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Keepin' it Real

Authenticity. I find myself searching for it lately. Seeking it in people. Craving it in my entertainment and personal interactions. Yesterday, I heard myself say that I would rather forgive a person of a million indiscretions than to have that person pretend their mistakes away, and I really would. I like people who dare to be real, even when real is ugly. I don't like it when people act perfect, when they take pains to appear different than they really are.

This might explain why I've always had a problem accepting Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 9:22 that he became "all things to all men." I read that and cringe; what about being your true self, I want to scream. I know that Paul was not suggesting that we be fraudulent or deceitful; he's obviously speaking of the importance of tailoring one's message to the audience, of being relevant to the culture you are serving. But the phrasing he uses! Yikes! "Being all things to all people" doesn't only sound exhausting; it sounds dishonest.

This sentiment doesn't fit with the Paul that I've come to appreciate—the man who is honest about himself and his struggles, who publicly confesses "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do . . . For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing" (Romans 7:15, 19). *That* is real. *That* I can relate to. I'm not all I want to be, either, and I'm increasingly coming to the place where I don't mind saying so.

I think that we sometimes don't admit our shortcomings because we fear the condemnation of others. The problem is that when we pretend to be perfect,

we become unapproachable. Like when I entered the spotless home of an acquaintance of mine recently. She is close to my age, also a mother of two young children, also very busy with the demands of life. But her house was immaculate. We chatted pleasantly in her entryway for a moment, but I, thinking of the dirty dishes I'd left piled in the sink that morning and the laundry that perpetually lives under my kids' beds, immediately realized that she and I likely would never be kindred spirits. I'm sure she is a lovely person, but I immediately sensed that we had very different priorities for life, little if any common ground. I wanted to get out of there as fast as I could.

I wonder if that is a little too like how unchurched people look at us Adventists sometimes. We're so shined up—Jesus might say "whitewashed"—that others feel inadequate and want to run away. How can we tell hurting friends to trust in God in the tough times if we appear to have no tough times ourselves? How can we tell them to lay their cares at His feet if we ourselves seem to have no cares? How can we make them appreciate the brokenness that Christ allowed Himself to enter into if we pretend that we are never broken?

When Paul said that he was all things to all people, he wasn't saying that we need to be perfect, to be admired by all people, to be the answer to everyone's problems. Rather, I hear him saying that we need to realize that we are no different from anyone else. Far from encouraging us to be dishonest in our approach, Paul actually says that we can relate to all people if we are open about our struggles and shortcomings; we all have them!

God, help me to remove pretense from my repertoire and to be real even when it's embarrassing and uncomfortable. Amen. ■

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EarthTalk

▶▶ If we act now, we can still save our natural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Environmental Sustainability Possible Within a Generation

Canada can achieve economic and environmental sustainability within a generation if governments work with industry and public policy groups to address major issues like using water and electricity more efficiently, reducing waste and pollution, increasing investment in urban transit, and improving how we plan cities to curb urban sprawl, says a new report presented to municipal and federal leaders at a sustainable communities conference hosted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The report goes on to say that “we also must ensure we are truly innovative. And innovation does not mean continuing to provide large subsidies to unsustainable sectors like the oil, gas, coal and nuclear industries while giving a tiny fraction of that support to sustainable sectors like wind, solar, micro-hydro and bio-gas. Now is the time for fundamental change so that future generations can enjoy resources we take for granted like clean air and water, and do not pay the price because we squandered this wealth.”

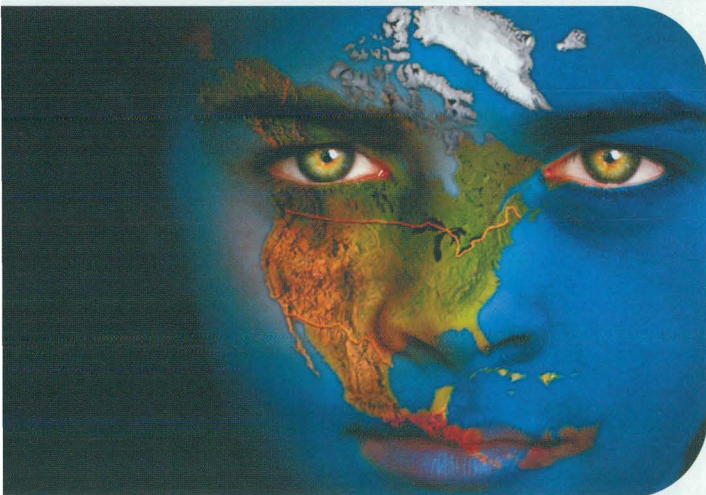
Canada and the Environment: Some Facts

Canada is often perceived as an environmental leader, but a report by leading environmental thinker and lawyer David Boyd, shows the opposite is true:

- More Canadians die every year from the effects of air pollution than from homicide.
- Canada finished 28th out of 29 countries surveyed in a 1999 study of countries belonging to the Organization for Environmental Cooperation and Development (OECD) that examined performance in 10 categories including air, water, energy, climate change and biological diversity.
- If every individual in the world consumed as much energy and resources and produced as much waste as the average Canadian, we would need four additional planets like Earth to survive.

The report lists some specific examples of initiatives that the federal government should adopt in its budget planning:

- Shift gasoline tax revenue to public transit. The federal government collects an excise tax on every litre of gasoline, including a certain amount designated to bring down the deficit. A significant portion of this tax should be shifted to investment in public transit. Canada is the only OECD country that does not consistently invest in public transit.
- Support investment in green infrastructure for municipalities. The federal government must increase funding for water, sewage and transportation to municipalities, and establish criteria to ensure that all projects are environmentally sustainable and limit urban sprawl.
- Expand funding for renewable energy. The federal government must double funding and support for the Wind Power Producer Initiative, a fledgling program that has considerable potential for producing renewable energy in Canada. Incentives for other low-impact renewable energy sources like solar, tidal and micro-hydro, should also be expanded. These energy sources address the problems of climate change, air pollution and long term energy security while also making an innovative contribution to Canada's economy by providing sustainable employment. ■



Flying the Friendly Skies

...wouldn't the world be a wonderful place if every human being were required to take the "flight attendant" course?



Have you ever noticed how most flight attendants are usually cheerful? They're always smiling, greeting you warmly as you board, helping you stow your carry-on luggage, bringing you a pillow if you want to sleep or a blanket if you're cool, serving juice and snacks graciously, listening attentively to concerns, speaking kindly even when passengers are rude, and generally seeming eager and delighted to dote on your every whim. Impressive, isn't it?

Of course, it's a little far fetched to think that every attendant is so radiant by nature, so I have come to the conclusion that it must be the result of training—specialized education that subdues the human tendency to be self-serving. Supposing that to be true, wouldn't the world be a wonderful place if every human being were required to take the "flight attendant" course? Why, we would smile at each other, express concern for one another, listen attentively when others speak, extend courtesies to family as well as friends, be helpful all the time, attempt to outdo each other in acts of kindness, and in general just be nice to each other even when we don't feel like it. Sounds a bit like heaven, doesn't it!

Then my dream-bubble burst. I was on a flight where the on-duty attendants were pleasant as usual, but a group of off-duty attendants were also on board. They were still wearing their uniforms, but their demeanor clearly revealed they had just completed their shift and were

on their way home. They grumped at each other, snapped at passengers who mistook them for on-duty attendants, and simply wanted to be left alone. Granted, they probably had worked long, hard hours aiming to fulfill the whims and fancies of passengers all the while smiling pleasantly. But obviously, they were still human. So much for my theory that the flight attendant course would solve the world's people problems!

Now, I hope you caught the face-tiousness in my illustration, and don't think I really believe a flight attendant course would solve the human behavior problem. There isn't a course that can ever do that. Flight attendant training and self-help books may modify our behavior—for awhile, but they could never change our nature. Only our complete surrender to Jesus, inviting Him into our lives, can so change the heart that the behavior is permanently altered. When that happens, it's considered a miracle. But what would happen if at least those of us who call ourselves Christians were to receive this heart-altering, behavior-changing miracle? What would it look like? Would the world be a better place? What would be the result?

In the book *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, Ellen White writes, "If we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."

After referencing Matthew 11:29,

she continues, "Why do we not live in constant communion with Him, so that in our connection with one another we can speak and act kindly and courteously? Why do we not honor the Lord by manifesting tenderness and love for one another? If we speak and act in harmony with the principles of heaven, unbelievers will be drawn to Christ by their association with us."

