

MISSIONS FEST UPDATE

**FALL / WINTER
2011**

"Missions Fest Alberta is a member of the International Fellowship of Missions Conferences"
www.missionsfellowship.org

CULTURAL CONNECT*

*Missions Fest Alberta's Third Annual Fundraiser

EDMONTON
Saturday, September 24th - 6:00 p.m.
West Edmonton Christian Assembly
6315 - 199 St

CALGARY
Friday, October 14th - 7:00 p.m.
Foothills Alliance Church
333 Edgemark Blvd NW



Guest Speaker:
WAGDI ISKANDER

**Singing in Many
Languages**

**Silent
Auction**

- No Admission Fee - Invite your family & friends - Free-Will Offering -

Pictures below are from Cultural Connect 2010



Attendees check out the Silent Auction items.



An amazing night of worship in many languages, updates from around the world and an inspiring message from Bob Gal.



Canadian Bible Society provided a display of international flags and Bibles in many languages.



Missions Fest's goal is to help individuals find the place where their interests and abilities can best be put to use in the Great Harvest.

Three-Fold Purpose:

to inform and celebrate what God is doing all over the world;
to educate Christians about their responsibility and involvement in world evangelization and missions;
to challenge believers to pray, give, send, and go.

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MISSIONS FEST ALBERTA 2012

February 24 - 26

"The World is My Neighbor"

Shaw Conference Centre 9797 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

FAMILY CONFERENCE - NO REGISTRATION - FREE WILL OFFERINGS

Conference Activities Include:

Prayer Room; 160 Exhibitors & feature area: International Street; Leaders' Luncheon; Mission Project; Resources; Festival Stage; General Assemblies; Sing to the Nations; Seminars; Praying for the Nations; Children's Activities: *Ages 2-5 & Grades 1-6*; Youth & Young Adults: *Friday & Saturday Assemblies, KINDLE, JOLT & Missions Cinema* and MFA Intensive Training Day: *Connections for Women & Marketplace Connection.*

2012 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Vince Antonucci
Verve,
Las Vegas

Vince Antonucci grew up in a home with a Jewish mother and a father who was addicted to gambling. He became a Christian out of this completely non-Christian background while trying to prove the Bible false during his time in college. Ever since, his passion has been reaching the "lostest of the lost," prompting him to give up a career in law to become a pastor. He was the founding Pastor of Forefront Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, a church where 72% of the people who attend were previously unchurched unbelievers. In his eleven years of ministry there, the church saw about 1,000 people make first-time decisions for Christ and be baptized. In those years, Forefront planted seven churches and adopted an unreached people group in southeast Asia.

In 2010, Vince moved to Las Vegas where he started a new church, *Verve*, in the heart of the city, just off the Vegas strip. *Verve* has a conference called "Vault" for pastors who want to reach truly unchurched non-Christians. (www.vaultconference.com). In addition, Vince is also part of a nonprofit that is doing humanitarian aid work in remote villages in Vietnam and is part of starting a new non-profit that will be doing community service to meet needs on and around the Vegas strip. He is also involved in a stand-up comedy show in Las Vegas.



Asmick Jean-Jacques
LaCorde-Youth Unlimited,
Montreal

Asmick Jean-Jacques is a pastor, father of four children, guardian of two nieces and one nephew, football coach and youth worker. He works in an under-privileged area of Montreal where delinquency and poverty are very prominent.

Asmick comes from a very troubled background, being involved in gangs for 15 years. His antisocial ideologies, his delinquency and his violent behaviour brought him to the forefront of organized crime. His life as a "gangster," which today seems to attract so many young people, resulted in nine years of incarceration at various institutions.

"We are a product of our choices," declares Asmick wherever he speaks. His life choices made him a hardened, active, well-known, dangerous, and

violent criminal. His poor choices led him to foster homes, prison in isolation, the hospital and very close to death. But one day, Asmick made another choice. This choice changed his life completely and beat all statistics. There was ONE choice that changed everything—a living relationship with the person of Jesus Christ.



