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# The Disappearing Cloud

by William Olson

It was one of those picture perfect days. The sky was such a bright blue. The mountains stood out so clear and distinct against that perfect unpolluted sky, and the snow on them appeared so white. A few wool-white clouds drifted lazily. The fresh air had a hint of the smell of the pine trees just below us.

Several friends and I were on a horse pack trip high in the Canadian Rockies. It was lunch time, and we had stopped in an alpine meadow to let the horses graze and rest while we enjoyed our food. I had thrown off my chaps and, using them as a blanket between me and the cool damp earth, was now lying back on them looking up into that blue, blue sky.

As I looked, I noticed that the winds aloft were playing games with those fluffy white clouds, moving them about and changing their positions and shapes. And then I noticed it—something I had not seen happen before. A portion of one cloud broke away, perhaps enticed by a gust of wind. I watched it drift away, now a little cloud all on its own. But, as I watched it slowly began to fade and then, right there before my eyes, it just disappeared. The little cloud was no more. It was gone! It had simply evaporated into the air of that pure sky. Yet, the main cloud from which it had drifted was still very much there.

I turned and, looking at my friends engaged in friendly chatter, thought to myself how good it was to be with them as a group. Why a trip out here into these mountains alone would not be half the fun, if any at all. The companionship

of these, my friends, added a special dimension, giving the trip a sense of security and stability. And, besides their friendship, they sure were a lot of help in making camp, preparing food, packing the horses and such. There was something so reassuring just having them nearby. We needed each other.

Those of us who are parents know the feeling of family togetherness. How good it is to have all of our children together at home, eating at the same table, being under the same roof, sharing in family worship, and traveling and vacationing together! However, children grow up and leave home—go away to school, take employment, or get married—and things are just not the same without them. We want the best for our children. We want them to establish their own homes and contribute to our church and to society. We want them to live meaningful lives and not leave home and just fade into “thin air.” Alienation and separation are avoided through maintaining family contacts, through the support of each family member and a continuing togetherness when all come together again for family events like anniversaries, birthday parties, weddings, and even funerals. There is strength and solidarity in the family togetherness. We may have been apart, but we have not been divided as a family.

I have noticed a special togetherness in our church family, too. This past summer I have had the opportunity to attend a couple of Campmeetings. How good it is to see church family members and old friends gathering

together in clusters between and after meetings, laughing, visiting and enjoying good fellowship together! Campmeetings offer such good opportunities for personal and spiritual support. Sadly, some are conspicuous by their absence and when the cause is a drifting away from the church family, there is the very real possibility that they have just simply disappeared like the little cloud I watched from my mountain vantage point on that beautiful summer day. Winds of discord push some church members away, and it calls for all the love we can muster to draw them back before they, too, are lost in oblivion. Just like the absence of a member of our immediate family that leaves a void and a longing for their return, so should the absence of a church family member affect us. We need each other in the church, and the church needs us.

Jesus told the story of the prodigal son who left the fellowship and love of his family. This young man thought it would be so much better to be on his own enjoying what the world had to offer, but he, too, almost disappeared into a life of despair. How warmly did his waiting father welcome him when “he came to his senses.” How happy I am that we have a heavenly Father who, along with the angels, rejoices when we come back to Him! How glad I am that I have a church family that is always there—waiting and welcoming those who return home! ■

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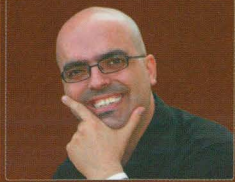
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## TEENTALK

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**DRUG-FREE  
SCHOOL  
ZONE**

# No Deal!

**I've been transferred to this new school. It's been quite hard to make new friends but I finally got a few. The problem is that they do drugs. Not a big deal, though, because they're only soft drugs, but still, I feel kinda weird. I'm considering giving it a try from time to time, nothing serious. I just don't want to lose these friends! Do you think I'll be OK?**

Nope. There's nothing OK about doing drugs, no matter how "soft" they are. Believe me, I know what I'm saying. I went through a similar experience when I was 15. The difference is that I didn't ask for advice. I just did it. It started very small, but then my "friend" and I tried to make some business with it. I hurt many people in the process—classmates, teachers, my parents, and my sister—and it didn't do me any good, either.

I know it's not easy to be the new kid. You don't know who to trust, and making new friends seems like such a huge deal. And to make it worse, that's precisely the time when you most need a friend by your side. Don't let that genuine need blur your mind. Stay firm and be patient. Not all opportunities to make new friends should be taken. Wait till you find a person that can make you grow and with whom your conscience is 100% at ease.

Remember: hugs, not drugs.

## Josue's Pick

<http://www.whatsyourantidrug.com>  
Real stories from teens that said "no" to drugs.

## Hands On

Get enrolled into some sports programs. Most students that play those sports (like athletes) are very health conscious. It is very unlikely that your new friends there will be into drugs.

# Creation Corner for Kids



## Common Loon

On northern lakes largely undisturbed by human activity, you are likely to encounter the Common Loon. Shy of people, the Common Loon is most well-known for its mournful call which seems to embody loneliness. It is unforgettable.

While resting in our canoe on quiet lakes, we have often come across these birds and have paused to listen to them call. Often a pair of loons will fish a little way apart from one another, calling to each other whenever they surface. If we keep our distance and remain quiet, we can watch and listen for a while. Sharing a peaceful moment with the loons is supreme tranquility.

### Think about it.

Our world is such a busy place. With all the things that vie for our attention, we really do need to make a special effort to ensure some peace and quiet for ourselves. That's why the Sabbath is so important. It's a gift of unbusy time that God has set aside for us, to spend with Him.

*"Be still, and know that I am God..." (Psalm 46:10, KJV).*



### Do it.

Take a technology break for a day. Shut off the stereo, TV, computer, electronic games, telephones, personal music and message devices and all the other gizmos that divide your attention. Get outside: breathe, walk, stretch out on the grass and thank God for peace and rest.



—Tammie Burak writes from Cherry Grove, Alta., where she enjoys studying nature with her husband, Randolph, and their three children, Samuel, Emily, and Joshua.

# the shortness of time

In late August my wife and I experienced what thousands of parents experienced before us—dropping off our firstborn child at university.

by Barry W. Bussey

It is difficult to describe the emotions that went through my mind—one of those “hard to explain unless you go through it yourself” kind of situations. On the one hand, I was proud of my girl’s accomplishments and very excited for her new adventure—meeting new friends, attending a larger school, being more responsible—but on the other hand, I shook my head in disbelief at the passage of time.

As a family we stood on the lawn in front of Wright Hall at Southern Adventist University and formed our traditional Friday night prayer circle; we held hands and bowed our heads, like so many times before when we ushered in another Sabbath. Standing in the shade of a tree away from the warm southern sun, I offered a prayer of blessing on our daughter whom we were about to leave behind.

As I began the prayer, my wife was shedding some of her motherly tears, my little university girl was also “leaking a tear or two,” and my two sons were simply watching the whole scene with a stoic demeanour. I started out brave enough, my voice hardly wavering, but then I suddenly had a flashback to an August morning only 17 years before when, at the Braccbridge hospital, I held in my arms for the first time a newborn girl. The most precious thing in the world. In fact, the term ‘precious’ has stuck; I still call her that to this day. In the midst of the flashback I could still feel her little body moving about as only newborns can do, yet here I was about to leave her at university. It simply could not be! It was then that the Niagara

flowed. I could not continue with the prayer. Big brave Dad was no longer so brave; he became an emotional basket-case like his girls. My university girl continued the prayer and asked the Lord to be with her Mom and Dad!

It has often been said that the two constant things in life are death and taxes. I would add a third—change. Things simply change. Our life changes from one day to the next. In our home a new era has begun; our little girl is “little” no longer but instead a young woman who is seeking to find her place in the Lord’s providence. I am reminded, yet again, that while life is a journey, not a race, it is a relatively short journey. Our time on the earth is so brief that it behoves us to take it seriously. The years come and go with such rapidity that it is frightening. During her senior years, my grandmother used to say that she still thought as if she were only 18. I considered it a strange concept as a young child. Now I am beginning to understand.

Throughout Scripture the Lord made numerous references to the shortness of time: “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come” (Matt. 24:42). “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap” (Luke 21:34).

It is the recognition of the brevity of our sojourn that prods us forward to live our lives for the glory of God rather than for ourselves. Despite all that may be happening in the world our focus is to be set toward the “end game,” that Event that will end the very concept of time, when we will no longer have to worry about goodbyes—or sending our children away to university. ■

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# EarthTalk

► Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that nothing really “biodegrades” in a landfill?—*Laura, via e-mail*

Organic substances “biodegrade” when they are broken down by other living organisms (such as enzymes and microbes) into their constituent parts, and in turn recycled by nature as the building blocks for new life. The process can occur aerobically (with the aid of oxygen) or anaerobically (without oxygen). Substances break down much faster under aerobic conditions, as oxygen helps break the molecules apart.

Most landfills are fundamentally anaerobic because they are compacted so tightly and thus do not let much air in. As such, any biodegradation that does take place does so very slowly. “Typically in landfills, there’s not much dirt, very little oxygen, and few if any microorganisms,” says green consumer advocate and author Debra Lynn Dadd. She cites a landfill study conducted by University of Arizona researchers that uncovered still-recognizable 25-year-old hot dogs, corn cobs and grapes in landfills, as well as 50-year-old newspapers that were still readable.

Biodegradable items also may not break down in landfills if the industrial processing they went through prior to their useful days converted them into forms unrecognizable by the microbes and enzymes that facilitate biodegradation. A typical example is petroleum, which biodegrades easily and quickly in its original form, crude oil. But when petroleum is processed into plastic, it is no longer biodegradable, and as such can clog up landfills indefinitely.

Some manufacturers make claims that their products are photodegradable, which means that they will biodegrade

when exposed to sunlight. A popular example is the plastic “polybag” in which many magazines now arrive protected in the mail. But the likelihood that such items will be exposed to sunlight while buried dozens of feet deep in a landfill is little to none. And if they do biodegrade at all, it is only likely to be into smaller pieces of plastic.

Some landfills are now being designed to promote biodegradation through the injection of water, oxygen, and even microbes. But these kinds of facilities are costly to create and as a result have not caught on. Another recent development involves landfills that have separate sections for compostable materials, such as food scraps and yard waste. Some analysts believe that as much as 65 percent of the waste currently sent to landfills in North America consists of such “biomass” that biodegrades rapidly and could generate a new income stream for landfills, marketable soil.

