

# Points of Connection

## Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

May, 2008

### El Salvador Mission Project

Four years ago Ciro Serrano of the Spanish Mennonite Church in Red Deer was in El Salvador on a business trip when he was introduced to Pastor Ramon Monterrosa from the city of San Salvador. He learned that Pastor Ramon has been traveling 96 kilometers west to the isolated village of Aleman three days a week to plant a church and help them economically. As a result the Red Deer Church got involved in helping with these projects and NWMC will also be supporting this work.

At present, services are being held in a hut, but 700 sq. meters of land has been purchased where they hope to build a church, pastor's home, and a multi-purpose facility to house a bakery and sewing room.

The problem of illiteracy is being addressed through an educational program with 15 people enrolled. Poverty is being alleviated through several projects: a Bakery and Sew-

ing project are underway, and a Farm project involving the raising of hogs, fish, eggs and vegetables are still a dream. Another urgent need is clean well water.

A Bakery is functioning already with 20 people involved on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with some people baking and others delivering. Eleven people are involved in the Sewing Project, with some of them being trained locally. There is a need for baking and sewing equipment.

This is an exciting project which addresses people's spiritual, social and economic needs, and Northwest is pleased to be involved in it. Donations to this project may be sent through the Conference.



Ciro Serrano

### POSITION AVAILABLE!

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

A job description is available on our website at [nwmc.ca](http://nwmc.ca).

Resumes will be received until May 31 or until the position is filled.

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### Do your fall planning now!

Set up your LIFE Weekend with Conference Minister Mal Braun.

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



Bluesky LIFE Weekend

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

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### Did you know...

\* Next year's **Annual Convention** will be held March 27-29 at Camp Caroline. We plan to make it a family-friendly affair!

\*There were ten students at the LIFE Weekend at **Bluesky** in April.

\***Roni Lopez** of the Red Deer Spanish Mennonite Church has begun teaching Psalms 1-50 at their Saturday night Bible School.

\* **Pastor Jose Gurdian** met with new Spanish-speaking workers at Lakeside Packers in Brooks, and as a result 24 came to their service in Medicine Hat and 8 made a decision to follow Christ. Pray for them!

\* **Melvin and Priscilla Sayer** have resigned from their position in Ukraine. They will be returning in August, visiting supporters until December and then settling in Delaware near their children.

\*Plan to attend the **MCC Relief Sale** on July 4, 5 at Millenium Place in Sherwood Park, AB.

\* **The Coaldale Mennonite Church** is planning a trip to El Salvador for Jan. 6-31, 2009. They invite Spanish-speaking people from Northwest churches to join them. Contact Marg Humphrey at 403-634-9646 or [marg@infomarketgroup.com](mailto:marg@infomarketgroup.com).

\***West Zion** Mennonite Church has begun having a monthly Fellowship Meal after the morning service.

\*Churches! Send your leaders to the **Willow Creek Leadership Summit** on August 7, 8. Find out more at [www.growingleadership.com](http://www.growingleadership.com).

