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a tribute to all mothers  
on Mother's Day

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# As A Mother...

“As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort You.”

Those are the words of our Lord in Isaiah 66:13. I love that He says that. Why? Well, obviously because there is a certain peace and security in knowing that the Ruler of the universe loves me and is willing to overlook my filth to cuddle and whisper soothing words in my ear. In fact, this conjures up another image; once when I gave voice to my wish that we could figure Christ's saving righteousness in some way other than a robe which seems very austere and formal, some wise person told me to imagine, rather, that I am a little child again, that His saving love was the thickest, fluffiest, biggest, whitest towel ever, and that He wraps it around me when I'm still damp and warm from a long bath. Now there's a metaphor I can get into! I love the idea, and I still think of it every time I see a thirsty white towel. But this verse awakens the same feeling inside me as that image does—of being wrapped up snug and safe and warm and happy.

So, of course, I love the verse because I love the thought of being held by God. But since I became a mom, I've been able to appreciate this thought in another way too; “as a mother,” I now know the joy of being the ‘holder,’ not just the ‘holdee,’ of bringing comfort to another, not just expecting comfort for myself. I wish there were some magic words to express what I'm getting at here, but the moms and dads who are reading will understand, at least. For you others, the best I can do is to say that comforting my kids, holding them until their pain is gone, reassuring them that everything is going to be okay, giving them support

when their world has momentarily fallen down . . . those are the moments I live for. That is when I feel complete. The connection between them and me at those times . . . well, it's what I was made for.

I've begun to wonder if this isn't part of what is in the mind of God when He speaks these words to His children. Yes, we're naughty children sometimes. We can be absolute scoundrels, in fact. As we do to our earthly parents, some may ‘act out’ trying to drive Him away, or blame Him for troubles we bring on ourselves, or neglect our relationship until we forget He's even there. He knows all that. But he also knows that we're bruised and broken, that the world we live in can be rough. He aches to hold us close to Him, to keep us safe and warm until the wounds heal up and our sobbing subsides. He wants to care for us for our sakes, yes; He knows we need Him. But I dare say that He wants us for His own sake, too. As He looked out over Jerusalem, Jesus groaned “. . . how I've longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wing . . .” (Matt 23:37; Luke 13:34). That suggests that He wants us so much that going without is breaking his heart. That, in being with us, He feels complete. That He finds joy in us, in holding us, in connecting with us, in comforting us. ■

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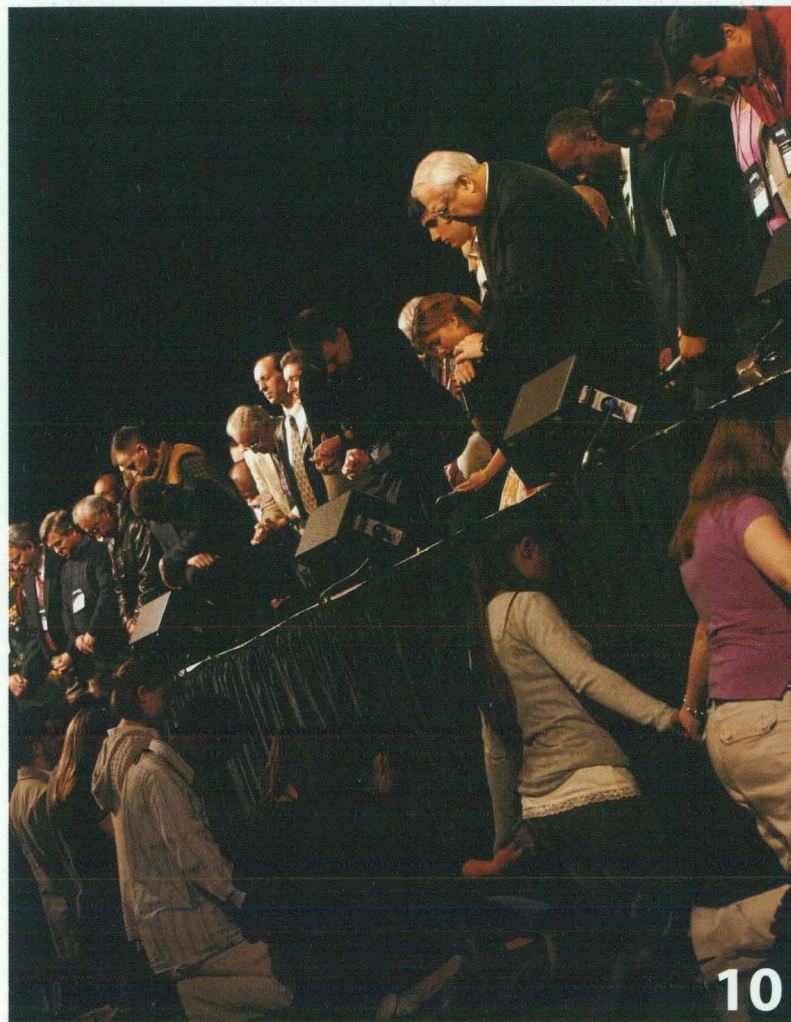
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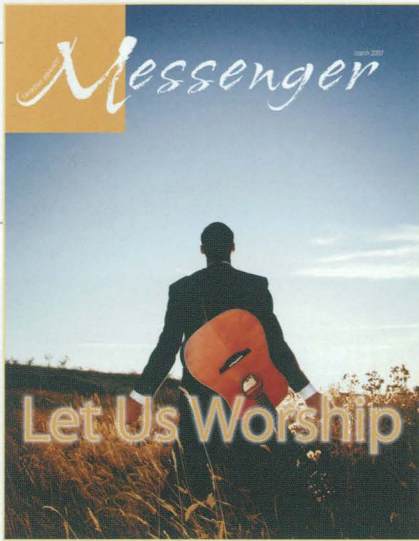


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# Your Words

“ Jesus says... ‘I will give you rest.’  
Maybe that’s all some people seek.”

## RE: “Let Us Worship,” Mar. 2007

Thank you for printing Noel Thompson’s article on worship. I appreciate thought-provoking articles, and it is good to read a viewpoint that differs from what has been printed previously.

—Elizabeth, Oshawa, Ont.

I think Noel Thompson brings hard judgment on this church congregation. People can still “praise the Lord continually offering sacrifice of praise... thanks to His name” without having to jump around clapping their hands.

He accuses people of “unwillingly” bringing “leftovers” because they don’t conform to his idea of praise. Why should people be encouraged to stand, clap, and lift their hands to God if they are uncomfortable doing this? He accuses people of sitting in pews with “arms crossed watching the ‘performance’ but not entering into worship.” Can he read their hearts? What makes him think that their worship is not sincere? Man looks on the outside but God looks on the heart; let God decide who is authentic.

I feel sorry for the people in his church who are the target for his criticism. Clapping and waving arms is not the only way to worship God. Some poor souls might just be looking to leave the noise of their week behind and come to church to worship God in their own quiet way—but Noel condemns where Jesus doesn’t. Temperaments differ, and what suits one doesn’t suit

another. Jesus opens His arms and says “Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28, 29). Maybe that’s all some people seek.

I cannot go along with his comparing worship service to a sports arena where fans completely surrender and abandon their inhibitions. Then, those at church who don’t conform to this kind of radical surrender, he accuses of suppressing “the Spirit’s work among us.” Pagans worshipped in sheer abandonment before their idols. At Mount Carmel they shouted and called upon their gods, leaped about the altar, etc. But what did Elijah do? He simply prayed.

My advice to Noel is to look at the issue from the other person’s point of view—to be still, and allow others to listen to the still, small voice if that is their wish.

By the way—his praise team is not the only one that practises every week. Our local praise team does that also. They, too, “offer their best to Him during Sabbath worship.”

—Marina, Sidney, B.C.

In the March 2007 issue of the *Messenger*, there is an article entitled, “Let Us Worship” by Noel Thompson. I find this article completely unacceptable as it has a very slanted view of what is appropriate for worship music. I find it very distasteful that the *Messenger* would publish such a biased view as many people do not agree with Mr. Thompson’s view of what he thinks is acceptable worship music. I find his

analogy—comparing fans going to sporting events—to what he feels is acceptable conduct by Christians going to worship God to be very blasphemous.

We have noticed that if and when a speaker comes to a church to conduct a seminar on music, if that speaker shares a traditional conservative biblical view, and some members of the church (the liberal thinkers) become upset and a division occurs between themselves and the conservative thinkers, most assuredly the cry goes out that the seminar speaker has split the church.

What can be said about this situation in which the *Messenger* publishes the slanted view of this individual where this magazine reaches all Seventh day Adventist members across Canada? It also could be said that the *Messenger* and Mr. Thompson are responsible for splitting and causing division in the church. I strongly feel that an article needs to be published in the *Messenger* now from the other slant.

