


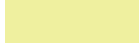






CANADA DISTRICT NEWS

50 years
of mission work

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DISTRICT APOSTLE M. WOLL | 2015 DOMESTIC ITINERARY

April	3	Fri	Good Friday - Toronto Central - service
April	5	Sun	Easter - Guelph - service
April	12	Sun	Hamilton - Confirmation service
April	19	Sun	Rexdale - Confirmation service
April	26	Sun	Dartmouth/Halifax - Confirmation service
May	3	Sun	Laval - Confirmation service
May	6	Wed	Kamloops - service
May	7	Thu	100 Mile House - service
May	10	Sun	Coquitlam - service
May	14	Thu	Ascension Day - open
May	17	Sun	Hamilton - service
May	24	Sun	Pentecost
June	6	Sat	Move-A-Thon
June	7	Sun	London Cambodian - service (congregation's 25th anniversary)
June	10	Wed	Sudbury & North Bay - service
June	14	Sun	Lindsay - service

50 years of mission work

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our overseas missionary work. It all began in Jamaica when Pr. Roy Ruddy was commissioned and sent by District Apostle Kraus to gather souls and establish a congregation. In 1965, the first souls were sealed in Jamaica, which became the springboard to missionizing 77 countries. Forty brothers from all over North America travelled overseas to care for these mission lands. Many of our brothers were volunteers who gave up personal time to spend as much as nine weeks a year caring for these new congregations. The Lord blessed their work and over time the North American district grew to over 5 million members which, at one point, comprised half the worldwide New Apostolic population. To adequately care for such a number of souls, it became necessary to distribute the responsibility for these countries among a number of district churches. Today the Canada District is responsible for 11 countries. However, the sacrifices of all who supported the great mission work in these many countries continue to be remembered by our brothers and sisters around the world.



The District Apostle Kolb has graciously invited representatives from Canada to participate in the 50th anniversary celebration in Jamaica on August 2, 2015. So that all members in Jamaica can participate in a divine service, two services will be conducted. The District Apostle Kolb will hold one of these services, and I will conduct the other. You can look forward to seeing the report on this event in the September edition of the Canada District News.

Perhaps here and there over time the thought has been: "If had we not opened all these countries and spent so much time and money, would things be better off here at home?" In a recent service the Chief Apostle, affirmed that "the global dimension of our church is not a handicap, but a blessing". The power of this blessing has spread the work of God around the globe. Today we are permitted to work in our home congregations with many different nationalities who have immigrated to Canada and who attend our services.

When motivated by our love for Christ we will share our gifts, talents, and resources with others. I give you the assurance that, just as the early pioneers of God's work experienced, you will also find great joy by bringing joy to others.

Sincerely,

M. Woll



India

Jamaica and evangelise. The work grew quickly from there to neighbouring islands and then continents. Brothers from North America volunteered their personal vacation time each year to support the missionary work from the Canada District.



Jamaica

The missionary work of the New Apostolic Church Canada is comprised of distinct activities. The core activity of missionaries is to spread the Gospel. Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission in Matthew 28: 19-20 “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Missionaries bring testimony to people of all nations and diverse cultures. Making those initial contacts and getting a foothold in a new country requires confidence, commitment and faith in our heavenly Father. Once contacts are made, and there is a response to accept and believe in the Gospel, believers are baptised and sealed and thereby added to God’s family. From these faithful believers, a ministerial body develops. Missionaries give special attention to these new ministers and provide training and development through minister meetings, local seminars, workshops, and fellowship. A strong connection thereby grows between



Cambodia

the missionary and the local ministers. The roots of faith deepen among the believers, and there is excitement for God’s work. Supported by a stable ministerial body, it then becomes the activity of the missionaries to help establish an infrastructure of church buildings and gathering places for regular worship and spiritual education. The offerings of faithful brothers and sisters from the district make all of this possible. When there is a natural disaster or vital services lacking in a community of believers, stability or relief is brought through humanitarian aid. Missionaries help deliver this relief in the form of financial aid, food, clothing and building materials, just to name a few. Ultimately, the work transitions from the missionaries to the ministers in the country.