But getting people to

sort their trash accordingly is another matter entirely. Indeed, paying heed to the importance of the environment’s “Three Rs” (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!) is likely the best approach to solving the problems caused by our ever-growing piles of trash. With landfills around the world reaching capacity, technological fixes are not likely to make our waste disposal problems go away. ■



## Got an environmental question?

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Find more info at Environment Canada's "4 R's" page: [www.atl.ec.gc.ca/udo/reuse.html](http://www.atl.ec.gc.ca/udo/reuse.html)

Let those who attend committee meetings remember that they are...

# meeting with God<sup>1</sup>

Nearly 200 delegates from the national church body gathered at Kingsway College on September 15-18 anxious to direct our business for the next 5 years, but early in the proceedings all were reminded that such meetings hold a higher purpose. Throughout the weekend, worship speakers Don Schneider and Roscoe Howard III of the NAD, Mansfield Edwards of the Ontario Conference, and Bob Lemon of the General Conference led the group towards the “reverence and consecration of heart”<sup>2</sup> that was appropriate for this divine appointment.

When the business portion of the weekend began, the nominating committee did its work quickly and was ready to make a partial report by Sabbath evening. Spontaneous applause broke out when Randy Barber, secretary of the nominating committee, announced that groups’ recommendation to return Dan Jackson to the presidential post. This positive feeling was continued in balloting—151 “yes” votes to 6 “no.” The other two officers of the church in Canada—Nilton Amorim, Secretary/Vice President for Administration and John Ramsay, Treasurer/Vice President for Finance—were also re-elected by wide margins: 149-4 and 155-3 respectively. Elected personnel—Dennis Marshall, education; Juanita Longman, Health Benefits; Joyce Jones, undertreasurer; Marilyn Pazitka, retirement; and Barry Bussey, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty—were all returned to their respective duties.

The content of the officer’s reports was given in August’s special issue of the *Messenger*, but each delivered an abbreviated version to the delegates, emphasizing one or two points of interest:

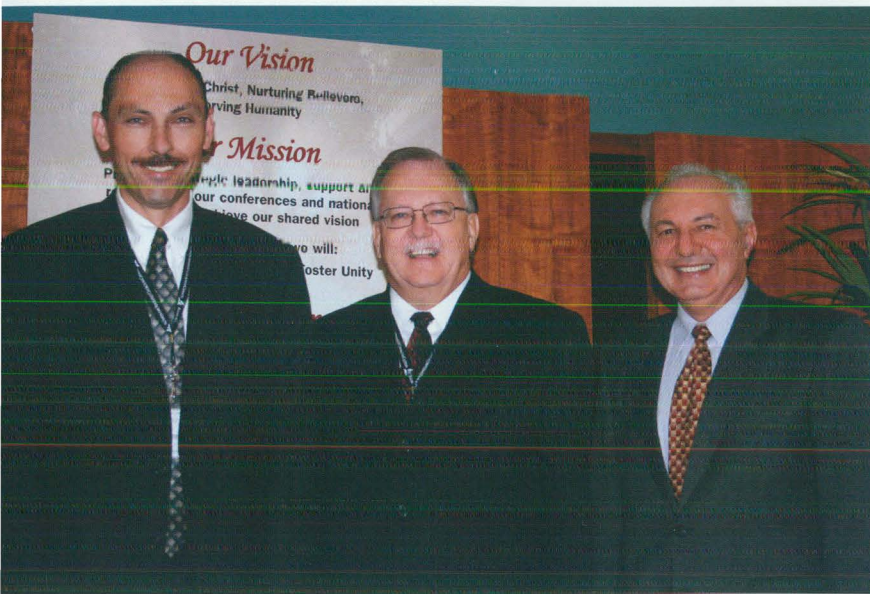
- The President highlighted the “Tell Canada” initiative and expressed his desire for the church to find creative ways of reaching our non-Christian neighbours. One such way may be seen in his proposal of the development of a church-run website for children, a first step in providing alternatives to “the Hogwart’s School of Witchcraft” and other secular sites that vie for our children’s minds.
- The VP Administration told delegates of the impact of intra-national migration on the membership numbers from each conference. While taking encouragement from the number of new baptisms, he urged delegates to consider ways for the church to “close the back door” as the church loses approximately 500 members each year to apostasy.
- The VP Finance expressed deep appreciation for the work of local church treasurers, highlighting many who’ve served long terms of service in this capacity. He told of a steady increase in tithe across the country, but urged delegates to “remember the missions” when filling out the offering envelopes, as this section of giving has seen a decrease in the past 5 years.

For most, the climax of the weekend was when NAD President Don Schneider presented the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada with a cheque for \$172, 050.36, with the stipulation that it be used only for evangelism. Dan Jackson, receiving the cheque for the church, was pleased to make that promise, adding that the funds would be passed on to the conferences, allowing them to “Tell Canada” of the gospel. ■

<sup>1</sup> White, Ellen G. Testimonies vol. 7

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

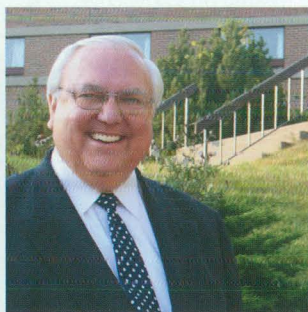
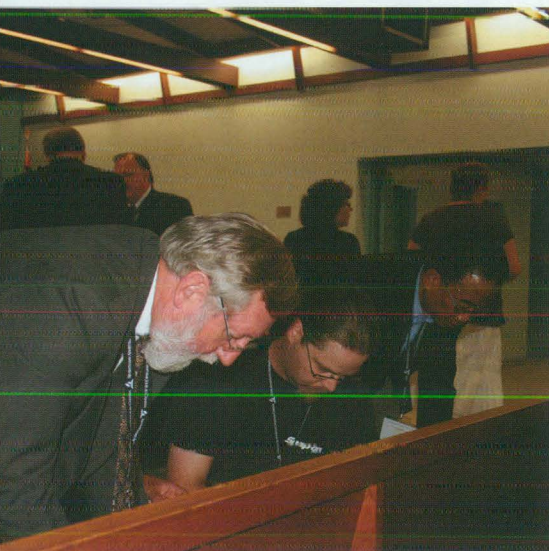




VP Finance John Ramsay, President Dan Jackson, and VP Administration Nilton Amorim were re-elected to their positions for the coming quinquennium.



Maritime Conference delegates, led by their president, Ken Corkum, select a representative for the organizing committee.



Above: Don Schneider, NAD president, facilitated the business and led the Sabbath morning worship service.

Left: Claude Sabot, Associate Secretary of the General Conference assists other volunteers in counting ballots.

# Committee and Board

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Edwin Mansook, Adam Mohns, Crystal Saylor, Brent van Resburg, and Michele Maier (front) — Canadian educators.

# A CELEBRATION

It struck me as I walked through the exhibit hall of the North American Division (NAD) Teacher Convention. I've attended a number of schools, taught at others, and visited many more. But it wasn't until I was attempting to navigate through Nashville's gigantic Gaylord Opryland Hotel that I put it together. There I was, unable to traverse a single aisle in the exhibit hall without bumping into an old friend, a colleague, a former teacher or student. In the midst of that jostling crowd, I realized that education is what binds us together. For so many in the Adventist church, education is our common root. It's what makes the Adventist world, even with its millions of members, so small.

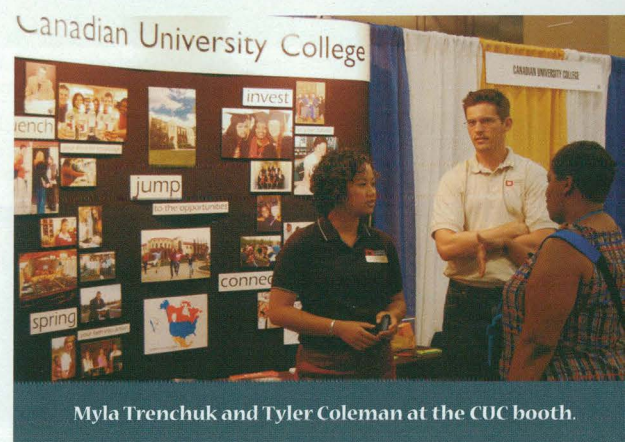
This convention, in addition to being four days of professional development,

was a celebration of schools and teachers, of the art and science of passing on knowledge and faith to another generation.

In the crowded hallways outside the general sessions and workshops of this convention of more than 6,500 Adventist educators, you would find teachers clumped together, laughing, reminiscing, sharing, or arguing passionately over ideas. Many tended to be as tardy as some of their students to the workshops, crowding in at the last minute even if they had to sit on the floor.

The general sessions were also strained to capacity as teachers lined the walls at the back of a room so large it needed four big projection screens. From opening

night with Adventist historian George Knight and Christian recording artist/comedian Mark Lowry to Henry Wright's devotionals and Ron Clark's (Disney's 2000 Teacher of the Year) motivating message, the general sessions served to



Myla Trenchuk and Tyler Coleman at the CUC booth.

inspire our teachers to take up their sacred task once more. In a final commitment service led by NAD president Don Schneider, our teachers dedicated themselves again to reaching our children with knowledge and truth.

A number of educators were honored during the convention. The General Conference Office of Education presented Awards of Excellence to: Dorothea Amey, retired, from the Pacific Union; Conrad Gill, director of education, Southern Union; Gary Randolph, director of education, Lake Union; and Ron Russell, director of education, Mid-America Union.

The NAD Office of Education extended special recognition for service to Erma Lee, NAD associate director of education, and Marie Blevins, NAD Office of Education secretary, as well as to David Vixie, Adventist educator from the Northern California Conference, as the recipient of Disney's 2006 Teacher of the Year award.

Many of the 350 workshops offered professional growth in areas of curriculum, student development, or school opera-

Each teacher received two books as gifts from the NAD Office of Education: *Avenues to the Heart*, a collection of stories about life-changing teachers and *What We Believe*, my new book explaining the 28 fundamental beliefs for kids. I had the privilege of signing thousands of my books for teachers at the Adventist Book Center exhibit, and I was overwhelmed by their dedication to helping students understand what their church teaches and how much God loves them.

A convention such as this one is not inexpensive or simple. The NAD Office of Education, led by Gerald Kovalski, vice-president for education, invested countless hours in planning, organizing, and implementing this massive effort. What makes all that effort worthwhile?

A convention promotes professional growth among our teachers. Each workshop offered insight into being a better teacher, a better dean, a better administrator.