—Shirley, Penticton, B.C.

**[Editor’s note:** Let me remind readers of a *Messenger* article from May 2005 entitled “The House of Prayer” in which the author most definitely writes “from the other slant.”]

## Re: “Those Who Came Before” Feb. 2007

In response to your column, and being one of the Baby Boomers you mentioned, I noticed your mention of “new trend of women wearing pants to church” and your discussion with someone who said “when we were

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young . . . we had our special church clothes." Then comes the clincher—"we took pride in how we looked for church."

This mentality was driven home to me when a young lady, a friend of my daughter's, came to church wearing a pair of blue jeans. Someone, perhaps like the lady who took pride in how she dressed, took it upon themselves to go up to the young teenager and tell her that "this is not the proper attire for church." Ouch!

Of course, God, in His wisdom and love, has given us counsel on how one should dress. I don't think the underlying motive is to impress ourselves or our fellow church members. Tradition—we are warned in the Scriptures against following the traditions of men rather than direction from God.

Revelation talks about our condition, that we are blind, naked . . .

—Bob, Williams Lake, B.C.

### Re: more on Climate Change

Concerning the articles in the *Messenger* of February's "Global Warming: Should Christians Care?" and March's "Earth Talk," I sincerely believe that we as Christians should be excited on one hand and deeply distressed on the other.

Simply put, the earth's condition, if I read my Bible correctly, is a result of sin and not any environmental condition that humanity has caused (Jeremiah 12:4, 23:10). Remember that when God created this planet it was semi-tropical from pole to pole. Talk about a greenhouse! Wow! As for the ice-caps, wonderful to see, but when you remember why they exist (the flood), it's not so wonderful at all.

Does ordinary living cause the earth to die? I think not.

The Eastern seaboard from Halifax to Florida looks like one big city when you look at it on the map, but the Lord has looked after the pollution that they cause by making the oceans salty. You don't destroy the planet every time you flush the toilet, and the same goes for

every time you drive your vehicle, but every time you take the Lord's name in vain or purposely break one of the other Ten Commandments, the Spirit of God retracts, and the land dies a little more. Christ's second coming is a rescue mission for his children as the planet goes down.

Anything that we could do as human beings to save this planet would be like putting a Band-Aid on someone with terminal cancer.

—Otto, 150 Mile House, B.C.

Bruce Buttler's article does a good job of presenting the current view of global warming but it left out one important fact—some reputable scientists do not believe that we have enough data to show that greenhouse gasses are the primary cause.

I watched Gore's documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, a few months ago before I had read anything about the other points of view in the scientific community, and I took his claim that there was scientific consensus as fact. However, a month or two later a friend of mine showed me some articles in the *National Post* summarizing alternate theories of global warming. One I remember came from the renowned Max Planck Institute. It suggests that there is evidence that variations in the planet's temperature relate to solar activity. It said there is data to show that the sun has become measurably brighter and warmer in recent years. The scientists who point that out don't say greenhouse gases have no effect. They are saying that there is data to show that human activity may only be a part of the picture, and that it could be a less important factor than some other phenomena such as the brightening of the sun.

I appreciated what Buttler had to say. His advice is good on conserving energy and on conserving the environment regardless of the role of greenhouse gasses. Definitely we should be good stewards of this home that God made for us and moderate our consumption.

—Mark, Enterprise, Ont.

I recently read Bruce Butler's article on global warming and would like to comment on this. I used to believe this popular notion of man-made global warming, but after doing some more research, I have come realize that global warming is caused by the sun, and that what we do makes little difference in terms of earth's temperature. A good documentary that opened my understanding to this was "The Great Global Warming Swindle," produced by channel 4 in the UK. They interviewed several leading scientists, and from this I learned that the main sources of carbon dioxide released into the air are natural processes, especially the oceans, which release more CO<sub>2</sub> when they are heated by the sun. Our star goes through periods of activity that can span centuries. The solar wind influences how many cosmic rays can enter our atmosphere, and these are a major component in cloud formation. In short, greater solar activity means a warmer planet. We are simply going through a natural solar cycle, which I believe will build up to the point where God will use the sun in one of His seven last plagues (see Rev. 16:8-9).

Global warming is now being used for a political agenda to stunt industrial growth in 3rd world countries and to levy new taxes. I encourage everyone to do their own research before accepting the views of the popular media on any topic.

—Dan, Lacombe, Alta.

In Revelation 16:3-9, there are three revelations that seem to be temperature- and possibly pollution- related. In verse 3, the sea will become as the blood of a dead man. In verse 4, the rivers and fountains of water become blood. In verse 8, the sun will become very hot and scorch men.

These prophecies will be fulfilled; that it has taken this long to come about can be seen as a blessing from God who gives us a chance to repent from all our wrongs. ■

—Art, Bow Island, Alta.



## Free at Last

**OK, so I'm about to graduate from high school, and I'm moving to a public college a few hours from home. Free at last! I'm so tired of continuously hearing "no" at home and especially at church. I feel like flushing those 10 Commandments away and having some fun with my life. I need some slack! I guess this is not really a question, but I needed to vent...**

I know that it's easy for some people to err on the legalist side when trying to apply the 10 Commandments (10C). It's very annoying, especially when some individuals seem to take the actual stones the 10C were written on and bash them on people's heads!

But you have to know that this is not the way God intended His law to be used. First of all, just before writing on the stones, He said "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). The 10C that follow are not some arbitrary code but the will of a loving God who had just delivered His people and wants to establish a relationship with them. It's a love story. The 10C come to an already-delivered people, which means that they are not a way to earn salvation, but a gift that comes *after* they've already been saved! Isn't that cool?

Jesus delivered us once and for all when He died for us. Now He shows us the way. But, since this is really a love story, when you are tempted to think that the 10C are a bunch of "no's," look at the blood that He shed for you and... alas! The hole in His hand looks like a heart!

Hmm... think of this when you're at college, and let it soften your heart.



# Creation Corner for Kids



## Deer Mouse

The deer mice have taken over our chop shed! We'd been using the chop to feed deer during the winter months, but now that spring has come and the deer have green vegetation to eat again, they've quit coming to our backyard for their daily chop feed.

All summer the deer mice occupied the chop shed, multiplying like mad away from predators that prowled outside. We hardly took any notice of them until it was too late. Now, the shed is full of mice. Because deer mice can carry the Hanta virus, cleaning the shed and ridding it of mice is risky, at best. This problem is out of control!



### Think about it.

Is there something in your life that you know you should give up, but haven't found the courage to do it yet? With God's help, tackle it now! If you procrastinate in moral and spiritual matters, you may suddenly find that your problem is out of control sooner than you might ever imagine it could be possible. Just like our deer mice!

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."  
(James 4:7, KJV).*

### Do it.

Figure it out: If a female deer mouse has 4 litters of 6 young in one year and half the young are females (which begin to breed at an age of 35 days), how many mice could that one mouse produce in just three months? In six months? In one year?



*... the battle was  
spiritual, not physical*

# When defeat means Victory

by Nilton Amorim

Traveling can be a very taxing experience, and traveling on foot is even more difficult, especially when the trip covers more than 500 kilometres over mountains and through valleys. Add to that a traveling party that consists of four wives, 11 children below the age of 14, many servants, and thousands of livestock—many with frail, young offspring—and it quickly becomes apparent that everything about such a journey is extremely challenging.

The God who had promised this land to his forefathers had instructed him to return to it, so Jacob undertook the challenging journey and was even now approaching the border of the Promised Land. Although he was tired, physical fatigue was not his main concern. He was a man of middle age—97 at a time when people lived 180 years—physically healthy and strong enough to endure a demanding journey. No, his main problem was the cloud hovering over his conscience, rendering him spiritually crippled. Jacob had deceived both his father and his brother before fleeing to Haran with Esau's vow of revenge ringing in his ears. The memory of that 20-year old deception was vivid and agonizing.

Now, as he reached the Jabok River, the last frontier separating him from the territory controlled by Esau, Jacob's fears overwhelmed him. What could he do to prevent the devastating consequences of a confrontation with Esau? In this moment of distress, God showed Jacob an army of angels. Suddenly he realized he was not alone. There were two camps: his and God's. So, he called that place Mahanaim—"two camps." In spite of being comforted by the assurance of God's angels, however, Jacob still felt the need for a human strategy to appease his brother and avoid the confrontation. So, he sent messengers to meet Esau with a "small" gift of 580 animals (goats, sheep, camels, cattle and donkeys).

Esau left Seir to meet Jacob with 400 men—*not* an indication of a reconciliatory mood. It was payback time. The Bible is silent about the way God worked on Esau's heart, but we know that He must have, because when Esau finally met Jacob, revenge was no longer part of his plan. Jacob's gift can not account for Esau's change of heart, because initially he refused it, and later only reluctantly accepted it at Jacob's insistence. The only logical explanation for Esau's change of heart was the work of the Holy Spirit.

