

# Alberta Adventist News

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## Do Not Be Discouraged

We often think that as a believer in God that it is impossible for us to become discouraged. Yet it is so easy for any of us to become discouraged. But life as we know it is pregnant with surprises. Today you may be enjoying life to the fullest, experiencing the best that God offers and the very next moment you become discouraged. This happens because of unseen circumstances and we ask why?

Is it possible for an individual who has fully committed his or her life to God to become discouraged? Sure! It can happen to any of us. We are not immune to the effects of discouragement.

Discouragement comes through various avenues and the reception is dependent upon the individual. Let me share a couple examples. Some may say, The church is not following what is right, so they get annoyed and go to another church only to find the same situation exist there also. Others may say, I have tried so much dealing with this situation I am giving up. Enough is enough.

Let us look at a classic example of a man who was a hero of God, who stood against the evils of his day, fought against the enemies of God's people and God won the battle through him.

Elijah, the prophet on Mount Carmel, demonstrated what the power of God can accomplish through him and that the God of Israel is the true and living God. But on the other hand, not long after his great encounter with the prophets of Baal he succumbed to discouragement to the extent that he wished to die. Does it sound familiar? In the moment of discouragement we tend to lose our focus of God and get into a depressive state. It happened with the heroes of the Bible and you and I are no different.

God's remedy is always best if we follow it. In his depressive condition God gave Elijah something to eat and drink to be strengthened physically. The turning point of his recovery of depression started when God assigned him to get involved for Him. "Go and stand upon the mount before the Lord." As he obeyed, God came to him not in the force of the wind or the power of an earthquake or of fire but through a still small voice.

Maybe you are going through some discouraging moments and are looking for something spectacular to happen before you can come out of your depressed situation. I have good news for you. Listen and you will hear God's voice speaking to you. That still small voice is calling us always—all we have to do is listen as He speaks to us.

May God bless and keep us faithful doing His will.

*Pastor George Ali*

Alberta Conference Ministerial & Evangelism Director

• 2011 CAMP MEETING - July 8 - 16 •

## 60th Wedding Anniversary



Jennie and Daniel Straub celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in Calgary at the Calgary Central SDA Church. It was celebrated as a family reunion consisting of their son, Don & Juanita Straub (Kelowna, BC), and three daughters: Diane & Dan Clarke (Calgary, AB); Carolyn & Dave Good (Chase, BC), and Darlene & Ron Blaney (Rocky Mountain House, AB).

Grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters and brothers, joined the rest of the family. It was definitely a time of celebration with the hopes and plans to celebrate many more years to come!

## CONFERENCE DATELINE

Sept 13-15	Gr 9 Outdoor School, Nordegg	Nov 7-13	Week of Prayer
17-19	Spanish Women's Retreat	11	Remembrance Day (office open)
19	Conference Executive Committee	19-21	Adventurer / Pathfinder Staff Training (FC)
Oct 1-3	CUC Board	Dec 12	Conference Executive Committee
1-3	Love & Respect Seminar (FC)	22-30	Christmas Break (office closed)
2	150th Anniversary of SDA Name	2011	
8-10	Native Women's Retreat (FC)	Jan 16-19	Pastor's Meetings (FC)
11	Thanksgiving Day (office closed)		
22-24	EXCOM / ADCOM Retreat		
24	Adventurer Fun Day (CUC)		