50 years of mission work

2015 marks exactly 50 years ago that the great missionary work began in the Canada District. From a small flock in North America, the work grew to over 5 million members.

The inspiration for this great pioneering work began in Toronto, Ontario. The late District Apostle Kraus brought special testimony to a guest attending the divine service. Before the end of that day, Roy Rutty was commissioned to return to his native



This was a true labour of love motivated by the love of Christ.

Missionaries bring **testimony** to people of **all nations** and diverse cultures.



D.R. Congo



Tchad



Malaysia



India



Philippines



Sri Lanka



Project mittens

Taking to heart Chief Apostle Schneider's address to the congregation in Munich on Pentecost 2014, to further enhance the theme of 2014 to "labour with love" we were reminded "it is more blessed to give than to receive". District Apostle Woll was inspired to carry this forward as a life lesson for our Sunday School children across Canada...the result was "Project mittens".

Each year the New Apostolic Church Canada gives a gift on behalf of the church to each child - member or guest - who attends the annual Christmas program. The core direction for the particular

gift is "fun with spiritual value". This year was no exception and a Canadian themed pair of mittens was chosen as the gift. To tie in the message from Pentecost, it was decided that each congregation would receive extra pairs of mittens and be encouraged to donate the extra mittens either individually or as a congregation (Sunday School group), to a local charity of their choosing. The response was outstanding.





The building construction began in 2013 and was for the most part completed in 2014. The dedication took place on December 8th, 2014 by District Apostle Mark Woll. Accompanying him for this occasion were the District Apostle Helpers Dzur and Sobottka from Canada. Apostle Gilbert Halder and brothers and sisters from Bangladesh were invited for the occasion.

The building itself has ground level parking, a church which seats 100, adjoining seminar rooms and an administration office for the country.



A new building in Bangladesh

gregations due to the difficulty of travel, enormous traffic congestion and the high rental and land values. A search was started ten years ago to find a suitable piece of land on which to build. For a long time, this was a fruitless endeavour. However, a few years ago we were fortunate to find a piece of land which we could purchase for the construction of the a building.



The work of God in the New Apostolic Church in Bangladesh began in 1977. There are presently 157 congregations in the country. The majority of these are outside of the capital of Dhaka and spread evenly throughout the country from north to south.

Dhaka, with a population of 16 million, has always presented special challenges for establishing con-



Medical miracle - ears for hearing

John 10: 27
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

We have heard this well-known verse so often in our New Apostolic life. When we come to church, we hear God's word. We hear the sounds of the choir which make a special preparation in our hearts. We hear the warm greetings of our brothers and sisters. All of this hearing forms a large part of our experience in

the family of God. Maybe we even take it for granted.

Rodney was born into a New Apostolic family in 2001; his mother, Sarah, was a member of the choir, and his father, a District Evangelist served the congregation in Uganda. Inspecting their new baby boy there was immediate concern over the malformation of Rodney's ears. Within a few months, test results confirmed his hearing was very faint. We can only imagine the heavy hearts of his parents. Rodney's parents sought the en-



couragement of ministers and their fellow brothers and sisters. As the years passed, Rodney grew strong and self-reliant. He became the older brother to two more brothers, Ian and Shadreck. His parents were thankful the hearing disability caused Rodney no pain, and he was otherwise healthy. To communicate with Rodney was not easy. Shouting at him sometimes was the only option. Rodney's parents were thankful, in spite of the frustrations. Rodney was coping although he became increasingly sensitive to being laughed at, especially when teased about his ears.

In 2011, Rodney was fitted with external hearing aids. His hearing improved tremendously. Rodney learned to speak well and was a good student. The hearing aids were stored at school for safe keeping, but one day the hearing aids disappeared. The search lasted for six months, and all hope faded. District Apostle S. Lubasi from Kenya made an inquiry to Rodney's father asking about Rodney's hearing. All were dismayed at the loss of this vital equipment. The District Apostle Lubasi contacted District Apostle M. Woll in Canada and asked if he could help. A search was made in Canada to find replacement hearing aids but there was nothing suitable. District Apostle Woll visited Uganda in 2013 and met Rodney in person and was inspired to try a different route - through India.

