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NEWS

Adventists among Evacuees of Toronto Propane Explosion

Oshawa, Ontario...OCN

Seven Adventist families were among the thousands of Downsview residents evacuated from their homes following the devastating propane explosion that rocked parts of north Toronto on August 10.

The families from Mount Zion Filipino Church and nearby Downsview Church found refuge with family or with their church family. Initially, some were evacuated to temporary accommodation at York University. Among these was Ezekiel Lucrido, head elder at Mount Zion Filipino, who, despite being displaced, sought to reach out to those staying at York University.

“He looked to see how our church could help,” said Edwin Martin, pastor at Mount Zion Filipino, “but the province and city seemed to have everything under control.”

The explosion at Sunrise Propane Industrial Gasses in north Toronto at 3:50 a.m. was heard across the city, and the resulting fire could be seen from many miles away. Buildings shook and debris was scattered for kilometres, but some of the families from Mount Zion Filipino slept through the explosion until the emergency services arrived.

The seven families are now back in their own homes and are grateful to God for His protection. However, some share concern with other residents about their future safety if the propane plant is rebuilt at the same location.

Halsey Peat

Two Church Presidents Announce Retirement

Adventist News Network (ANN) recently reported that two church presidents, Luka Daniel and Ulrich W. Frikart, have announced their retirements.

Luka Daniel, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's West-Central Africa Division, announced his retirement August 15. Daniel will officially leave office at the end of December 2008.

Ulrich W. Frikart, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Euro-Africa Division since 1995, announced his retirement in an August 12 letter to world church president Jan Paulsen.

Elder Luka Daniel became president of the region in 2003. He previously served as president of what is now the church's Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

Daniel, 65, said the decision was based upon reaching retirement age and his recent health issues.

The new division president will be chosen in November and take office January 2009.

Elder Ulrich W. Frikart, 67, said his early retirement on December 31 would eliminate the need to replace two major regional church officials simultaneously and lead to a "smooth and efficient" transition of leadership. Both Frikart and the region's church treasurer were scheduled to retire in 2010.

Regional church leaders say Frikart's successor will be nominated at the church's Euro-Africa fall business meeting in Jongny, Switzerland.

Both men expressed their thanks for the support given to them by the General Conference and their regional co-workers.

NAD Events

October 18-19, 2008 Health Summit West-Spanish

Health Summit West-Spanish, 2008 -LaSierra, California- The North American Division, Pacific Union and Loma Linda, School of Public Health announce the first health certification training program October 18-19, 2008. "Tell the World Christ Brings Health and Wholeness" will present featured speaker, Jose Rojas. Six "train-the-trainer" health seminars will be conducted. Go to www.nadhealthsummit.com for more information.

July 2-4, 2009 NAD ASAM Convention

NAD Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM) Convention 2009 will be held July 2-4, 2009 in Newport Beach, California, at the Newport Beach Marriot Hotel & Spa. Registration before February 19, 2009 is \$149; regular registration \$179. To register, call 1-800-732-7587 or visit www.AdventistSingleAdultMinistries.org

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 23 – September 6 "Word of Life" Evangelistic series at Latter Rain Church

7 Elinor Ave., Scarborough (Pharmacy/Lawrence intersection)

Latter Rain Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting an evangelistic series from Aug. 23 to Sep. 6, 2008 with the dynamic speaker, Pastor David Thompson. The meetings will be held in the evenings of Sat., Sun., Tue., Wed. and Fri. at 7:30 p.m. and also Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Come and be blessed. For more information, call 416-284-2106 or visit www.latterrainsda.net

August 22 - August 30
"Preparation for the Final Crisis" at Woodbridge

Pastor Ron Williams from Dallas Texas will be conducting a week of revival at Woodbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church with the theme "Preparation for the Final Crisis". Uplifting messages nightly, (not Monday or Thursday), starting Friday 22nd August and culminating the following weekend with several seminars on the Prison Ministries and their positive impact. This series will climax into Prison Ministry Focus on August 30th. Come and enjoy the blessings of this period with us; meetings each night at 7:30 except Mon. & Thurs.

