



# Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

## Bethel Eritrean Church Grand Opening!



“Surely the LORD is in this place.  
He called that place Bethel.”

July 1st—Canadians celebrated 150 years as a nation with food, fireworks and many festivities. What an appropriate day for **Bethel Eritrean Evangelical Church in Edmonton** to celebrate the opening of their new building. Adults, kids, and youth filled the auditorium (300+) with song, dance, reports, prayers, presentations, and a challenge from the Word (thankfully we had some translators next to us!).

Through the years the congregation had raised over \$250,000 and continue giving their pledged commitments; they invested endless work hours in renovations above that! The MB Conference provided the balance for their mortgage!

On behalf of the conference, I shared with them that their faith, prayer, commitment to the church, reaching the lost, and to sustain difficult times, were much needed in our present reality. We are looking to them as part of our family to help us in our church and spiritual health.

The formal celebration lasted at least 4 hours! And then came the food—lots of it! From the traditional Eritrean/Ethiopian meals to the Italian pastas and salads, none of us when home hungry. But the real lasting impact of this day was that clearly God was honored and glorified!

Bethel has opened their doors for our next **provincial convention on April 15-16**. Come prepared for celebration in Jesus...and lots of food!

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