A convention establishes a goal of excellence. Each teacher that attended saw that they were part of an interdependent system, a link in a chain. Excellence

As Berit von Pohle, superintendent of the Northern California Conference said, "These events help our teachers to see they are part of a bigger experience and that many people are committed to doing the same thing that they do. It re-energizes them to go back and teach."

A convention is an opportunity for the church to show appreciation to our teachers. Speaking on behalf of us all, church leaders can express our gratitude for their work and dedication.

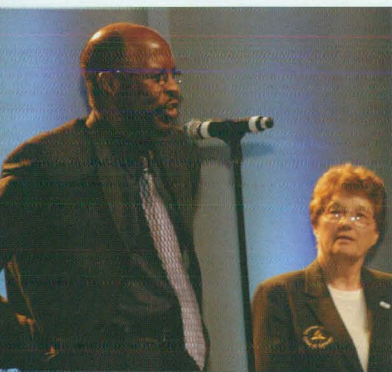
A convention is an opportunity for networking with other teachers, for sharing ideas and programs. Often the most valuable things learned are shared over a meal, in a hallway, or on a walk around the grounds.

This convention filled me with hope. It's true that tuition costs are rising. Many parents are forced to dig deeper to keep their kids in school. Many schools must get by on a shoestring in order to keep operating. But the commitment to excellence among our teachers is strong. And the commitment to the spiritual growth of their students is even stronger.

The education system of our church

# OF EDUCATION

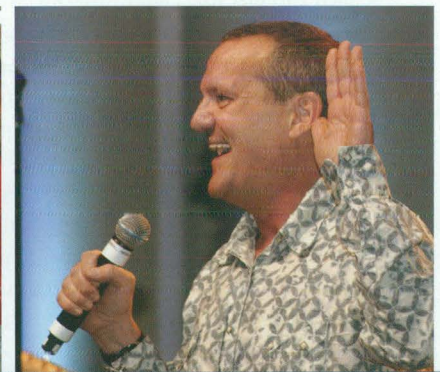
by Jerry D. Thomas



Dennis Marshall, Education Director, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada



Daniel Richards, Nathaniel Richards, Gerlding Gallant, and Ronald Gallant from the Maritime Conference.



Mark Lowry entertained our educators.

tions. But many more were focused on enhancing the spiritual development of students in the classroom. Our teachers were preparing not only to educate, but to evangelize as they lead their students to Jesus.

in elementary school leads to excellence in academy, which leads to success in college and in life.

A convention inspires and encourages. Many of our teachers work alone or with only one or two colleagues all year.

—our common root—is healthy. Blessed be this tie that binds us together. ■

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# Overwhelming Response in Kenya

**O**verwhelming! That's the only way to describe what happened at the Share Him crusade in Kosele, Kenya, May 26-June 10. Overwhelming, awe-inspiring, and humbling.



**Pastor Heinz Volk, head elder of the Penticton BC church**

Scheduled to speak at the tiny village less than a degree south of the equator, Pastor Heinz Volk of Penticton, BC doubted that they would have the anticipated attendance of 1,500, yet God had other plans so that on

the last day there were well over 5,000! Despite black clouds, lightning and rumbling thunder, people walked as much as 10 kilometres to sit on the ground for the nightly gospel presentations. When torrential rains made driving hazardous and cut the electricity to the projector, 1200 people still sat in the pouring rain to listen. Most evenings they stayed until well after midnight to discuss what they had learned.

At the close of the 16-day series, 355 people hiked 45 minutes to the brown Awach River to be baptized. When a 15 year old girl was caught by the current and washed several feet downstream before being rescued, deacons and deaconesses waded into the water to form a lifeline to prevent further incidents. Among those baptized were a young man who had originally come to disrupt the meetings, 2 Muslims, and the daughter of a bishop. An additional 200 people also requested baptism, but will need further studies first.

Commenting on the overwhelming response, Pastor Volk says, "It was nothing that I did. Yes, I spoke, but God's Spirit brought conviction. All praise belongs to Him."

Any pastor or lay person wanting to have a similar experience can check out dates and locations and register at the Share Him website, [www.global-evangelism.org/php/index.php](http://www.global-evangelism.org/php/index.php). ■



**Baptismal candidates lined up in four rows, awaiting their turn. With no robes available, they were baptized in their Sabbath clothes, which they continued to wear for the evening meeting**



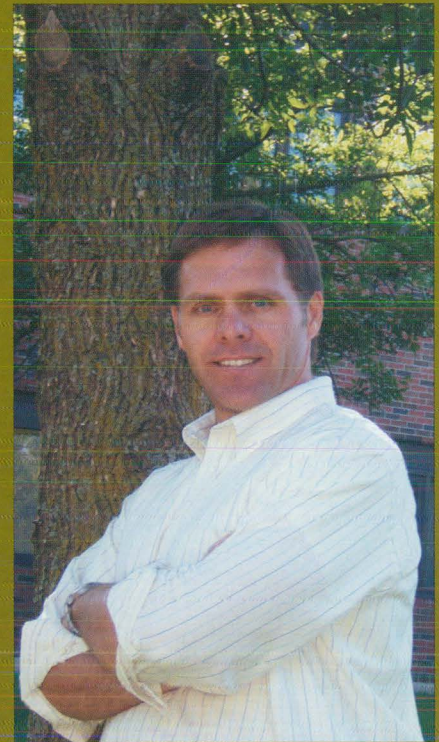
**Kosele District Pastor Hesbon Omune baptized 355 people at the end of the Share Him series. After the current swept a 15-year-old girl several feet downstream, deacons and deaconesses formed a lifeline to prevent further incidents.**

## Our Leader, Our Friend

Kingsway College is pleased to introduce its new principal, Greg Bussey. Born and raised on Bussey's Road in Foxtrap, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland, Greg moved to Ontario to attend Kingsway College in August, 1982. Upon his graduation in 1984, Greg moved on to Atlantic Union College where he completed his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. Having established roots at Kingsway, he returned as their business office intern on July 1, 1988. That carried him into the roles of Director of Student Finance, Accountant, and Senior Accountant.

In June of 2004, Greg was ready for a new challenge; he became the Director of Enrolment and Development for Kingsway College. With the prayer of Jabez in mind, Greg took a prayerful approach to recruiting quality young people to attend our school. During his time in that position, he implemented the Alumni Computer Lab Campaign, exceeding their \$210,000 goal and completing two state-of-the-art computer resource centers, plus two dormitory mini-labs. November Fun(d) Dinners have become an annual must-see event, and the overall support of alumni has dramatically increased. He is currently in the middle of Kingsway's newest capital campaign, the Boys' Dorm Renovation Project, launched in April,

"As I sit in this chair I cannot help but be humbled by the journey that God has taken me on over the past 20 years. It was not so long ago that I was a young boy in Newfoundland, testing all the boundaries, heading down a dark and dusty road. I can honestly say that Kingsway College has changed my life and I would not be here today without the guiding hand of my Heavenly Father. So today I sit behind this desk as the new Principal of Kingsway College. I am looking forward to the challenges and tasks that lie ahead. I pray that we can look at this upcoming school year as a cornerstone for us all as we work toward the future as a team with one common goal, making Kingsway College the best place for our young people to be. I know we can do it if we all want it. Keep this school in your prayers as we go through these changes, as it will always be our school."



Greg Bussey, Principal, Kingsway College

2006, which has already brought in \$234,000 of the \$600,000 needed. Quite literally, he has been in the midst of the improvements, tearing toilets off the walls and wearing plaster up to his shoulders!

We are very privileged to have Greg accept this new role as principal of

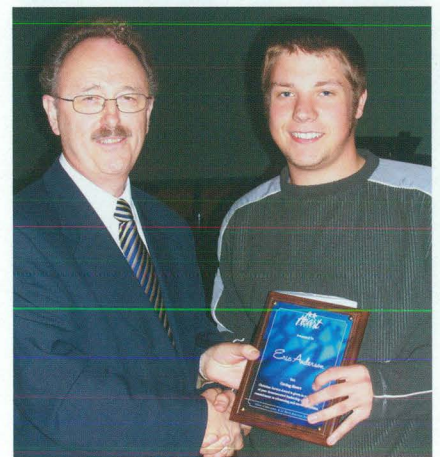
Kingsway College, having given his entire working life to this school. He met his life partner, Karen, on these grounds and they are raising their two children, Taylor and Aaron, here. He believes whole-heartedly in this institution and is up for the challenge of making Kingsway the place to be. ■

## Caring Heart Award

Parkview Adventist Academy was pleased to present Eric Anderson with this year's Caring Heart Award. Resident of Oshawa, ON, Eric is the son of James and Cathy Anderson. During his senior year at PAA, he was the newspaper editor, a resident hall assistant, a singing member of a praise band and of a community male chorus, a leader in our monthly Children's Church, and a hard-worker in the local soup kitchen of high school. During his

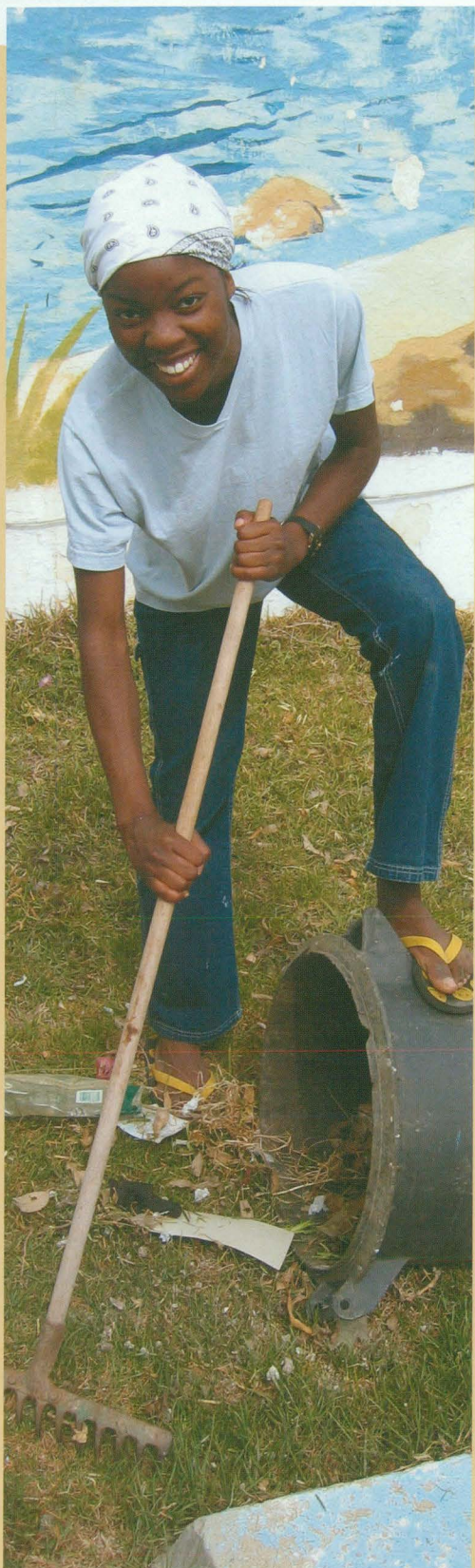
earlier high school years, he was Spiritual Vice President of the Student Association, a speaker in the annual week of spiritual emphasis, and was actively involved in community outreach activities. His plan for the future is to take a 2-year Adventure-Based Counseling program at Canadian University College and to use his talents to help youth and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. ■

Eric Anderson, Parkview Adventist Academy



parkview perspective

# ADRA TUNISIA



Each summer for the past 14 years, Canadian University College, in collaboration with ADRA Canada, has sent a small group on a short term mission trip.