The greatest transformation, however, took place in Jacob's heart as he wrestled with a stranger all night. The text indicates that Jacob was winning the fight until the stranger used His supernatural power to touch and cripple Jacob. The sudden realization that he was not struggling with one of Esau's warriors but with a spiritual being, caused Jacob to change his strategy. He no longer fought to push back his adversary, but instead clung to him and refused to let go until he received a blessing. When Jacob was alone again, the words of the stranger resonated in his mind: "you have wrestled with God and with men and have overcome." A simple touch had injured his hip and crippled him. How could he have overcome?

He overcame because the enemy was not outside, but within. Jacob had been prepared to wrestle with man, but first he needed to wrestle with God.

As Jacob limped across the Jabok, he was beginning to understand the lesson that God had wanted him to learn—that the battle was spiritual, not physical; that the main issue was Jacob, not Esau; that the heart to be changed first was his, not his brother's. The real issue was not appeasing but repenting and receiving forgiveness. Jacob had been trying to buy forgiveness with gifts, but forgiveness is the work of the Holy Spirit and cannot be purchased. God wanted Jacob to understand that He could take care of Esau. Esau's condition was secondary. Jacob's condition was the priority.

Jacob limped across the Jabok as a victorious man who had won a spiritual battle. Like Paul, he understood that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood" (Eph 6:12). He was physically prostrated, but spiritually standing tall; physically wounded, but spiritually healed; physically defeated, but spiritually victorious. And that victory is the one that really counts. ■

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Thousands of Youth  
"Just Claim It"  
in the Name of Jesus

*Passion. Potential. Prayer.*



BY  
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## HOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE. PASSION. POTENTIAL. PRAYER.

These are a few words to describe the World Youth Prayer Conference that was held in Dallas, Texas on February 28-March 3, 2007. Signs proclaiming that *Dallas Welcomes Just Claim It*—*Seventh-day Adventists* decorated the Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport and various locations in downtown Dallas. Many Canadian youth were among the approximately 5,200 delegates registered for the Just Claim It (JCI) Conference—a crowd that grew to 12,000 on Sabbath.

### Just Make-overs!

Some eager souls even made their way to Dallas a few days before the conference actually began to participate in the Just Make-Overs! Home improvement projects planned by Footprints Youth and Family Resource Center, World Vision, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “If you are a good person, you should stand up for your fellow man. That is what a Christ-like character is all about—helping one another,” said Joseph Adante of the Edmonton Filipino Company in Alberta.

Kimberley Newberry of Quill Lake, Saskatchewan agrees. “Even with our busy schedules in our daily lives, these acts of community service help people and show them about God’s love,” she said.

“The volunteers were always working. They took turns taking breaks and replacing each other on their own, without us directing them,” said Dave Miller, sponsor from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan conference. Those who participated felt they were extra prepared for the weekend.

### The Conference

When the Conference officially began, teens and young adults from all over the world made their way to the Dallas Convention Center. Delegates picked up their JCI backpacks at registration and found a JCI t-shirt, notepad, a copy of James Black Sr.’s book *Hey Youth! Preach the Word*, and a program presenting them with many options of workshops for the coming days. After all the registration frenzy subsided, they made their way to the main hall for the first of the evening worship meetings during which youth speakers would deliver spiritual vitamins and Mimic Ministries would give a drama presentation.

Delegates took advantage of the more than 225 workshops on everything from puppet and clown ministries to youth ministries development, family issues and relationships. Many of the hands-on workshops spent the morning in training and preparation. The afternoon afforded delegates the opportunity to put their “faith into action.” For example, clown ministries spent the morning learning how to apply make-up and preparing

a program for the afternoon when they visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Headstart Program Center and performed their first show.

During the Sabbath morning program, as the Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated 100 years of Youth Ministries, youth directors from all over the world were honoured. “As we celebrate 100 years, we’ve seen how the Lord has led in this department in preparing young people to meet Jesus Christ, in nurturing young people, discipling them so they can become strong Christians, and providing opportunities for them to participate in the mission of the church,” said Baraka Muganda, Youth Ministries director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “These 100 years indeed have led many young people to the cross of Calvary,” he said.

Another feature of the Conference was a Bible reading marathon in which delegates were invited to read one chapter, or more or less as they desired. This marathon concluded at the Sabbath service with the reading of Revelation 22.

Still another feature was the Sabbath afternoon parade with floats designed by Pathfinder clubs and academies to represent books of the Bible. Creativity was not lacking with floats like a fisherman’s boat representing the book of Mark and a seven-headed dragon representing the book of Revelation.

The closing scenes of the Conference were a celebration of the excitement and energy generated among prayer conference participants during the four-day event. A video re-cap brought warm memories of all that had transpired—witnessing and outreach activities, prayer, Bible reading, music, drama, workshops, a parade, recreation, socializing, and much more. Musical performances punctuated the program, and several youth testified of how God had moved in their lives and used them to reach others in the community for Jesus Christ. The high point was a depiction of three young people who chose to give up the world and serve God. The stunning drama was heightened by bright laser beams that pierced the darkened auditorium and vividly represented the visibility of Jesus’ return to the earth. “It was awesome,” several youth commented after the program.

### Taking It Home

But, as James Black, North American Division Youth Ministries director, said in his closing remarks. “It’s not just about drama. It’s about trying to get youth to understand and see what’s happening in the great controversy over [their] souls.” He admonished the young people to “get connected to the Master” and to make prayer and salvation their priority in life. He also challenged them to continue their good works when they return home.

“There will be no closing prayer, because JCI does not end here,” Black said. “We will pronounce God’s blessing, but this is just the beginning for what will take place in your city, your school, and your home.” ■

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(From left) Mary Castregon from Olympia, Washington; Kimberley Newberry from Quill Lake, Saskatchewan; Teresa Bergan from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and Jada Monts, from Regina, Saskatchewan.

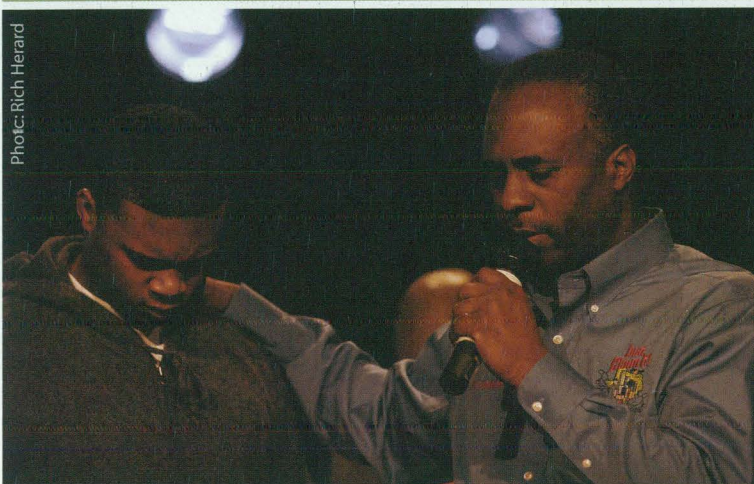


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James Black (right), youth director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, asks for prayers for the management team of the Just Claim It Youth Prayer Conference.



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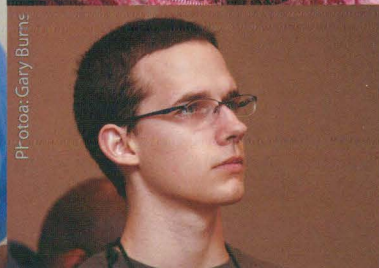


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(Left) Vicky Cadot Merceus, of Montreal, Quebec participated with a group of young people in a street preaching outreach. (Top right) Kimberly Bulgin from Toronto, Ontario helped lead praise singing. (Bottom right) Steeven Govin from St. Georges, Quebec enjoyed a seminar that was delivered in French by Pastor Herbert Vaïame, youth director of the Quebec Conference.



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Approximately 12,000 people attended the Sabbath service of the Just Claim It Prayer Conference on March 3, 2007.

