doing well and how we can improve. We will discover and learn how to create a positive presence in our circles of influence and how to be sensitive to the questions and feelings of visitors and new members.

If you know of an inspiring story, please contact the **Messenger** editor for a copy of the writers' guidelines and the upcoming profile schedule.

You Are In My Heart



In October, 1996, Elder Orville Parchment attended the annual council for union presidents in Costa Rica. Following the council, ADRA International took the members on a tour of ADRA projects in Peru. Here is a brief look at one of the project sites he visited.

Our destination was Juliaca, Peru, a community situated approximately 12,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains. As we disembarked from the airplane, the sight of stately llamas quietly grazing by the side of the runway struck me. As we walked from the plane into the airport, we also developed a new understanding of the word **altitude**. We became lightheaded and nauseated as our body systems struggled to adjust to the thin air.

Endless Brown Landscape

As we traveled through the rural areas of Juliaca, we marveled at how everything appeared to be the same colour as far as our eyes could see. The rolling hills, the dusty fields, the bumpy roads, everything was a grayish brown. The mud houses, built from sunbaked bricks and thatch, were identical in color to the mud fences outlining the sparse and struggling farms we passed.

Greenhouse Produce Feeds Hundreds

It was the beginning of their summer, yet it felt like a cool day in late fall. As the bus turned off the main road, Ralph Watts, ADRA project director for the General Conference, explained that we were approaching an ADRA project. In the midst of the barren windswept

plateau stood monstrous plastic-clad greenhouses which proudly bore the name **ADRA**. ADRA International sponsored these greenhouses.

Awaiting our arrival was a group of smiling, colorfully-dressed people. Several women wore bright skirts of a heavy woolen material; it was a cheery contrast to the brown color that dominated the landscape. Black boel hats completed the women's fashion look.

These folk were very excited to see us. The greenhouses supply their only source of fresh vegetables and roots dur-

villagers urged us to pump the well and let the water run over our hands.

The mayor of the village, also a member of the Adventist church, eagerly gave a vote of thanks to ADRA for all that was done for the community. In the Lake Titicaca mission, of which Juliaca is a part, there are approximately 71,000 Adventist church members. The ratio works out to be one Adventist member for every 15 inhabitants.

A water well and several greenhouses may not seem like very much to us here in Canada. Yet, when only arid, brown

earth, and endless expanses of land dotted by a few trees and sparse shrubbery make up the terrain, a feeling of dismal hopelessness seems to descend. The picture of the well, the sole source of water, and the greenhouses, the only source of fresh vegetables, is truly a beautiful sight for the eyes to behold.

"Making Life Worth Living"

Expressing my feelings is difficult as we mingled with these beautiful people. It was an experience to hear them say, "Thank you, ADRA – if

it were not for you, we would not enjoy the vegetables that we now have, or drink the pure water that the well now supplies. Thank you, ADRA – you have made my life worth living. Thank you, ADRA – you are in my heart."

The experience gave us a new and deeper appreciation for the work of ADRA. It is an organization that governments highly respect all over the world. Consequently, ADRA has unique opportunities to share the good news of the gospel because of the credibility and trust that we have earned. Thank you for supporting ADRA. I hope you will keep ADRA in your heart. ■



Orville Parchment (second from left) and Jean Parchment (to the right of the well pump) visit an ADRA project in Juliaca, Peru. The well, sponsored by ADRA Canada, is the only source of water for greenhouses which are used to produce food for 500 people.

ing the winter months. They had gathered to express their thanks personally. We stood awestruck as we saw the high quality of vegetables produced in these greenhouses. The produce from this project feeds approximately 500 individuals who live in the area.

One Source of Water

Our attention was next directed to a well with the inscription **ADRA Canada**. Funded through ADRA Canada, it is the only source of water used to irrigate the vegetables in the greenhouses. With grateful hearts, the



Dynamite Ministry Hits CUC

T'N'T – the name for the **Teachers 'N' Touch** program – is a recently-formed ministry of the student services department at Canadian Union College. Faculty, staff, and board of trustees members have been challenged to a new prayer ministry on the campus. T'N'T is similar to the **Moms in Touch** program at Parkview Adventist Academy. Every student at CUC has a faculty, staff, or board member praying for them on a regular basis. Some of the students know who is praying for them, but faculty and staff may choose to remain anonymous.

Although the program is similar to Mom in Touch, it differs in that the responsibility of the faculty, staff, or board member is simply to pray for the students. If they choose to do so, they may invite the students to their home for a Sabbath meal or may send them gifts. The student services department has taken responsibility for sending monthly "care packages" to every college student. To date, 88 percent of the faculty are involved in this project. This speaks well for the interest that our faculty have in the spiritual life of each student.

How has the program affected students? Some of them have said, "It is incredible to think that one of my teachers would take the time to pray for me. That is the nicest gift I could ever receive!" "Who would want to pray for me?" "This is unbelievable. We should have students praying for each other and our teachers, too." "It's a really great program – it makes me feel important!"

We are excited about this dynamite T'N'T program. It has resulted in a sense of expectation and caring. Please pray for the continued success of T'N'T on our campus. It is our desire that the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit may continue to lead and move in the lives of our faculty, staff, and students. ■

Soapbox Vespers

Twice a year the students at Canadian Union College and Parkview Adventist Academy plan what they have called **A Soapbox Vespers**. They invite their peers to reserve time to express their views. At vespers, the students mount a box and expound; when they finish, other students may respond. This meeting has lasted for a couple of hours, and often those in charge must call for the meeting to end. Here are a few of the testimonies from students at the last Soapbox Vespers.

"I'm proud to be an Adventist. I'm proud of my Adventist education. I was privileged to go to an Adventist academy for 12 years. Even though my teachers here have a lot to do, they have always been there for me. Our faculty really cares. Teachers are very supportive. I came here from Weimar, so I wondered what it would be like. I am very thankful for the support of teachers and faculty. They are always willing to pray with me."

"You can't leave a meeting like this saying 'I can't do it' because whatever God calls you to do – no matter how hard it might be – He will give you the courage to do it."

"A couple of weeks ago, about ten of us went on a 'rake and run.' We would go up to someone's front door in Lacombe and ask people if we could rake their lawn. They'd ask 'Why?' We'd answer, 'Well, we just wanted to do something nice for our neighbors and help make your day a little better.' We had a blast!"