This year, the team, consisting of Delicia Adams, Andrew Bigelow, Egbert Campbell, Sarah-Jane Harebottle, Rebecca Landry, Dale McCreery, Victoria Mitchell, and sponsor Ivonne and Wesley Szamko, headed out to Tunisia for an adventure in service.

Located in North Africa, Tunisia is a small country with surprising diversity. From its vast deserts, and colourful yet significant history, to its wildly unusual and magnificent ruins, Tunisia is a wonder largely forgotten by the western world.

As a surprise reward for hard working children from the country's interior, ADRA had planned an intercultural, English-immersion youth camp. The team's project was to work with forty underprivileged Tunisian children at this camp.

Unfortunately, the project did not receive government approval. Instead, the team worked at a centre for handicapped women in their early 20s who were learning various income generating skills. The team not only worked with the women and built relationships with them, but also helped with renovations at the centre. During the weekends they worked with a small group of Tunisians, teaching them English.

Each member of the team kept a journal of their travels. Let's take a look at some of their entries and get a taste of their experiences.

## Learning to Trust

I learned more about patience and how to find the best in a bad situation. In North America, we are so used to instant gratification. Here in Tunisia, almost nothing comes instantly. I learned to leave things up to God and let Him

work it out. When we found out that the camp would not be happening, I felt a sense of loss and uselessness. Looking back, though, there was never a time that we were not being a testimony to the people around us. The people here in the hostel heard our worship songs every day and saw how we lived our lives. As we got to know our Tunisian friends better, their views of us changed. They saw that we lived our religion and we were given the opportunity to learn more about Islam while we shared more about our faith.

Every time I come on a mission trip I am reminded how little we test and trust God when things are easy. This is my fourth mission trip and every time God has to remind me to trust Him. No matter what my plans are for the trip, they always end up being changed, even if just a little, so that there is no way the trip will be a success unless I lean on Him for support.

—Andrew Bigelow, *Adventure Based Youth Leadership, graduate 2006*

## Some things Money Can't Buy

Aslema! (Hello!) It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel down. I feel like I've only just begun to really know and appreciate my friends here and life in this country. I really hate saying goodbye to everyone, and even though I am relatively sure I will see most of them again, it really doesn't make it any easier.

In general, I am happy to report that the trip has been a success. Our objective was to serve and receive nothing in return, but in this we failed miserably. The memories, the friendships, and the knowledge we will be taking with us really cannot be easily valued. The closest I could get would be to quote the popular commercial: "there are some things money can't buy; for everything else there is MasterCard." The understanding, the experiences, the new insights

# unexpected adventures

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... they fall into the first category. And that's pretty much all I've got to say about that. Bislema (Goodbye).

—Dale McCreery, 3rd year English student

## The Language of Friendship

During our last time in the city of Nabeul with our English students and newfound friends, Amira, one of the Tunisian girls I was closest to, asked me if I wanted to play catch. We went to the backyard of the hostel to find that Ali, one of the sons of the hostel owner, was playing volleyball with two of his friends. They asked if we wanted to join them, and we did. Soon we decided to play some football (soccer) instead. The only problem was that Ali and his friends had to explain to me how the game was played. Here I was, the only fluently English-speaking person standing in the circle with other people that spoke Arabic and French, two languages I know only a little. So, Ali called his brother over to explain in English how to play the game. It was such a unique experience! Usually we would have one of our Tunisian friends

translate instructions into Arabic, but this time the tables were turned and I was the one who didn't understand the language and needed instructions. Despite the language barrier, there was so much laughter and teasing between us that I believe we all forgot that we spoke different languages. Bislema.

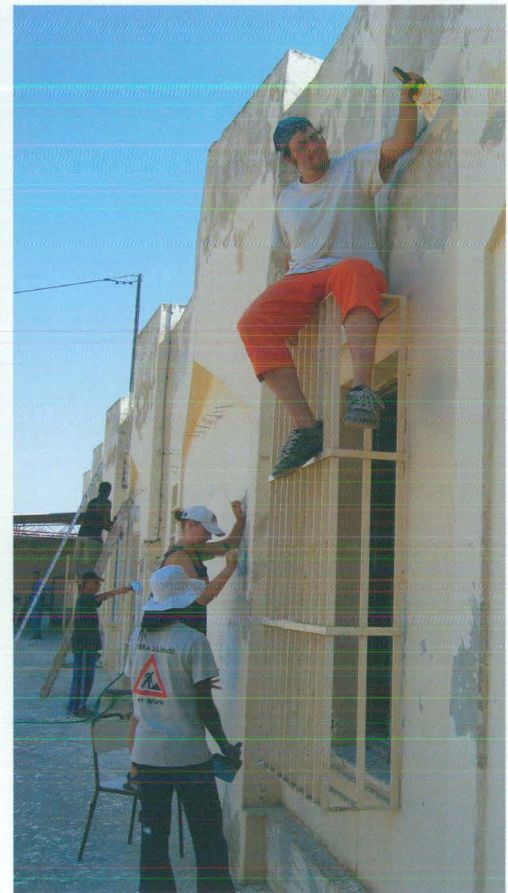
—Delicia Adams, 1st year Psychology student

## The Ultimate Potter

What can I say but “we came, we saw, and we compiled a bank full of amazing memories, unforgettable experiences, and wonderful friends!”

God has truly blessed me on this trip and I thank Him for teaching me to trust Him more. Through project detours and de-railings, to the birth of a new mission and focus, I believe that God has been the ultimate Potter, shaping each of us to be vessels for Him in this country.

It's about relationships! I've learned that a smile, hug, wave, high-five, or a helping hand transcends language barriers. Laughter needs no translation and to be a living letter for our Saviour just



requires a willing heart!

As we return to pristine bathrooms, readily available washing machines and the internet, we not only take with us a pile of very dirty laundry and a bagful of souvenirs, but also a renewed appreciation for our loved ones, our religious freedom, and our many blessings.

May God bless each of us as we live everyday for Him, waiting for His soon return. Heaven is our goal, and saving every soul; pray that we all will be there! ■

—Sara-Jane Harebottle,  
Biology, graduate 2006-09-06

Compiled by Myla Ferrer Trenchuk,  
former Communications Officer at  
CUC. Currently she and her husband,  
Rob, are on an Australian adventure.





# Hits Powell River

**“What is happening to our community centre? There are teenagers everywhere.**

They're into the paint and in the garden! They're working on the wheelchair ramp, painting the building trim, and cutting back the blackberry brambles in the gardens. They're on the roof and they're weed-eating all around the property, and now I see five more here in the kitchen cutting vegetables! What is going on around here? I've never seen so many young people!" exclaimed John, a regular at the Powell River Soup Kitchen.

It all started back in November 2005 when Nathan Wahl, president of the junior class at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy heard ADRA Canada National Director Nick Trent present STORM Co. (Service to Others Really Matters) at the British Columbia conference's youth retreat. Nick told the teenagers that ADRA Canada believes youth can make a huge difference in their local areas and that STORM Co. is a way to help them do it. Nathan was inspired by the retreat. "I had a dream of taking my class on a local community service class trip," he says. "We'd done several fun things like paint ball and class parties, but I wanted to end the year with something that we as a class would remember ten years from now, a project that would have a positive impact on a local community." He discussed his idea with his fellow classmates and sponsors who helped them put together a proposal to send to ADRA Canada.

When they received word that ADRA Canada had approved their STORM



Susan and Anthony painting

Co. proposal and would help sponsor the project in Powell River, the students were elated. "I couldn't have come on this trip if it weren't for ADRA Canada's sponsorship," says Anthony. Soon twenty juniors and their four sponsors were boarding the buses for the trip to Powell River, BC. Two ferry rides and several hours later, the group arrived in Powell

River and saw what they had to work with. Buildings were in desperate need of a paint job, with chips of wood coming off the windowpanes and doorframes. Yards and gardens looked like wild jungles, overgrown with blackberry brambles and hundreds of weeds. Railings were also in bad shape. "The whole place just looked dark and





Marcia, Harvey, Cassandra and a church youth painting side steps to soup kitchen

gloomy,” says Leah, “but then we met the Dunnings, the Seventh-day Adventist church pastor and his wife who welcomed us with enormous smiles.”

The students soon learned that, with the help of some dedicated volunteers, the Dunnings run a soup kitchen for 35-50 people five days a week and sort through piles of donated clothing which is then sold to help support the soup kitchen. The Dunnings had sold their own house to buy Manson House, a house across the street from the church where people in need and community service workers can stay. The Dunnings themselves are living there with seven other people who would otherwise have no where to live. The young volunteers marvelled at the dedication shown by the couple, who even take their house-mates to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every evening.

Early Friday morning, the STORM Co. group set to work. Everyone was assigned a job, whether it was painting the outside of the church, working in the garden, or helping prepare meals in the kitchen. Several students also went to the home of Mike, an elderly widower. When Donna Dunning first approached Mike to tell him that some teenagers were coming to the area and

would be happy to help with his yard work, he said “No. I really don’t want my lawn mowed. It’s been nine years since my wife died and I haven’t mowed the lawn since. She always took care of the yard and I don’t want it done now.” But Donna pressed the issue and when she told Mike that it wouldn’t cost him anything because the students were volunteering, he consented. The students arrived at Mike’s to find a small path winding through the chest high grass and weeds in Mike’s front yard. They set to work and within a couple hours the yard was trimmed and neat. With tears in his eyes, Mike thanked the team and waved as they headed back to the church.