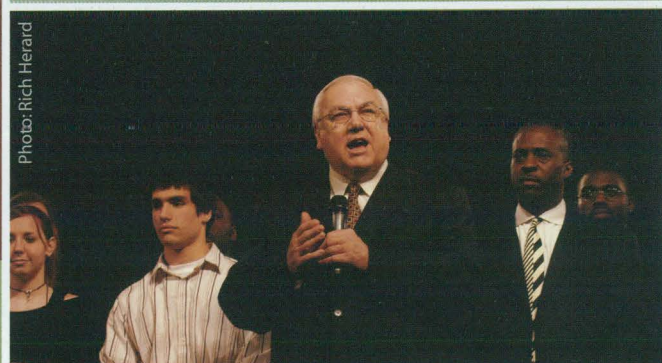
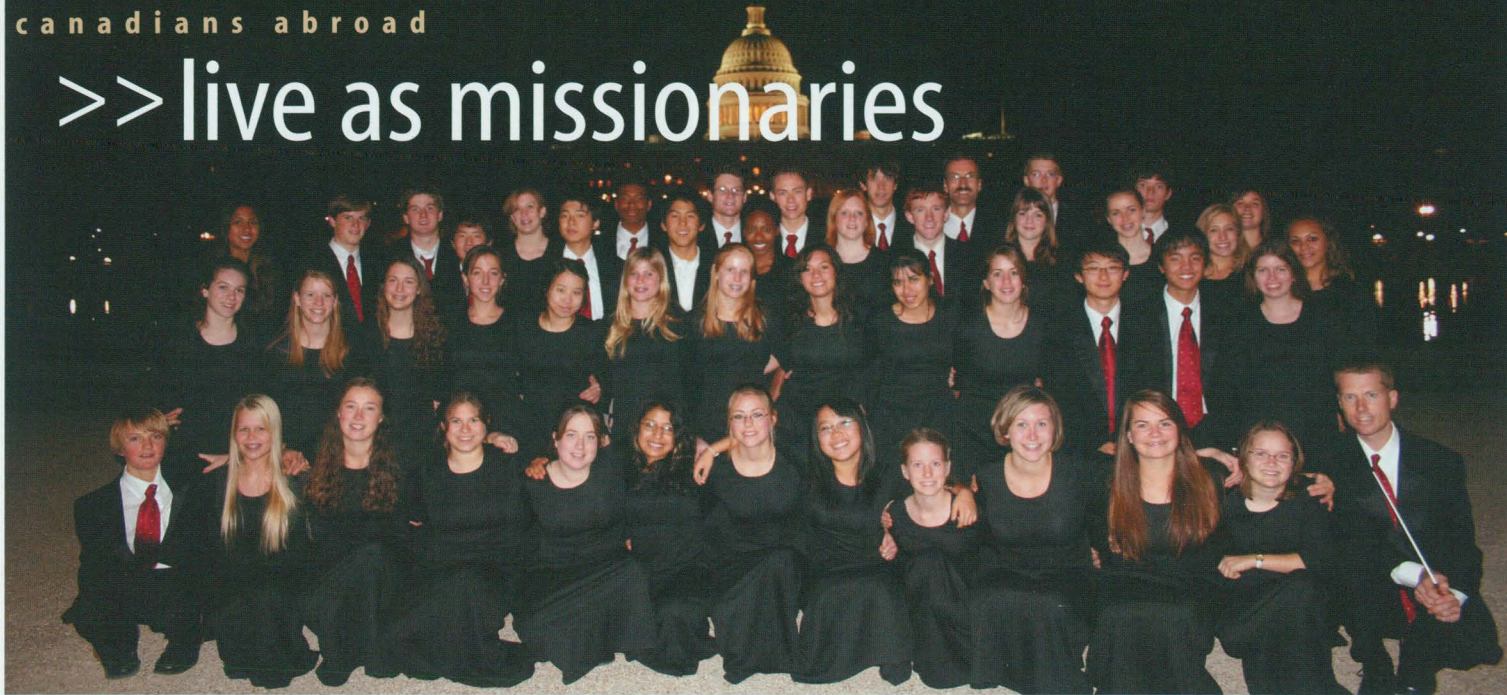


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Elder Don Schneider Talks to the JCI Youth during Sabbath service.

## &gt;&gt; live as missionaries



BY CRAIG CLEVELAND

Have you experienced those long lines at the airport where you end up taking off your shoes and surrendering any liquids or gels? I was creeping down one such line when a young lady hurried over and beamed up at me.

“See that lady over there?” She nodded toward a group of airport security officers. “The one putting her bag on the belt, right...now? I just told her about our trip to Panama with Elder Finley, and she took the *Steps to Christ* book I offered her! She was so nice! And she said she was happy to see me going to play my cello!”

I was traveling with 56 members of Fountainview Strings—the student orchestra at Fountainview Academy in Lillooet, B.C.—for a week in Washington, D.C. to film with Hope TV, to play at churches and a Hope TV rally in the D.C. area, and then to fly out to Panama in support of an evangelistic effort of Elder Mark Finley’s.

But before we even left for the main event, at the ticket counters of the airport, members of Fountainview Strings, eager to be missionaries, excitedly told the agents of our mission and added that we were carrying 10,000 copies of *Happiness Digest* (printed in Spanish) to give out in Panama.

“Would any of you like a copy in English?” they asked. “Happiness for the world is our mission!”

Grateful for the offer, several agents took the books. Better still, some baggage handlers nearby saw the exchange and came to ask for books. We had asked God to use us; we had prayed for opportunities. Now, before we even started our big adventure, He was showing that He was leading. His Spirit was already drawing hearts!

Our first concert in Panama was like most all that we played there. It was a public high school, a big gym, tin roof, over one thousand *loud* teenagers in attendance, and God worked. Our message was clear, “We’ll sing all we can for you in Spanish. We sing and play about Jesus—about heaven. We are in Panama for one thing—to play music every night at a huge event at the convention center of Hotel El Panama. You

can come for free! Busses will bring you there for free! Please come to hear us and to hear our friend Elder Finley. He’ll tell you about heaven and how to be happy right here where you live!” A young man by the name of Moses was among scores who came up for autographs that night. And, on the opening night of the meetings, he sought out our group. Near the close of the meetings, without having missed a night—he went forward to commit his life to Jesus and to join the Church through baptism! Praise the Lord!

Our efforts to advertise Elder Finley’s meetings in the schools paid off. Opening night found 5,500 packed into the auditorium with 1,500 turned away at the door. Every night from then on we held two sessions. At the close, the leaders told us that every night hundreds listed their reason for coming as: “To hear the orchestra from Canada.”

Almost every evening Elder Finley made appeals. It was thrilling to see the Holy Spirit at work. I saw members of our own group leave their seats in the orchestra to go forward in response to the appeals. (One of our students was baptized by Elder Finley in Panama!) And, just as thrilling, I looked out over the sea of people and saw God moving them to conviction, too. Nearly a thousand people at our site committed to baptism. Elder Finley was holding a field school of evangelism in conjunction with preaching his own series. He had 95 other meetings going on around that large city and from the 96 sites in total, over 2,455 committed to join the Church!

In all, we shared forty concerts. We continue to pray for those we touched along the way. However, deepest of all impressions on my mind is the picture of our own young people sharing truth-filled books with fellow passengers on one flight after another—or in the security lines and ticket counters. By God’s grace you and I will never “go on a mission trip” but instead will “live as missionaries” wherever we are everyday. ■

Craig Cleveland writes from Lillooet, B.C. where he serves as Music Director at Fountainview Academy.



# an army of youth

The theme for this year's Alberta Bible Camp focused on the amazing resources our young people have for doing things. Parkview Adventist Academy, College Heights Christian School, and the Youth department of the Alberta conference sponsored a weekend away for young people to encourage them to get involved in their churches. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Verla Matacio, high school-aged students from all over the Alberta conference were able to meet at Camp Silverside on Gull Lake over the weekend of February 9-11, enjoy great music, fellowship, and food, and be challenged to get involved in spreading the gospel message.

There were numerous workshops and inspirational meetings, as well as time for making new friends, worshipping and praying together, and having lots of fun. The keynote speaker for the weekend was Chantel Koronko, a recent graduate from PAA who is currently working with the Red Deer church as a Bible worker. Chantel shared her personal journey with God, challenged each person to consider the reality of spiritual warfare in their lives, and invited each person in attendance to make a lasting commitment to Jesus.

The young people attended workshops that were of interest to them, including topics such as leading out in praise music, giving Bible studies, Christian songwriting, sharing the gospel with others, and living a life of mission. A dozen of the bravest students defied the cold weather and went to Red Deer for an outreach project. The greatest part of the weekend was that students were able to encourage each other to be involved in serving God and others during and after the weekend. ■

*Steve Reasor is the Chaplain for both Parkview Adventist Academy and College Heights Christian School.*



**This active team of musicians—together with their friends of the stuffed Veggie variety—led Youth at the Alberta Bible Camp in praise and worship.**

## youth are talking...

*...and here's what some are saying about Alberta Bible Camp 2007*

"Bible camp was an amazing experience, it was a chance to grow closer to God and to communicate His love to other people." —Eric Aaserude

"Bible camp was a place that you could get closer to God and your friends at the same time. It helped me see how other kids were a lot like me." —Brianna Holdal

"It was a great chance to get away for the weekend. It was such a spiritually encouraging weekend. I loved the speaker and the workshops, everything brought me closer to Christ." —Quinton Evahnenko

Thanks

MOM





In this crazy world, it can be easy to think that grand gestures and big bucks are necessary to get our children's attention. In reality, what seems most important are the simple, everyday efforts. At least that's what we found when the *Messenger* asked students at Red River Valley Jr. Academy in Winnipeg, Manitoba to tell us

## "What is the greatest thing your mother ever did for you?"

Tuck me in at bed time.