"I want to tell you about my experience. I attended another college in Alberta for a couple years. It was very rough for me. Then I went to a university in Alberta, and I hoped things would go better. It didn't happen. I went to classes, and there were 200 people in every class. I had a lot of questions and needed help. I became very discouraged. At this time I had been thinking about medicine, but grades were not happening for me. I needed help.

Teachers were too busy. I said, 'This isn't going to work.' I

prayed a lot about

it. I ended up coming here through some advice of a couple teachers on campus. Since I have been here the difference between the teachers there and how they interact with the students is amazing. The encouragement I get from here is phenomenal. It is tough during finals. Sometimes I wonder if it is worth it and then I get a piece of advice or some encouragement from a teacher or a couple teachers and that helps me. 'You're going to make it.'"

the Plan

"By the time June came I had made the decision to go to a school in Toronto. One day my parents asked, 'Why is it that you don't want to go to CUC?' 'I just don't want to go to CUC,' I answered. Then I said, 'OK, I'll go.' So, I'm here now and am so happy I made that decision. This has been a very positive experience. I want to take this time to commend the faculty, staff, and deans. I have been really impressed. Even the students have taken the initiative to start something – I have been quite impressed. I have definitely changed. For me I see God leading in my life. It has a lot to do with the teachers and good friends and it has just been very positive."

CUC Alumnus Receives Dental Student Award

Glen Fung, a senior school of dentistry student at Loma Linda University and an alumnus of CUC, was selected to receive the Dental Student Scholarship Award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The \$1,400 scholarship is designated for a student who has "demonstrated the greatest potential of developing into an outstanding leader in the dental profession," according to the guidelines for the award.

This scholarship is made possible by the foundation of Pierre Fauchard Academy and was offered for the first time this year. The academy, an international honor dental organization, is offering this scholarship to each of the 54 schools of dentistry in the United States, and 28 schools outside the United States. ■

UPDATE

Opportunities to Fund

• Student financial assistance	\$100,000
• Student employment scholarships (summer scholarships and work program in churches)	\$100,000
• Computer technology (21st-century classroom, internet)	\$400,000
• Academic capital equipment (autoclave, ultracentrifuge, microscopes)	\$100,000
• Major campus renovation (administration building)	\$150,000
• Library building fund	\$150,000

Total: \$1 million

Fundraising results as of December 31

• Cash and pledges	\$107,519
• Number of donors	285
(The goal is for 10,000 individuals to participate.)	

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One Foot In, One Foot Out: How Strong Should Our Ties Be with the World?

The Conservative View

by Ruth Ramlalsingh, a senior at Crawford Adventist Academy in Toronto, Ontario

We possess a natural tendency to categorize an Adventist as either good or bad. Well, have I got news for you! There is no such thing as a "bad Adventist" or a "good Adventist." One is either an Adventist or not. The whole concept of compromise should not even exist within the church. You can either have your foot in or you can have your foot out.

Christian education should be made a part of every Adventist's life. One's focus should not solely be on education, but education should be incorporated with religion. Mark 8:36 says, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" In a Christian environment, the prayers, devotions, weeks of prayer, and retreats are able to solidify one's relationship with God, which therefore prepares them for the Lord's second coming.

It is important that one's "special" relationships involve people within the church. One often mirrors the actions of one's friends. Peer pressure is so prevalent during this day and age that one may be inveigled to indulge in the nefarious practices of friends. The mate one chooses should also be one who has a solid relationship with the Lord. Oftentimes it is difficult to convert a loved one. In fact, instead of helping the person, one is pulled down further.

The Fashion and Entertainment Questions

We should not have to keep up with worldly fashion. In 1 Timothy 2:9 it says, "In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing." This text alone explains the way in which we must dress. The bottom line is that one can spend such enormous amounts of money to "keep with the flow" that fashion eventually becomes an idol. Instead of such unnecessary expenditures, the money could perhaps be used to benefit the less fortunate.

Finally, the types of entertainment we involve ourselves in should be wholesome. Philippians 4:8 says that whatever things are noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, of virtue, and of praise should be meditated on. The essential thing to remember is that in the end, God will hold us responsible for the way in which we spent our time here on earth! ■

The Liberal View

by Monique Lewis, a senior at Crawford Adventist Academy in Toronto, Ontario

Why is it that whenever an individual has an opinion that is not in perfect accord with church members' regulations, Christians respond by saying, "Those are worldly thoughts?"

Since we are Christians, there is obviously a standard that we should follow in order to reflect Christ in our lives. But there is nothing wrong with being liberal and open-minded when dealing with certain aspects of life. It is the principle behind the situation that should guide our conscience, not old-fashioned regulations that many modest Christians have appended to God's laws.

Choosing Schools and Friends

One of the most important decisions made is our form of education, because education is the key to a productive life. Many believe that Christian education is the only way; by doing so, they fail to realize that being in a public school system does not mean a person will be deprived of a Christian lifestyle. If a person was taught from childhood that their life should reflect God, going to either a Christian or non-Christian school should not hinder them.

Another decision has to do with whom we choose to have relationships. Friends are important, whether they are Christian or even if they are not. Just as one might argue that non-Christians may have a negative influence, realize that as Christians, we have a positive one. Sharing the truth about God with people who already know about it is fatuous. We need to share with others and bring them closer to God.

A third controversial issue is fashion. The arguments between "modest and extravagant" have reverberated through every congregation. As Christians we should dress modestly, but there is nothing wrong with keeping up with new trends. Being in style does not mean that you dress "worldly." As long as your style is tasteful, this topic need not be an issue.

Finally, the most hackneyed issue: entertainment. Many people make the Christian lifestyle burdensome; it is as though Christians must only read their Bibles and pray, and everything else is worldly. Watching TV and listening to music with a hint of beat is not wrong. As long as we do not lose our focus as Christians, our entertainment should not lead us astray.

There will always be discussions about what is right or wrong. However, we must decide if we can live with one foot in and one foot out. All our decisions have their results, so make choices that will reflect God in your life and will help keep both feet on higher ground. ■



Youth Live

Each month, teenage readers from a selected church school are invited to put together an article of their choice. The **Messenger** is interested in hearing the viewpoints and opinions of youth What have been your experiences in churches, schools, youth groups, and families? What are your opinions of church standards? What values are important to you? What do you appreciate about your local pastor and youth leaders? How can your churches offer a greater role for youth?