Meanwhile the group back at the church had scraped, sanded and painted the trim, the walkway railing, the steeple, and two decks. They had also trimmed the lawn, pulled weeds, planted flowers, and cleared the black-berry brambles from the garden and planted potatoes, corn and onions in their place. “Come autumn we’ll have a big community corn roast!” exclaimed Pastor Dunning. With Sabbath nearing, the students finished up a few last tasks and stood back to admire the new look. With over 240 hours worth of labour being completed in one day, it was no

surprise that John and the many others who attended the soup kitchen that afternoon noticed the difference.

The students spent Sabbath with their new friends from the church, and after sundown they were back to work, this time in the church basement where they sorted and organized a huge pile of donated clothing. This task proved to be more fun than it was work, though, with the students trying on some of the stranger items and laughing until their sides ached.

Sunday morning the group spent five more hours at Manson House weeding the garden, mowing the lawn, cleaning the garage, raking the yard and planting flowers. After lunch, there was time to snap a few pictures and say goodbye to the Dunnings before they boarded the ferry for the trip home.

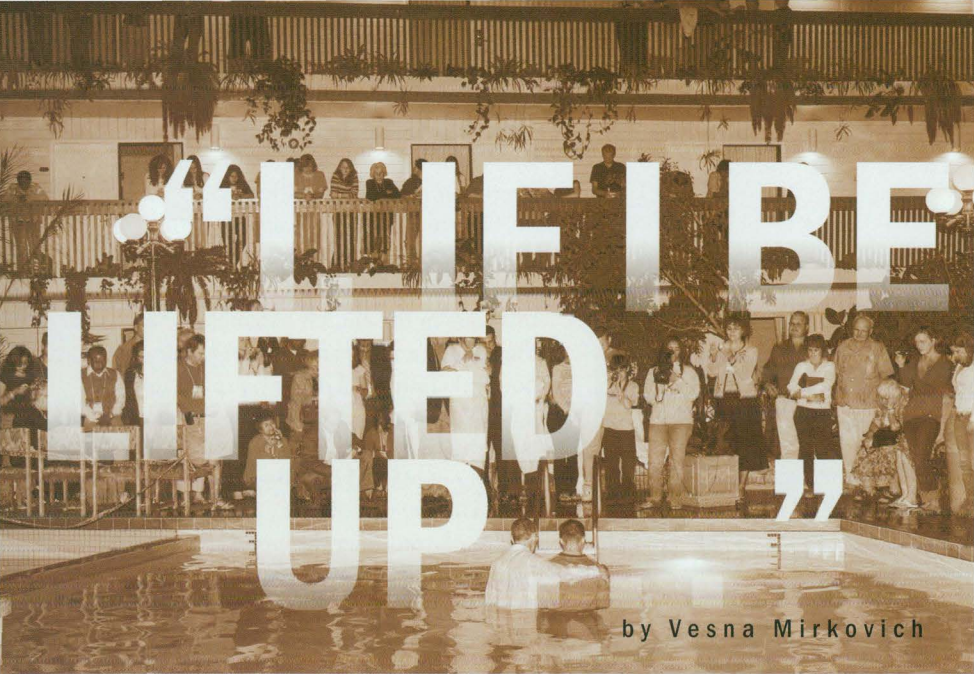
“The follow-up on the work done has been amazing,” says Pastor Dunning. “We met a man named Lester Lock who rode by the church on a bicycle. He said he’d driven by the church and the community centre many times before and had never noticed the buildings. He asked what we’d done. I told him it was a little paint and a lot of help.”

“The soup kitchen people are proud to come here now,” Donna says, “It’s amazing how encouraging a group of young people can be. I saw Mike in the grocery store last week and he wanted to know if the boys could come back and clean his back yard.”

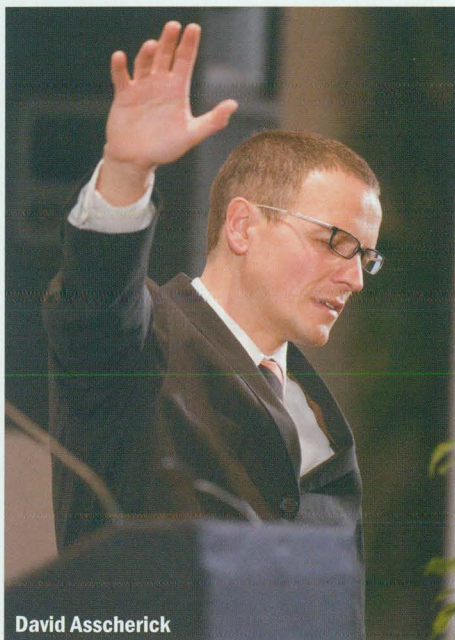
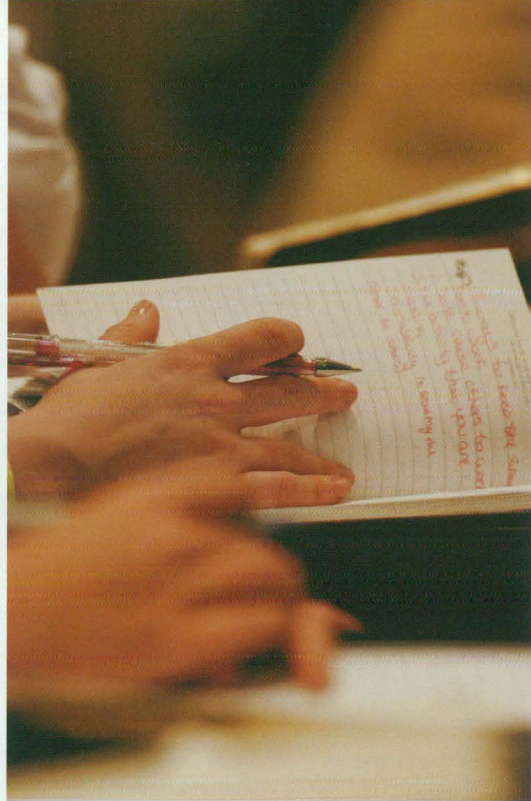
The trip was a wonderful opportunity for the students to share some of their time with those in need right here in Canada. When she was asked if the school should make the trip an annual event for the junior class, Manjana replied, “They’d be crazy if they didn’t. It’s been a great trip.” The students are thankful to ADRA Canada for providing them with this opportunity. “What fun it was to support this team [Donna and Ernie Dunning] and have a rewarding class trip at the same time,” says Nathan, “I will definitely remember this in ten years! Thank-you STORM Co.” ■

Nick Trent is National Program Director of ADRA Canada

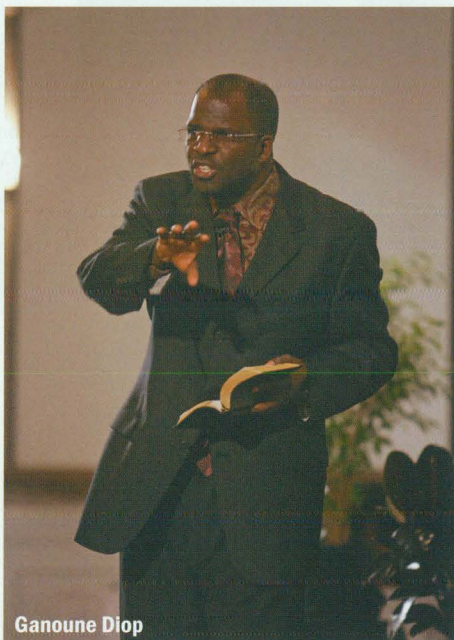




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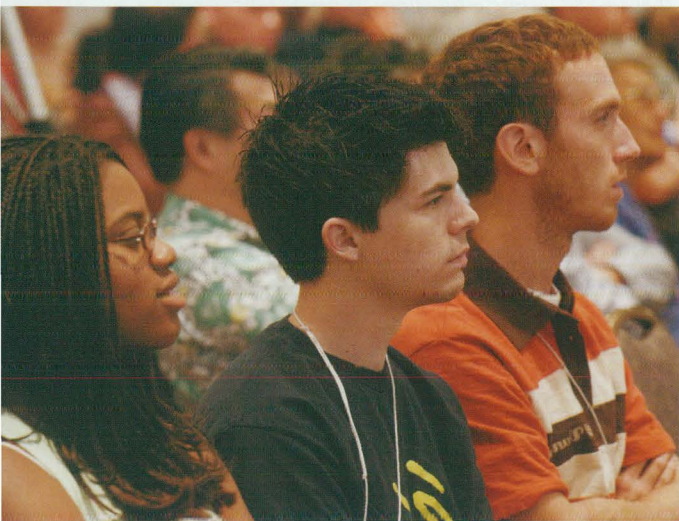
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# “THE ACTS CONFERENCE PROVIDED ME WITH THE MOST COMPELLING CASE FOR CHRIST THAT I’VE EVER SEEN OR HEARD.”

**A** large crowd began to form around the hotel’s centrally located indoor swimming pool, as two young violinists softly played the tune “Amazing Grace.” It was late evening and dozens of curious hotel guests could be seen standing on their balconies looking down at the large gathering. Prayers were said and tears of joy were cried, while the young candidates were being baptized. Surely, the Red Deer Lodge had never before witnessed an event quite like this one.

This momentous occasion was the highlight of the second annual ACTS for Christ Youth Conference, held May 18-22, 2006, in Red Deer, Alberta. Adventists Commissioned to Train Servants (ACTS) for Christ is a volunteer-based organization comprised of young Canadian Adventists with a mission to help other young people experience a life-transforming relationship with Jesus and equip them to share the gospel. Longing to see an army of Canadian youth rightly trained to proclaim God’s final message to the world, ACTS for Christ developed an annual five-day conference. It immerses the attending youth in a series of inspiring messages and a variety of practical workshops.

Many guest speakers presented the Word of God with power and conviction this year: Pastor David Asscherick, director of ARISE (A Resource Institute of Soulwinning and Evangelism); Scott

Moore, outreach co-ordinator of ARISE; Dr. Ganoune Diop, Professor of Theology at Oakwood College; Richard O’Ffill, revivalist; Jeffrey Rosario, speaker and co-director of Radiant Living; John Baxter, Adventist Frontier Missions; and Pastor Joseph Ikner, pastor in Missouri. Kevin Fryatt of Abbotsford, B.C. says, “The ACTS Conference provided me with the most compelling case for Christ that I’ve ever seen or heard. For the first time in my life the gospel made complete sense.” Kevin was one of 23 who made decisions for baptism!