Rafael, Jr. K

She loves me. Samuel, gr. 3

Go to the park.  
Denika, Kindergarten

Clean up my room.  
Jewel, Kindergarten

Ice cream.

Shae-lynn, gr. 2

Hugs and Kisses.

Sarah, gr. 3

Read me a story.

George, Jr. K

My mom picks up my toys. Jairo, gr. 1

Gave birth so that  
I could be alive.

Jessie, gr. 1

There is a rule in our family  
that you can't have sleepovers  
until you're 10, but my mom  
let me have just one sleepover  
with some of my friends.

Nadine, gr. 7

She gave me the  
best birthday present.

Abigail, gr. 3

Take me for walks.

Jen, Kindergarten

My mom loves me.

Zion, gr. 2

She gave me my  
favourite present.

Jesse, gr. 2

She gave me life.

Kenneth, gr. 2

My mom helps me  
with homework.

Caroline, gr. 2

Take me to the park.

Shanicia, Jr. K

Take me for walks.  
Jaquayne, Kindergarten

Push me on the swing.

Nia, Jr. K

My mom  
cooks my food.

Giecel, gr. 2

My mom took me  
to Polo Park! (a  
mall in Winnipeg)

Ryan, gr. 3

Gives me presents.

Marcelo, gr. 2

She gave birth to me.

Tiandra, gr. 2



We encourage you to think of all the reasons you appreciate the wonderful woman you call "mom." Mother's Day is May 13th. ■

Woman—she becomes qualified to do so many jobs as a result of motherhood: comforter, disciplinarian, friend, counsellor, chef, chauffer, teacher, defence lawyer, theologian, pastor, fashion consultant...and the list goes on.





## A tribute to all mothers on **Mother's Day**

by Janice De-Whyte

**T**he womb—a place of comfort and connection even before mother and baby set eyes on each other. There is bonding and care, nurturing through nutrition and protection through being in the pouch of the mother. Wombs are amazing! The psalmist wrote about God's action and involvement in the womb saying "You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb . . . When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body" (Psalm 139.13-16).

It's both beautiful and interesting that the great God, Creator, and Heavenly Father also expresses Himself in maternal language. In his self-revelation to Moses (Exodus 34), God declared Himself compassionate, and we get the Hebrew adjective רחום—*compassionate*—that derives from the noun רחם—*womb*. The Hebrews understood compassion through the image of a mother who shows great love and concern for her dependent child. It is compassion that is not static but dynamic; it sees a need and acts generously.

Our God uses language that draws upon the beautiful connection and love between a mother and her child, both in the womb and outside of it, to reflect the natural inclination that He has to love us, the compulsion that He feels to meet our needs and see us grow holistically in life. However, God also declares that His compassion supercedes that of any mother on earth. In Isaiah 49:15 we read "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" Many people have experienced the pain of being disconnected from their wom**ben**, and many wom**ben** have been disconnected from their children. God's compassion gives Him a compulsion to watch over all of us in a motherly way, whether we've known our wom**ban's** compassion or not.

I am so grateful for the role that mothers play! Spirituality and identity are grown in you. Too often, you go unrecognized, your generous gifts and sacrifices seen as being just part of the job. Mothers, what you do, who you are, and all you give is a *reflection of God!* Even He honours you as He illustrates his love and compassion for humanity by using womb language—your language!

To all the mothers who were pregnant and visited the doctor only to be told that the heartbeat of your baby could not be found, to the mother who anticipated for months but had to deliver knowing that baby would not ever be coming home with you, to the mothers who have lost their children at any age, to all the mothers who have been there in the place of absent ones: your ache, the pain that accompanies your compassion, is often overlooked. On Mother's Day we recognize these tragic circumstances of motherhood, even though others may have ignored you instead of embracing you. For all your bravery and willingness to heal, thank you!

To all the Mommies, Mums, Mas, Mamas, adoptive Mothers, foster Mothers, Grandmothers, spiritual mothers, mothers-to-be: being a wom**ban** is a beautiful ministry. May God continue to bless you, give you the wisdom, patience and love you need to continue. ■

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*Janice De-Whyte writes in appreciation of the beautiful womb-connection she shares with her mother. She wants to be like her Mummy when she grows up!*



## CUC Chamber Orchestra: Birth of an Idea

*Naomi Burns Delafield, an instructor in the Music department and director of the Chamber Orchestra at Canadian University College, raises her arms, baton in hand. The soft murmur in the crowd quickly turns into silent anticipation. The baton hangs in the air for what seems like an eternity as the violins, violas, celli and other orchestral instruments wait for the signal to begin. With one smooth sweep of her hand, the room is instantly filled with the sounds of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments all working together to bring to life Bach's Overture Suite #4. The concert begins.*

The idea was born in late 2005. Naomi wanted to expose instrumental music majors to an orchestra setting in a Christian environment, giving them the experience that comes along with it. She says, "I travelled all the way from Australia to attend Columbia Union College (in Takoma Park, Maryland). Why? Because they had a quality Christian orchestra called the New England Youth Ensemble. The experience was so awesome that I would like to give a very similar experience to our young musicians here, so that they don't have to travel half way around the world like I had to for school."



**Top:** The CUC Chamber Orchestra performing on tour at the Prince Charles Auditorium, Creston, BC.  
**Bottom:** The CUC Chamber Orchestra taking a break from tour at Lake Louise, AB.

While the CUC Music department has enjoyed a rich tradition in chorale and band, apart from various string groups in the past few years, the orchestra experience has been missing from that tradition. Through monies received from the Versafund® grant—a non-profit organization committed to projects that advance education, promote healthcare, assist the distressed and underprivileged, and general community benefit—the CUC Chamber Orchestra is able to recruit student musicians from all over North America as well as establish scholarships to reward the musicianship of its orchestral students.

While many things have gone smoothly for the Chamber Orchestra, there have been a few hurdles along

the way. With the organization in its infancy, there has not been a rich pool of student artists to pull from. With the reputation of the Chamber Orchestra steadily growing, the future for the Orchestra is bright, but currently there is a shortage of student musicians. The participation of local artists and CUC faculty and staff has been sought after and received. Naomi states, "I feel so blessed that these busy people are willing to play with the group, to fill some of the vacancies that we have until we have the student body we need." There are currently seven members from CUC's faculty and staff that perform with the Chamber Orchestra.

On February 14-19, 2007, the CUC Chamber Orchestra departed on a ten-

concert tour to Alberta, British Columbia and Washington State. The tour was a chance to showcase the talent already on the orchestra as well as to recruit students for the future. A year before, Naomi and a small group of musicians went on the same tour announcing the formation of the CUC Chamber Orchestra. It was exciting for Naomi and the Orchestra to showcase the difference a year made—this time around the Chamber Orchestra toured with twenty-seven musicians, a huge growth compared to seven the previous year. As a result of the tour and the quality exuded by the orchestra, two students, a violinist and oboist, have committed to joining the Chamber Orchestra and CUC next year. James Brostrom, freshman music major and orchestra pianist, enjoyed the tour immensely and the warm reception from the audiences and hoped that it would bring more musicians to CUC. James believes, “the more people we have in the Orchestra the more people will want to join.” His sentiment is echoed by Naomi who quickly lists the Orchestra’s needs,

“We need string players in every area, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, French horns—especially clarinets!”

With the commitment shown by Naomi and the orchestra as whole, there are only great things to expect from the group. “My vision for the future of this orchestra is (that we become) a university-level orchestra with a reputation for quality performances: an orchestra large enough and skilled enough to tackle a wide range of repertoire that our music students should study; an orchestra ready to tour internationally in four to five years,” states Naomi. While the dreams and expectations of the orchestra are high, the current reality strongly supports success. Sophomore music major, and orchestra concert-master, Kristina Kettenburg simply states, “We have such great faculty with youthful enthusiasm. Naomi will find a way.” ■

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# Changing Lives: The Hilltop Story

## *Celebrating all our Alumni over the Last 100 Years*

### The Power of Music: The Casavant Organ



**Wendy Markosky, CUC music professor and church organist, seated at the new Casavant Organ, 1997.**

... Although organists pointed out that the Wicks pipe organ did not have a good balance of stops, it had served the church for 25 years. They knew, however, that there were increasing mechanical problems, including leaky wind chests. Organists would frequently make temporary repairs.

