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- **GAIL MISEK** • For many years, I yearned to attend a Christian school, but couldn't. Now that God has given me the opportunity to assist a Christian university with preparing young lives for service, I feel God-led. I feel His peace.

I have been committed to helping students follow their dreams, aspirations, and calling throughout my career. Books brought the world to my elementary school children. They learned a greater understanding of and compassion for those different from themselves—qualities basic to the peace and justice that are so scarce in today's world. Burman University is a “united nations microcosm” where students and faculty from many different countries study and work together. The new library will serve professors and students in their quest for learning, connecting, and belonging.



- **MURRAY AND ELAINE (BABIUK) SANKEY** • When we met at Burman, we discovered that we had much in common. Both “prairie kids,” we partnered with Murray's parents after graduating and grew Little Gem Ranches Ltd near Veteran, AB, where we still live.

Burman is a place that nurtures leadership and relationship building—with each other, the community, and our heavenly Father. We are excited to help foster the growth and development of an institution that we hold in high regard. We are especially pleased with the opportunity to recognize the Fitch family's many contributions by naming the upper commons in the library the ‘Fitch Commons.’

- **ELVIN SARUK AND GRACE FEDAK** • We are both grounded in Canada and believe that success often comes from valuing what is close at hand. We have seen many who, because of their Burman education, have dedicated themselves to lives of service.

Our financial support will help ensure that Burman can continue in its mission to “educate students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion and competence.” With God's blessings, the new library will enhance education at Burman University so that students can more fully represent the character of Jesus and walk in His footsteps.



President,
SDA Church in Canada

- **MARK JOHNSON** • For more than a century, Burman University has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and around the world. More than 400 Burman alumni dedicated their lives to foreign missions in more than 100 countries. More than 300 student missionaries travelled around the globe to share God's love with others. Burman's legacy is remarkable!

Of all our current pastors in Canada, 114 were trained in Burman's classrooms, as were 39 of our support staff and administrators. And 172 teachers (47 percent of the workforce in our schools) are Burman alumni. As President of the Church in Canada, I am grateful to this university. Thanks to Burman, the church is stronger and more vibrant. We applaud its vision for excellence in service.

- **MARCIA (BELL) AND KELVIN HILL** • We came from Nova Scotia and Alberta to Burman and wouldn't have met had it not been for this school. Our time on the hilltop provided us with many good experiences. Professors with remarkable patience helped us succeed academically. We also developed friendships that are still valued today.

For 21 years we lived in the United States. The people were lovely, and the opportunities numerous; but we never felt quite at home, leading us to return to Canada. Now, the importance of a Canadian university for Canadian students is obvious to us. Supporting the new library provides ways to thank Burman for contributing richly to our lives and gives an opportunity to honour our loved ones.

