

# Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter  
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## Introducing...Our 2011 NWMC Board

Our Annual Convention at Camp Caroline in March saw the completion of Charles Hansen's term of service and we thank him for his 5 years on the Board of which 4 years were valuable service as Moderator. We miss you, Charles!



## Moderator Mark Loewen

Mark has pastored the Salem Mennonite Church in Tofield for almost three years and has been on the NWMC Board for two. He and his wife Tammy have four children. His past input on the Board has been appreciated and we welcome him as our new Moderator.



**Ciro Serrano**—Ciro is a businessman from Red Deer but is presently Interim Pastor at the Calgary Hispanic Church. His passion is organizing and teaching Spanish Bible Courses and offering them to the Spanish Churches. He has been a Board Member since 2006.



**Jose Gurdian**—Jose Gurdian is the pastor of the Hispanic Church in Medicine Hat. He came to Canada in 2005 from Costa Rica and his passion for church planting and his leadership skill quickly became evident. This is his second year on our Board.



**Karin Duguid**—Karin and her husband Doug are part of West Zion Mennonite Church in Carstairs. She grew up as a "missionary kid" in Bonaire and she and Doug also served in Venezuela. They continue to find many ways to serve the Lord in Canada.



**Nathan Ramer**—Nathan is the Associate Pastor working with youth at the Duchess Mennonite Church and the Office Administrator. He and his wife Erin have 3 children. This is his second year on the Board and we have appreciated his insights.



**Hugo Cabezas**—Hugo is our newest member on the Board. He and his family have been an integral part of the Chestermere Hispanic Church for years and he lives in Airdrie with his wife Elizabeth. We welcome him to the Board.

# NEWS!

## Welcome to our Northwest Family!

We have two new Pastoral Families:



**Luis and Yadira Hernandez** and their teenage daughter Kimberly came to Canada in January from Costa Rica. Pastor Luis is pastoring the Spanish Christian Church in Red Deer.

**Aaron and Kate Kauffman** will be moving to Edson this summer from Chetwynd, B.C. where he will pastor the Edson Mennonite Church. The Kauffmans have four children: Ayva, 8, Willow, 6, Janna, 4, and Logan, 2.

## Engaged!

**Associate Pastor Tyler Braun** from the West Zion Church in Carstairs, AB, is engaged to **Amy Williams**. The wedding will take place on July 2 at West Zion. Amy works with an organization called "Peak", working with teens and young adults with disabilities. She is originally from England.

## El Salvador Project

At our Annual Convention \$1,670.50 was raised for a water well in Aleman, El Salvador. The organization Son-Beam International donated \$6,200. With other donations still coming in, the full cost should be covered. A hearty thank you for your participation in this project!

## Babies born...

\* To Associate Pastor **Nate and Erin Ramer** of Duchess a son named Zane-Marcus Charles born March 31 and weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz., a brother for Katrianne and Tessabella.

\* To **Ryan and Jeralyn Miller** a daughter named Elleya Grace, born April 6th, a sister to Ashlyn, Kyleigh and Silas. The Millers are missionaries in the Philippines, but are presently in Canada attending West Zion Church. They are planning to return to the Philipines this summer.

## Grandbabies...

\* Born to **Office Administrator Carol Gelleney** a grandson Maverick born in February and a granddaughter Kaytlin born in April. This makes 3 grandchildren for Carol and her husband Dan.