If your class is interested in writing for the **Messenger**, please contact the editor for a copy of the writers' guidelines and upcoming schedule. If you aren't a church school student, don't worry! We'd love to hear from you and/or your local church youth group!

■ UPCOMING OFFERINGS

Adventist World Radio

Radio Irrigates Me with the "True Doctrine":

The story of Qing Peng, a new believer in China

I used to think that we lived a rich life. We filled our spare time with watching television, playing cards and Mahjongg. At night we went to the dance hall or played karaoke singing the latest hit songs. I thought I was living a lush and "well-watered" life. My friends laughed and joked a lot. We seemed to be happy.

But as time passed, the music seemed to leave me perplexed and hopeless. Pleasure no longer left me content. Something was wrong. I said to one of my friends, "I have to do something more with my life. This all seems like nonsense to me."

He could only answer, "I like having a good time. I'm not going to change."

But what could I do? I had trained as an appliance technician, so I began running a service shop for home appliances. I brushed up on my knowledge of electricity, and particularly radio. Many people have simple Chinese radios that they would like converted to accept short-wave from outside our country.

In my idle moments I relaxed by playing cards. Soon I was part of a gambling ring. I caught gambling fever. I had no idea how it would take hold of my life. It completely upset my way of life. I didn't want to spend a cent on anything except gambling. I turned into a selfish, false, mean, and unfeeling wretch.

My gambling brought trouble. The police raided the place where we met. I had to undergo a course of re-education and pay a police fine. I stopped gambling.

A gang of gamblers taunted me, trying to lure

me back to the gaming table. They were my former friends.

"Come Qing Peng," they mocked. "You are afraid of the police. Come and join us in a game. The police don't know where we are playing."

"No! No!" I replied. "I want more from my life than watching cards turn over, counting the scores for Mahjongg!"

So I began to cool down and think things through. What they were doing couldn't be the right thing. I had read somewhere that many Chinese are addictive gamblers. I didn't want to be one of them. Through gambling truth and honor were fading from sight. Grasping for easy money had been numbing my sense of right and wrong.

"You are going to have to change," my conscience warned me.

But how could I change? I kept to myself, afraid of the temptation of the forbidden fruit of gambling. I found myself isolated. Where had my many former friends gone? And did I want them back if it meant going back to that old life I had given up? I was lonely and had no direction to my life.

Then I remembered a radio program I had listened to. People who brought me radios for repair had talked about international gospel broadcasts. I had found a program about Jesus Christ and had talked about how the Holy Spirit could change lives. I didn't know what this meant, but I saw a ray of hope.

I felt unusually excited that day as I tuned in the radio. Would I find that same broadcast? Then I heard it – the **Voice of Hope** from Adventist World radio on Guam – the very same broadcast! How happy I felt as I listened to the story of the Gospel again! The living water was flowing into my life.

Now I am continually receiving the irrigation of true doctrine as I listen. My spiritual life has put down roots and is growing strong. I understand what a great blessing it is to believe in the

Lord and how the Holy Spirit can work in my life.

Please pray for me. I want to trust in the power of God and the power of love to develop true manhood so that I can be of real benefit to the people around me. ■

by Walter Scragg, president of AWR from 1990 to 1995, and former president of the Trans-European Division and the South Pacific Division.

The story of Qing Peng can be repeated hundreds of times from the files of the East Asia Association in Hong Kong, where radio programs for China are produced. Adventist World Radio broadcasts about 150 hours a week to China. It continues to find thirsty hearts, to create new house churches and to nurture groups of believers. Gospel broadcasting holds out the greatest hope for growth of the message among the 1.1 billion people of China. **Please give generously to the AWR annual offering on March 8.** Help keep the gospel airing to China.

the beliefs of the Adventist Church. This is a real mission field in our own backyard!

On March 22, you will again have the opportunity to make it possible to reach out and tell our blind, visually-impaired, deaf, hearing-impaired and physically-challenged friends about Jesus. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift to further His work. ■

by Pat Page, Executive Director of Christian Record Services

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David Cserscics (left) and Bradley Erhardt (right) with the 18 volumes that make up a braille Bible, presented to them by CRS at Camp Chauwthen in Hope, BC. Erhardt became an Adventist last year after studying the Bible and listening to Revelation seminar audio tapes, also provided by CRS. He encouraged a friend to study with him, and the friend joined him in baptism.

Thank you for making wonderful things happen in 1996. With your generous support, more than 5,000 blind individuals received materials which told them about Jesus Christ being their personal friend and Savior!

After the 1996 summer camping season, we were thrilled to realize that out of 180 campers, 85 accepted Jesus as their friend; 64 enrolled in our Bible correspondence school. Christian Record district representatives are studying with dozens more, as well as introducing them to Adventist friends and pastors. On November 23, one of our campers who has attended National Camps for the Blind in Alberta for the past few years was baptized into the Moose Jaw church.

District representatives gave approximately 35,000 new services to our blind friends – more than 14,000 of them being Bible services. One in every five blind clients visited requested and received prayer.

The requests we are now receiving are for Bibles, Bible lessons, and Spirit of Prophecy books – all from non-Adventist clients. However, the newest and most urgent requests are for a simple book on

WORLD NOTES

Missions ARE Worth It

Africa. What images come to your mind? I see a land of much promise. Having returned from a trip to five countries – Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Zambia, and Zaire – I was once again reminded of the disparity between Africa and Canada.

My travels there took me to a number of projects funded by ADRA Canada. The work in Africa is benefiting many who are in need. I visited several well-drilling sites in Ghana. By providing clean water we are helping to reduce disease and suffering in that country.

In Zaire we visited several schools, a water project, flour-milling operation, and an orphanage that was funded in part by ADRA Canada and CIDA. These are benefiting a great number of individuals. I was in a second-grade classroom which had 108 students and one teacher. The students were sitting three to one desk. Here we would be appalled with these conditions; however, these students were very happy to be getting some formal education.