Renovating or professionally repairing the organ would be costly, and in the end, the organ would still not be a good instrument. For these reasons, Kenneth Logan, Associate Professor of Music, visited alumni and friends of CUC who were interested in music. He collected \$450,000 for a new pipe organ, hand-made by the Casavant Frères in Quebec, and created especially for the space and acoustics of the College Heights Church. Renovations were made to the church building, not only to accommodate the organ but also to add to the convenience and worship experience of church members.

After an afternoon musical program on Sabbath, February 22, 1997, to say farewell to the old organ, volunteers removed the pipes and the console so the contractor could begin renovations the next day. A rank of pipes was put into storage for use with the new organ; other pipes were sold. Pat Simanton, who helped to dismantle the organ, was given the console to deliver to an

Adventist church in Guatemala.

On Sunday, the church was filled with volunteers. Deacons unscrewed pews from the floor, elders dismantled the platform. Children hauled debris to trucks. Church members wielded crow bars, prying drywall from the studs; deaconesses made soup and sandwiches to feed the hungry work crew. Everyone watched breathlessly as the baptismal tank was winched up and carried out.

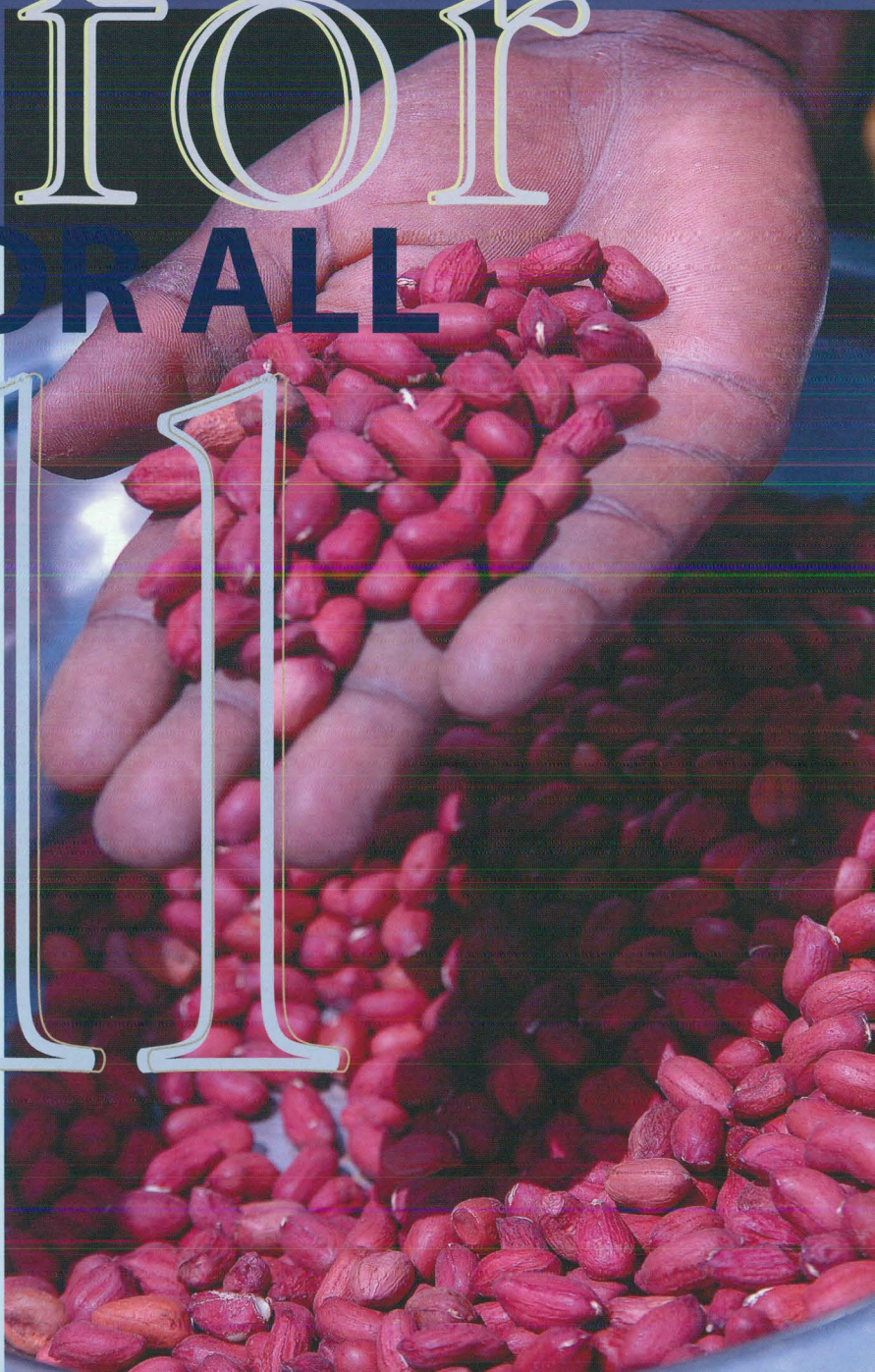
Renovations included acoustical improvements to the floor and walls to complement the new organ’s capabilities. The organ was delivered June 16, 1997. It is almost three stories high and three metres (10 feet) deep, all shimmering metal pipes and gleaming oak. It has 2,500 pipes arranged in 45 ranks. Besides three keyboards, there are a myriad of stops and switches, and even a computer, to help organists who need to access different sound combinations rapidly. According to the Red Deer Advocate, it is an organ “to die for.” Wendy Markosky, organist and Associate Professor of Music, commented with a grin, “It’s like somebody giving you a Lamborghini when you’ve had a Volkswagen until now.”

The organ was played during the church service on July 19, 1997, but it took another 300 hours to “voice” the instrument. The College Heights church was filled with music on Sabbath, November 14, 1998, when CUC officially dedicated the new organ during a service of thanksgiving and praise. A few years later, the contra and contra pousane (bottom octaves for the pedals) were added, along with chamade trumpet ranks. ■

Excerpted from the CUC Centennial book, *Changing Lives: The Hilltop Story*. For more information about the CUC Centennial book and Alumni Homecoming on June 7-10, 2007 call us at 1.800.661.8129 x.8 or you can email at [alumni@cauc.ca](mailto:alumni@cauc.ca).

*There is enough for everybody to eat  
—provided we all do our part.*

for  
**FOOD FOR ALL**  
all





*Will you have enough to eat today—or too much?  
That is the seemingly contradictory but nonetheless  
fundamental question facing our planet.*

We live in a world where, paradoxically, there is an abundance of food in some places, and, in others, a desperate shortage. In our country (and others like it) obesity is killing large portions of the population, but, in many other places, malnutrition and starvation are claiming the lives of millions. This deplorable situation is intolerable.

With 60-80% of the livelihoods in developing countries dependent on farming (compared to less than 4% in Canada), increasing agriculture-related incomes is a clear first step in reducing hunger and poverty. If Canadians increased their focus on agriculture in developing countries, it would be a key contribution to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goal of halving hunger by 2015.

It may not seem logical, but did you know that many farmers are hungry? Approximately two thirds of the millions who are chronically hungry are involved with the production, processing and marketing of food. Farmers are hungry because of

- depressed commodity prices drought and flooding
- the lack of a safety net to help
- having a farm that is too small to produce a sufficient livelihood
- the deterioration in the productivity of their land
- the lack of assistance to help them improve farming practices
- discrimination—70% of the world's farmers are women.

“Food security,” refers to freedom from hunger. A staggering number of people in the world experience food insecurity and are malnourished as a result. Experts debate whether poverty causes food insecurity or if food insecurity causes poverty—but probably both are correct.

The good news is that our world produces enough food to feed everyone. If available food was divided equally, every person would have 2,700 calories per day. Assuming nutritional balance, this is more than enough for an adequate diet. But we are all aware that there are individuals, villages, regions, even whole countries that are unable to meet their food needs. Approximately one person citizen of the world in seven is hungry.

Does this mean that rich nations must continually provide food aid to the poorer ones? Not necessarily. Food aid is an essential stop-gap when a crisis occurs, but it can create problems of dependence if not properly implemented and can negatively affect local economies. Most people would prefer to provide for themselves anyway.

One way to effect a change in food security is through assisting poor farmers in developing countries. They need several things: appropriate equipment, training, good seed, access to fair markets, water for irrigation, and potable water

for drinking and cooking. And we must not forget seed maintenance, crop diversification, soil conservation, tree cultivation and animal husbandry.