## Conference Office Updates

- **Pastor Dario St. Louis** is now the pastor of a newly-revised district consisting of Edmonton Mill Woods and Edmonton North Churches.
- Effective August 1, 2010, the Edmonton Filipino SDA Church will be aligned with Sherwood Park SDA Church to form a new district under the pastoral leadership of **Pastor Adam Deibert**.
- **Pastor David Hamstra** has completed his studies at Andrews University and is returning to the Alberta Conference. He and his wife Heidi, and two children, have been assigned to the Fort McMurray district.
- **Pastor Darrell Beaudoin**, former pastor of Fort McMurray, will now be the pastor of the Lethbridge district.
- The Leduc and Parkland churches have formed a new district and **Pastor Melbourne Turgott** has been invited to be their pastor. Pastor Turgott comes to us from Grande Prairie.
- **Tom and Charlotte Openshaw** will be retiring in early fall 2010. They have faithfully served our Conference as camp caretaker and custodian, respectively. We wish them a long and happy retirement as they move back to their home in the Fairview area.
- The Conference Administrative Committee invited **Dan Price and his wife, JoAnne**, to become the Foothills Camp caretakers. We welcome them as they look forward to caring for our camp. The Prices have four children.
- The first annual craft workshop was held May 7-9, 2010, where Jeanie Spratt, a professional artist, with the aid of her biologist husband Bob, were the teachers. The 18 people who attended had great fun listening to stories as if they were the children, and then actually doing the craft that would go along with the story. The crafts and stories are of Jeanie and Bob's personal design and were centered around Bible stories or real things in nature.
- **Paul Smith** is the youth pastor at the Calgary Garden Road SDA Church. He comes from Ontario.
- According to Conference office statistical records, there have been 108 baptisms and 25 professions of faith reported for January to June 30, 2010.
- Help us publish news like you see here! You can share with all the churches in Alberta what is happening in your church, school, outreach programs to the community; milestone anniversaries, birthdays, obituaries. Send in short news clips like you see in this newsletter to: [info@albertasda.org](mailto:info@albertasda.org) along with a .jpg high resolution photo attached.
- **Pastor Ken Wiebe** has been invited to serve as the Alberta Conference president, replacing Pastor Mark Johnson, now President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Pastor Wiebe and his wife Vera come to us from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference where he served as president. We welcome them home to Alberta!

## Adventist Farm Family Receives Alberta Century Award

At a presentation June 14, 2010, in Consort, AB, the Sankey family were among others who received plaques recognizing the holding of an original homestead within the family for 100 years.

On April 2, 1910, Dimitrius Sankey filed to homestead on a quarter of land in what is now known as the Hemaruka area in east central Alberta. Of particular significance is that it was within the Palliser Triangle, an area of typically very low moisture in south-eastern Alberta. When significant numbers of settlers abandoned their holdings in the 1930's due to extreme drought, and local government help was not possible, the area came under the jurisdiction of the provincial government and became known as the Special Areas.

Dimitrius and Sophia became Seventh-day Adventist Christians in 1914 and helped establish a church in the area. There has been an Adventist presence (Loyalist Church) in the community ever since.

Despite extreme hardship Dimitrius and Sophia persevered on the land and with hard work raised eight children and increased their land base. They and their descendants have contributed in their churches and communities locally, provincially, in the United States, and in mission service.

That the Sankey family has been in agriculture in the area for 100 years is a testament to that same perseverance and partnership with God shown by previous generations. The land is currently owned by the son, grandson, and great-grandson of Dimitrius – Steven, Murray, and Scott Sankey.



(L-R) Elaine, Murray, Steven and Margaret Sankey

## CHURCH NEWS



L-R: Pastor Ishmael Ali, Hajung's fiancé, Hajung Kim, Pastor Michael Corbel

### Calgary Garden Road Baptism

Hajung Kim was baptized by Pastor Michael Corbel on Sabbath, May 29, 2010. Hajung is from South Korea and had studied at various Adventist churches in Canada prior to her arrival at Garden Road. Hajung was put into contact with Pastor Corbel by Pastor Ishmael Ali. Pastor Corbel studied with her and went over the beliefs of the Church and baptismal vows. She was joined in the baptismal tank by her fiancé Shawn. It was a happy occasion as Hajung was accepted into fellowship!

### Calgary Remnant Hope for the Family Seminar

The Calgary Remnant Company and the Pilgrims for Jesus Bible study group embarked on an effort to bring the message of Hope to the Families of the Radisson Heights Community in Southeast Calgary. The small group stepped out in faith, but the prayer warriors were on guard! The project started with a concert raising funds to aid Haiti and Chile's earthquake victims. Pastor Joseph Bulgín from Ontario was the guest evangelist. Twenty-one people committed their lives to the Lord, and more to follow.



Baptismal candidates May 1 & 8, 2010

### CCCCOOLLDD Edmonton Spanish Baptism

What started out as a pastor's day off didn't continue that way for Pastor Julio Morales when he received a phone call at 8:45 PM one April evening from Esteban Montes de Oca who wanted to be baptized before he left town at 2 AM the next morning for a month of work in Saskatoon. The baptism took place at 10:30 PM in the cold, unheated waters of the Edmonton Spanish church. Twenty people witnessed this awesome event—three of his coworkers (one brother) responded to the call at the end of Esteban's baptism.



L-R: Esteban takes his baptismal vows with Pastor Julio Morales

### A High Day at Edmonton West

"This has been a high day in Zion." These were the words of the head deacon at the end of Sabbath, May 29, 2010. That day was a day of celebration and rejoicing, which marked the end of a two-week evangelistic series at the West Edmonton SDA Church. The crusade began on May 14, 2010, and was conducted by Pastor Andy Manzano from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Blair Brunner and Yogita Master pledged their troth to each other in holy matrimony during the morning service and later in the afternoon they joined ten other candidates (one Profession of Faith) at a special baptismal service.