David Macfarlane
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
Canada

David Macfarlane is Director of National Initiatives for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada. Born in Uruguay, Latin America, David came to Canada as an executive with the American Express Corporation before spending over two decades on the front lines of ministry through local Canadian churches, which all grew significantly through prayerful strategic outreach. Today David travels extensively as a conference speaker and his practical, creative, and surprisingly humorous presentations have become popular with organizations who value revitalization, relevance and a desire to position themselves to "engage their world" in new ways.

David says, *"In the cynical, post-modern and post-Christian culture of Canada today 'breaking out of the church' so our neighbours can see our faith as well as hear about it, reminds us of Jesus' Great Commission to 'go into all the world.' As my friend Michael Green said to me: 'David, we must let our light shine as long as we also tell them Who lit the light.'"* Good advice!



Maralee Dawn
Author, Speaker, Master Ventriloquist & TV Host ~ Passionate Women and Maralee Dawn & Friends

Maralee Dawn has been sharing the love of God with women and children for more than 25 years. Through her television shows, in person at churches and conferences, or on the mission field, Maralee portrays a passion for people; she has touched the lives of countless thousands around the world.

An ordained minister, Maralee is also an author, recording artist, master ventriloquist and host of two television programs. *Passionate Women* features interviews with fascinating women from all walks of life. Her award-winning children's program, *Maralee Dawn & Friends*, is loaded with Bible-based fun with Maralee and her cadre of lovable puppets.

In addition to leading her own international ministry, Maralee's ministry experience includes five years with Campus Crusade for Christ Canada (now called Power to Change), as well as seven years as a children's pastor. She has ministered in more than 30 countries and has led youth and adults onto the mission field to join her in crusades, teaching, and missionary support.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday - February 24	Saturday - February 25	Sunday - February 26
9:00 am - 9:30 pm Prayer Room Open	9:00 am - 9:30 pm Prayer Room Open 9:00 am Exhibit Hall Open All Day	9:00 am If you are visiting us from out of town, please feel free to attend a Sunday Morning Service at one of our Sponsoring Churches in the area. Check out our website for the complete list.
9:00 am - 11:30 am **Intensive Training Day Connections for Women, or Marketplace Connection (pre-registration required)	9:30 - Noon Children's Programs	10:00 am
11:45 am **Leaders' Luncheon Guest Speaker: Vince Antonucci (Ticket required)	9:30 am - 10:45 am *General Assembly David Macfarlane	11:00 am
1:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open until 10 pm	9:30 am - 10:45 am Youth / Young Adults "JOLT"	12:00 pm
1:40 pm - 4:30 pm **Intensive Training Day Connections for Women, or Marketplace Connection (Afternoon Sessions)	11:00 am - Noon Seminars	12:30 pm - 6:00 pm Prayer Room Open 12:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open until 5:30 pm Visit the many activities in the Exhibit Hall.
Visit the Exhibitors and Feature Areas. Have a bite to eat in the Exhibit Hall or Canada Place Food Court. Stop by Festival Stage, Books and CD/DVD Sales.	12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Missions Cinema (bring your lunch)	1:00 pm
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Children's Programs	1:30 pm - 5:30 pm Children's Programs	1:30 pm - 4:45 pm Children's Programs
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm *General Assembly David Macfarlane	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Seminars	1:45 pm Worship & Testimonies
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm *Youth & YA Night Asmick Jean-Jacques	2:45 pm - 4:00 pm *Youth & Young Adult Assembly Vince Antonucci	2:15 pm - 3:30 pm *General Assembly David Macfarlane
Visit the Exhibitors & Feature Areas. Sign up for Praying for the Nations.	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Seminars	3:00 pm Visit the Exhibit Hall one more time.
9:55 pm - 11:00 pm Youth & YA - KINDLE	Visit the Exhibitors; eat in the Exhibit Hall or Canada Place Food Court.	4:00 pm
10:00 pm Exhibit Hall Closes	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Children's Programs	4:45 pm - 4:45 pm Seminars
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm *General Assembly Asmick Jean-Jacques	5:30 pm Exhibit Hall Closes
	Visit the Exhibit Hall and sign up for Praying for the Nations.	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Children's Programs
	9:30 pm Exhibit Hall Closes	5:45 pm - 8:00 pm * Closing General Assembly & Sing to the Nations "Worship in many Languages" Vince Antonucci
		6:00 pm
		7:00 pm
		8:00 pm
		9:00 pm
		10:00 pm
		Conference concludes -- see you at Missions Fest Alberta 2013 February 22 - 24 "Reaching a World in Crisis"

