

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

February 2008

Featuring: Spanish Mennonite Church Red Deer, AB

The Spanish Mennonite Fountain of Life Church in Red Deer is an active church with a spiritual focus. Begun in 1983 by Pastor Jorge Vallejos as an outreach of the Edmonton Hispanic Church, it has grown to become an independent church with its own building, which they hope to pay off this year. It is a home for many Spanish-speaking people who have come to Red Deer for work.

Pastor Luis Vega is a leader with a spiritual focus, and he combines hard work with prayer and reliance on the Lord. He and his wife Ada have been leading the congregation since 2001. The Vegas have three sons and one daughter. Sons Giovanni and Luis Jr. are regular members of the Praise Team, with Giovanni leading with guitar and Luis Jr. on the drums. Pastor Luis was born in Nicaragua where he was a school teacher and church worker. The family came to Red Deer in 1990.

The church has a heavy emphasis on prayer, holding regular 24-hour prayer times. They have a heart for Spanish-speaking people in other countries and are fund-raising to help a church in El Salvador to buy land and build a church.

They have some very able teachers. A year ago they began a Saturday evening Bible school. They have taught Homiletics, Victory over an Ego-centred Life, and they are presently teaching the Synoptic Gospels to 8 students. Pastor Luis Vega, Ciro Serrano, and Ronny Lopez are the instructors. Ciro is also an NWMC board member.

We pray that this church may continue to be a "Fountain of Life" to many.



Spanish Mennonite Church



Luis and Ada Vega



Ciro Serrano

Northwest's Annual Convention

March 28-30
Medicine Hat, AB

Friday Night:

Speaker: Pastor Trevor Kiriaka
Drama: Who will fill my Shoes?
Music: Herenia Castillo,
Rebeca Gurdian,
and the Medicine Hat Praise Team.

Saturday Workshops:

1. Hope for the Small Church
Abe Funk, Author
2. Drama in the Church
Karlene Algra, Carstairs
3. Church Treasurer's Workshop
Lonnie Lauber, Tofield, AB

Saturday Banquet/Concert

Featuring: The Daae Family
www.myspace.com/thedaaefamily
Tickets: \$20/person
Contact Carol at: 403-335-9805 or
nwconf@shaw.ca

Youth!

Weekend events led by Collin Weber
Saturday Night:

The Battle of the Bands
Start practicing now!

Register Now!

Northwest has recreated their
website!
See it at
nwmc.ca.

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Did you know...

***The Chestermere Church** has had a baby boom! There are children everywhere with two more coming!

* **Men's Retreat** was greatly appreciated with 29 men in attendance.

***Nick Dyck** is on the board of a new community Christian radio station based out of Fairview.

***Bob and Charron Warrington** are busy home-renovating in preparation for selling and moving - the location is yet to be decided!

***Don and Louise Alberts** took an enjoyable trip across Canada and the eastern states in the fall.

***The Duchess Church** sponsored a Worship Leading Seminar with Jesse Peters from Prairie Bible Institute in February.

***Arnie Weber** is teaching a 6-week Active Parenting of Teens Seminar beginning January 23 through Life-talk Counselling Services in Brooks.

***Jeralyn Miller** is feeling better and she and Ryan plan to return to the Philippines in March.

*Our sympathies go to **Daniel Flores** of the Calgary Hispanic Church who had to leave for Guatemala suddenly after the Men's Retreat because of the passing of his mother in a car accident.

***Missions Fest** will be held February 22-24 in Edmonton.

***Game Day 08** (Promise Keeper's Conference) will be held February 22, 23 in Medicine Hat.

*The Medicine Hat, Duchess and Chestermere Churches held a Spanish service in **Brooks** on Feb. 10th.