Venue: Woodbridge Adventist Church (at Woodbridge United Church), 8090 Kipling Avenue, Woodbridge. (Located on Kipling Ave, north of Highway 7). For more details, call Pastor Dorzilme at 905-458-4109.

August 23
Toronto Central Adventist Church Women's Ministry Emphasis Day
Concert featuring Jenieve & Robert Bailey from Kingston, Jamaica

Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church invites you to join us on August 23, for a concert featuring international gospel recording artists, Jenieve & Robert Bailey, following our AY program. Special guests includes trumpeter, Dave Brown, Tiffany Campbell-Dailey and REECH. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 the door, children under 7 yrs free. For ticket information, call 905-970-1489/416-571-4709 or write acs2835@rogers.com. Refreshments will be on sale.

Women's Ministry Emphasis Day will be on August 23 - guest speaker will be Dr. Janice Maitland. The theme is "Women of Substance". At 5:30 p.m., Dr. Maitland will be presenting a seminar entitled: "Temperaments".

Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Dufferin/Bentworth), for more information call 416-784-0261 or visit www.torontocentralsda.org

August 23
Youth Day at Berea

You are cordially invited to come out and fellowship with the Youths at the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 23, 2008. We will be celebrating our youths and would like you to come out and spend the day with us. Sabbath School: 9.15 a.m. Divine hour: 11:00 a.m. AY: 6:00 p.m.

Calling all youths to come out and worship, as we explore the theme, Think, Believe and Act.

Berea Church is located at 353 Sherbourne Street, on the South East corner of Carlton and Sherbourne.

August 24
First Annual SPOT-A-THON

First Annual SPOT-A-THON will be held on Sunday, August 24th, 2008 at Bruce Mills Conservation Area in Stouffville, ON. **Walkathon** to raise money for an **ADRA** initiative to help rehabilitate children suffering from birth defects in Kenya. Come out and show your support. To sign up, donate or for more info, please contact Nyla John (647-221-9051) or Candace Allen (416-725-7332) or thespotgta@hotmail.com

August 25

CHIP at the London Church

On September 8th, the London Seventh-day Adventist Church will begin a new CHIP program. We are celebrating our 12th program with over 300 participants. If anyone in the London area is interested in attending, contact Kathy or Gord Rayner at 519-472-6066 or e-mail at gord.rayner@sympatico.ca Free information sessions will be held on Sunday, August 24th, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 25th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday, September 3rd, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the church, 805 Shelborne Street London.

September 3 – October 22

Simply Revelation at Kendalwood

We invite you to the evangelistic Bible study series, **Simply Revelation**, with Pastor *Hymers Wilson* every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. from September 3 to October 22 at Kendalwood Seventh-day Adventist Church, 300 Kendalwood Road, Whitby. Attend at least 6 sessions, and you will receive a large print NIV Bible.

September 5-7

The Catalyst Retreat

A retreat is for young adults attending college or university. The theme "Catalyst" has been chosen because students can be positive catalysts of change for Christ on their campuses. This retreat will be a catalyst to motivate students to move forward with Christ on their campuses and to set a positive personal course for the school year.

This retreat is sponsored by the Campus and Youth Ministries Department. Elder Nicholas Rhone of Ottawa along with Dr. Gerry Grant, professor at Carlton University will be assisting with this retreat. We are also look to have a special guest speaker from a university in eastern Ontario. Please encourage the young adults of your church and community (this event is not limited to Adventists) to join us for this time of fun, spiritual refuelling and fellowship.

The Catalyst Retreat will be held at Camp IAWAH in Godfrey, Ontario, September 5 - 7, 2008. For registration information please contact Pastor Cyril Millett at the 905-571-1022 ext. 214 or by e-mail at cmillett@AdventistOntario.org.

College/University Student Registry: Also we continue to ask for contact information for all college and university students in our conference. Students can now enter the information themselves by going to the conference website, clicking on the icon "Student Survey" and filling out the form in less than two minutes. Some pastors and youth leaders are collecting the information themselves and send me a list by e-mail. By doing this they have the same contact information and can keep in touch with their students.

September 7

CANCELLATION of Praising Hands Sign Language Choir Gospel Concert

The Praising Hands Sign Language Choir Gospel Concert which was scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2008 is postponed. New date to be announced later.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Cynthia Smith at

905-428-7271. Thank you.