It has been only one-and-a-half years since the formation of ACTS for Christ, but its effect on God’s work is already evident. Heidi McLellan’s life was changed at ACTS 2005, and she was impressed to share Jesus with her Aunt Erika, a New Age follower at the time. Miraculously, Erika was drawn to the truth and love of Christ, gave up New Age, and attended ACTS 2006 with Heidi the following year. This fruit of Heidi’s labour perfectly exemplifies the 2006 theme, “I, if I be lifted up,” an excerpt from the words of Jesus in John 12:32, encompassing the two-fold purpose of the conference—to draw attendees to Jesus and to help them draw others to Him.

Indeed, Jesus promised that those who followed Him would become fishers of men, which is why ACTS

facilitates networking opportunities between attendees and various evangelistically-focused Seventh-day Adventist ministries. Additionally, at this year’s conference over 100 of the total 200 attendees participated in a door-to-door outreach effort. Scott Moore, evangelism coordinator of ARISE, conducted a brief training session, and the participants were then sent out two by two. They conducted religious surveys, distributed literature, and offered Bible studies in the community. Within one hour, these young people had found over 60 individuals who requested in-home Bible studies! The Red Deer Seventh-day Adventist Church is now following up the interests. What a reason to rejoice! A large harvest can result when one person takes one simple opportunity to share the gospel with just one person.

The ACTS for Christ team has a motto: “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). The Bible reveals that only a real encounter with Jesus will spark a real proclamation of Jesus. If you seek a closer walk with Christ and wish to proclaim Him more fully, do not miss ACTS 2007; Jesus will be there waiting for you. ■

*Vesna Mirkovich is vice-president for Evangelism, ACTS for Christ.*



► The 2007 conference will be held April 5-8, 2007 in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information about ACTS for Christ and upcoming events, please visit [www.actsforchrist.org](http://www.actsforchrist.org). To obtain messages and workshops from 2006, visit [www.hopevideo.org](http://www.hopevideo.org).

## maritimes

### Ten Commandments Weekend

On May 7, 2006, evangelists of many denominations throughout North America joined hands to establish an annual celebration in support of upholding the Ten Commandments. The Tantallon church participated in this important event by hosting special presentations on Friday evening, May 5, from 8:00 - 10:00 pm, and all day on Sabbath, May 6, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Each hour a different speaker on the 3ABN television network presented a topic relating to the Ten Commandments. We used the local newspapers to invite the community to see these special presentations at our church. ■

### Rebaptism

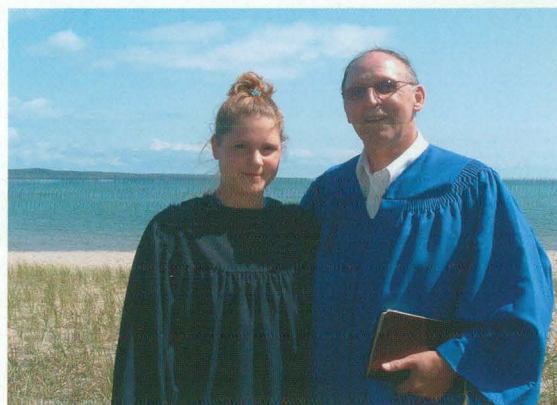
On May 13, 2006, the Maranatha church was filled with love and blessings for our brother Roger Robichaud as we witnessed Pastor Robert Lehmann from Charlottetown PEI perform his rebaptism. Many visitors traveled from Moncton to offer support on this occasion. Roger's rebaptism was followed by a super potluck which rounded off a very perfect day. ■

## ontario

### A Day at the Beach

On July 29, we added a whole new dimension to the idea of "a day at the beach" when Isabelle Yvette Bouchard made her way into the water to commit her life to the Lord in baptism. Isabelle moved in with the Gouin family of Sault Ste. Marie about a year ago. They had a very positive influence on Isabelle, and she seemed to immediately fit in with our church family as well. Soon, Dr. Henry Leung started studying the Bible with her and helped lead her to decide for baptism.

Isabelle wants to attend Kingsway College and is trying hard to raise money for that purpose. Please join us in praying that this will become a reality. The Lord has great plans for Isabelle, and we are truly blessed to welcome her into our family. Our prayers are with you Isabelle. ■



Isabelle Bouchard with Pastor Carter Stanley.



### "I Want to be Baptized"

What a joyful and beautiful Sabbath day it was on June 24 at the Kingston Seventh-day Adventist Church. On this Sabbath, Daniel (age 13) and Amara Sims (age 11), brother and sister, publicly confessed their belief that Jesus is their personal Saviour and were baptized into a new life in Jesus by Pastor Djojo Sekulic. The children have experienced life in the Adventist Church since birth but it was Pastor Boonstra's Net 2006 series "Revelation Speaks Peace: Unlocking the Signs" that brought home to them the need for a personal relationship with Jesus and the need for baptism. Dan and Amara started their Bible classes with Pastor Sekulic at the end of the Net series in April 2006. ■

front l-r: Pastor Sekulic, Daniel Sims, Amara Sims;  
back l-r: Dr. Wendell Willis and Mrs. Susan Willis, church elders

## Eight Baptized at Brantford

The Brantford Seventh-day Adventist Church is full of smiles and happiness because eight young people recently have given their lives to Jesus in baptism. On February 11, 2006, Eric and Ben Davis were baptized. They were followed on June 24 by Dominique Rodney, Anna-Marie Mallon, Diane Matthews, Brittany Weykamp, Rachel Hartley, and Zach Hartley. Some of these decisions for Christ were the result of an *It Is Written* evangelistic series held in Paris a few years ago. One, however, came about in an unusual way: Anna-Marie was led by the Holy Spirit to call the church late one night to request Bible Studies. Her 10:15 p.m. call was answered by Pastor Bill Kelly who had remained after a board meeting to inspect damage done by a visiting raccoon! The Holy Spirit is indeed at work in Brantford. ■



Pastor Bill Kelly (left) with the recently baptized members.

## The Chosen at Kingsview Village



It was a night of excitement and colour on May 6, 2006 as six children aged 5-12 dressed in traditional African robes and captivated the hearts of the audience at the Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church. Kingsview Village was the host to "The Chosen," a group of children from Uganda in the care of the AIDS Orphans Education Trust (AOET), representing the thousands of AIDS Orphans in Uganda, Kenya and Zambia. Kingsview was one of the many stops in their North America tour in an effort to raise much needed funds for AOET.

People from all over Etobicoke and the rest of the greater Toronto area came to see the breathtaking performances of the children as they sang Christian songs of praise and adoration in a number of different languages, including English, Lugandan and Zulu. Sam, the group's leader, gave a presentation of the work AOET is currently doing in Uganda and other countries in East Africa. We were able to raise over \$12000 to support their various programs. ■

# alberta

## Camrose Rebaptism



Bob Burke and is again a valued member of the Camrose church. ■

On Sabbath, June 24, 2006, Marie Freemark entered into the waters of baptism in a public declaration of her recommitment to her Saviour. Marie had been baptized many years prior but had strayed from her faith. She became convicted of her need for rebaptism during recent meetings by Justis St. Hilaire. She studied with Pastor

## Hazelton Baptisms

On June 24, 2006 three students and members of the Northern Lights Pathfinder Club were baptized by Pastor Allison, from the Hazelton SDA Church. ■

l-r: Jessie Senecal, Faith Eliuk, Sarah Buhler



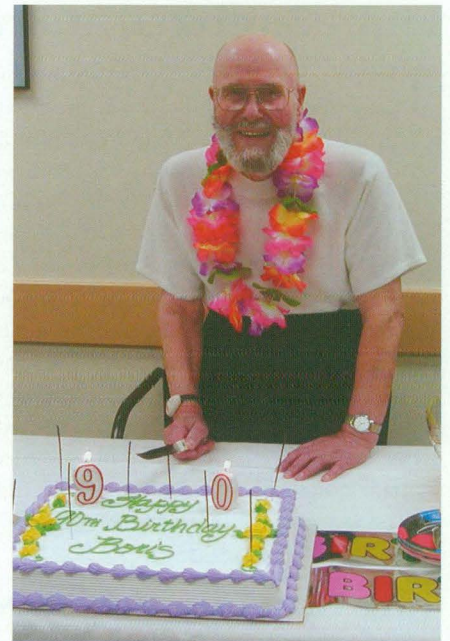
## Boris Pache Celebrates 90th Birthday

**B**oris N. Pache celebrated his 90th birthday on May 11, 2006 at a party held in his honour in Lacombe, Alberta. He was born and grew up in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 1938, he left for Graz, Austria where he completed an architectural degree in 1942 and worked until spring 1945. He and a friend then fled from Russian troops in winter weather over the Alps to Salzburg, Austria, a story published in his book *“By Ways I Knew Not.”*

In 1947, Boris left Salzburg for Campus Adventiste du Saleve in France to study Theology. There he was also Dean of Men, directed the male choir, and taught Greek. In 1953, he immigrated to Montreal, Quebec where he was a

literature evangelist. The next year he enrolled in Kingsway College to study English but was also invited to teach French, German, and Music Appreciation, and at times he led the school and community choirs. He later taught at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; College Adventiste de Kivu in Zaire, Africa; and at Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta.

Boris earned a Master’s Degree from McGill University in 1961 and a B.Ed. in 1969 from the University of Western Ontario, London, as well as half of a Ph.D. As a scholar and dedicated Christian teacher he is wished much continued happiness in the Lord. ■



## Evangelism on All Levels

**T**he Ponoka church welcomes Lorna Piel into the family of Christ. Her decision was the result of combining several evangelistic methods: friendship evangelism, a series of evangelistic seminars at the College Heights church, prayers, and Bible studies done by our Ponoka church members. It has truly been a revival for us to see someone like Lorna on fire for the Lord. We believe and have seen that evangelism works on all levels. ■

## Bridgeland Baptisms

There was a baptism during the Happy Family Bible Seminar held at Bridgeland Seventh-day Adventist Church in May.. ■



Fr: Ian Phiri, Thamar Mwirerwa, Pastor Ferary, Owen Chigumira, Kenneth Kapiniak, Emily Kapiniak



Fr: Jackie Douglas, Valencia Lamontagne, Delano Christopher Nelson, Dorit Foster, Pastor Ferary, Nothani Sikhosa, Terry Afflick, Leisa Afflick

# british columbia

## Campmeeting Baptisms

Raymond Vasmout, son of Artour and Azanetta, was baptized on the last Sabbath of Campmeeting, July 29, 2006, by Pastor Artur Srele, president of the Euro-Asia Division based in Moscow, Russia, who flew here for this occasion. Raymond completed grade 8 at FVAA in 2002, graduated from Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, this summer and is planning on attending Pacific Union College in California this fall.