Are those numbers only figures of speech, or are they to be taken literally? Suppose they are literal. That would mean a congregation of 20 members that baptizes two candidates per year could expect to baptize 200, or a 300 member congregation which on average baptizes 15 would see 1500 converts. Talk about evangelism explosion or growing God's Kingdom! Last year, members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada brought about 2,000 people to the church in baptism. Is it possible that if we'd displayed courteousness, graciousness, and tenderheartedness we could actually have seen 200,000 decisions? That number sounds outrageous; even one-tenth of that number seems inconceivable!

Yes, I was facetious about the flight attendant course, but I am serious about the difference our full surrender to Jesus, along with our changed behaviors, could make in influencing others in accepting Jesus as their Savior. ■

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Hello. I'm a Christ-Follower

I saw a hilarious Christian parody of the “Mac vs. PC” TV commercials on YouTube. It compares a Christ-Follower (Mac) to a Christian (PC). The cool guy is the Christ-Follower and, at the end, there's a still image which says “Christian No More.” Did you see it? What do you think?

Yes I saw it. It's a series of four clips (www.youtube.com/user/bramsvan) that the Community Christian Church put together. They portray the typical Christian as someone who relies on forms, rules and appearances as proof of being a true Christian. The other guy looks like a postmodern young adult who follows Jesus without displaying any obvious sign. Saying “Christian No More” is like saying “you don't need a label; just follow Jesus as you are.”

Now, that clip may seem very funny and inoffensive, but it is not. Why? Because there is a not-so-hidden animosity between them, disguised by a heavy coat of sarcasm. That's not an appropriate way of addressing the differences between two Christians. Jesus prayed for unity so people could see God: “The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.” (John 17.21 MSG)

We may laugh when we see Apple's TV commercials—they are quite clever. But Christianity is something completely different. Apple's bottom line is selling their products. Our bottom line is helping people meet Jesus.



To see an eye opening perspective of those videos from a secular point of view, check this viral video site—www.hotair.com/archives/2006/12/07/video-christians-vs-christ-followers. For a much better perspective, check this video response—www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9Ox3AsdsVc.

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Creation Corner for Kids

“Though now you do not see Him, yet believing you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”
(1 Peter 1:8, 9; NKJV).



Northern River Otter

As I sat snacking on trail mix beside a swiftly flowing mountain stream, I watched a Northern River Otter playing in the rapids. Over underwater ledges and in billowing boulder gardens the otter dove and surfaced again and again. It would disappear for a few moments, then resurface downstream in a whirlpool only to reappear upstream in the frothing surf. Its joyfulness made me smile. It was captivating.

Well-known for its playfulness, the Northern River Otter is actually a member of the weasel family which includes the wolverine, mink and ferret. Although carnivorous too, the otter seems most unlike other members of the weasel family who all have reputations for being more or less vicious predators.

Do it.

Learn more about otters at your library. If you live near otter habitat, go otter spotting. Watch for mudslides and scat full of fish bones and scales.

Think about it.

Although we are all part of the same human family, Jesus Christ expects different behavior from us who claim to be His followers. Because of our hope for eternal life, our joyful lifestyle should captivate non-believers and draw them into God's loving plan for humankind. Being patient, thoughtful and friendly can make all the difference in the world.



the POLISH predicament

In Pope John Paul II had a sterling reputation for standing against the abuses of communism in his native Poland. Unfortunately, it now appears that a number of his colleagues did not share the same sentiment, but instead acted as communist spies.

by Barry W. Bussey

Early this year, Stanislaw Wielgus resigned his position as archbishop of Warsaw. He had little choice after it was revealed that he had been collaborating with the feared secret police—the *Sluzba Bezpieczenstwa*—during communist rule. He was not alone. Father Tadeusz Isakiewicz Zaleski is soon to publish a book claiming that 10% of Polish priests—four of whom are now bishops—conspired with the communists when they were in power. Tables have turned. The former persecutors no longer have power but are facing the heat of a roiled populace who want revenge.

In 1998, the Polish government set up the National Remembrance Institute (NRI) to deal with the communist transgressions of the past. The NRI compiled a list of 160,000 names of suspected collaborators with the former secret police. Bronislaw Wildstein, a newspaper reporter, published the list on the internet. He was promptly fired, but the governing party, the Law and Justice Party (LJP), appointed him director of state television. The LJP came to power in 2005, positioning itself against former communist officials still holding office. A purge of government ranks is underway. Robert Fulford notes that, “the Catholic masses, and the new Catholic government, want revenge.”¹

Fulford tells the story of Adam Michnik, “a Pole of Jewish origin,” who was an influential writer in opposition to the communist rule in the 1970s and 80s. His writings won him six years in jail. While in prison he wrote, “I am not afraid of what they will do to us but of what they can make us into.” His foreboding appears to be happening today. It is lamentable that his voice is being drowned out by the clamour to get even.

The Polish predicament is not something new to human experience. We can readily give examples where the persecuted became the persecutors—Rwanda, and South Africa for example. It requires much goodwill not to seek revenge on those who have murdered your family members or prevented you from worshipping according to your conscience.

One has to be careful about offering advice. It is easy for us in

Canada to look across the water and wag a finger at a country that has suffered much more than we can imagine. We have not suffered the abuses of communist rule. Chances are that we would have the very same emotional response exhibited in Poland. Yet we can understand the emotion to some degree; we all have felt the grievous sore of injustice when someone has caused us harm.

There are a couple of lessons we learn from Poland’s predicament:

First, it is yet another testimony of how secular political forces will use anyone—including religious organizations—to advance their cause. The work of the church and the work of the state are very different, though there may be some tangential overlap from time to time. The church is always in the business of saving souls; the state’s main desire is to maintain power. A corrupt state will seek to maintain power at any cost. It behoves us to be mindful of the difference.

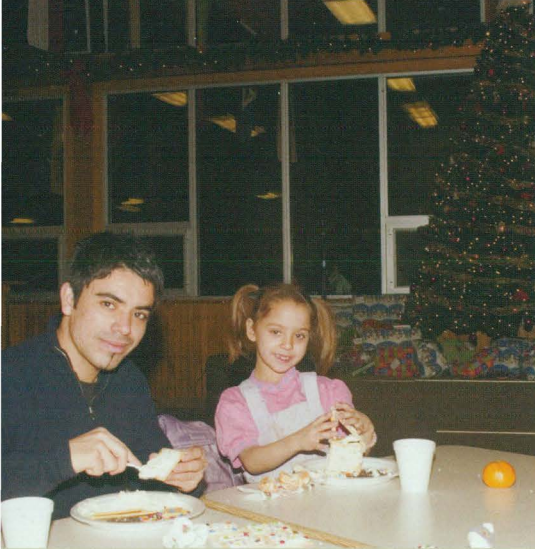
Second, no matter how terrible the pain, we must always follow the rule of law in seeking justice. If we do not, society is doomed to an even worse fate—mob rule.

Finally, it seems to me that after a traumatic totalitarian experience a country needs to come to grips with its past, not allowing atrocities to go unpunished, but dealing with them once and moving on. That will require forgiveness. Forgiveness of past wrongs is the way not only to personal peace but to the peaceful coexistence of nations. This world has seen all too vividly the destruction and death that comes when ancient rivalries are allowed to infect our present.

In the end, we pray that the Polish people will find their way out of their current crisis—not by looking back to the communist barbarity and seeking revenge but rather by following tenants of the faith so many espouse—Christianity—whose author stated, “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (Matt. 5:9 KJV). ■

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Freshman Ricardo Mena and his friend busy building gingerbread houses.

Pancakes and Gingerbread Houses

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on the evening of December 2, 2006, in the CUC cafeteria. The party was a joint effort of the Canadian University College and Parkview Adventist Academy Students' Associations. This year, invitations were sent out to children from nearby Hobbema, with around thirty-five children attending. After arriving, the children were paired up with a student for the evening, and then they were treated to a pancake feast. Events for the evening included face painting, building gingerbread houses, creating Christmas cards, and playing a giant basketball air game. A skit illustrating the spirit of Christmas was presented by the IMPACT team. At the end of the night, each child was given a present donated by CUC and PAA faculty and staff and by community members. CUC Student Association president Konstantine Niekours appreciated the amount of effort put in by all the student, faculty, and staff that volunteered. He stated, "It was a great success! Everyone left with smiles."

Christmas in Music

The CUC Music Department always has a busy end to the year. The annual Christmas concerts by the Choral Union and Silverwinds band keep both faculty and students busy in rehearsal. This year, the Choral Union, under the direction of Wendolin Pazitka-Munro, presented a Medieval Christmas on December 1 and 2. The CUC Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Naomi Burns-Delafield, accompanied and performed during the evening as well. Special guest harpist, Deborah Nyack, rounded out the line-up of performers. Both performances drew full audiences to the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church.