My greatest heartache was to listen to the stories of the Rwanda refugees. What could I say to a lady whose father, a retired pastor, died in the camps and that she did not know where her mother and the rest of her family were. As I

watched the news on TV and saw the hundreds of refugees walking back to Rwanda, I could only feel sadness knowing that for every 14 people, one is a member of the Adventist church.

The needs are great. The mission has no funds to buy bicycles (which cost about CDN \$150 each) for their pastors, nor do pastors, who earn salaries of \$50 per month. On my return home, I have committed to fund the cost of one bicycle for them. If you wish to know more about this project, please contact me at the Alberta Conference.

For those who wonder if missions pay, I can assure that they do. There are many in our world who need our help. God has blessed us with many things. We too will receive a blessing as we share with others. ■

by Keith Heinrich, Treasurer of the Alberta Conference



Kitenge, Zaire – Young residents splash in the current water source for the village, a spring down by the river. ADRA is installing a pump, reservoir, and gravity-flow tank to enable pure water to be pumped up the hill and distributed in the village.

■ UNION NEWS

Canadian Adventist Media Centre Welcomes New Leadership

The skeletal crew at the Canadian Adventist Media Centre (AMC) for the past year have worked overtime to cope with increased functions and reduced staff to help build modest operating reserves and avoid a financial crisis.

That objective has been met. The workload is heavier November through March than the rest of the year. Now additional help is coming in the person of Glenn Aufderhar as the new general manager on a part-time basis.

"We are delighted to have his experience and expertise," says Henry Feyerabend, speaker for the Canadian **It Is Written** telecast. Feyerabend has been acting manager during the period of reduced staffing and was influential in attracting Aufderhar for Canada.

"We worked together in Michigan when Elder Aufderhar was president of that conference and developed a mutual respect and appreciation," Feyerabend says. "He was instrumental in bringing the **Destiny** telecast and **It Is Written** Canada together when he was president of the Adventist Media Center in California. That has been a great blessing by reducing expenses and increasing coverage and viewership," continued Feyerabend.

The federal government, through the Canadian Radio Television Commission, mandates a list of requirements for a program to qualify for a rating called **Canadian content**. Stations must air a certain percentage of programs that carry that label. Most commercial stations usually use their non-Canadian programming time for the popular secular shows from the United States and England. They insist on religious programs that qualify for the Canadian content requirement. In the long run this may prove to be a great blessing because the AMC can address national cultural issues to share insights into the gospel in a unique national appeal.

"It seems to be working well," Aufderhar comments, "for the market penetration in Canada is twice that of other areas in the division. That presents a wonderful mission opportunity since one in every three Canadians are favorably influenced by the telecast."

Aufderhar has served the church as pastor, evangelist, departmental director, president of a



Glenn Aufderhar, new general manager of the Canadian Adventist Media Centre

chain of healthcare institutions, president of two conferences and the Adventist Media Center in California. He was the initiator of the concept for Net 95 and 96. He will coordinate Net 98 for the North American Division in addition to serving the Canadian Adventist Media Centre.

As a special assistant to the president of the North American Division, he was helpful in bringing many of the 43 countries overseas into the Net 96 experience.

"Net 98 and the work of media in Canada can be a great mutual benefit to each other in the outreach of the Adventist message," Aufderhar says.

In the next few weeks Feyerabend and Aufderhar will visit local conferences to exchange ideas on ways the power of the public media can be of even greater assistance in the work of the local congregation.

"I believe the two most powerful forces for the advancement of God's work are, one, the power of the personal witness, and two, the power of the public media," Aufderhar says. "Up until now we haven't put those two great forces in the same harness to pull the mission of the church forward with greater speed and joy. My prayer is that our time here in Canada will help accomplish that objective.

"I believe Canada offers a beautiful place to develop a model that works here and may ultimately help the Lord recapture some of the developed countries of the world where Christianity is on the decline." ■

■ ALBERTA

Teachers Work Together at Mamawi Atosketan Native School

Five teachers and a support staff of three strive daily for excellence in Christian education for the 100 students of Mamawi Atosketan Native School (MANS), located northwest of Ponoka, Alberta. Their mission is "to provide quality education to Native students while also bringing them to an understanding of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Friend."

Principal Juanita Neal teaches language arts and music. Neal has a firm belief in the academic potential of every child. "A common quote we hear from students is 'we do real work here,'" Neal says.

Many parents choose to send their children to MANS because of the school's requirement of



Grade 1 and 2 teacher Michelle Northam with Mamawi student Krissy Samson

regular attendance and attention to the child's individual study needs.

"When a student comes to our school, typically they may have been out of school for a whole year; they may have moved several times during the year, and many times they are below their age group in their grade level. So, for instance, in the elementary reading program we have coordinated reading scheduling so that the students can go with what reading level they need. We try to meet the academic needs of each child," Neal says.

Children are also taught Cree language and culture at MANS by their teachers and Cree language expert Linda Saddleback, who meets with students three times per week.

Grade five and six teacher Bob Spratt has taught in the Native community both in Canada and the United States. "This is a mission outreach school," Spratt says. "None come from Adventist families. We're here to try to touch their lives. We try to make a difference in their lives by showing them a better way."

Part of MANS' commitment to lifestyle teaching is manifested in frequent wholesome recreation such as skiing and swimming as well as its hot lunch policy. Every child may receive a nutritious lunch through the school's soup program, made possible by the donations of Wolf Lake SDA Church in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Sharon Crux, grade 7 teacher, and Yvonne Heinrich, who teaches grades 8 and 9, work together at the junior high level not only in academic endeavor for the students but in practical training such as sewing and nutrition. Environmental consciousness is also taught, and students of all grades are often rewarded with popsicles for cleaning up the school grounds.

Outward manifestations of the teachers' commitment to Christian education, sensitivity to nature and Native culture, and genuine affection

for the children are seen in classrooms. Carol von Gunten, grade 3 and 4 teacher, has a picture of Jesus above the doorway in her class. Michelle Northam, CUC graduate, and aide Bettyanne Tompkins gather grade 1 and 2 students around them to read Bible stories and have the children's bat and bear creations hanging from the ceiling and walls.

The grade 5 and 6 classroom displays numerous articles of Native artwork, and almost every classroom has lists of Cree words on bulletin boards.

When asked what she would like to express about MANS, Michelle Northam replied, "Just the tremendous need."