*Join in the spirit of worship 10 minutes before each General Assembly. **Pre-Conference Registration or Tickets Required.

No Registration is required for the conference (except for noted** activities). **Free-will offerings** will be taken during Assemblies and at the Donation Centres throughout the weekend.

The Missions Fest Alberta 2012 Resource Magazine has all the conference details; it will be available after January 22 at our Sponsoring Churches or at the Missions Fest Alberta Office. The magazine will also be available at the Conference.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

FRIDAY **Y/YA Night** - 7:00 pm, Guest Speaker: Asmick Jean-Jacques & Worship with Terrell Edwards & Reach.

KINDLE "ignite, excite, inspire" - 9:55 pm, a night of Comedy and Worship with Vince Antonucci and HOLLE.

SATURDAY **JOLT** - 9:30 am, an interactive session led by Global Youth Missions.

Missions Cinema - 12:15 pm, bring your lunch.

Y/YA Assembly - 2:45 pm, Guest Speaker: Vince Antonucci & Worship with Terrell Edwards & Reach.

Check out all the other conference activities: Seminars, Exhibit Hall, Missions Project, Festival Stage, General Assemblies & Sing to the Nations.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Friday evening through Sunday (except mealtimes.)

Ages 2 - 5: Activities with Kids Travel Company and a variety of other presenters.

Grades 1 - 6: Children's Speaker - Maralee Dawn; Friday and Saturday Evening "MF Mission Tours" - simulated Safari and various other activities.

HOTEL, FOOD, PARKING

Hotel: The Westin 1-800-228-3000. Ask for the Missions Fest 2012 rate.

Food: Canada Place Food Court--details in the Resource Magazine. "Snack food" vendors will be in the Exhibit Hall.

Parking: Special conference rates in Canada Place. (LRT & ETS access)

INTENSIVE TRAINING DAY

"Intensive Training Day" will be held on Friday, February 24 and will include a variety of sessions, a visit to the Exhibit Hall and the Leaders' Luncheon.

CONNECTIONS FOR WOMEN

These sessions are for women of all ages. The greatest untapped resource in the church today is ...women. As we pray for each other, the Holy Spirit will empower us and release us in all fullness to do Kingdom work on the mission field, at home, and beyond. We are pleased to welcome Keynote Speaker Maralee Dawn along with several other gifted women who will give Godly direction and advice.

MARKETPLACE CONNECTION

Especially designed for: Christian Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Management Teams, Professionals, Career & Tradespeople and Christians in the working world. In these sessions, Keynote Speaker David Macfarlane and a number of other business entrepreneurs will be speaking from their own spiritual and business experience.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Pre-registration is required to attend the "Intensive Training Day." For registration information and costs please visit website or call the Missions Fest office for more information.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Missions Fest Alberta gratefully receives some of its funding from exhibitors and sponsoring churches.

The remainder of our support comes from individuals who strongly believe in the value of the conference for building up the Body of Christ. We deeply appreciate those who faithfully stand with this ministry each year.

To assist Missions Fest Alberta financially throughout the year, please donate by mail, on our secure website, or at the office by Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa, Master Card or AMEX.

Preauthorized monthly giving by credit card can be arranged by contacting the office.

Other Options . . .