CUC Choral Union performing a Medieval Christmas

The CUC Silverwinds band, directed by Joanne Andersson, presented their annual Christmas concert, *Fantasie Noel*, on December 9, 2006 in the Administration building chapel. Guest artists for the evening included Erik Andersson on tuba and Bruce Landmark who performed *Rondo* and *Capriccio* on the marimba. Both concerts are highly-anticipated events on campus and never fail to promote the Christmas spirit.

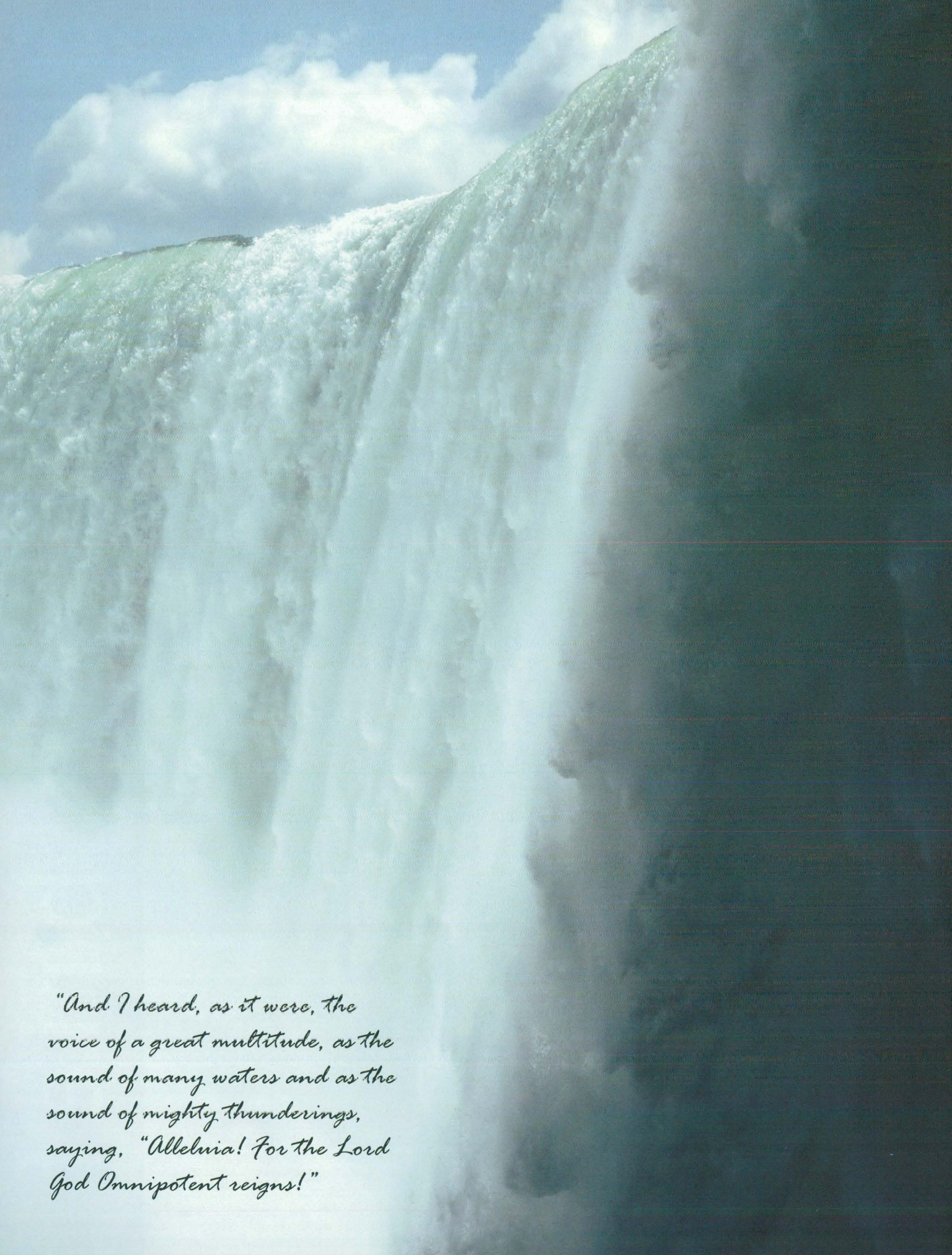
Changing Lives—The Hilltop Story

Join us for CUC and PAA Alumni Homecoming June 7-10, 2007. This Centennial celebration weekend will be full of special events including class pictures, a banquet, a special centennial celebration, various sporting tournaments, a parade, and the release of the highly anticipated Centennial book. Join us as we celebrate our alumni from the last 100 years. For more information, call the alumni office at 1.800.661.8129 x.8 or email alumni@cauc.ca. ■

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"And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!'"

Let Us Worship

What is the most appropriate form of worship music?

Organ or band? Praise team or choir? Hymns or contemporary worship songs? When it comes to worship, there are many issues about which people argue.

And arguing about worship is not a new phenomenon. If we could go back a few millennia, we'd find people still debating the same issues. Some people believed lambs were far superior offerings than fruits; some felt that goats were more appropriate than doves.

The earliest example of worship that we have in the Bible is found in Genesis 4:2-5: "Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor." Clearly God accepts some worship and rejects others. So how should we worship?

BY NOEL THOMPSON

Sacrificial Praise

Today we are asked to worship by making a sacrifice of praise to the Lord. Paul writes in Hebrews 13:15, "... let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." As you read the Old Testament book of Leviticus, you learn that the sacrifices required in the Tabernacle of Moses were only acceptable if they were without blemish. The worshipper did not bring something he did not want anymore; he brought the best of his flock, and brought it willingly. The requirement of a true worshipper is the same today. We must bring the best we have, not leftovers, and we must bring it willingly.

Though we have a responsibility to worship the Father, we cannot come to Him based on our own merit. We only have access to His presence by the blood of Jesus—the very blood that should fuel our worship. We should offer to Him the best that we have because He offered us the best that He had. It is all about Him.

If you have accepted the responsibility to help lead God's people in worship at your church, ask yourself: are you offering Him your best willingly, or are you simply going through the motions because nobody else is willing or available to do the task? Whether you play an instrument in a band, sing on a vocal team, operate the computer/projector, or you are the impossible-to-do-without sound tech, you must regard your responsibility as service to the King of Kings, requiring your best at all times. This is why at my local church, our

band and praise teams practice every week—so that we can offer our best to Him during Sabbath worship.

Abraham's sacrifice was acceptable to God because he offered the best that he had. He could have offered Ishmael, the son born to him by Hagar, the Egyptian maidservant of Sarah. However, that sacrifice would not have been acceptable because God did not recognize Ishmael as Abraham's son. When Abraham offered his best, God provided the sacrifice for worship.

Authenticity

Our worship must be authentic and complete for it to be an acceptable offering to God. According to Luke 10:27 this requires "... all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." As a worshipper, do you prepare your heart to stand in God's presence and adore Him, or do you reluctantly drag yourself to church knowing you would prefer to be somewhere else? Worship has never had anything to do with how the worshipper feels. It is about how great a God he is worshipping.

Abandonment

Athletes have a phrase they often use to describe their intensity of play. It is "Leave it all on the field." The idea is to give it all you've got. All the conditioning, weight lifting, and studying the playbook has brought you to game time. Preparation is over; it is time to give 100% on every play the entire game. There is no holding back or saving it for later.

Once we have abandoned our old

way of life, we are called to abandoned worship. What is abandoned worship? Well, when the word 'abandoned' is used as an adjective, it means 'shameless'; thus we have shameless worship, of which two very familiar Bible characters give us a good example: King David and the woman who let her hair down.

"Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod (a loose skirt). So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord and she despised him in her heart" (2 Samuel 6:14-16). It seems an ephod was not much clothing and David's wife was embarrassed for him.

Then in Luke 7:37-38 we read, "And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at his feet behind him weeping; and she began to wash his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed his feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil."

David and this woman were not concerned about what those watching them thought of their worship. Their reputations were of no consequence. They were shameless in their worship. They worshipped with abandonment, a complete surrender of inhibitions.

God is calling us, His bride, to a life of abandonment—to set aside all inhibitions we have about the way we live and just respond to His love. He is calling for abandonment every time we gather with believers to worship Him. No more "playing it safe." It is time to be reckless with our lives and with our worship. It is time for us to leave it all on the field.