MANS needs the support of many to continue the dream of Adventist education in Canada's Native community. It is a school making a difference. ■

by Heather Reid, a fourth-year English major at Canadian Union College

Edmonton Youth Practice Christmas Charity



In celebration of Christmas, the youth class of Edmonton Central SDA Church set up a Christmas tree in their meeting room and decorated it with toques, mitts, and scarves. These items were donated to a youth shelter in Edmonton. (Left to right) Jeff Letkeman; Anita McKean, leader; and Geoffery Aalders.

A Long Journey to Edmonton Central

Pastor Ly was born in Cambodia. His parents, two brothers, and two sisters were killed by rebels in 1978. Ly and two sisters survived the attack, but were then forced by the Communists to do hard labor in the rural areas. There was very little food. From 1979 to 1983 Ly served in the army and the police force.

He decided to escape and walked through mine fields littered with many dead to Thailand, but Thailand would not accept them until the United Nations intervened. They were then placed in a refugee camp.

While in the camp, Ly began a serious study of the Bible; after much prayer and soul-searching, he was baptized into the Adventist church. He became a leader in the camp church.

In 1988 he was sponsored to St. Thomas, Ontario, by the Christian Reform Church. Their plans were to make him a church worker. He complied by doing interpretation and translation.

In 1992 he enrolled at Canadian Union College, studied theology, and graduated in April, 1996.

Vandy came to Canada in 1991 with her sister. Her sister introduced her to Ly, and they were married in Red Deer in September, 1996.

Their duties in Edmonton began in October, 1996, and will include a special emphasis on Cambodian work in the city.

The church family welcomed them with a wedding shower and wish them God's richest blessings as they take up their new duties. ■



Pastor Sereivud and Vandy Ly

Vegreville Shows Appreciation to Long-time Investment Leader

Fred Sanjenko has been an enthusiastic Investment program leader at the Vegreville SDA Church for 14 years. His latest project was loonie bird banks, which he constructed and distributed to members. Each bank held loonie coins and other money contributed to the Investment fund, which amounted to \$1,387 in 1996.

The Vegreville church thanked Fred for his dedication to the Investment project by presenting him with a boutonniere and a certificate of appreciation. Sabbath School superintendent Anne Samograd made the presentation during Sabbath School on December 21. A fellowship dinner followed in Sanjenko's honor. ■

by Anne Samograd



Fred Sanjenko

■ BRITISH COLUMBIA

ADRA – Angel of Mercy to Millions

Since 1986, when Eleanor Wyness and her team of loyal ADRA supporters started packing containers of clothing, food, medicine, and household goods to ship overseas, more than 42 shipments have left the warehouse. How coincidental that these containers leave from a depot at Hope, B.C., for these ADRA shipments **do** spell hope and help to tens of thousands of people every year. They form part of a larger ADRA International picture that relieves the suffering of millions.

By the end of 1996, ADRA BC exceeded the million-pound mark, with 14 life-giving shipments having gone out in the past year alone to countries such as Ukraine, Uganda, Romania, Niger, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Monrovia, Yugoslavia, Ghana, and others. As well, 3,000 pounds of personal care items went to assist the victims of the spring 1996 Princeton, B.C., flood.

The annual ADRA effort involves many caring people from numerous communities, different faiths and organizations. They give unselfishly of their time and effort to stitch and sew quilts and garments, amass clothing and other items from many personal and corporate sources, and get them off to the Hope collection center.

But the lion's share of the recognition must go to Eleanor and John Wyness,



Eleanor Wyness (left), of Chiliwack, BC, receives a Woman of the Year award from Christian author Dorothy Eaton Watts for unstinting service to the poor and suffering of the world. With the help of numerous behind-the-scenes volunteers, this quiet lady dynamically organized one million pounds of clothing, food, medicine, and household supplies to be shipped to many countries over the last decade.



Supportive husband John Wyness has lifted many bails out of this bailer to be loaded into 20- or 40-foot steel containers that are transported by ship to ports around the globe. He just might admit that the bails – at 125 pounds each – are not getting any lighter as the years go by.

who work tirelessly to keep the machinery moving at the warehouse.

"What a joy it is to see every 20,000-pound container go down the road to the dock," Eleanor says. "But the real payoff comes when you see videos of people receiving the goods at distant ports and places. That's the biggest joy of all!"

In the fall of 1996, ADRA BC joined a cooperative venture with other voluntary agencies such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Mennonite Disaster Service to form a body to coordinate disaster response in British Columbia. Each agency brings a particular emphasis that complements the whole. The cooperative group may soon come to be known as OVER BC (Organizations Volunteering for Emergency Recovery in British Columbia). ■

by Frank McMiller, Director of ADRA/ Community Services, British Columbia Conference

A 1996 Thank You from ADRA Canada

The frosty air whips through the snow. January has become a frigid reality. Most of us pause at this time of year to reflect and reminisce on the year just gone by. We look at what we have accomplished and where we need to go toward new goals for 1997.

ADRA Canada has enjoyed a successful program, and we want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the 1996 ADRA Appeal. As the figures come in from across Canada, we see the generous spirit of our church family once again. Your support is what drives this program.

Thanks to you, ADRA has been able to send food to refugees, orphans, the destitute; send emergency relief and supplies to flood, hurricane, and earthquake victims; send a group of Canadian youth to Nepal to work on a development project; and fund water, health, and agricultural programs.

Thank you for your participation, time, and support. Only with your help is ADRA able to help others in need. **Together, we are making a difference ... one life at a time.**

Camp Hope Lodge – Look What the Wind Blew In!

During the severe winter storm that swept over the lower mainland area of British Columbia's west coast late last December, a total of 180 stranded people were sent to Camp Hope by the RCMP, nearby motels, and Hope Community Services (provincial emergency program).

The lodge at Camp Hope was hosting 46 church members from Burnaby, who were scheduled to leave on Sunday at noon. When they couldn't leave, they were added to the stranded guests. Many of the people felt they would be stranded for just one night, but they adjusted well when they realized they couldn't leave until at least Monday.

The gymnasium was opened so guests could play volleyball, basketball, and ping pong. Table games were also brought in. A video, TV, and mini sacred concert provided entertainment.

Accommodation was provided free of charge; the camp will be reimbursed by the government emergency program. Food and items needed by the guests were brought in by search and rescue teams.