These issues are on the agenda of governments and various secular organizations. But Christians have an even more urgent concern. The Bible has a lot to say about hunger and our responsibility towards those who are hungry. There are many references to quality and nutrition:

- Food miracles such as the provision of the manna (Exodus 16) indicate God's concern that there is enough to eat.
- Adventists believe that God's concern for “clean” meats (Leviticus 11) has enduring applicability.
- No one is to be excluded. For just one example, note the provision in Exodus 23:10-11 for the poor.
- The story of Joseph's actions in Egypt illustrate that God cares for whole nations.
- And how many of us have not thrilled to the story of the miracle of the five loaves and two fish feeding a crowd of many thousands!

Christians may confidently ask God to bless them with what they need; in return He expects us to pass that blessing on to those in need—even when people's hunger may be a result of their own ignorance or disobedience. To help us remember the theme, Jesus figures himself as the “bread” of life. We do not merit this bread; His incredible generosity is His very nature.

How can we reflect His nature on this issue?

- Lobby your MP about international trade agreements, agricultural policies and any policy that might prevent poorer countries from gaining fair market value for their goods in our marketplace. Encourage our government to fulfil its promises for food aid and place a higher priority on agricultural development for developing nations.
- Find out about the local food bank in your area, and see if it needs your help.
- Commit to keeping informed about the issue of food security. ADRA Canada can assist you by sending mail and email updates upon your request.
- Pray! The ministry of ADRA takes place around the world as a result of the involvement of thousands of volunteers and staff. Many of these dedicated people live and work in dangerous places and face overwhelming challenges. Pray for strength and wisdom for these wonderful people.

There is enough for everybody to eat—provided we all do our part. ■

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## Newfoundland and Labrador

### St. John's Pastor Represents SDA Church at Annual Ceremony



Pastor Murley represented the Church at the Annual Police and Peace Officer Memorial Service also attended by various governmental dignitaries.

Pastor John Murley was once again honored by the Newfoundland and Labrador Peace and Police Officers Association by being asked to participate in the Annual Memorial Day Services held on Confederation Hill in St. John's, Nfld. This is the third year in a row that Pastor Murley has been asked to participate in this very important event.

Each year the Policing Community gather with Government Officials and families to remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty while serving our province. The service is held on the grounds of the Confederation Building at the site of the Police and Peace Officer Memorial, which was dedicated last September.

Pastor Murley, in addition to assisting peace officers with spiritual help, also holds an Annual Police and Peace Officer Appreciation Service at the St. John's Church every year. It is attended by representatives from several different policing agencies as well as by government officials and various clergy. The program is broadcast live on VOAR. This year the event was covered by VOCM Radio as well as by NTV and CBC TV. ■

## Alberta

### Evangelism Plans for Ft. McMurray

The explosive economic and population growth of Fort McMurray has made the potential for evangelistic growth a living reality. The church here has been busy meeting the challenge.

We recently concluded the February "Revelation of Hope" prophecy seminar and were blessed with the baptism of eight new members and the introduction of three new friends to our church family. But our efforts do not stop there. Our

next seminar is scheduled to begin May 4, and there are two more prophecy seminars planned for September and November this year.

Our plans are to conduct 4 prophecy seminars each year and to build and expand as necessary. Pray that God will continue to help us reach both the new and long-time members of our community. ■

## Ontario

### All About Jesus!

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).

The Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted their first Children’s Evangelistic Series from March 11–16, 2007. Under the leadership of the children’s ministry director, Maxine Mitchell, the children were responsible for all aspects of the program planning which included prayer ministry, singing ministry and lay preaching. Participants as young as 2 years old took part in the week-long series, which culminated with an all-day Children’s Day program and the dedication of five infants to the Lord. The children presented an innovative play on the birth of Jesus during the Divine Hour. The theme of the series was appropriate—“All About Jesus.” The week was truly a blessing to all who attended. ■



Some of the children who participated in and planned the recent Children’s Evangelistic series at the Toronto Central church.

## Manitoba - Saskatchewan

### Transcona Church Launched in Winnipeg

The Henderson Highway church has a vision for filling the city of Winnipeg with vibrant new Adventist churches. One of the goals of Henderson Highway’s “2020 Vision” is to plant 20 new churches by the year 2020.

In the last four years, Henderson Highway has birthed three new congregations: the Winnipeg Korean church was launched in 2003; the Nueva Esperanza (New Hope) Spanish company was organized in 2004; and, on Sabbath, October 7, 2006, another new congregation was launched. This one is located in Transcona, a community on the east side of Winnipeg. Seventy individuals (including a dozen non-Adventist guests) gathered for the grand opening celebration at Cornerstone



Nilton Amorim, VP Admin. at the SDACC, was the guest speaker at the grand opening celebration of the Transcona church in Winnipeg.

Community church. Nilton Amorim, VP for Administration for the Church in Canada, was the guest speaker for the occasion. He challenged the new congregation to stay focused on mission that had brought them this far.

This church plant when, in the Fall of 2005, God gave a vision to a small group that has been meeting for two

years that they needed to raise up a church. They started holding Sabbath services once a month in Transcona, testing the interest level in the community. Although it is only a 20 minute drive to the Henderson Highway Church, our members found that their non-Adventist friends prefer to attend church in Transcona.

Laypeople are the driving force of this church. One such—the group leader—is Franklin St. Bernard. Hospitalized two years ago with a serious heart condition, Franklin believes God spared his life so that he could help raise this new congregation. The leadership team is comprised of similarly convicted and committed members anxious to reach Transcona for Christ. ■

# British Columbia

## Creston Sings!

Creston is a fruit-filled valley in the Central Kootenay mountains. In the midst of this beautiful landscape, we have a church that looks for opportunities to become involved in the local community.

The Creston church recently organized a choir under the direction of Frances Unger. The oldest member is 82 and the youngest 13. At the suggestion of a prominent local music teacher, our choir participated in the Creston music festival and were awarded first prize in their category.

Marjorie Comm, soloist for the choir, also won the Adjudicator's award in the adult vocal section. Both Marjorie and the choir received a small cash prize for

their efforts.

As winners of their sections, they were invited to sing at The Creston Festival of the Arts Showcase Festival the following day in the Prince Charles High School auditorium. Our choir was well received by all who heard them. What a wonderful opportunity to share our beliefs in song!

Music is an important part of the local church in Creston and we have been blessed with accomplished

musicians who minister regularly in a variety of ways and on a variety of instruments. As a result, we have an orchestra and now a choir. ■



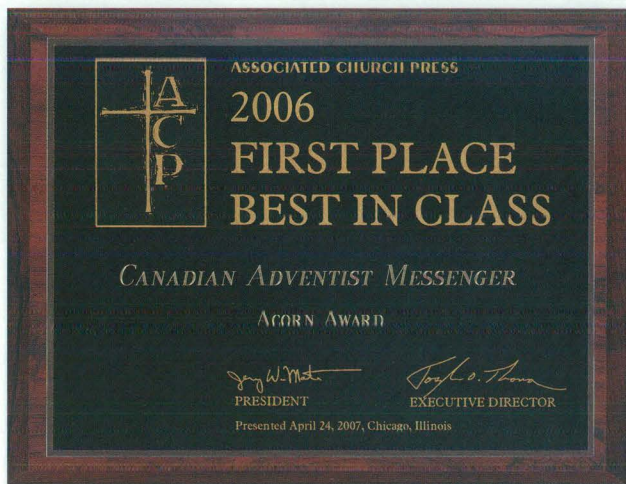
The choir after their Festival performance with director, Frances Unger (right front) who will be greatly missed when she and her husband move to Walla Walla at the end of March.

# Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

## Messenger Wins Big with the Associated Church Press

On Thursday, April 26, at the annual convention of the Associated Church Press (ACP) in Chicago, Ill., the *Canadian Adventist Messenger* was presented with an award recognizing our accomplishments during 2006. Each year the ACP sifts through over 1000 entries and honours the best in Christian publishing throughout North America. This year, we were blessed to receive a major award—first place: Best in Class/Acorn Award—a category designed to recognize the unique challenges of “little publications with big vision.”

The win was a momentous one to the *Messenger* as it served to recognize the accomplishments of both Carolyn Willis, former editor, and Crystal Holloway, current editor.



Under their direction, the *Messenger* has changed and grown, becoming, as one judge remarked “both local and global, easily meeting objectives and needs. And it’s visually appealing.”

ACP is the oldest interdenominational press association in North America. It serves as a community to Christian communication professionals who are dedicated to achieving the highest level of quality in their print- and web-based publications. Over 200 publications, websites, news services, and individuals are ACP members, representing a combined circulation of several million. The *Messenger* is a long-time member of the ACP and is proud of the contribution it makes to the world of publishing. ■



**Announcements**

**"Tell the World. Tell Them Now!"**

Experience the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries—Annual ASI International Convention, Aug. 1-4, Louisville International Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky. Dynamic speakers, member testimonies, music, seminars, exhibits, fellowship, youth programs for all ages. For additional information, www.asiministries.org.

