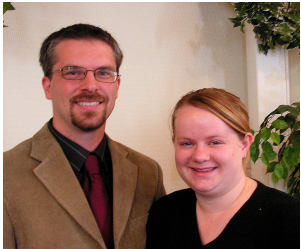


Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

September 2008

Meet our new Pastors:



**Mark
and
Tammy
Loewen**

The Salem Mennonite Church in Tofield, AB has called Pastor Mark Loewen to be their pastor. Mark and Tammy have three pre-school girls. They moved from Vanderhoof, B.C. where Mark had been working for Fraser Lake Sawmills.

Mark and Tammy attended Peace River Bible Institute. Mark spent two years with Operation Mobilization working on a ship where he did everything from evangelism and preaching to cleaning and sea watches. Tammy also spent a year with O.M.

They married in 2003, and then he returned to PRBI to get a BRE in Pastoral Ministries. He did a pastoral internship at Vanderhoof Gospel Chapel and was an Associate Pastor at Meadowbrook Church. The Tofield Church has welcomed them gladly and are looking forward to working together.



**Joe
and
Cathy
Mrak**

Joe Mrak grew up in the Fraser Valley and felt called to ministry while a youth in High School. His post-high school years were difficult and confusing, and he never pursued that call. He met and married Cathy and they had two children. After marriage he made a new commitment to turn his life over to the Lord.

In 1979 he began a business: Joe Mrak Siding and Soffit. He worked in the construction business until recently in various places in B. C. and Alberta. He found opportunity to use his gifts in helping to build churches and Bible Schools in Canada and overseas. He has been to Spanish Language School. His call to ministry was renewed and in 2002 he graduated from Prairie Bible College with a Bachelor of Ministry degree. Following ministry in Bonanza, AB, he has now been called to Bethany Christian Church in Smith, AB.

Mexico 2008

Collin Weber led a group of over 40 Northwest youth and adults to Mexico August 15-24th. There were young people from Edmonton, Smith, Edson, Tofield, Carstairs, Duchess and Medicine Hat.

They built a four-room house for a family of six in three days in the same neighborhood of the house they had built two years ago. Lazaro of the Medicine Hat Church, who went on the former trip, was thrilled to return to find the family had named their new baby after him.

Collin's assessment of the trip: "Amazing trip! Great bunch of kids that were really ready to sacrifice and put God first and follow Him in His working on this trip."

"Catch the Fire" was the logo on the team t-shirts and it appears that is exactly what



Pastor/Spouse Retreat

*Coming October 3-5, 2008
Friday to Sunday
at Camp Salem Acres.
Pastors,
don't forget to clear your
calendars and communicate
with your wives!*

Newspoint

Check our website regularly for updated news at nwmc.ca.

Did you know...

***The Salem Mennonite Church** in Tofield has a pizza lunch for the congregation every 1st Sunday in September to celebrate back-to-school and interview students.

***Ciro Serrano** was installed as Interim Minister in the Calgary Iglesia la Gracia de Dios Church. He and his wife Loly are from the Spanish Mennonite Church in Red Deer and are traveling to Calgary every week.

***Collin and Teri-lyn Weber** have had a change of plans and will be staying in Edmonton this winter, where they have purchased a townhouse. He will be working on construction.

***Mel and Priscilla Sayer** returned from Ukraine on July 26th and are in Delaware. This fall they will be traveling to various churches and then concluding their work in Dec.

***Carl and Vera Hansen** were in Alberta this summer and are presently in Virginia visiting their children.

GAMBIA **February 2009**

*An exotic winter vacation
with a purpose.*

*Find out more from
Milo Stauffer of Tofield
at 780-662-2505*

