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**Greetings and many thanks to our supporters, volunteers and PFC staff in other provinces, as we press in further to this new year of 2017.**

There have been some significant changes since the last newsletter. The federal institution at Bowden has continued to be the focus of PFC's ministry in Central Alberta, though the emphasis has now changed to pastoral replacement and assistance in Sunday services, rather than in tutoring of inmates taking Bible college courses. However, new developments are birthing as we look further north. We ask for your prayers for the Edmonton Institute for Women and the Edmonton Maximum as we seek to build new chapters of volunteers from local churches to serve these institutions. I have made two trips to the Edmonton area in the last six months and I am excited at the potential to grow PFC's ministry in this area. In addition, our existing chapter in Calgary has been very active. Having completed the orientation at the Calgary Correctional, I was able to accompany one bible study team as they shared with some inmates on Feb 4th.

Blessings!

**Tony Hilling**

Alberta Representative, PFC



CALGARY CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

**CAROL'S CORNER**

What comes to mind when I think of our Calgary Chapter and the amazing volunteers we have is the strong calling that each of them seem to have for this ministry. No matter what the situation or challenge they continue to persevere with a strong sense of purpose. I recall one of the women sharing about the blessings of a Chapel session and saying that she intends to be a "lifer" in this ministry because the love she feels for the inmates just continues to grow! There is no greater mission than to see the transformation take place as God uses us to introduce the inmates to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers!

**Volunteer Connection Feb 4:**

turned out to be one of the snowiest, coldest days but we had a turnout of about 18, including Deacon Mike Thompson (*CCC Chaplain*). We had a great time of fellowship, sharing and prayer as well as taking care of some new Institution policy/procedure changes.

**Currently**, we have 8 perspective volunteers waiting to join PFC and we hope to have Institute Orientations sometime in March or early April. We also have a PFC training scheduled for April.

**Carol Morris, PFC Chapter Director,**

Calgary Remand & Correctional Centres

**Bowden Institution**

**On November 25th 2016, Tony was able to assist the Bowden Institution Worship Band as they treated the Institution and the volunteers to a Christmas Concert.**

There was Christmas Carols, readings from the Word of God, and lots of Christmas goodies afterwards. Tony will also preach for the Sunday service on April 2nd and May 7th. Please keep him in your prayers.

## New Chapters Birthing in the North:

**As you look at a map of the PFC presence in Alberta, there is a significant concentration of volunteers in the Calgary region.**

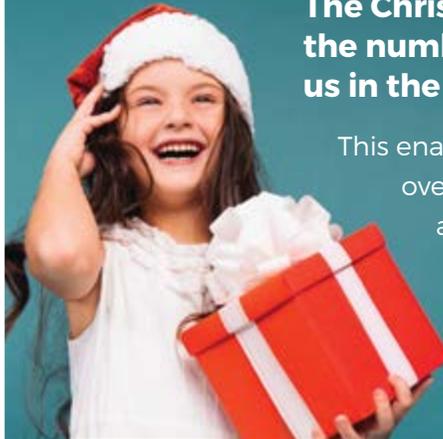
One of the aims of the ministry is to expand the roster of volunteers north of Calgary, towards Red Deer and Edmonton. The strategy was then a twin pronged approach of building relationships with Chaplains and connecting with churches in their proximity. Thus, Tony visited both the

Women's Institute and the Edmonton Maximum Security Institution on the Labor Day Weekend to do ministry. Presentations were then later made in Edmonton to a senior staff member of Beulah Alliance Church, and to a group of Baptist pastors and their Area Minister in the first week of December. Tony also made presentations at Victory Church in Red Deer on October 2nd and to the Innisfail Ministerial on November 17th. "Our goal is to see this bear fruit in the launch of new chapters of both in-prison and aftercare volunteers in Edmonton and Red Deer.



**ANGEL TREE**  
*Christmas*

Thanks you!



**The Christmas Season of 2016 saw an increase in the number of Alberta churches partnering with us in the Angel Tree Christmas Program.**

This enabled volunteers to help connect at Christmas over two hundred children with their parents who are incarcerated through the delivery of a gift on behalf of their parent. A big "Thank You" to Carol Morris, Brenda Hilling and the folks of Harvest Christian Fellowship who assisted Tony in the administration of the program.

**2016**  
**Facts**



We received applications for 214 children in Alberta to receive a Christmas gift through the program



There were 7 institutions from AB who participated in the program



25 local church and individual sponsors



**ANGEL TREE**  
*Camping*

**EVERY KID SHOULD EXPERIENCE CAMP!**

Help send a child with an incarcerated parent to a Christian camp this summer

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# Church Engagement

**October 2, 2016:**

Victory Church, Red Deer;  
 Bowden, Protestant Service

**November 6, 2016:**

Capstone Church, Calgary

**December 7, 2016:**

Beulah Alliance Church, Edmonton

**January 22, 2017:**

Resurrection Lutheran Brethren  
 Church, Camrose

**February 17, 2017:**

Ambrose University, Calgary,  
 with MB Mission.

**March 2017:**

**March 17,** Cochrane, Red Deer,  
 and Edmonton

**March 20,** PFC Orientation, Cochrane  
 Alliance Church, Cochrane, AB

**March 21,** PFC Orientation, Beulah  
 Alliance Church, Edmonton, AB

**March 22,** PFC Orientation, Victory  
 Church, Red Deer, AB



# Other Events

**March 20**  
**PFC Orientation**  
 Cochrane Alliance Church,  
 Cochrane, AB

PFC training to volunteers  
 in the area of Aftercare.  
 Also hope to connect  
 with the chaplains at the  
 Women's Institute and the  
 Edmonton Maximum.

Please keep these events in  
 your prayers.

**March 21**  
**PFC Orientation**  
 Beulah Alliance Church,  
 Edmonton, AB

**March 22**  
**PFC Orientation**  
 Victory Church, Red Deer, AB

# Future Developments

**A number of churches in the  
 Lethbridge/Medicine Hat area  
 approached PFC in the Fall seeking to  
 get involved in Angel Tree 2017.**



This seemed to invite a focus on the south of the  
 Province as an area for further activity in 2017. Before  
 the summer, Tony is planning to visit both Lethbridge  
 and Medicine Hat to connect with both chaplains  
 and churches in these cities. The goal is to develop  
 new volunteer chapters for aftercare and in-prison  
 ministry, and add new local church partners.



Jon Miller & Tony Hilling (right) with Ed & Gwen Lantz (left),  
 who are two of PFC's longest serving volunteers in Canada.

## Get Involved

### PRAY

Join our national prayer network by subscribing to our monthly prayer calendar on our website.

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### VOLUNTEER

Be a part of a Bible study

Be an Angel Tree sponsor

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Visit Prisoners

Start/Join an Aftercare program