Susan Hall of Surrey, BC, was rebaptized on the final Sabbath of Campmeeting at Hope, BC, on July 29, 2006. The sudden death of a much-loved uncle plus the inspiration of a Leo Schreven seminar held in the Aldergrove, BC, church and follow-up classes with Pastor David Jamieson solidified her decision to rededicate her life to Jesus. ■



## Recent Chilliwack Church Baptisms



The Chilliwack church has been richly blessed with the recent baptism of Blair and Vicky Durie and David Burnie. David is headed for CUC as a Theology student this Fall. May each of these precious people continue to find their joy in the Lord. ■

Lr: Pastor Gilbert, David Burnie

## A Double Blessing

Bill and Christine Clarke along with the Chilliwack church were doubly blessed with the recent birth and dedication of their son, Michael, and Bill's ordination to the ministry of a deacon. Bill is a family doctor practicing in Chilliwack, and Christine is a registered nurse ministering in the Chilliwack hospital. May the Lord continue to richly bless this family! ■



Bill, Christie, Michael and Pastor Gilbert

## Thanks to Thailand

Olivia Robinson was baptized by Pastor Michael Dauncey of Wenatchee, Washington on June 3, 2006 in the Aldergrove/Langley church. During her middle school years at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy she went through studies with Pastor Dauncey three times.



Later, while visiting Thailand with her family, she missed being caught in the December 26 tsunami by only two days. Other experiences there also made her realize that she needed to give her life to Jesus, but she waited until Pastor Dauncey visited the campus for graduation this year so he could perform the baptism. ■

## Ministerial Ordination

Troy McQueen was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Aldergrove/Langley church on Sabbath, August 12, 2006. Mark Johnson, Secretary of the British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Brian Hawes, senior pastor of the Rutland Adventist church in Kelowna, BC, who mentored Troy for three years, performed the service. Local ordained pastors, Rodney Davis (Cornerstone Adventist church, Coquitlam), Arthur Spenser and Dan Wells joined the group for the dedication prayer. Present for the service from Nova Scotia were Troy's parents, Philip and Dale McQueen and his grandparents, Wendell and Helen Roland. ■



Rodney Davis, Brian Hawes, Troy McQueen, Rachel McQueen, Karen Hawes, Mark Johnson, and Massiel Davila

## north american division

### Church Mourns Loss of Alfred C. McClure



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Elder Alfred C. McClure, former president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Elder McClure passed away on Tuesday, August 1, at the age of 74.

Ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister in the Florida Conference in 1959, Elder McClure served many areas of the Church. Elder McClure was elected to serve as the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America at the 55th General Conference Session in Indianapolis, IN in 1990. During his 10-year leadership, more than 250,000 people were baptized in North America and the Division was established as a distinct administrative unit. He was in the forefront of satellite evangelism in the 1990's, the first of which was NET '95 with more than 150,000 people attending the opening meeting in more than 2,000 locations.

Elder McClure is survived by his wife, Frances; and his children, Sally, Al Jr., and Scott. ■

### Christian Record Services Launches New Web Magazine

A new Christian web magazine has been launched by Christian Record Services, the Adventist church's ministry to the blind and visually impaired. The magazine, titled *Connected*, is created for young adult readers. Its mission is to strengthen the reader's bonds with God, family, friends, and community. *Connected* is intended for an inter-denominational Christian audience. Feature stories and articles, devotionals, columns, and news briefs make up the magazine.

*Connected* appears on the computer monitor in large print. Many blind readers also have computer software

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**The College Heights Adventist church is looking** for current information on the following members who have moved from the area. If you know how to contact any of these individuals, please contact the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, 6915 Maple Drive, Lacombe, AB T4L 1Z9, phone 403/782-6131, or email [college\\_heights@rttinc.com](mailto:college_heights@rttinc.com). Raul Hernandez, Maxwell Hillson, Oliver Hingston, Albert Hoffman, Jr., Penny Nischuk Hoffman, Randy Hoffman, Daile Hoffmann, David Hopfe, Angie Hort, Kathleen Hrenevich, Tamara Hubley, Frank Huether, Pamela Huether, Janice Bullock Hunwick, Stacey Ingram, Heidi Intering, Marlene Zurba Ironside, Glenn Irwin, Alan Jacobson, Suzanne Jacobson, Alan Janes, Cindy Remarchuk Janicki, Ellen Janzen, Frank Jongema, Susan Jongema, Timothy Kananen, Loretta King, Karen Kingsfield, Stephen Kingsfield, Jon Kinman, Colin Klebanowski, Brian Krause, Gerald Krause, Robin Campbell Lance, David Lane, Silke Lane, Anna Morey Lee, Kathy Knutsen Lee, Richard LeMaire, Tami Lemon, Pauline Lennox, Darline Lorenson, Orval Lorenson, David Loyer, Leigh Lucas, Tina Lucas, and Dean Lynch.

**Legal Notices**

**CHER International Canada**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General meeting for CHER International Canada will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006 at the Kingsway Pioneer Homes located at 1250 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario. The meeting will be held from 5 p.m.–7 p.m. and will include a complimentary dinner as well as a presentation by Nilton Amorim, Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers and board members for the coming year, to appoint an auditor, to consider

possible changes to the constitution and by-laws, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the Board. All members (sponsors or general donors) are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling 905/434-7474 or 888/520-7474.

**ADRA Canada Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ADRA Canada Corporation will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Board Room of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada at 1148 King St. E., Oshawa, Ontario.

The purpose of the AGM is to receive reports; appoint Corporation Officers, the Board of Directors and members of the Bylaws and Nominating Committees; approve Bylaws changes; appoint the auditor; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. All members of the ADRA Canada Corporation are invited and urged to attend.

*Dan Jackson, Chair  
K. Oliver Lofton-Brook,  
Executive Director*

NB: The ADRA Canada Board of Directors will meet at the conclusion of the AGM.

**Births**

**Mackenzie Grace Dubyna** was born June 30, 2006 to Chris and Julie Dubyna of Lacombe, Alta.

**Jacob Timothy Hawkins Bulmer** was born Apr. 25, 2006 to Mallory Hawkins and Trevor Bulmer of Zealand, N.B.

**Obed Motongwa** was born Mar. 9, 2006 to Harun and Ziporah Motongwa of Halifax, N.S.

**Evan Kyle Naugler** was born Mar. 1, 2006 to Kirk and Koreen (Lang) Naugler of Bridgewater, N.S.

**Trevor Norman Rowse** was born July 19, 2006 to Darin and Bobie Rowse of Burnaby, B.C.

**Weddings**

**Jackie Kemperle and Roland Kielbasiewicz** were married July 2, 2006 in Pickering, Ont., and are making their home in Courtice, Ont. Jackie is the daughter of Andy and Nancy Kemperle, and Roland is the son of Guenter and Elizabeth Kielbasiewicz.

**Kristine Lang and Garfield George Moodie** were married June 25, 2006 in Hazelton, B.C., and are making their home Williams Lake, B.C.

**Mindy Schwartz and Clint Wlasenko** were married May 14, 2006 in Lacombe, Alta., and are making their home in Morningside, Alta. Mindy is the daughter of Miles and Debbie Schwartz, and Clint is the son of Bev Astleford and George Wlasenko.

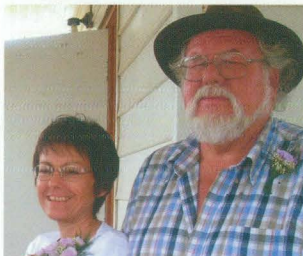
**Anniversaries**

**Robert (Bob) and Freda (Wheeler) Adams** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 16,



2006. The Adams were married in Sandy, Ore. They moved to Canada making Hazelton, B.C. their home. Bob worked as a teacher, logger, and carpenter. Freda served her church as clerk and Bob was an elder. Together they mentored many students at Fairhaven Farms. Attending the celebration were their children: Gary (Luella) Adams, Cathy (Paul) Kidney, and Doug (Nadeen) Adams; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Ike and Valerie Shoop-McCreery** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 14, 2006. The



Shoop-McCreery's reside in Hazelton, B.C., where Ike works as a logger and Valerie as a R.N. They have three children: Dayle, Skyla, and Adam.

**Obituaries**

**Alvin Henry Joseph Boutilier** was born in Seabright, N.S., and died June 19, 2006 in Halifax, N.S.

at the age of 71 years. Surviving: wife Lottie Mae (Doubleday); son David (Sandra) of Seabright; daughter Donna (Jeffrey Lindas) Boutilier of Seabright; brothers Melvin (Thelma) of Halifax; Sydney (Pauline); David; Wilson (Eileen); and Willard, all of Seabright; sister Lillian of Seabright; and two grandchildren.

**J. Ivan Crawford** was born Nov. 28, 1912 in New Brunswick, and died May 12, 2006 in Loma Linda, Calif. Ivan's denominational service included two terms as missionary to India, a term in Trinidad, and several years as an instructor at Canadian University College. He was an associate editor of the *Signs of the Times*, where he authored a column "Your Bible Questions Answered." He was predeceased by his brother Erwin, and sisters Ila Wood, and Myrna Mosher. Surviving: wife Helene; daughters Judy (Richard) Sheldon of Redlands, Calif., and Donna of Loma Linda; brother Raymond; sister Ida Mackinnon; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Winifred Florence (Mitchell) Haynes** was born Nov. 11, 1918 in St. Davids, Grenada, and died June 26, 2006 in Lacombe, Alta. Winifred was a lifelong Adventist serving alongside her husband as a midwife, district nurse, and school nurse. Surviving: husband Ralph; son Roland of Vancouver, B.C.; daughters Miriam of Lacombe, Joy (Gilmore) Hurst of Edmonton, Alta., and Jessie of Saskatoon, Sask.; brothers Godwin Mitchell, Sr., of Florida, Steve (Esther) Mitchell of Edmonton, Alta., David (Mel) Mitchell of Florida, Roger (Nel) Mitchell of Florida, and Rodrigue Mitchell of Grenada; sisters Relis Williams of New York, and Betty Ince of Trinidad; and three grandchildren.