When Highway 7 was declared open Monday evening, approximately two thirds of the **storm people** left. The church group and other guests decided to stay over; by noon on Tuesday all of the guests had departed.

Except for the inconvenience of heaps of snow everywhere, the camp survived the storm well and there was no damage to the camp's buildings. Snow sliding off the roof made such a loud noise that sleep had been impossible. The superintendent's kitchen window was almost totally obscured by the mound of snow that had thundered off of the roof.

People were appreciative of the camp's hospitality and donated funds to the camp. Some wrote to the local paper, **The Hope Standard**, to let the public know how well they had been treated. Much goodwill was established in the community and with the stranded travellers.

It was a great experience . . . but we're glad it's over! ■

by Daniel Murphy,
Camp Superintendent

■ MANITOBA / SASKATCHEWAN

Tasty Fundraiser in Saskatoon

The Saskatoon home and school program is off to another good start in 1997 under the leadership of Janet Marcoux. The pie-making fundraiser is always popular. Groups of up to 15 participate each day, both male and female, ranging in age from 30s to 90. The joviality may at times disrupt the classes in the next room, but the teachers can't complain or they won't get a piece of pie!



(Left to right) Tillie Krivoshein, Melody Wood, Helen Koleada, Janet Marcoux, Nick Koleada, Rosalie Eskelson, George Tkachuk, Olive Tkachuk, Cynthia Zirkwitz, Ruby Sparks, Louise Gorbenko, Nina Burima (and one man hiding!).

Orders of 10, 50, and even 75 pies come in from farming areas where wives are busy during seeding and harvest, from staff members in city offices, and from individuals who would rather buy than bake. Farmers who have gristing rights at the mill often donate flour, and apples are purchased at a good price. Up to 800 unbaked, frozen pies are sold each year. ■

by Christine Brucks

Saskatoon Central Members Take to the Mall for ADRA Appeal

The Saskatoon Central SDA Church tried a new venture in soliciting funds for ADRA this year: the mall approach. Personal ministries leader Bruce Germsheid felt that this would be an opportunity for seniors to participate, with no risk of injuries which might be sustained on the streets, and for others who felt more comfortable in a mall.



Christine Brucks (left) and Rosalie Eskelson

Pastor Brian Hawes set up the display and was present at the beginning of each shift to instruct participants and answer questions. One lady who was approached kept up a running complaint about nothing being done by the government for seniors, while searching in her purse for what the solicitor thought would be a loonie or at best a toonie. She then pulled out a \$20 bill and smilingly said, "But I don't mind giving this to you!"

A man who was really interested in the work of ADRA gave a \$50 donation. Other donations of \$10, \$5, loonies, and toonies made the venture very really worthwhile. ■

by Christine Brucks

■ NEWFOUNDLAND / LABRADOR

Lethbridge Opens New Community Services Centre

September 29 was an exciting day for members of the Lethbridge SDA Church when the official opening of their new community centre took place.

Special guests were Roger Fitzgerald, member of the Newfoundland House of Assembly for the district of Bonavista South; Dave Crook, president of the SDA Church in Newfoundland and Labrador; and Kirk DeBoer, secretary/treasurer.

This facility provides a lovely clothing depot on the first floor and a hall with a kitchen on the second floor, where seminars, socials, Pathfinder meetings, and other activities are held. There are currently 31 Pathfinders meeting in the centre.

The building is the original section of the former church school and has been completely renovated. ■

(Left to right)
Pastor Dave Crook;
Roger Fitzgerald, MHA,
Bonavista South;
Marg Fitzgerald; Rose Quinton,
Dorcas assistant; Barb Wiseman,
Dorcas assistant; Pearl Ellis,
Dorcas leader



Student Receives Achievement Award

Michael Brake, son of Pastor Ern and June Brake, received one of the most prestigious awards given by Ascension Collegiate, Bay Roberts, one of Newfoundland's largest high schools.

The Randell W. Collins

Exemplary Meritorious Achievement Award is given annually to a grade 12 graduate. The award presentation was made by Randell Collins' son, Richard Collins, LLB, and included a cheque for \$500. Michael is one of three Adventists in the school of 960 students. ■



Richard Collins (left) and Michael Brake

■ KINGSWAY COLLEGE

Interim Principal Pitches In



Malcolm Graham

Malcolm Graham has agreed to serve as interim principal of Kingsway until June, 1997. Graham has a wealth of education experience in Canada, having served as the president of Canadian Union College and as education director for the SDA Church in Canada. A search committee has been established to choose a new principal for Kingsway for the 1997/98 school year. ■

Lishman Visits Kingsway for Screening of Fly Away Home

Bill Lishman recently visited with Kingsway students and community guests during a video showing of the Columbia Pictures' film **Fly Away Home**. After the two-hour presentation, which was attended by 250 people, Lishman answered questions about the film, his book, and his experiences with the Canada geese experiment.

Lishman detailed some of the differences between the film and his real-life experience: his refrigerator is similar to the one in the movie, his daughter is the same age as the character in the movie but did not fly the plane, he is married, and his wife is alive and well. As well, his farm-

house is underground, but the producers didn't think that anyone would believe that, so they rented a farmhouse and fixed it up.

Lishman's answers to audience questions about the movie's accuracy and his unique lifestyle made the film and his book come to life. ■

94th Kingsway Homecoming Weekend - May 2 to 4, 1997

All alumni are invited to attend the 94th homecoming weekend of Kingsway College, Oshawa Missionary College, Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary, Buena Vista Academy, and Lornedale Academy.

Special recognition will be given to the following honored classes: 1947, 1957, 1967, 1972, 1977, and 1987. For information and assistance as you make your plans, please call or write:

Kingsway Alumni Office
1200 Leland Rd.
Oshawa, ON L1K 2H4
phone 905/433-1144 ext. 273
fax 905/433-1156

Kingsway College Seeks New Principal

Kingsway College, a boarding academy situated in Oshawa, Ontario, just 45 minutes from Toronto, invites nominations and applications for the position of principal for 1997/98 school year.

Candidates must have a background in education, keen business management abilities, and outstanding interpersonal skills. Applications and nominations should be submitted to Orville

Parchment by March 7, 1997, at 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 1H8. Phone 905/433-0011; fax 905/433-0982.

