

# Points of Connection

## Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

April 2008

### Walking in His Footsteps

#### NWMC Convention 08

The Hispanic Evangelical Church of Medicine Hat sparkled with fresh paint, banners and new window coverings in preparation for this year's Northwest Convention on March 28-30th. The theme of Walking in His Footsteps was taken from the historical drama featuring past Northwest heroes "Who will fill their shoes?"

About 150 people enjoyed the challenging messages, stimulating workshops and great fellowship. Pastor Trevor Kiriaka was our Friday night featured speaker, and host Pastor Jose Gurdian spoke Sunday morning. Conference Minister Mal Braun brought the Saturday morning devotional.

Workshop leader Abe Funk lived up to the title of his book by giving Hope for the Small Church. Karlene Algra of the West Zion Church led an enthusiastic and informative workshop on Drama in the Church, and Lonnie Lauber from Salem led a helpful Treasurer's workshop.



### Caminando en sus Pasos

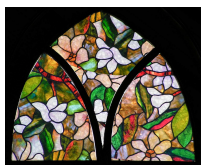
Youth events were held in a nearby church with 50 youth involved. The Saturday night Battle of the Bands ended with a tie-breaker between Medicine Hat and Duchess youth being won by the Medicine Hat group. Peter Mierau of Child Evangelism Fellowship added a fun dimension to the convention with his balloon sculpting.

A delicious Saturday night banquet was followed with a Country Gospel Concert by the Daae Family, giving an enjoyable end to a full day.

Shelley Knoedel of the Medicine Hat church is our newest board member. Welcome Shelley!

The Northwest Board is working to make our annual convention family-friendly and inspiring. Plan to attend next year!

Thank you to all the people in the Medicine Hat Church who worked so hard to prepare for this conference. You did a great job!



### POSITION AVAILABLE!

Northwest Mennonite Conference has a half-time position available as **Conference Youth Pastor.**

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### Collin and Terri-lyn Weber

Collin Weber has resigned as our Conference Youth Pastor effective the end of August. He has held the position for the past 5 years and has connected with the youth in our churches through his planning of Missions Trips, Alberta Tours, Retreats and other youth functions. We thank him for his valuable work on behalf of our youth.

Collin has dreamed of working in Africa since the age of 12, and Terri-lyn has shared this dream. They are



now working towards its fulfillment. They plan to take a 3-month exploratory trip to Africa in the fall.

### Youth Mexico Mission Trip August 15-18/08

Twenty-five people are already signed up with space for 40. More Spanish-speaking people needed! Register with Collin today!

Find out more at [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca)

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### Did you know that...

\*Every time you click on the home page of our website a new Quick Thought is displayed at the top?

\***You can view pictures** of our Convention in the Photo Gallery at [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca).

\***Ken Tse** of the Chinese Mennonite Church in Edmonton is teaching computer classes in the church for community and church people .

\***Mennonite Disaster Service** is holding leadership training at Camp Stillwood in Chiliwack, B.C. on April 15-18.

\***The Duchess Mennonite Church** held a Seder Passover Meal on March 16th after the morning service.

\***Richard and Marcia Payne** officially adopted their 2 youngest children, Nathan and Hannah, on March 16th, bringing the number of their children to four.

\***Ben Tse** plans to work with Collin Weber as a summer intern helping with the Mexico Mission Trip. Ben is a student at CBC in Abbotsford.

\***Mal and Eleanor Braun** will be holding a LIFE Weekend in Bluesky on April 11-13th.

\***The Coaldale Mennonite Church** has a website at: [www.coaldalemennonitechurch.org](http://www.coaldalemennonitechurch.org).

\***The West Zion Church** held an Elder/spouse Retreat at River's Edge on March 15th.

\***Chestermere Hispanic** is pleased to have Erlyn Barraez assisting Pastor Santos Diaz in the work.

