

## pray for those in hospital

For current updates, please contact Pastor Ray Matheson  
[rmatheson@facalgary.com](mailto:rmatheson@facalgary.com)/403-212-8838. **PLEASE NOTE:** A funeral  
 service for Ray & Mora's mother, Kaye Matheson, will be held on  
**Tuesday, November 27**, at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

## yearend giving to Dec. 31, 2012

	Budget	Received	Req'd by Dec 31/12
General	\$2,707,500	\$1,562,860	1,144,640
Missions	503,060	320,949	182,111
Capital/Debt	682,200	334,010	348,190

The first time I left Congo was in 1983 when my husband and I came to North America for schooling. Following several more years of travelling back and forth for schooling, due to circumstances, we thought we were settled in Canada - until God called us to go serve Him full time in Congo. So, we left Calgary in 2007, leaving behind three of our children, and moved back to our homeland with the two youngest ones.

Most people in Congo live in poverty with limited opportunities. Women and children are the most marginalized. There are many hungry street children. Women are ranked at the bottom of most areas of human development. They lack access to good health care facilities, so many die during pregnancy and childbirth.

They lack access to education, so many women and girls are illiterate, therefore increasing gender inequality.

Praise the Lord this is not the end of the story! What captured my heart is that, although poor, my people have dreams of moving up a ladder. They understand and know that there is a better life for them and their children. So, how do we work and help so that these precious people of God may change their lives and reach their full potential? The truth of the matter is that God is at work through the Church. He is the one who has called my husband and me to join Him in what he is doing in Congo. Yes, lives are being changed.

*Written by Lau Kenzo*





## Welcome to FAC! Bienvenue à FAC (French)

### new or visiting?

If you'd like us to contact you with specific info, just fill out a **Contact Card** in the seat back in front of you. Also, pick up a **FIRSTLIFE catalogue** at the Info Desk for staff contacts and an overview of the church or visit: [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com)

### need prayer?

Request prayer through filling out a **Contact Card** located in the seat back in front of you; call our prayer hotline **1-877-677-2948**; or submit prayer requests online anytime: [www.faccalgary.com](http://www.faccalgary.com) (under **PRAYER**).

### get connected

Find a group of people you can meet with regularly to study God's word, pray and do life together! Drop by the **Life Connection Desk** on Main Street, or contact **Angela McCombs** 403-258-8289/[amccombs@faccalgary.com](mailto:amccombs@faccalgary.com).

### christmas production

"*The Gifts of the Magi*" is just around the corner on **December 6-9!** Reserved seating; tickets are \$10/ea., online under **EVENTS**. We want this to be a great experience for guests, so **we need LOTS of help with Guest Services!** Sign up to serve as greeters, ushers and parking assistants. Contact Roy McFadyen [rmcfadyen@faccalgary.com](mailto:rmcfadyen@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4360.

#### Christmas Café

Plan to enjoy a dessert & beverage with your guests after any of the performances of "The Gifts of the Magi" (**Dec. 6-9**). Café tickets: \$5 (limited seating), available online. Contact Noelle Bannister 403-258-4357 /[nbannister@faccalgary.com](mailto:nbannister@faccalgary.com).

### discoveryland kids

**Christmas Serve:** Help provide childcare during the **December 24** 3 pm & 5 pm services (Infants-3 yrs.), **December 29/30** or **January 5/6** (Infants-5 yrs.). Sign up to serve and make a difference! Stop by our table on Main Street or contact Crystal Sylvester [csylvester@faccalgary.com](mailto:csylvester@faccalgary.com)/403-258-8293.

### students

**Accelerate (Gr. 5-6)** Join us in Rm. 255 during weekend services! **Ugly Sweater Christmas Party @ Lazer Trek: December 14**, 6:30-9 pm, cost: \$15. Drop-off & pick-up @ 7905 Flint Rd SE. Contact Jon Caldwell [jcaldwell@faccalgary.com](mailto:jcaldwell@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4354.

**elevation (Gr. 7-9)** Join us Saturdays, 4:30 or 6:30 pm, Harvest Rms! **Christmas Production: December 5**, 7-9:30 pm @ FAC; no cost. Contact Dennis V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840.

#### Oxygen (Gr. 10-12)

**Worship: November 28**, 7-9:30 pm @ FAC. **O2 Hangout: November 30**, 7-10:30 pm in the Gym. Contact Jonathan Klein [jklein@faccalgary.com](mailto:jklein@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8851.

#### The Source (Young Adults)

**Christmas Banquet: December 17**, 6 pm in the Harvest Rooms (Formal Dress). Tickets: \$15 – deadline is **December 10**.

## thebig3

**Teen Challenge Christmas Tree** Pick a paper ornament from the tree marked on Main Street and return the requested item written on it before **NEXT SUNDAY** so we can encourage the men at the Priddis addiction recovery centre. For more info, contact Sharon Teichroeb [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847.

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**Yearend Giving** Prayerfully consider how you can financially lean in with us to what God is doing in our community and around the world through FAC. **Let's end 2012 with generous hearts!** For more info about giving to the church, contact Carey Thiessen [cthiessen@faccalgary.com](mailto:cthiessen@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8844.

### family life

#### Sisterhood: Women's Mentoring

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 7 pm in the Action Centre as women both young and old build relationships while going through the book, "True Womanhood 101". Next gathering is **December 3**. Contact Lynn Dutton [fairwyns@shaw.ca](mailto:fairwyns@shaw.ca)/403-279-6469.

#### Grief Support: Coping with the Holidays

If you've lost a loved one in the last few months, we invite you to an evening of support and resources to get you through the Christmas season on **Tuesday, December 4**, 7-9 pm in Harvest DE. Please RSVP to Janet Loewen [jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572. (No cost).

**DivorceCare** Are you dreading surviving the holidays without your spouse? You aren't alone! Join us **Wednesday, December 13**, 7-9 pm in Harvest AB for support and advice. Contact Janet [jloewen@faccalgary.com](mailto:jloewen@faccalgary.com)/403-252-7572. (No cost).

### super 7 Opportunities to Serve

**GRADE 1-4 SMALL GROUP LEADERS (month on/off)** Contact Dana Brown [dbrown@faccalgary.com](mailto:dbrown@faccalgary.com)/403-258-4358

**CAREGIVERS: 2 YR. OLDS' CLASS (Sundays)** Contact Meely Cho [mcho@faccalgary.com](mailto:mcho@faccalgary.com)/403-539-2253

**JR. HIGH SMALL GROUP LEADERS** Contact Dennis V. [dvel@faccalgary.com](mailto:dvel@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8840

**HARVEST HELP: CHRISTMAS CAFÉ (Dec. 5-9)** Contact Gail Hunter [ghunter@faccalgary.com](mailto:ghunter@faccalgary.com)/403-258-7245

**HARVEST HELP: YOUTH BANQUETS (Dec. 14, 17)** Contact Gail Hunter [ghunter@faccalgary.com](mailto:ghunter@faccalgary.com)/403-258-7245

**SHERWOOD BREAKFAST SHOPPER** Contact Sharon Teichroeb [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847

**SEASONAL COMMUNITY IMPACT HELP** Contact Sharon Teichroeb [steichroeb@faccalgary.com](mailto:steichroeb@faccalgary.com)/403-212-8847