Too many of us are afraid to express our love for God in worship because of our conservative traditions. For too long we have replaced the passion that God has placed inside us with our own self-consciousness. For too long we have

Test your "Worship Quotient"

- Do I observe God's mercy and blessings during the week so I can give him special praise when I worship on Sabbath?
- Does the worship service at my church give me an opportunity to testify of God's mercy towards me?
- Do I freely express my feelings to God in private as I do in public?
- Am I unconcerned of what people think of me when I openly express my joy in worship?
- Do I anticipate an encounter with God during worship each week?
- Do I leave church wishing the worship hadn't ended?
- Do I have a positive view of others who worship God shamelessly?

True worshippers are participators, not spectators.

suppressed the Spirit's work among us. Many of you have probably attended sporting events or at least watched one on TV. You have seen fans do foolish things like not wearing shirts in freezing weather or painting their faces and bodies with the team colors. In Toronto, many fans still paint themselves with the words "Go Leafs Go" although the team has been awaiting its next Stanley cup since 1967. In Green Bay, the fans wear blocks of cheese on their heads; in Cleveland, the fans wear dog masks while the fans in Minnesota wear Viking helmets. These fans leave no doubt about whom they are rooting for or where their affections lie. Let's face it, they put the church to shame when it comes to praise. What's more, they pay good money to do it.

If sports fans can be that radical in praise of their favorite team, why can't the church be just as radical in their praise of God? Are we willing to look foolish to make it clear to the world that we are praising the God of our affections? Have we really understood God's merciful kindness toward us? Can we not find reasons to express our praise to him without reservation? Has God not healed our sick, fed our hungry, delivered our afflicted?

Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, wrote, "Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The unfailling love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day." Lamentations 3:21-23. If you think about it, God owes us nothing; yet he freely gives. That is mercy. Does such mercy not deserve our loudest praise?

Heaven's Worship

There is one aspect of the worship that John witnessed in heaven that we should

not ignore: heaven's worship is loud. Nowhere in the Book of Revelation do we read that anyone silently worshipped. According to John's account, the worship was often so loud that it would have been difficult to hear anything else. At times, the worship was loud simply because of the number of worshippers. However, most of the time the volume was caused by the activity of the worshippers; they were worshipping loudly. Now, I don't believe that the volume of worship determines the sincerity. Loud worship is only noise if the worshipper does not have a heart after God. Neither do I believe that all worship has to be loud to be genuine worship. Only the Holy Spirit determines the "mood" of worship and sometimes a low-key approach to the Father is best. However, I do believe that worship is active and not passive. True worshippers are participators, not spectators.

The fact that heaven's worship is loud is most significant in that the worshippers were actively involved in the exaltation of the One who sits on the throne and of the Lamb. Early on in Revelation we read of the elders playing harps, bowing and singing praise to the Lamb in a loud voice (Revelation 5:11-12). When we look at heavenly worship in Revelation (Revelation 7:9-12; 14:2-3; and 19:1) it is difficult to find an example of quiet or silent worship. Revelation 19:6 says, "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!'"

Every time I read this passage, Niagara Falls comes to mind. Some authorities say that an estimated six million cubic feet of water flows over the Falls every minute. That is the

equivalent of about 17 billion kilograms. Scientists say that every frequency in the sound spectrum can be heard simultaneously as the water crashes at the bottom of the falls. The phenomenon is called white noise. This is what John described in his revelation.

I have heard people say they are uncomfortable when encouraged to stand, clap, lift their hands to God, and such. But there is no such thing as passive worship. Worship requires action; it is not a spectator sport. The word worship itself demands an active response.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray that God's kingdom would come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We can conclude that God's will is being done in heaven and that the worship taking place there is acceptable to him.

Someone who silently sits in a pew each Sabbath with arms crossed, watching the "performance" has not entered into worship. Someone who does not worship has not yet had a revelation of the One who sits on the throne and of the Lamb. When true revelation comes, worship follows; it is a natural response. The good news is that in the future we will gather around God's throne with the four living creatures, the elders, multitude of angels and myriads of others to worship our King. The great news is we don't have to wait until the sweet by and by; we can experience heaven's worship and the manifest presence of God today.

Let us stop the arguments about worship and start worshipping. ■

Noel Thompson is a member of the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church who has made a prayerful study of worship.



Opening Their Eyes and



Above: Stephanie Hamilton from Abbotsford, British Columbia takes a snack break on the construction site of Ultimate Workout.

Right: The Ultimate Workout is catching on in Canada. Eighteen teenagers took the challenge in 2006. Applications are now available for 2007 through www.maranatha.org.

Photo by Tom Pau Wheeler



Every year, dozens of young people from North America strike out on their own to find out what life and mission is all about. This year was no exception. The two week extreme adventure—Ultimate Workout—is designed to challenge teens to build up their spiritual muscles with high energy service projects and an intense spiritual experience. This year's 16th annual Ultimate Workout for teenagers, held in Chiclayo, Peru, was a smashing success.

An experienced leadership team from Maranatha Volunteers International and a time-tested system allows young adults 14-18 years old to independently take a step toward spirituality and mission on their own terms. And the results might surprise you.

"What I like most about Ultimate Workout is that it's unexpected. You don't know what's coming next, and it's totally Christ centered. That makes it all worthwhile," says Tyler Quiring from Kelowna, BC.

This year the adventure began as kids disembarked from their separate planes to a rowdy Ultimate Workout greeting party in the airport. Teens boarded five travel buses for the 12 hour overnight ride to their various towns. Groups started in as soon as possible mixing mortar and laying brick for a church structure.

As part of the design for Ultimate Workout, each of the sites has a special spiritual leader as well as the site leader, construction superintendent and other support staff. The teens at all five sites learned to see God, themselves, and the world in a new way.

"The best thing about Ultimate Workout is the connection between teenagers and the sponsors! How, within a few weeks, lives of the unfortunate and lives of the participants can be changed for a life time," says Brenden Rajah from Lacombe, AB.

The coastal area around Chiclayo, Peru gained five brand new churches, built by 182 Maranatha volunteers from Canada, Peru, and the US. The five groups lived in varying conditions, but all were roughing it! Some slept on concrete floors, others in tents under the stars. The days consisted of building, cooking, cleaning, participating in medical clinics, conducting Vacation

Flexing Their Muscles

Bible Schools, staffing free shoeshine stands, distributing literature, singing in the streets, hugging kids, playing soccer and much more.

Brenden is a three year veteran of the youth-focused Ultimate Workout experience. "My first trip I was only 14 years old, and the only Canadian out of about 135 kids."

Participation from the northern-most country of North America has been steadily increasing ever since! This time 18 Canadian teenagers traveled to Peru for the challenge.

"That year and every year after that, I gained the presence of God, leadership skills, ability to work with others," continues Brenden. "I am now more open to talk about God freely, and what He can do for others! I gained an understanding that youth can help the world, that we have a passion and a drive to get things done for the Lord. That's why I keep going back: so my passion grows for God!"

The projects attracted a lot of attention in town. Women watched, children teased and some men even volunteered to help out with the construction. Many of the Ultimate Workout volunteers were able to make friends and connect even without speaking Spanish! The community people were very accepting and grateful for the help to build a sanctuary that they could never have done on their own. Local church members hope to capitalize on the interest generated by the Ultimate Workout experience.

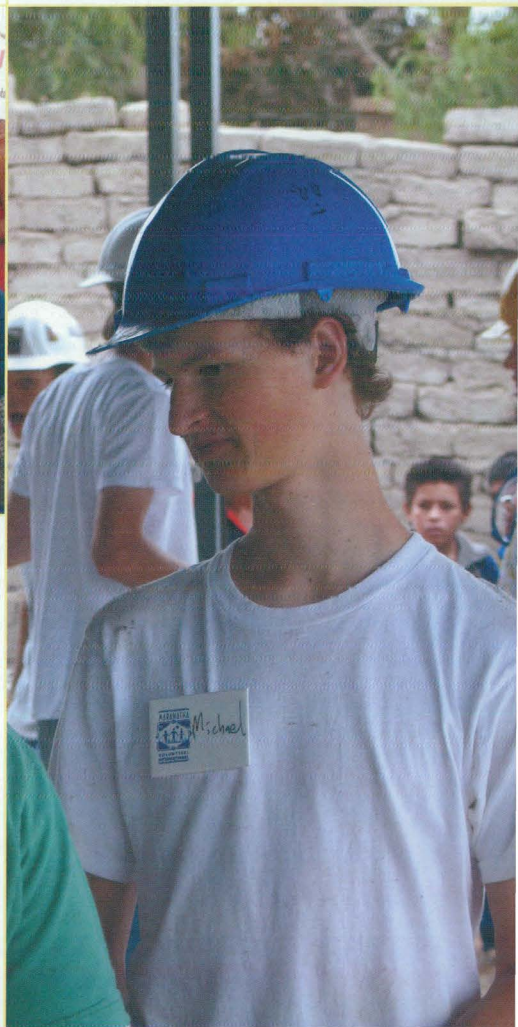
"As a youth now, my passion is Ultimate Workout because I have seen it change lives," reflects young Brenden. "People who are on the trip see that



Above: Brianne Palinka from Elk Point, Alberta hugs her newfound friend, Deisy.