Other ways to help us out could include auctions, car washes or other fundraising events hosted by your church, youth group, small group, etc. Please contact us with your fundraising ideas so we can continue to work together for the harvest.

FEBRUARY IS GLOBAL AWARENESS MONTH

- host an ethnic dinner and prayer night
- read about a missionary
- send letter, email or package to a missionary family
- have a missionary speak at your church, Bible study, kids' club or youth group
- invite an international student to your home
- research and pray for an unreached people group
- shop at an ethnic store
- explore missions resources on the internet
- pray each day for a specific country
- volunteer at Missions Fest

**GET YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS
& CHURCH INVOLVED...**

.... ATTEND MISSIONS FEST

PRAYER FOCUS

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- encouraging our hearts to reach the lost.
- a continued spirit of co-operation among 100 Sponsoring Churches across Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.
- giving us fresh vision.
- testimonies of individuals whose lives have been changed because of the influence of Missions Fest.
- the many individuals who financially support Missions Fest Alberta at the conference and during the year.

- representatives from sponsoring churches.
- anointing in promoting missions in churches.
- wisdom in choosing areas in which to serve.
- greater awareness of missions in our churches as we seek to work in unity to proclaim Jesus to the whole world.
- publicity and promotion of Missions Fest Alberta so that more churches will hear and get involved in world evangelism.
- financial blessing to meet our budget.
- Missions Fest Alberta 2012, February 24-26.
- the salvation of billions still in need of Jesus.

PRAY FOR:

- wisdom for the Staff, Planning Team and Board as they plan and prepare for the conference.
- the volunteers who are so invaluable to Missions Fest Alberta.

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send thousands of laborers from this region and that Jesus Christ will be honored and glorified in all that is done.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, November 13, 2011 - "Victorious In Christ"

Pray for us ...

This is the plea of persecuted Christians around the world. Today around the world over 200 million are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. Each year, Canadians join with Christians in over 130 countries to stand in prayer with our suffering sisters and brothers for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).

Revelation 2:3 & 7

3 "You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary."
7 "Whoever has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

Order a Resource Kit today to help your church or group observe IDOP.

IDOP Canada, 613-233-9868 x325 Email: idop@efc-canada.com Web: www.idop.ca

TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

**YOU, Your Family & Friends are Invited to help make
Missions Fest Alberta 2012 a great success!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Church: _____

Previous Volunteer: Yes ___ No ___

Areas for which I wish to volunteer: *(Please circle your preferences.)*

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Attendance Count | 6. Information Host | 11. Seminar Host |
| 2. Children (Gr. 1-6) | 7. Move-In/Out | 12. A/V Production |
| 3. Children (Ages 2-5) | 8. Office Help (pre-conference) | 13. CD/DVD Sales |
| 4. Decorating | 9. Prayer | 14. Usher |
| 5. Facilities | 10. Praying for the Nations | |

Mail to: Missions Fest Alberta 14323 - 107 A Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5N 1G2;
Fax to: 780-451-0643 or Scan and Email to: info@mfest.ab.ca

What Should I Do Now?

1. **PRAY** for guidance regarding the job(s) where you could share or offer your gifts.
2. **FILL OUT THE APPLICATION:**
 - Neatly print all the requested information in the spaces provided and circle area of interest.
 - Mail, Fax or Email to Missions Fest.
 - You will be contacted in January for scheduling.
3. **MARK YOUR 2012 CALENDAR:**
February 24 - 26, 2012 - Missions Fest Alberta
4. **PRAY FOR:**
 - the salvation of non-believers who come to Missions Fest out of curiosity, that they may see the evidence of "Christ in you, the hope of glory."
 - new workers who will be recruited and sent into "the fields white unto harvest."
 - participating churches and people attending the conference.
 - Missions Fest Board and staff, planning committee, volunteers, seminar presenters, youth and children's ministries, mission representatives and keynote speakers.
5. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**
Call Missions Fest Alberta at 780-451-0080.