How to Make Submissions to the Messenger

- **The focus of articles in the Messenger is on news of Canadian members and churches.**
 - Poetry will be included very rarely (this issue was an exception!).
 - Highest priority will be given to stories reporting **unique activities** of national interest. Baptismal activities, which routinely occur in every church, will not be included in the news section unless there is an unusual story to tell. Instead, inspiring baptism experiences will be featured in the New Member Profile section.
- All unsolicited articles, personal notices, and advertising must be submitted through your **local conference**. You must include payment with your ads.
- Ensure that your **photos** are of the highest possible quality. Fuzzy photos cannot be fixed and will not be used.
- If you wish to have photos and other materials returned, you must include a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** with correct postage.
- When sending us your **address changes**, be sure to include a mailing label. On your address change form, please **print very clearly** and fill in the code number from the mailing label.
- **Note the new format for free personal notices such as birthdays and weddings.**
 - We will continue to include these notices in the **Messenger** (not all union magazines do), but by standardizing we will conserve space and treat all individuals equally. Photos will no longer be included.
 - We realize that obituaries are sensitive for family members, but we are unable to include lengthy life histories. Please send us only the **essential information** as shown in this issue. Obituaries for denominational workers may include a brief sentence about the person's service.
 - Be sure to **double check** the information you send us, especially names and dates.
 - Personal notices are generally published as soon as they are received; occasionally they may be carried over to the next issue due to space restrictions.
- Our goal is to ensure that you receive the **Messenger** as promptly as possible. Here's why the magazine arrives in your mail part way through the month of publication:
 - The **Adventist Review** currently pays the costs of insertion and mailing. The Review is usually shipped to us during the first week of the month.
 - After insertion into the **Messenger**, the magazines are sent to a mailing company, which attaches address labels, sorts the magazines into bundles, and delivers them to the postal depot.
 - The **Messenger** is mailed via second-class mail, which means that they will arrive in Halifax or Vancouver a minimum of 10 to 14 days after they are mailed.
- Deadlines are important! The **deadlines** for submitting materials to the **Messenger** will be published in every issue. Please send materials to your conference office well in advance of these dates.

■ Announcements

You are invited to Pacific Union College's Alumni Weekend, which will be held from April 17 to 20, 1997. This year's honouree classes are '37, '47, '57, '67, '72, '77, and '87. The featured speaker is General Conference president Robert Folkenberg. For more information, contact Kellie Lind at 707/965-6309.

Crawford Adventist Academy needs you. Crawford Adventist Academy, formerly Toronto Junior Academy, is a thriving educational institution fully committed to developing the minds and spiritual future of young people.

In September 1996, approximately 495 students walked through the doors knowing that they would be encouraged and challenged to reach their full potential in their spiritual life as well as in their academic life. Crawford's motto, **Commitment to Excellence**, focuses on the whole person. To maintain this high level of commitment we need alumni/friends of Crawford Adventist Academy or Toronto Junior Academy to become a part of our academy. Join the mentorship program, volunteer to be on the Alumni Committee or participate in the alumni weekend.

If you are an alumni/friend of Crawford Adventist Academy or Toronto Junior Academy, we want to hear from you. Please phone, fax, or write and let us know where you are and what you are doing. Elaine Bernard, Development Director, Alumni/Friend Relations, Crawford Adventist Academy, 531 Finch Avenue West, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3X2. Phone: 416/633-7678 or 416/633-0090. Fax: 416/633-0467 or 416/633-7678 (call first).

■ Legal Notices

Legal Notice of the 29th Regular Session (9th Triennial)

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-ninth Regular Session (9th Triennial) of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held at the Hill Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3720 Hill Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, on April 13, 1997. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m.

This session is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years, the election of officers and departmental directors, consideration of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session at that time.

As provided in the present Bylaws, delegates to the session are chosen as follows: one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty (20) members or major fraction thereof. *Daniel R. Jackson, President*
Harry B. Sackett, Secretary

Legal Notice, Ontario Conference

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the 29th Triennial Session of the Ontario Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will convene at the College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1164 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, 1997.

Purpose: This Session is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years and to elect officers and directors of departments, to consider proposed changes in the bylaws that may be recommended and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Session at that time.

Delegates: Delegates to the Session, as provided by the bylaws, are chosen as follows: one delegate per church without regard to size of membership and one additional delegate for every 50 members or major fraction thereof with a minimum of three delegates per church.

Organizing Committee: Notice is hereby given that the Organizing Committee will convene at the College Park Church at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 1997. The Organizing Committee shall nominate: (1) A Nominating Committee; (2) A standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Representation to the Organizing Committee is: one individual from among the membership of each church of less than 300 members, two individuals from churches with 300-800, and three from churches with over 800 members.

Nominating Committee: Notice is hereby given that the Nominating Committee will convene at the College Park Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 4, 1997. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to nominate: (1) Officers of the Conference; (2) Directors of Departments and Services; (3) Members of the Board of Directors.

E. Rick Bacchus, President
John Bullock, Secretary

Legal Notice, The Quebec Conference Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the third General Meeting of the Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Church, Montreal, Quebec, from Saturday, March 22, 1997, to Sunday, March 23, 1997. The first meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 22, 1997.

The Meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past three years, the election of officers and directors of departments, the election of the Board of Directors, consideration of proposed changes in the Bylaws that may be recommended, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting at that time.

Each local church shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for the

organized church and one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof and who hold membership in the local church which accredited them.

Georges L. Hermans, President
Yves E. Colas, Secretary

■ Births

Megan Stephanie Wall was born Dec. 14, 1996, to Darcy and Jennifer Wall of Prince George, B.C.

■ Weddings

Beverly Crombie and Stefan Brüggemann were married Oct. 13, 1996, in Salmon Arm, B.C., and are making their home in Toronto, Ont. Beverly is the daughter of Marv and Dorothy Crombie, and Stefan is the son of Wilfred and Erika Brüggemann.

Danita Joulie and Erling-Harvey Grovet were married Oct. 13, 1996, in Medicine Hat, Sask., and are making their home in Red Deer, Alta.

Jackie Crombie and Al Stonas were married Aug. 10, 1996, in Armstrong, B.C., and are making their home in Everett, Wash. Jackie is the daughter of Marv and Dorothy Crombie, and Al is the son of Bill and Dora Stonas.