L-R (rear): Caleb Quayle, Dieudonne Ndikumana, Michaeline Joseph, Kristal Clarke-Malaykhan, Blair Brunner, Yogita Master-Brunner.  
L-R (front): Pastor Andy Manzano, Shanice Pierre-Antoine, Emron Cenac, Mugshe Richard, Elshaddai Game, Bethany Game, Kewrina Cenac, Abina Miller, Pastor Terrence Harrell



Blair and Yogita Brunner on their wedding day

### Fort McMurray Welcomes New Members



L-R: Pastor Darrell Beaudoin, Hannah Jesson, Derrick Jesson, Mary Martin, Arthur Courts, Jacob Marler, Charlie Mark

Six precious souls were welcomed into membership through baptism on Sabbath, June 12, 2010. This followed another "Revelation of Hope" Prophecy Seminar conducted by Pastor Darrell Beaudoin and prayerfully supported by the entire church family. Eleven Prophecy Seminars and a number of Healthy Living workshops has increased church attendance from 25 to over 100 in the past four years. Church members are delighted with their church's membership growth.

### Grande Prairie Church – First Lay Evangelism Seminar

On May 29, the Grande Prairie church family celebrated the baptism of two women and one joining by profession of faith. The mother of two of these women is joining by transferring her membership from an Ontario Adventist church after not attending church for many years. After four weeks of dynamic and Spirit-filled preaching by Head Elder Kip Kurlyo, decisions for the Lord began to be made. The church members are encouraged to discover that the pastor or professional evangelist is not the only one who is called and gifted to preach the Gospel and Advent message. Also, one woman's mother who came to see her daughter's baptism, is now attending church regularly, and is studying for baptism.



L-R: Karen Ricci, Charlotte Fitchett, Lorraine Semple with Kip Kurlyo behind, left, and Pastor Shawn Brummund

### "Saved by the Blood" in Yellowknife

There's power in the blood, so the song goes. Recently the Yellowknife SDA Church became aware of the fire department's participation in the OneMatch program—a program of OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network which finds and matches volunteer donors for patients who require stem cell transplants. Fewer than 30% of patients who need stem cell

## Ordination to the Gospel Ministry



L-R: Isabella, Angela, Pastor Sam Millen

It was a high day for Pastor Samuel Millen, his wife Angela, and young daughter Isabella, on Sabbath afternoon of camp meeting, July 24, 2010, at Foothills Camp when Samuel was ordained to the Gospel ministry. It was especially unique that Elder Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference President, was the guest speaker. Pastor Millen currently serves as chaplain and Religious Studies teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy in Calgary.

## At Rest . . .

**Gilbert Bechtold**, beloved husband of Mrs. Helen Bechtold of Beiseker, Alberta, passed away on May 24, 2010, at the age of 90 years. Gilbert was born on the family farm east of Beiseker where he actively farmed until 1995 and resided there until the time of his passing. Gilbert and Helen celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary November 10, 2009. Besides his loving wife, Gilbert is survived by a son Gene (Delilah) of Williams Lake, BC; two daughters Gail (Barry) Grabo of Beiseker, Alberta, and Laura (Allen) Pauls of Kelowna, BC; seven grandchildren Gene Jr, Brent (fiancée Shannon Todd), Marlon Bechtold, Shannon (Scott) McQuaig, Brad Grabo, Tanya (Jean) Chartrand, and Mark Pauls; two great-grandchildren Haylee and Kyler McQuaig. He is also survived by his brother Harry Bechtold of Edmonton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**George Dyck** was born December 21, 1917, in Russia and passed to his rest July 2, 2010, in Vermilion, Alberta. He was predeceased by his wife, Martha (Ilchuk) Dyck. He is survived by two daughters Sharon (Michael) Matei of Edmonton, Alberta, and Darlene (Dale) McQuid of Vermilion, Alberta. Five brothers had predeceased him and is survived by one brother, Isaac Dyck, of Steinbach, Manitoba, Four sisters had predeceased him and is survived by one sister-in-law Archy Dyck of LaBroquerie, Manitoba. He will be missed by his two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. George loved his family and his church.