Contacts of District Apostle Woll in India made arrangements for Rodney's case to be evaluated. A caring and respected ENT surgeon located a hearing unit in Australia that could be used for a child of Rodney's age implanted as a more permanent solution. A budget was determined, and private donors came forward to support the expenses of travel, lodging, hospital bills and medicine. The doctors generously donated their services for the procedure. Accompanied by his mother, Rodney left Uganda in November 2014 to travel to Bangalore, India. This was Rodney's first time on an airplane so it was the start of a great adventure for him. An excerpt from Rodney's journal "the airplane workers fed us some food, and it was delicious!"

Within a few days of arriving, the surgery was set. There was excitement, but also fear to put his life in the hands of strangers. Rodney received two implants

during a four-hour surgery. Rodney was supported by many prayers. Following the surgery, Sarah wrote in her journal "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you for your prayers. Rodney is alive now." Rodney would have to wait six weeks for the surgical site to heal before the outer device could be attached, and the hearing benefits realised. These were long days for Rodney and his mother. They were away from home in a different country during the Christmas holidays. Our members in Bangalore looked after their needs and celebrated with them so they would not feel alone.

Finally, the big day arrived. Rodney was fitted with the external devices, and his hearing was turned on. Sarah wrote in her journal, "This is the day the Lord has made. This is the happiest day of my life because Rodney can hear each and every thing. No more shouting at him and no more laughing at him."

Rodney and Sarah gave their farewells to India and headed home in January. Anxiously awaiting his arrival were his father, little brothers and other members of the congregation. His youngest brother, Shadreck, did a final inspection of Rodney's new ears and gave his approval. On behalf of Rodney's entire family, his father expresses his "heartfelt thanks to all supporters and well-wishers who worked as tools in the hands of our heavenly Father."



(If you have an idea for a Close Up report please email info@naccanada.org)



A tribute

Christopher Columbus, Ferdinand Magellan, Leif Ericson. The names of these great explorers create curiosity and wonder of the experiences of their great adventures. Men and women in history dared to travel and go into uncharted territory. In the New Apostolic Church the name Edward Deppner, an Apostle of Christ, evokes similar feelings among our brothers and sisters.

Born into a New Apostolic home where his father was a priest and his mother doing all to assist him, Edward Deppner was exposed to an active church life. At the age of 15 he accepted the ministry of a sub-deacon which was the beginning of 52 years serving in various ministries including 23 years as an Apostle.

Together with his dear wife, Gertrude, and their two sons, Stephen and Michael, he served the Lord here in Canada and overseas. The Great Commission, as stated in Matthew 28: 19-20, to “go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you,” did not remain words on a page for

him, but became reality. The Apostle Deppner took up this commission and travelled around the globe to Romania, the Caribbean, Central America, South America, 16 countries on the African continent and numerous countries in Asia including China. To go into a foreign land with no contacts, little knowledge of what to expect, and truly begin from scratch is a difficult task. The question was always asked of him, “how did you accomplish this?” In his words, the Apostle would say “by the grace of God and faith it became possible”.

With his unique style, spiritual gifts, and unwavering dedication, Apostle Deppner was a great tool in the hand of God. Apostle Deppner, together with his family, moved to Kinshasa, DR Congo (Zaire) in 1980 and remained there even after his retirement in 2004. DR Congo West presently has over 1 million members, 9,000 congregations and 32,000 ministers. Today it is cared for by the District Apostle Michael Deppner. When we look at the life of Apostle Edward Deppner, we are inspired to engage our faith, use our gifts, and activate our love for the work of God. Perhaps as the Apostle Deppner did, we will venture outside of our norm, take a leap of faith, discover new ways to build God’s work in our congregations, and experience the hand of God in marvelous ways. Apostle Edward Deppner passed away on January 26, 2015 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

IN MEMORIAM (as reported)