Lower left: Stephanie Hamilton from Abbotsford, British Columbia takes a snack break on the construction site of Ultimate Workout.

Below: Teenagers from all over are brought together on the Ultimate Workout and given a crash course on construction—and Christianity. Here Michael Franks looks on for some important training. It paid off as the 182 teenagers completed five sturdy church buildings in a few days.



God can do magnificent things! So why not go back and see that every year, and then come back and see it work in my hometown!"

The Ultimate Workout has been challenging teenagers to take a real look at spirituality and the world for sixteen years. The 2007 Ultimate Workout experience will be in Ecuador. For more information visit www.maranatha.org or call 916/920-1900. ■

Carrie Purkeypille is a Communications Specialist for Maranatha Volunteers International.





Support of Messenger Readers Brings C

Hundreds of *Canadian Adventist Messenger* readers who gave gifts in the mid-to-late 1990s to help build an all-weather-surface road on remote Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific Ocean will be cheered to know that the difficult and complex construction project is now completed.

One of the world's most remote islands, Pitcairn was the pioneer base for the sending of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries to scores of other islands in the Pacific Ocean in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. One mile wide by two miles long, the island is a rugged, volcanic outcropping that is located some 5,000 miles almost straight south of California.

"The new road up Pitcairn's steep 'Hill of Difficulty,' leading from the island's boat landing at Bounty Bay up to the little village of Adamstown, has finally been completed," said Herbert Ford, director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Center at Pacific Union College. The center headed the international fund-raising drive to replace Pitcairn's former slide-prone, often-muddy, mostly-dusty road.

Thousands of people from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and throughout the world gave funds to complete the new concrete road. Hundreds of Adventist school

children gave funds through their schools, and a number of world notables, including the late King Hussein of Jordan, gave funds to the project. Governmental bureaucratic red-tape delayed the start of construction for years, but work finally began in mid-2005 and was completed in mid-2006. Pitcairn is a British "overseas territory."

Most of those now living on Pitcairn Island are descendants of or otherwise related to the British sailors who, in 1789, revolted against their captain, William Bligh, during the famous "Mutiny on the Bounty" near the Tongan Islands.

From a population of some 230 inhabitants in the 1930s, Pitcairn's population has dwindled to about 50 persons today because of emigration. From a once near-100% of its inhabitants being Seventh-day Adventists in previous years, the number today has fallen to below a dozen, though an Adventist pastor ministers on the island and about half of the population often attends Sabbath services.

The Pitcairn Islands Study Center houses the world's largest collection of information and artifacts about various elements of "The Bounty Saga," a sea story whose universal appeal never ceases. The center's purpose is to provide accurate information



1. A Pitcairn longboat enters Bounty Bay at the island with supplies from the ship lying in the distance offshore.
2. The Pitcairn village of Adamstown is served by a new all-weather road to which hundreds of members in this union conference contributed funds.
3. Pitcairn Island once served as the pioneer base of all Seventh-day Adventist missionary activity in the Pacific Ocean.
4. Everything and everyone arrives at Pitcairn Island lands by boat at this tiny inlet called Bounty Bay.

▶▶ A call is being made to Adventists who may have information, books or artifacts relating to Pitcairn or the Bounty story to consider placing originals or copies of such in the study center for use by others. Contact may be made directly with Ford at hford@puc.edu. The study center's address is 1 Angwin Ave., Angwin, CA 94508.



Completion to New Road on Pitcairn Island

about the saga, including the role of Seventh-day Adventism in it, and to provide assistance to the Pitcairn people when possible.

Educators, journalists, scholars, researchers, writers, students, government officials and others come to the center from numerous countries to make use of the many, often rare books and papers that it houses. "The Study Center provides a wonderful springboard for explaining Adventist beliefs to others," says Ford. "You don't talk long about Pitcairn Island before you're talking about the place of the Adventist faith in the island's history." ■

Please visit www.pitcairnstudycenter.org, the center's extensive website, to learn more about Pitcairn's interesting history and the story of the mutiny on the *Bounty*.





Photos courtesy of Todd Heese

Child of ADRA

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he will never forget the day the one-year-old girl came to her.

Filthy and mostly naked, the baby had a bulging stomach and sunken eyes.

But, it was those eyes—those desperate, longing eyes—that melted

Bayi's heart and made her welcome the unnamed child into her home.

She was "blood" after all—a fragile, neglected niece that villagers brought to Bayi's home because her mother had abandoned her. The little girl quickly adjusted to her new home but remained desperately underweight and malnourished. Bayi did not know how to properly feed the little girl. By the time she was four years of age, the little girl still could not walk and often was sick.

Then ADRA Togo came to her village of Abatamé as part of the Rural Health and Income Generation Project funded by ADRA Canada. The village agent saw this young, sickly child and spoke with Bayi. ADRA Togo began to teach Bayi how to properly feed and care for the girl. A special blend of soybean

baby cereal was provided. Six months later the child began to walk, and the villagers started calling her Adravi—child of ADRA.

And it wasn't only Adravi's life that began to change. Life skills classes on health, hygiene, sanitation, and other such topics were started, women's committees formed, and micro-credit loans provided. The residents of Abatamé began to learn how to make positive changes in their lives.

Bayi, like many other villagers, took a small business loan from ADRA Togo and began to get an income. She was given a loan of about \$150 to purchase and raise goats. It's been three years since ADRA Togo left Abatamé, but those goats are still a major part of Bayi's livelihood and provide for her needs and those of Adravi.

Bayi recalls, "If ADRA Togo didn't come and teach me how to take care of and feed young children, Adravi would not be the girl she is today. She is seven years old and in her first year of school. Adravi is happy and healthy."

And Adravi's story is not over yet. It, and thousands of other like it, will continue to unfold thanks to the work of ADRA Togo and the support of ADRA Canada. ■

Todd Reese is the Executive Director of ADRA Togo in West Africa.



I am a 24 year-old social worker who has for years had a burning desire to do mission work. So, after lots of paper work and immunizations, I left my family, my loved ones, my job ...essentially my life ...to venture to Kenya, Africa. For a year, I served as the matron of the Exit Program (a half-way house) at Wema Centre, a rehabilitation facility for former street children. Although I had no idea what was in store for me after I'd arrived in Kenya, the Lord did exceedingly and abundantly more than I asked or could ever have imagined!

I taught life skills, relationship management, anger management, conflict resolution, crisis management and independent living to the 18 young people for whom I was responsible. There were many successes and trials, but the one that keeps coming back to me now that I've returned to the comfort of my Toronto home is the story of Regina ...

"Take Me Home"

My colleague, Stella, and I had ventured out that day to see where Linda spent her time when she wasn't at the rehab centre. Linda was a troubled young woman who had previously run away from the Wema Centre but who was now anxious to return and to show us where she'd been spending her time. Wary of the situations we might encounter, we journeyed carefully to the Nyalí Bridge in Mombasa, Kenya under which Linda had lived for the past year. We walked up and down narrow rocky pathways and through a barbed wire fence before finally reaching the bottom of the lakeshore where several mud rooms crowded each other. Ignoring the greetings of many drunken men, Linda pointed us to the room she called home. We entered the room, the smell of drug use and promiscuous behavior filling our nostrils. We sat on a flattened mattress and began meeting a few of Linda's friends. One friend that we met was Regina.

Regina was a young lady who was broken inside and searching for a healing touch. She poured out her heart that day, and I listened intently, praying that God would grant me words of wisdom and encouragement. Regina was a talented high-school graduate—extremely intelligent and beautiful—who had been living with a void in her life. Her unstable family life did little to discourage her from turning to drugs and alcohol in an effort to fill that void. Environmental influences and poor decision-making resulted in her living in the streets, alone and emptier than before.

With eyes full of tears and a heart that seemed to weigh a ton, Regina managed to mumble a plea: "take me home." Without hesitation and without a need to have thorough knowledge of her past, we gathered her belongings and traveled with her to plead her case before

her father, asking for forgiveness and reacceptance.

Regina was terrified to approach her father, and I had no idea what we would face upon arrival, but because the Holy Spirit was in front, beside, behind, underneath, and in us, He gave us the words to make the petition for Regina. Though she was admitted back into the household, the next few weeks were grueling for her. She faced disbelief, rejection and shame from her loved ones. I visited Regina frequently during her drug withdrawal and noted that, throughout her rehabilitation, her loved ones turned their backs on her and taunted her.