September 12-27
1Way2Life Seminar

Discover the way to lasting happiness and meaningful life by attending the 1Way2Life Seminar on Sept. 12-27, 2008 (nightly except Mondays and Thursdays) at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Zion Church Fellowship Hall.

Topics to be presented by Pastor Edwin Martin, 1W2L speaker, include the following:

Hope for Troubled People, *Healing for Human Suffering*, Relationships Rule, *Sober Up!* Sex Talk: Virgins R Us, *Get the Stress Out!* Overcoming Family Dysfunction, *Get Smart – Have a Fresh Start*, Google It! *God in My Space*, My Way or the High Way? *The Power of One*.

Also, come and enjoy the nightly musical performances, drama presentations, group interactions, testimonies, and refreshments.

This seminar is sponsored by the Youth Ministry of Mount Zion Adventist Church and is designed for the benefit of the whole family. Don't miss it!

September 18-21
Canadian Adventist Youth Summit (CAYS): September 18-21, 2008, Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Eddy Hypolite (South England Conference). Pastor Hypolite was well received in February by the youth in Dallas at the NAD Youth Summit, and he is sure to present inspiring messages at **CAYS!**

CAYS will be a meeting for youth, young adults and their leaders from across Canada taking place in the Maritime Conference. This summit will give teens, college/university students, and their leaders an opportunity to take their spiritual walk to the next level. CAYS will help everyone to "Think It, Believe It, Do It" for Christ! Start planning now to be a part of this event.

Get your registration form at www.AdventistYouth.ca, fill it in and fax it to the Ontario Conference Youth Ministries Department at 905-571-4781. Bus transportation is being organized by the Youth Ministries Department. For cost and details, contact Lila Oliveira at 905-571-1022; ext. 215.

September 21-28, 2008
Dr. Sang Lee at Camp Frenda

Dr. Sang Lee's Healing Love Ministry is coming again to Camp Frenda on Lake Rosseau! on September 21-28, 2008. Check out our new site:

www.DrSangLeeNEWSTARTcanada.blogspot.com. See Photos and clips of friends who attended October 2006. Read the testimonies of those who attended. Do Not Despair, Do NEWSTART!

October 15-17
Evangelistic Series at Toronto Japanese Church

The Toronto Japanese Seventh-day Adventist Church will conduct four days series of evangelistic meetings. The speaker is Pastor Kiyoshi Fujita from Japan. Venue is *19 Mortimer Avenue, East York*. The theme is related to the end time.

October 15 to October 17 at 7:00 p.m.
October 18 at 11:00 a.m.

All lectures are in Japanese, except for October 18; English translation is available. If you know any Japanese people, please send us their names and addresses. Ataru Nakagawa 416-292-1754.

November 12 - 16, 2008

Inspiring, Equipping and Training Leaders for CHIP Ministry

The Adventist CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) Association cordially invites anyone with a passion for health ministry to attend the **9th Annual CHIP Summit** in sunny Orlando, Florida, from November 12 to 16, 2008. This five-day summit features basic training for would-be CHIP directors and advanced training for current CHIP directors. In addition to training, there are seven scientific speakers to learn from, six inspirational speakers to motivate you, delicious food, great music, fabulous sightseeing opportunities, and wonderful new friends to be made. This is a tremendous opportunity for churches that want to facilitate CHIP programs in their community to send members to be newly or further trained for this awesome health ministry. The clinical results of the 30-day, video-based, life-changing CHIP program have been published as 12 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. CHIP addresses our healthcare crisis with scientifically sound, cost effective, and proven measures. Isn't it time your church became a centre of health and healing in your community? For registration information, please visit the CHIP website at <http://www.sdachip.org/summit/2008/summit.html>

OTHER ADS

Timmins Adventist Church Is Looking for the Following Members:

Baribeau Marc - Bond Gilles - Boudreau Eve-Lynn - Marshall Renee - Mills Chuck - Nakogee Brian R. - Rochon Gladys.

If you have any helpful information about any of the above members, please contact Pastor Didier Fourny at dfourny@adventistontario.org; 613-937-3124 or Elder Will Marcoux at timminselder@adventistontario.org; 705-272-2116.

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