**Max Fisher** was born November 25, 1923, in Innisfail, Alberta, and passed away June 15, 2010, in Lacombe, Alberta. He was predeceased by his wife Dorothy (Smith) Fisher and eight brothers: Harold, William, Ernie, Vaughn, Borden, John, Roy, and Nelson. He is survived by his daughter Linda (George) Messing of Fresno, CA. He will be lovingly missed by his two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Max enjoyed a number of years of service to the College Heights Christian School as their bus driver and custodian. Many friendships were made with students and their families, as well as teachers and staff at the school.

**Mabel Hillock** was born April 20, 1924, in St. John's, Nfld, and passed to her rest on July 9, 2010, in Lacombe, Alberta. She will be lovingly remembered by her son Robert (Melinda) Hillock of Paradise, CA; her daughter Barbara (Rick) Hillock-Stevens of Yucaipa, CA; grandchildren Jonathan (Karen) Hillock of Orlando, Florida, and Mindy (Shaen) Harvey of Kettering, Ohio; great-grandchildren Ian Harvey and Joshua Hillock; sister Margaret (Glen) Sandness; brother Bob (Payton) Davies; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Emerson, her daughter Bette, and brother Bill Davies.

**Martha Klam** was born December 16, 1916, in Macrorie, Saskatchewan and passed to her rest July 1, 2010, in Lacombe, Alberta. She will be lovingly remembered by her son Norman (Marlene) Klam of La Centre, Washington; grandchildren Dr. Cheri (James) Oellrich of Portland, Oregon, Jeffrey (Telma) Klam of Concord, California, Joyce Marellen (Lance) Zortman of Battle Ground, Washington, and Norman John (Janelle) Harding of Hillsboro, Oregon; great-grandchildren Alex, Ryan, Nena, Ellabelle, Zechariah, William Zortman; Hannah, Andrew, and Rebecca Harding; Paul Oellrich; and Joshua and Gianna Klam; sisters Rose (Glen) Ross and Esther Murphy; sisters-in-law Esther Klam and Ruth Bodrug; as well as numerous other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband John, daughter Ellabelle, brothers John, Joe, and Dave Bodrug, and her sister Mary.

**Glarence Wombold** was born on May 18, 1932, in Olds, Alberta, and entered into rest on July 17, 2010, in Ponoka, Alberta. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Alice of Lacombe, Alberta; sons LeRoy (Bev) of Clinton, Missouri, Doug (Denise) of Kelowna, BC, Glenn (Anna) of Ponoka, AB, and Richard (Marcie) of Seattle, Washington; grandchildren Christopher and Michael Wombold, Stephanie (Kerry) Rottacker, Mikkelle Wombold, Douglas Wombold Jr, Jesse and Aaron Wombold, Lindsey Korver, and Rowena and Maile Wombold; brothers Ron (Lorraine) Wombold and Sid (Ann) Wombold; sister Alysse (George) Frazer; brothers-in-law Earl (Ruby) Fitch and Victor (Gem) Fitch; sisters-in-law Marie Wombold and Edith Fitch; aunt Lydia Rutschke; step-brothers Gordon (Doris) Krenzler and Darrel (Lynda) Krenzler; step-sisters Darline (Boyd) Mattheis and Sheila (Frank) Minardi; step-sister-in-law Elsie Krenzler; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his father Jacob and mother Martha; sister Alice; brothers Donald and Loren; nephew Darcy; his father-in-law and mother-in-law George and Madge Fitch; step-father William Krenzler; step-sisters Alice, Evelyn, and Marvella; step-brothers Willard, Gary, and Warren.

transplants find a compatible donor within their own families. The rest rely on those who have volunteered to donate stem cells to anyone in need. When there is a need OneMatch maintains and searches their database of tissue typing results across Canada and internationally. Several of the Yellowknife church members participated by celebrating the gift of Jesus' blood.



Jaibelle Apaga, Julienne Apaga, and Janice Silverio help face shelves

### Yellowknife's Amazing Sabbath Race

Forty enthusiastic members of the Yellowknife SDA Church participated in their first ever Amazing Race where seven teams were given their first clue to an afternoon of fun and community service. The teams completed their five service tasks with big smiles and warm thank yous from the people they helped. The race went like this: Each team received a clue to a checkpoint somewhere in the city. Once they reached the checkpoint, teams had to complete a task; then they received their next clue and the race continued until the finish line. The tasks started out as easy but progressed more difficult causing the teams to stretch

their comfort zones. Tasks such as helping a grocery store with facing shelves, clean washrooms at a gas station, washing the front window of a low income housing complex, etc. The community responded in deep gratitude and shared the news quickly with their friends.