† Br. Allan Thurston	Lindsay	May 11	† Sis. Constance Davis	Kitchener Central	Dec. 22
† Sis. Emma Schultz	London	Sept. 29	† Pr. Michael Chapman	New Hamburg	Dec. 29
† Sis. Susan Thompson	Woodstock	Oct. 12	† Br. Hermann Bremer	Chilliwack	Jan. 03
† Sis. Sybil Cook	Brampton	Oct. 14	† Sis. Vera Philipsen	Winnipeg Central	Jan. 08
† Sis. Mary Karpysbyn	Edmonton Central	Oct. 27	† Br. Johnson Sun	Saskatoon Central	Jan. 11
† Sis. Eva-Maria Neugebauer	Halton Hills	Oct. 30	† Sis. Carole Downey	Woodstock	Jan. 14
† Br. Larry Robinson	Belleville	Nov. 11	† Sis. Carol Cook	Lethbridge	Jan. 20
† Sis. Mary Robinson	Belleville	Nov. 15	† Sis. Tracey Wiltshire	Scarborough	Jan. 21
† Pr. (ir) Bernd Hedtfeld Sr.	100 Mile House	Nov. 15	† Ap. (ir) Edward Deppner	Grimsby	Jan. 26
† Sis. Donna McIntyre	Hamilton	Nov. 16	† Br. Jakob Buerker	Barrie	Jan. 27
† Sis. Susan Hubner	Kingsdale	Nov. 17	† Br. Jack Bishop	London	Feb. 07
† Sis. Delores Ringel	Kitchener Central	Nov. 25	† Sis. Margarete Piller	Niagara Falls	Feb. 10
† Sis. Theresa Kanabe	Ottawa	Nov. 28	† Sis. Catrina Gramenz	Paris	Feb. 18
† Sis. Leona Babiak	Brantford	Nov. 28	† Sis. Shirley Ackland	Sault Ste. Marie	Feb. 20
† Sis. Marsha Josling	Hamilton	Dec. 08	† Sis. Joan Sinclair	Edmonton Millwoods	Feb. 20
† Sis. Diane Gondor	Kelowna	Dec. 13	† Sis. Diana Young	Sudbury	Feb. 22
† Sis. Angela Byrne	Kitchener Central	Dec. 15			

ORDINATIONS/REINSTATEMENTS

Erwin Thompson	Deacon	Brampton	Kenneth Berry Jr.	District Evangelist	Brampton
Harald Lira	Priest	Kenora	Joseph Bazal	Evangelist	Rexdale
Juergen Boeve	Priest	Brandon	Stephen Schreiner	Evangelist	Orillia
Sao Tith	Evangelist	Hamilton Cambodian	Ricky Kandimba	Deacon	Ottawa
Bunly Im	Rector	Hamilton Cambodian	Michael David	Deacon	Rexdale
David Brady	Shepherd	Toronto West Cambodian	Simon Whiteley	Deacon	Cambridge Hespeler
Maxwell Thomas	Deacon	Toronto West Cambodian	Christopher Cerny	Priest	Cambridge Hespeler
Jamie Apfelbeck	Bishop	Cambridge Hespeler	David Jurgeneit	Priest	Cambridge Hespeler
Samuel Mueller	Bishop	Newmarket Cambodian	Mark Wiesel	Priest	Cambridge Central
Tresor Mukuta	Rector	Brampton French	Nicholas Wolfe	Deacon	Sault Ste. Marie West
Walter Mueller	Rector	Toronto West	Michael Steinwedel	Priest	Sault Ste. Marie West
Alexis Pembe	District Evangelist	Toronto Central	Matthew Wiesel	Priest	Sault Ste. Marie
Fabian Van Romberg	Deacon	Toronto Central	Ivan Dinter	Deacon	Sault Ste. Marie
			Brent Dinter	Deacon	Sault Ste. Marie

RETIREMENTS

Frank Rakoczy	Priest	New Hamburg	Ivan Baker	Deacon	Cambridge Hespeler
Vann Soeur	Deacon	Kitchener East	Perry Jansen	Deacon	Cambridge Hespeler
Charles Mandungu-Kalala	Deacon	Brampton French			

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