Soon, Regina decided to suffer alone, and she disappeared. I heard stories of her whereabouts, but all I could do was pray and trust that the Lord was taking care of her. Four months later, I received a welcome call from Regina! She had moved the Nairobi to live with her mother. She preferred not to discuss her recent months of isolation, so instead we rejoiced together that she was safe and able to make contact with me. We rekindled our friendship and spent time together whenever I was in the city.

She has now been drug free for over thirteen months, and she calls me her angel. I was simply doing what the Lord instructed me to do. A Father, kinder and gentler than her earthly father, has stepped in and refused to allow Regina to be lost forever. Though her path was never easy, her Father provided a way through. ■

Fiona James served as a Missionary Volunteer in Kenya, Africa from October 2005-August 2006. She continues to be blessed by her experience there.



Ontario

Adventist Teen Raises Temperance Banner



Lucas Lubin of the Simcoe Seventh-day Adventist Church

Lucas Lubin is a 16-year-old grade 11 student at Simcoe Composite High School in Simcoe, Ont. Until recently, Lucas worked part-time in a local shoe store, but that changed when he joined the Haldiman-Norfolk Health Unit to combat tobacco use in the county. "I realize that I live and work in tobacco country," says Lucas, "but my job is to educate people on the dangers of tobacco in all its

forms—in spite of its economic impact in the area."

In total there are six youth in the Unit between the ages of 15-18; they initiate programs to enlighten the public on the health issues associated with tobacco. The group also puts on programs in schools in efforts to counteract the profound effect that the media has had on the youth.

With wisdom beyond his years, Lucas comments, "It's hard

to believe in this day and age that studies are still being funded by the tobacco industry to fight medical proof regarding smoking." However, Lucas, who is a huge NASCAR fan notes, "I am encouraged by the total ban of cigarette advertising in this sport. Jeff Gordon now drives a car with an advertisement for Nicorette on the hood."

The total ban of smoking in all public areas in Ontario has not gone unappreciated by Lucas and his group, yet he notes the tough road ahead in the tobacco fight. "It's appalling to see so many outside of the buildings lighting up in the cold, even workers at the hospital."

There was a time when Adventists were leaders in temperance societies, and many signed a temperance pledge when they were baptized. Those days are mostly gone, but, thankfully, the temperance spirit has been resurrected in the Simcoe church thanks to the dedicated efforts of one young man. "Three-hundred persons per year die from second hand smoke intake; it's just not fair," states Lucas Lubin, health reformer. ■

Ajax Church Celebrates the Community

On Saturday December 31, 2006, on its 2nd anniversary celebration, the Ajax Seventh-day Adventist Community Church acknowledged the hard work of a dedicated agency and a committed family, both of which provide services to individuals in the Durham region. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Bruce Boyle of Herizon House, a non-profit emergency shelter that provides crisis counselling, housing and legal support for women and children facing abusive situations. The church's Community Service department was privileged to assist this agency during Thanksgiving by providing Thanksgiving dinner to residents of the shelter.

Another certificate of appreciation was presented to Andrea and Roger Edwards for their annual provision of Christmas dinner in their home to those who are lonely and homeless during that season.

One of the main goals of the Ajax church is to be accessible to the community and to assist the community in meeting its needs. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to fulfil this goal and spread God's love to those in the Ajax region. ■



Judy Hutchinson-Boyce and Pastor Charles Leader present certificates of appreciation to Andrea Edwards and Charles Boyle.

Alberta

Generous Alberta Donors Provide ...

A "Shopping Mall" at Mamawi Atosketan Native School

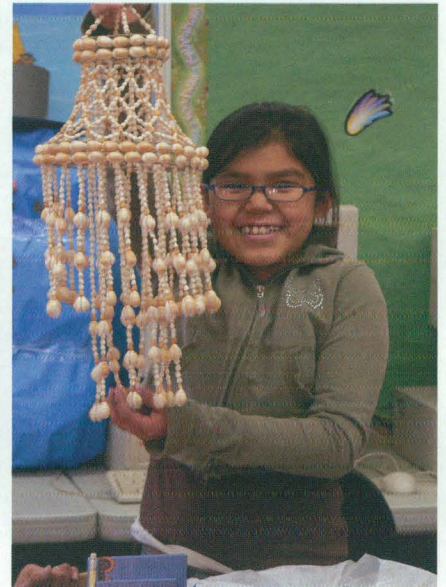
Canada's only Adventist school for First Nations' children

The air was full of excitement at Alberta's Mamawi Atosketan Native School on December 19, 2006 as students examined the multitude of gifts that generous individuals had donated for the students to give to their family members for Christmas. In early December, when the staff pondered how to

make Christmas extraordinary for these special children and their families, the thought came to have a "shopping mall." Planning was the easy part; staying on top of the countless number of phone calls for pickups was more difficult, but all the donations were collected. There are no words adequate to express the appreciation of staff and students for the enormous generosity of Alberta church members and friends.

On December 18th all the goodies were brought to the gym, tables were set up, and many of the Junior High students began the huge task of sorting through the gifts and organizing everything so things would go smoothly when all the other students joined them to do their "Christmas shopping." Staff worried that the students would need to be closely supervised, but, as it turned out, the students happily engaged the staff as they looked through items saying, "Remember when . . .?"

Our donors might not realize that they did not just give inanimate objects. They gave smiles, squeals of delight, an abundance of energy and an experience of bonding that could not have been accomplished in any other way. This was an experience that did not involve "me, me, me." Not once was a child heard to say, "I wish that were mine," or "I'll get that for me." It was all about everyone else: kokums (grandmothers), mossums (grandfathers), mothers, fathers, aunties, uncles, brothers and sisters. The list could go on but the point is it was for everyone but the students themselves.



Those who donated gifts gave not only to the students but to the staff as well. Christmastime can be a challenge, and the stress of dealing with the problems that sometimes come to school with some Mamawi students threaten to overwhelm us. But, for two days, these children were just that: children! Too many Mamawi children deal with grown-up's issues on a day to day basis, and to see them being goofy, trying things on, playing with the toys . . . well, it brought tears to the eyes and smiles to their faces of staff. These were priceless moments that, unfortunately, are too few and far between.

One parent called to say, "Oh, you sent my kids home with so much stuff for Christmas!! I can hardly see my tree anymore. I can't believe what you did for us!!" There are 11 people living in this particular home, and, needless to say, funds were low. Christmas was not looking so good.

Mission fields are often thought of as being far away in countries across the oceans and thousands of miles from our own backyard. The truth of the matter is that there is a mission field right here in Canada. Many Mamawi students and their families were anticipating a very dismal Christmas. Thanks to an avalanche of gifts from gracious contributors they had a joyful one instead. ■

African Day

On December 9, 2006, Edmonton Central church was the setting for a weekend of spiritual insight on how Canada—Alberta, in particular—is involved in the spiritual growth, culture and customs of the African people, as they celebrated “Full Cycle: 100 Years of Adventism in Kenya & the Canadian Contribution.”

Guest speakers for the weekend were Pastor Sammy & Dinah Ngetich. Originally from Kenya, Pastor Sammy and his wife met while attending the University of Eastern Africa in Eldoret, Kenya where they both completed undergraduate studies. They then attended Andrews University in Michigan and both graduated with an MA in Community Counseling.

Much to the delight of those in attendance, national dress was worn by our brothers and sisters from all parts of Africa. It was a wonderful weekend of multicultural fellowship and praise. ■

Maritimes

Chaplains in Action

If you drop in at Sandy Lake Academy, don't be surprised if you see a few new faces in the classrooms and the hallways. For our 2006-2007 school year, the school has formed a chaplaincy committee, consisting of our two local pastors—Dan Wilson and Pedro Graca, local members Donna Lindas, Kelly Loxdale, and former SLA educators Gus and Lea Lehmann. Each member of the team has a special love for young people. Our goal is to get involved with the students and teachers and, in turn, get them involved with each other and their community in service for Christ.

As part of reaching that goal, Pastor Wilson regularly visits after school on Wednesdays to play sports with the students; we've organized and executed a very successful food drive; and, just before Christmas, we prepared 55 fruit

baskets which the students distributed to the local residents around the school.