■ Anniversaries

Pauline and Myles Bell, of Creston, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 10, 1996. The Bells have 3 children: Chuck and Terry Bell of Salt Spring Island, B.C.; and Judy Kiselczuk of Creston, B.C.

Eleanor and Walter Bergey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 27, 1996. Walter served as the publishing director of three conferences and pastored several B.C. congregations. Eleanor taught church school in Edmonton, at Highland Park Academy in Calgary, Alta., and at Mission and Deer Lake schools in B.C. The Bergeys have 3 daughters: Karen (Ken) MacDonald, Lois (Stan) Rogers, and Leanne (Marlin) Topham. They have 7 grandchildren.

Florence and Ivan Foulston, of Tugaskie, Sask., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 22, 1996. The Foulstons have 7 children: Louise Hockley, Sandra Upton, Delbert, Delyce McMullen, Janice, Kevan, and Brian.

Nellie and Metro Todosichuk, of Hudson Bay, Sask., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary during the summer of 1996.

■ Birthdays

Elsa Florentine Pelto celebrated her 95th birthday on Nov. 7, 1996, in Murillo, Ont.

Rose Nawalkowski celebrated her 90th birthday on Dec. 19, 1996, in Creston, B.C.

■ Obituaries

Nels Albin Anderson was born Dec. 25, 1912, in Iddesleigh, Alta., and died Dec. 28, 1996, in Lacombe, Alta. Surviving: wife Pat; son Raymond (Debie) of Sedgewick, Alta.; daughters Carrol (Murvin) Nicks of Lacombe, Alta., Shirley (Allan) Freed of Berrien Springs, Mich., Nellie (John) Radomsky of Red Deer, Alta., and Ingrid (Benny) Ostrem of Red Deer; brothers John of Sylvan Lake, Alta., and Harry of Sedgewick; sister Myrtle Ball of Sedgewick; and 14 grandchildren.

Annie Barranoik was born Oct. 28, 1907, in the Ukraine, and died Nov. 21, 1996. She was married to Constantine Barranoik. Surviving: sons William (Jennie) of Boyle, and John (Dianne) of Edmonton; daughters Janet (Dave) of Lexington, Ky., and Olive (Paul) of Seattle, Wash.; sister Katherine of the Ukraine; and 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Lydia Belke was born Nov. 18, 1905, in Koredch, Poland, and died Oct. 25, 1996, in Kelowna, B.C. She was married to Edward Belke. Surviving: sons Eric (Dorothy) of Kelowna, B.C., George (Lillian) of Rich Valley, Alta., and William (Gully) of Edmonton, Alta.; 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Mamie (Matson) Kennedy died Dec. 11, 1996, at the age of sixty-eight. Surviving: husband Gordon; daughter Dawn (Bob) Clark; sister Helen Kivinen; and two grandsons.

Grace Best (Cooper) Klatt was born Nov. 18, 1896, in Central City, Nebr., and died Dec. 2, 1996, in Abbotsford, B.C. She was married to James Best. Surviving: sons Bill (Bernice) of Abbotsford, and Donald of Langley, B.C.; and daughters Grace Agnes Bolton of Chilliwack, B.C., and Betty Best of Langley.

Johanna Bergliid (Ferder) Koziol was born Sept. 11, 1904, in Eina, Norway, and died Dec. 9, 1996, in Swan River, Man. Surviving: daughters Martha and Phyllis; sons Bernard and Peter; stepchildren John, Mary, Carol and Lydia; 16 grandchildren; 5 step-grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Viola Anna Carolina Lindgren was born July 27, 1909, in

Stockholm, Sask., and died Oct. 1, 1996, in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: brother Clarence of Oregon.

Grace May Martin was born in July, 1906, in Minitones, Man., and died Oct. 22, 1996. Surviving: daughters Lorraine Martin, Shirley Wilmot, and Marilyn Brewster; sister Mildred Smith; brother George; 14 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Lloyd Melvin Martin died Nov. 12, 1996, in Swan River, Man. Surviving: wife Leah; son Bob; daughter Sharron; two sisters; a brother; and 4 grandchildren.

Lela Mary Tall Martinson was born May 7, 1919, near Swan River, Man., and died in Nov. 1996. She was married to Christian Martinson. Surviving: sons Clifford, Ralph, Donald and Frederick; daughters Margret and Lola; a brother; 4 sisters; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Gardner Munroe McElroy was born June 12, 1903, in Kalispell, Mont., and died Oct. 1, 1996. Surviving: wife Pauline; sons David (Peggy) and Stan (Lois); daughter Carol (Herb) Domke; and 7 grandchildren.

Alfred James Aaron Rogers was born June 12, 1903, in Kalispell, Mont., and died Oct. 1, 1996, in Abbotsford, B.C. Surviving: wife Pauline; sons David (Peggy) and Stan (Lois); daughter Carol (Herb) Domke; and 7 grandchildren.

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The St. Albert Church is looking for names of any former Adventist members or non-attending members in the greater Edmonton area.

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March Issue: February 1
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May Issue: April 1

The Messenger Asks



Each month on the back page, the **Messenger** will pose a specific question to readers, inquiring about your experiences and viewpoints. This page will be an opportunity for you to reflect on your spiritual journey, exchange opinions on issues, recognize individuals who have influenced you in various ways, and more. Here's what the **Messenger** is asking in upcoming issues:

April issue (deadline – March 1)

What was the most memorable church program you ever attended?

May issue (deadline – April 1)

Tell us about a positive experience you have had with someone from another culture.


June issue (deadline – May 1)

What do you appreciate most about your local pastor?

Please note these guidelines:

- State which question you are addressing.
- Keep your comments to 150 words or less.
- Include your full name, address, and home and day-time phone numbers.
- Address your letter to **The Messenger Asks** (so you won't end up in the letters to the editor section!).
- We reserve the right to edit for clarity and space.
- Mailing information can be found on the masthead on page 27.

We look forward to hearing your stories!

A photograph of three young adults standing outdoors in the rain. They are all wearing hooded raincoats and smiling. The person in the center is wearing a blue raincoat with a cartoon mascot logo on the chest. The two people on either side are wearing yellow raincoats. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees.

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