**Myles Kingston** was born Dec. 26, 1919 in Hamilton, Ont., and died May 14, 2006 in Calgary, Alta. Surviving: wife Phyllis; stepson Don Cortrell; daughters Glenna (John) Geddes of Vancouver, B.C., Gavin (Sam) Springsteel of Edmonton, Alta., Pat (Bill) Heinrich of Peachland, B.C., and Diane (Gary) Peers of Acadia Valley, Alta.; brother Russ of Burlington, Ont.; sister Betty (Harvey) Nott of Qualicum Beach, B.C.; 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Monica Grace (Knight) Lacey** was born Dec. 10, 1921 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and died July 22, 2006 in Ellensburg, Wash. Monica taught French at Okanagan Adventist Academy in Kelowna, B.C., as well as assisting her husband in his work

as conference evangelist. Surviving: husband Kenneth of Ellensburg; sons Michael (Helena) of Brixworth, England, Robin (LaRenne) of Ellensburg, and Stephen (Florence) of Spangle, Wash.; daughter Beverley (George) Lemky of Creston, B.C.; brother Terence Knight of Guildford, England; sister Beryle Maudsley of Hayling Island, England; 14 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

**Bertha Louise (Obermayer)**

**Livadney** was born Mar. 16, 1915 in Beauvallon, Alta., and died Aug. 6, 2006 in Vernon, B.C. Bertha served as a secretary in the Alberta Conference, as well as secretary at Canadian University College (when called Canadian Junior College) in Alberta. She loved to work in the children's Sabbath School divisions and conducted many Vacation Bible Schools in Saskatchewan. Surviving: sons Don (Margaret) Livadney of Terrace, B.C., and Jerry (Kandy) Livadney of Lacombe, Alta.; daughters Loanne (Norman) McLeod of Armstrong, B.C., and Yvonne Judi (Eric) North of Cochrane, Alta.; sister Elsie Topolinski; 11 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

**Rexella Rachel (Batick) Maier**

was born Jan. 17, 1920 in Buchanan, Sask., and died July 10, 2006 in Kelowna, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Wally. Surviving: sisters Eva Cutsha of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marissa (Robert) Hasper of Kelowna, B.C.

**Alex Hughie MacEachern**

was born Jan. 6, 1928 in Judique, N.S., and died May 22, 2006 in Woodstock, N.B. Alex loved and respected nature, and it was his greatest joy was to spend time in the woods talking about the signs of God's creative hand in nature. He looked forward to camping in Pugwash, N.S. each year. He was predeceased by his son, Alan. Surviving: wife Helen; daughters Darlene (Bill) Tanner of Kelowna, B.C., Yvonne (Richard) Novlesky of Moncton, N.B., and Angela Moore of Oshawa, Ont.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Kiara (Csonti) Molnar**

was born June 13, 1927 in Lukascs, Falva, Yugoslavia and died June 2, 2006 in Backivgrad, Serbia. Kiara served the Hungarian Adventist church in Toronto, Ont. as a deaconess. She shared her faith with all who had contact with her. She was predeceased by her husband, Joezsee. Surviving: sons Bill Molnar and family of Cambridge, Ont., and Ernei Molnar and family of Richmond Hill, Ont.; daughter Amalia Terecik and family of Campbellville, Ont.; sisters Rozalia,

Katalin, and Irenke, and their families of Serbia; and 11 grandchildren.

**Dorothy May (Bloye) Sinclair**

was born Apr. 5, 1920 in Bracken, Sask., and died July 5, 2006 in Lacombe, Alta. She was predeceased by her husband Donald, and her son George. Surviving: daughters Gayleen and Linda; brothers Bill Bloye and Jack Bloye; sisters-in law Jean Watson, and Margaret Cameron; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**Clayton Tates**

was born May 6, 1923 and died June 19, 2006 in Red Deer, Alta. Surviving: wife Eva of Clive, Alta.; son Calvin of Clive; brother Leroy (Jean) of Langley, B.C.; sister Elodie (Henry) VerBoom of Calgary, Alta.; sister-in-law Lily Tetz of Trochu, Alta.; and two grandchildren.

**Linda Wergin**

was born Oct. 29, 1927 in Janovka, Poland, and died Aug. 18, 2006 in Kelowna, B.C. Linda and her husband spent some years living in Saskatchewan and doing work for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Surviving: husband John; son Peter of South Korea; daughter Susan (Bob) Kasper of Kelowna; brothers Adam Weidner of St. Thomas, Ont., Hans Weidner of Waterloo, Ont., and Will Weidner of Stratford, Ont.; and two grandchildren.

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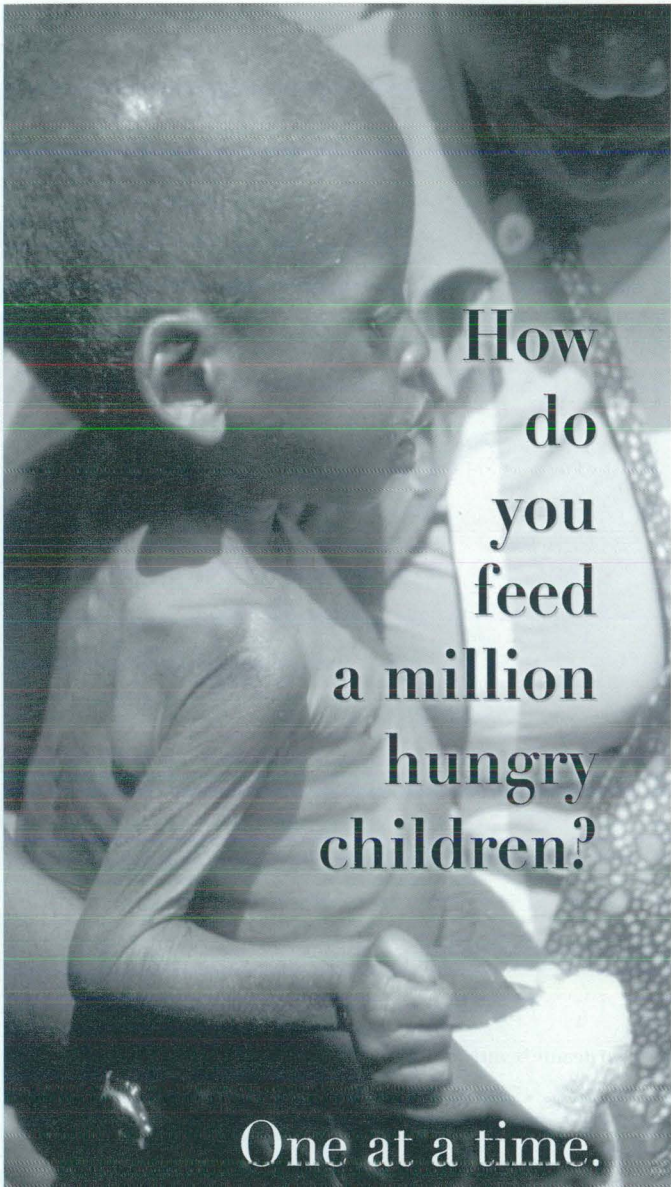
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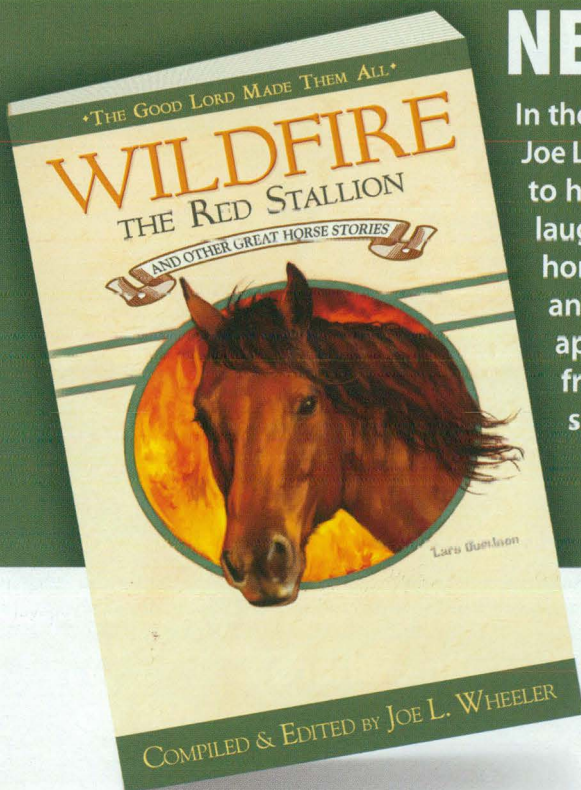
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# The Condition of Admission

*Once upon a time* there was a happy kingdom, and many sought to be citizens in it, including one handsome, clever Native Canadian named White Eagle. But the king of this kingdom had published a royal decree that no one could become a citizen of the kingdom, he or she had to be born into it.

There was nothing in White Eagle's life worthy of blame, and so he tried to enter the kingdom on his own terms. One day he addressed the gatekeeper: "I, White Eagle, am ready to surrender my native costume and take on the dress of the people in the kingdom. I will put away all my paintings, my colours, my decorations, my ornaments, and my headdress if only you will let me in."

The gatekeeper answered that, while the king would appreciate White Eagle's good intentions and actions, he could not let White Eagle into the kingdom.

White Eagle tried another tack: "I, White Eagle, will change the way I speak. I will never use any crooked word or speak an untruth. I will never curse or speak against the king. I will speak the pleasant language of the people of the kingdom if only you will let me in."

But the gatekeeper was unyielding.

So White Eagle used one last argument: "I, White Eagle, renounce my origin. I repudiate my cultural heritage, my forebears, my tribe. I accept the king's culture, his heritage, his titles. He can rename me and call me no longer White Eagle, but Mr. Smith, Mr. Johnson, Mr. X, Mr. Saint—anything. Just let me into the kingdom and let me join the happy people. I promise to follow all the statutes, decrees, and regulations of the kingdom if only you will let me in."

The gatekeeper replied, "Truly, you can do all the things you've mentioned, but you will never gain entrance into the kingdom based on your human behaviour. Citizenship in this kingdom is granted only to those who are worthy."

"But how can I become worthy?" White Eagle asked in frustration.

"You cannot enter the kingdom unless you satisfy the king's only requirement. You must be born again."

"Then I will be!" vowed White Eagle. And by a miracle known only to those whose hearts have been transformed by faith in God's grace, White Eagle became an honoured member of the kingdom of happy people. ■

Steve H. Petr often used this parable to illustrate the plan of salvation for the Native Canadians he pastored before his retirement.