Each committee member also has chosen a specific group of students and a teacher to be especially prayed for on a regular basis. We want to cover the school with prayer. We also visit the classrooms and have worship with the students. We plan to start a “Proverbs 31” program for the girls, and we also want to develop a program for students to visit and assist seniors in the community. We want to involve the students in the local Seventh-day Adventist churches, conduct noon-hour Bible Studies, help organize field trips, and a conduct a student-led Week of Prayer. All of our activities are designed to foster good relationships and rapport among the students, teachers, community and the chaplaincy team. ■

British Columbia

Music for Meals

On Sabbath evening, December 16, about 300 guests attended the 2nd annual Christmas concert held at the Penticton Seventh-day Adventist Church. The purpose of the concert is to collect non-perishable food items and raise money for the local Salvation Army Food Bank.

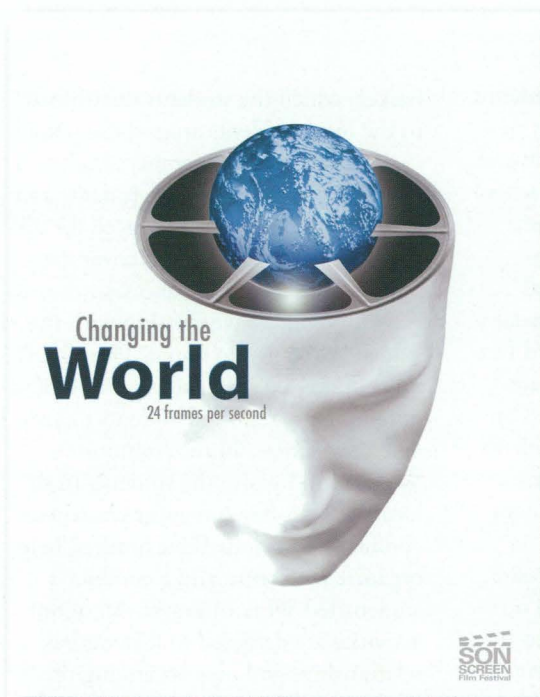
Carolyn Rowse, a member of both the Penticton Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Community Concert Band, again organized the fundraising concert which included performances by local musicians, several recording artists Kelowna, Rutland, and Salmon Arm, and the featured group, the Summerland Baptist Church bell choir.

Although cold weather kept attendance lower than last year's, more than one thousand pounds of food and almost \$500 was collected for the Food Bank. ■

Carolyn Rowse, concert organizer, and Christine Simmons, Director of the Food Bank, with some of the food and money donated



North American Division



Changing the World...One Story at a Time

When was the last time you laughed, cried, and even cheered... all in one night? At the SONscreen Film Festival attendees have been known to experience a range of emotions while watching films made by young Adventist filmmakers.

Now in its fifth year, the SONscreen Film Festival will be held at the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, California, April 12-14. Films screened are by students as well as by Christian professionals.

Attendees also have an opportunity to network with industry professionals, attend seminars, and fellowship with other Christians all with one common goal; to minister through film.

Festival organizers include new Executive Producer, George Johnson Jr. and Producer and Founder, Stacia Dulan of the NAD, and Adventist industry professionals Jonathan Dulan, Stephen Eyer, Paul Kim, Nathan Nazario, April Rushing and Rik Swartzwelder.

Entries are being accepted until March 13, 2007. Cash prizes are awarded and range from \$250 to \$3,000 for the SONNY, Best in Festival award. For more information visit www.SONscreen.com. ■

North American Division, Pacific Press, and Review & Herald partner in a...

Bold New Evangelism Initiative

The president of the North American Division (NAD) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Don Schneider, along with the two NAD publishing houses, Pacific Press and Review and Herald, have teamed up in a bold new evangelism initiative to blanket North America with Adventist literature. The initiative is called *Seven in Seven in 2007*.

Seven in Seven is a simple plan to spread the gospel by encouraging each Seventh-day Adventist church member in North America to distribute seven pieces of literature in seven days. *Seven in Seven* will take place April 7-14, 2007.

Schneider says, "Please join me in being a part of Seven in Seven in 2007. I'm going to give at least one piece of literature each day during April 7-14. If every church member in North America shares just one piece of literature a day for seven days, we could distribute 7 million pieces of literature. That means 7 million contacts for Christ in just one week! Imagine what God can do with that."

At recent meetings, the leadership of the NAD announced that church growth in the Division has declined to only 1.4 percent. Literature evangelism

is one way we can help grow the church membership.

Dale Galusha, president of Pacific Press, says, "Our church has produced some fantastic literature designed to be shared with friends, co-workers, family, and neighbors. Visit your local Adventist Book Center to see the sharing materials available to you. Then begin each day during April 7-14 with prayer, asking God to direct you to someone who needs encouragement. He will bring someone into your life that needs the literature you have." ■



Kingsway Opens Bakeshoppe

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well on the Kingsway College campus. After months of planning and renovating, the brand new KC Bakeshoppe opened for business on Wednesday, November 29, 2006. It has been a long-time dream of Kingsway's head chef, Fred Tenerife, to open a bakery that would serve the public.

From this dream evolved the opportunity to expand the bakery operation into an eat-in/take-out destination for students and staff at Kingsway, as well as for the general public. Baked items include vegetarian entrees, breads, cookies, dinner rolls, and chef Fred's famous "Chelsea buns." Customers can now visit the Bakeshoppe to pick up phoned-in orders or to enjoy a bowl of soup, sandwich, entrée, baked goodie, or hot drink in a French bakery/bistro atmosphere. Vegan selections are also available.

Kingsway students especially appreciate the availability of chips, cookies, candies, and "slushies" to compliment the more healthy diet served up by the cafeteria each day. Our Thursday menu special of "burgers and fries" is a big hit, also.

The Bakeshoppe is open Monday through Friday, providing a fast and easy way to meet our customers' need for a Sabbath entrée, workday lunch, or yummy baked goods or to satisfy that sweet tooth. With continued growth, summer plans call for an outdoor patio area with umbrella tables and expanded seating. What a great way to get better acquainted with our neighbors in the community, as well as to serve the needs of our Adventist clientele. ■



Kingsway's new bakeshoppe serves students, staff, and the community in an inviting bistro-style atmosphere.



Announcements

Kingsway/OMC Homecoming Weekend, May 4-6, 2007—The Kingsway College faculty and Alumni Executive invite all former students and staff to attend Homecoming Weekend on May 4-6, 2007. For further details, visit the Kingsway College website at www.kingswaycollege.on.ca, see your Kingsway Contact, or call Raelene Brower at 905/433-1144, ext. 212. (4/07)

Lamming Mills Reunion—June 29 to July 1, 2007 at McBride, B.C. For details contact stanley8@telus.net or 250/569-2596. (4/07)

50th Anniversary, La Mesa Adventist Community Church, La Mesa, California, May 5, 2007. A full orchestra and choir presentation, "I Can Only Imagine," will lead the worship in two thrilling services (1st service 9 a.m.; 2nd service 11:30 a.m.). Seating is free, but reservations are required. Call 619/461-5703 for service and seating information. (4/07)

Baptisms

ALBERTA

Steven Reimer, Eva Klassen, Neil Klassen, Cecil Sherret, Jason Holt, and Sean Leys were baptized in Lethbridge, Alta. by Pastor Mike Lemon. They are now members of the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Gilles Kofi Assigbe was baptized at family camp on Aug. 16, 2006 by Pastor Rudy Harnisch. He is now a member of the Dawson Creek Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dawson Creek, B.C.

On Nov. 25, 2006, following an evangelistic series conducted by Adam Ramdin from Amazing Facts, the following new members were baptized by Pastor Ern Brake and Adam Ramdin at the Rest Haven Adventist Church in Sidney, B.C.: **Michael and Patricia Tweedie, Gerald Kazanowski, and Scott Carby.**

Kelsey Lennox was baptized in Sidney, B.C. on Dec. 2, 2006 by her grandfather Pastor Ian Cheeseman. She is now a member of the Rest Haven Adventist Church.

Obituaries

Stanley Alexander Blabey was born July 12, 1914 in Hanley, Sask. and

died Dec. 26, 2006 in Vancouver, B.C. Stan's service for the church included working as an accountant/treasurer and teacher at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont. Stan's life was documented in his autobiography, *I Remember*, and in two books of poetry. Stan was predeceased by his first wife, Merle (Annis), and daughter, Ruth Sutton. Surviving: wife Alva (Williams/Devinich); children Maureen (Burt) Schaber, Joy (Bryan) Boie, Beth (Al) Reimche, Darla Devinich, Della (Jay) Paradis, Denise (Scott) Graham, and Desmond (Carolyn) Devinich; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

William (Bill) Case was born Aug. 19, 1930 in Hamilton, Ont. and died Nov. 23, 2006 in Brantford, Ont. Bill participated in many church and school events including the orange fund-raising program, ADRA Annual Appeal, food fairs, and Pathfinder events. He hosted Adventist Youth cornboils, sleighrides, and campouts at his farm. Surviving: wife Marion (Soley); son David of Caledonia, Ont.; and daughters Ruby Anne Case of Caledonia, Martha Case of Caledonia, and Doreen (Doug) Sweeney of Hamilton.

