

Ministry Spouses Network Newsletter

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LOOK UP!



Dear Friends:

August 1st began a wonderful new chapter in the life of our Western Canadian District. Brent Trask began his tenure as our District Superintendent. Just last week his wife Mandy and I

had an opportunity to talk and pray together. It allowed us both to get to know each other a bit better. Times of transition are exciting and challenging all at the same time. It's no small thing to oversee a District of churches. Lately, Mandy has been contemplating Colossians 3: 1 - 2. She likes the way this verse reads in The Message: "Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ..." This is a well chosen verse for all of us. We need to see our lives from God's point of view! What a wonderful vantage point, to view our lives from heaven!

Brent and Mandy have three children. Rebecca is currently completing an internship with the Salvation Army in Kuwait. Stephanie, is beginning the second year of her nursing degree at U of C and Michael, is entering grade twelve. The exciting news of the summer is that Stephanie just became engaged, so wedding plans are in the works!

Mandy's family is mostly in Ontario, where she grew up. She tells me that her parents became believers when she was in her teens and they attended Rexdale Alliance in Toronto. Mandy became a Christ follower, around the age of 16, shortly after her parents' did. In her late teens, she felt a distinct call to ministry which led her to pursue training in Regina at our Alliance College, CBC. She met Brent in Regina and in 1986 they moved to Calgary as church planters. They continued to minister in Calgary as the church became established and developed into a multisite campus called RockPointe.

Mandy loves music and finds a lot of joy as she teaches a pre-school music program through a company called Gymboree. She's been part of Gymboree Music for several years now. Throughout their time in congregational ministry, Mandy has been involved in women's ministry and worship. She has considered it a blessing to participate in several overseas trips and has enjoyed connecting with our International workers over the last years.

Reading, and a good visit with friends over a cup of coffee are some of Mandy's favourite things. She enjoys history and is currently enjoying reading a book called The Celtic Way of Evangelism and another popular book (that has just been released as a movie) called The Help. Let's all join with Mandy and pray that the Lord directs us to "look up" and use our lives to fulfill His purposes.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Chotka
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Colossians 3: 1 - 2

"Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ-that's where the action is. See things from his perspective."

TRANSFORM

join the movement!



Save the Date!

September 17th, 2011

LIVE LIGHT

Fall 2011 Ministry Spouse Retreat
Location: Southridge Community Church
5701 41 Street
Lloydminster, AB

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Contact Elizabeth for more information at
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