Roy Clarke was born Feb. 22, 1935 in Port Arthur, Ont. and died Feb. 3, 2005 in Grand River, Ont. He was predeceased by his mother, Gertrude Laurena Brown, and his son, Roy Jr. Surviving: son Donald (Maureen); daughters Judy, and Cathy (Lorenzo) Ferrazzo; step-daughter Tory Byers; step-father Gilbert Brown; and many grandchildren.

Leo Delorme was born Aug. 18, 1923 in Powassan, Ont. and died Apr. 29, 2006 in Bowmanville, Ont. Leo served his church as a literature evangelist, and at his local church as an elder, a deacon, and a greeter. He was predeceased by his wife, Alice. Surviving: sons Dennis (Debra) of Peterborough, Ont., and Doug (Laurinda) of Orono, Ont.; stepson Richard (Linda) Blackwood of Oshawa, Ont.; daughter Diane (Gord) Schofield of Bowmanville; stepdaughters Pauline Blackwood of Toronto, Ont., and Shirley (Barry) Whitely of Ajax, Ont.; brother Gary (Rita) Delorme of Callander, Ont.; sister Fran Packard of Bancroft, Ont.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

Felix Karst was born Aug. 16, 1918 in Cymric, Sask. and died Oct. 17, 2006 in Leduc, Alta. He was predeceased by his wife, Lydia Barbara (Wirsz). Surviving: son Emery (Ginny) of Salem, Ore.,

son Gerry (Verna) of Burtonsville, M.D., and Howard (Mona) of Westminster, M.D.; daughters Rita (Jerry) Leiske of Nashville, Tenn., Wilma Karst of Leduc, Alta., Corinne (Ken) Dudar of Leduc, and Mira Stamm of Auckland, New Zealand; sister Agatha Kerbs; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Herbert Henry Pardy was born Aug. 22, 1927 in Windsor, Ont. and died Nov. 28, 2006 in Langley, B.C. Herb loved music and was actively involved in his local church's music ministry. Surviving: wife Maureen White; son Maurice of Langley; daughters Lorena Pardy of Langley, Jennelle (Kirk) Woykin of Langley; brothers Al of Windsor, Ed (Heather) of B.C., and Daniel (Jane) of Bothwell, Ont.; sisters Ruth Hodges of Windsor, Rhoda McLachlin of Windsor, Marion Reaume of Dresden, Ont., and Gladys Crowell of Brandon, Fla.; and one grandchild.

Esther Alberta (Neufeld) Ramsay was born Sept. 13, 1915 in Rosthern, Sask. and died July 30, 2006 in Brandon, Man. Surviving: husband John; son Bob (Marty) Ramsay, and Bruce (Estelle) Ramsay; daughters Phyllis (Bob) Willauer, Pat (Jim) Selman, and Judy Ramsay; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Robert Gerald Roffey was born Dec. 30, 1923 and died Nov. 9, 2006 in Arnprior, Ont. Surviving: wife Isabelle Matilda (McIntyre); sons Jim (Marta), Tom, and Russell (Kimi), Donald; sisters Janet (Michael) Gauthier, Dorothy (Doug) Schween, Judy (Walter) Sencza, and Carol (Paul) O'Neill; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elsie Swiderski-Schulze was born Dec. 25, 1909 in Witchen Kreis Lutzkin, Ukraine and died Dec. 12, 2006 in Didsbury, Alta. She was predeceased by her husband, Willy, and her foster son Walter Krenzler. Surviving: son Wilfred (Kaija) of California, and Edwin (Maija) of Olds, Alta.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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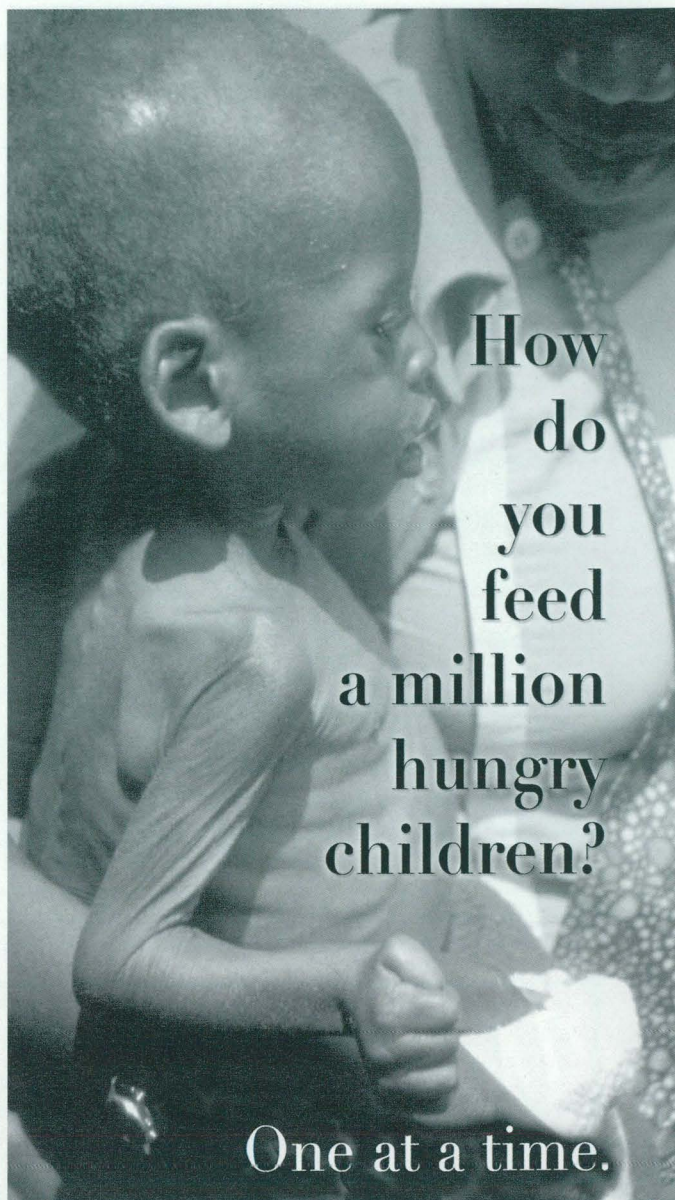
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This meeting is called for the following purposes: 1) election of a board of directors; 2) election of a standing bylaws committee and standing finance committee; 3) election of officers and departmental leadership of the conference; 4) consideration of proposed changes in the bylaws of the conference; and 5) transaction of other business as may properly come before a regular members' meeting.

The member churches of the Maritime Conference are represented at this meeting by delegates chosen on the following basis: two delegates from each church plus one additional delegate from each 40 members or major portion thereof.

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by Jim Park

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During the course of our conversation we talked a little about the Bible and I knew he had more than a passing interest in God's Word and the Christian life. So I suggested that every week I would teach him about the Bible and he would mentor me in playing the guitar. This seemed to hit a responsive chord and we agreed to meet on a regular basis.

My inquisitive pupil always had an endless list of questions which I tried my best to answer. I understood he didn't need more information but a deep conversion. So I was patient with the process.

One thing that was very apparent in this man's life was the absolute discipline that guided his whole day. He had not become a great guitar player with just intermittent practice, but had spent many hours every day training himself in the art of playing the guitar. This methodical approach to acquiring a skill also extended to teaching himself how to sing and a daily exercise program. He always backed up his hard drive and there was never a file out of place on his computer. His home was as neat as a pin and I imagined that his socks were lined up in his drawer like little soldiers as well.

So I challenged my friend to apply the same discipline that he applied to so many areas of his life to his devotional life. I told him that just as he practiced his guitar everyday he needed to read his Bible in order to become better acquainted with God and His will. So he resolved to place his Bible on the kitchen table where he would methodically read it during his breakfast (which in musician time was around 3:00 in the afternoon)! He read God's Word faithfully everyday, rain or shine. After a few weeks he described his feeding on God's Word like "eating cornflakes."

After several months of eating "cornflakes" my friend began to change. His conversion deepened and he made real progress in his spiritual life. Although all the questions have not been answered, there is an abiding peace, faith and joy in his life today. He has become closer to me than a brother and I consider it a great privilege to go over to his home and be a part of his life. He often thanks me for helping him grow spiritually—but we all know where the growth came from. It came from the "cornflakes." The daily feeding on God's Word worked the miracle of life, a new life, in my friend. Only one question remains for you: Have you had your cornflakes today? ■



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