**It's time to come and reminisce** over the good times held in Peoria, Alta. On August 3-5, 2007 a Peoria/Smoky reunion will take place at 'The Five Mile Hall,' five miles east of Grande Prairie. Website: www.peoriareunion.com. Contact Donna M. Reiswig at 780/513-1555 or Connie Dick at 403/782-1835 for more information. (5/07)

**Legal Notice**

**Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador**

Notice is hereby given that the Tenth Constituency Meeting (Triennial) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador will convene at Camp Woody Acres, South West Pond, Nfld. on Sunday, July 22, 2007 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Newfoundland Daylight Savings Time.

*Gary Hodder, President*

**Baptisms**

**MARITIME CONFERENCE**

**Linda Beck** was baptized on Mar. 3, 2007 in Bridgewater, N.S. by Pastor Glen Corkum. She is now member of the Bridgewater Adventist Church.

**Len and Sue Delhunty** were baptized in Moncton, N.B., on Oct. 20, 2006 by Pastor Stéphane Beaulieu. **Pat McCarthy** joined by profession of faith the same day, and all are new members of the Moncton Adventist Church.

**Jennifer Estey and Sheila Estey** were baptized on Mar. 3, 2007 in Fredericton, N.B. by Pastor Jared Browne. They are now members of the Fredericton Adventist Church.

**Carolyn Iris** was baptized on Dec. 26, 2006 in Charlottetown, P.E.I. by Pastor Robert Lehmann. Her fiancé, **Eric Thorsteinson**, was rebaptized at the same time. They are now members of the Charlottetown Adventist Church.

**Melissa Pace** was baptized on Aug. 12, 2006 in Dartmouth, N.S. by Pastor Pedro Graça. She is now a member of the Dartmouth Adventist Church.

**Nathaniel Richards** and his grandmother, **Geraldine Gallant**, were baptized on Sept. 9, 2006 in Moncton, N.B. by Pastor Stéphane Beaulieu. Nathaniel is now a member of the Moncton church and Geraldine is a member of the Moncton French Church.

**Megan Smith** was baptized on Nov. 25, 2006 in Hampton, N.B. by Pastor Jacques LeBlanc, assisted by her grandfather, Jack Smith, who had studied with her. She is now a member of the Maranatha Adventist Church.

**John Spears** was baptized on Jan. 27, 2007 in Dartmouth, N.S. by Pastor Pedro Graça. He is now a member of the Dartmouth Adventist Church.

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**Alana Carochello and Hanna Leach** were baptized in August of 2006 in Three Valley Gap Lake (west of Revelstoke, B.C.) by Pastor Frank Johnson. They are now members of the Revelstoke Adventist church.

**Anette Janzen and Les Wylie** were baptized on Feb. 24, 2007 and are now members of the Aldergrove/Langley Adventist church.

**Mark Lamont** was baptized on Feb. 17, 2007 and is now a member of the Aldergrove/Langley Adventist church.

**Marlena McDade** was baptized on Feb. 10, 2007 and is now a member of the Aldergrove/Langley Adventist church.

**Eugene Timpany** was baptized in November of 2006 in Three Valley Gap Lake (west of Revelstoke, B.C.) by Pastor Frank Johnson. He is now a member of the Revelstoke Adventist church.

**Births**

**Savana Ashley Boyle** was born Nov. 4, 2006 to Jody (Boyle) and Nathan Boyle of Stanley, N.B..

**Kiersten Avery Sullivan** was born Dec. 7, 2006 to Brian and Janelle (Steinke) Sullivan of Madden, Alta.

**Weddings**

**Carolyn Iris and Eric Thorsteinson** were married Dec. 28, 2006 in

Canoe Cove, P.E.I. and are making their home in Cornwall, P.E.I.

**Birthdays**

**Sadie Bais** of Langley, B.C. celebrated her 100th birthday on Mar. 16, 2007. Sadie has always been a hard worker



who through her 98th year was still knitting baby outfits and quilting baby quilts for ADRA. She also knitted and crocheted head warmers for newborns in the maternity wing of the local hospital. Sadie's daughter, Ruby Kiselbach, celebrated the occasion with her.

**Obituaries**

**Erna Bertold** was born Aug. 4, 1921 in Narva, Estonia and died July 21, 2006 in Vancouver, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Stan. Surviving: sons Paul (Dianne) of Grande Prairie, Alta., Stanley of Vancouver, and Peter of Vancouver; daughter Lillie of Vancouver; and two grandchildren.

**Archibald William Bruce** was born June 26, 1910 in Beausejour, Man. and died Mar. 1, 2007 in Red Deer, Alta. He was predeceased by his first wife, Opal, and his second wife, Marie. Surviving: sons Robert (Vicki) of Lacombe, Alta., and James (Evelyn) of Willowdale, Ont.; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and step-children.

**Joy Lorraine Rose Christenson** was born Jan. 30, 1961 in Saskatoon, Sask. and died Mar. 6, 2006 in Lacombe, Alta. Joy served the Lord through her work as a practical nurse. She was a compassionate and loving person. Surviving: parents Gordon and Joanne Christenson; brother Barry of Port Hardy, B.C.; sisters Lorna (Jim) Fernie of Lacombe, and LaDelle (Paul) Ganter of Clive, Alta.; nieces and nephews.

**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 first wife, Alice. Surviving: wife Phyllis; 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, Ont.; stepdaughters Pauline Blackwood of Toronto, Ont., and Shirley (Barry) Whitely of Ajax, Ont.; brother Gary (Rita) of Callander, Ont.; sister Fran Packard of Bancroft, Ont.; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Eileen Fisher** was born Feb. 28, 1930 in Burdett, Alta. and died Mar. 15, 2007 in Lacombe, Alta. She was predeceased by her parents, her step-mother, and her brothers, Ron and Grant Smith. Surviving: husband Max of Lacombe; daughter Linda (George) Messing of Fresno, Calif.; brother Ken (Elaine) Smith of Olds, Alta.; sister Shirley Dixon of Sylvan Lake, Alta.; and sisters-in-law Dorothy Fisher of Olds, and Lola Fisher of Innisfail, Alta.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Verda June (Roberts) Grovet** was born June 7, 1924 in Kelso, Wash. and died suddenly Mar. 20, 2007 in Lacombe, Alta. Throughout her life, Verda loved and served the Lord at her local church and through her years working as a registered nurse. She was predeceased by her grandson, Lance. Surviving: husband Leif; son Timothy (Brenda); daughters Candace (Eldon), Nancy (Stewart), Rebecca (Lonny), Callie (Marty), and Tyra; honorary son Ken (Patricia); and 15 grandchildren.

**Wayne Stanley Hartwig** was born Jan. 31, 1945 in Oshawa, Ont. and died Mar. 15, 2007 in Armstrong, B.C. after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He lived true to his convictions and shared his faith with those he met. He was a caring person who was always ready to lend a helping hand. He volunteered on mission trips in Nepal and Kenya. Throughout his illness, his faith and attitude were an inspiration to all. He was predeceased by his father, Stanley. Surviving: wife Debbie; son Dallas (Laura); daughter Amber; mother Lila; brothers Dennis (Nancy), Neil (Jennifer), Brian (Alina); sister Sharon (Robert) Morgan; eight nephews and six nieces.

**Phyllis (Lemp) (Rempel) Moorman** was born Aug. 25, 1936 in Lacombe, Alta. and died Dec. 24, 2006 in Vancouver, B.C. During 46 years of Christian service, Phyllis taught Cradle Roll and Kingergarten

Sabbath School, Vacation Bible School, volunteered as church librarian, was a church school helper, and shared her love for the Lord in many ways in community and church. Surviving: husband Kenneth of Greenwood, B.C.; daughters Wanda Rempel of Calgary, Alta., Arlene Keenan of Surrey, B.C., Stephanie Mukoro of Surrey, and Debra Moorman of Burnaby, B.C.; brothers Harold Lemp of Vancouver, Bert (Sonya) Lemp of Vancouver, Jim (Marilyn) Lemp of Surrey, and Ron (Bonnie) Lemp of Delta, B.C.; sister Evelyn White of Surrey; and 10 grandchildren.

**Alex Sanders** was born Jan. 26, 1920 in Wood Mountain, Sask. and died July 16, 2006 in Abbotsford, B.C. Alex was a skilled carpenter who helped build the church in Langley, B.C. and the Okanagan Academy in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: wife Vera; son Ron (Debbie); daughters Delores Costain of Langley, and Dianne (Paul) Bertold of Grande Prairie, Alta.; brothers John Sanjenko of Saskatoon, Sask., and Fred (Ruth) Sanjenko of Vegreville, Alta.; sister Alice Hall of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

**Rosella (MacKay) Stoyanowski** was born Apr. 26, 1918 in Macrorie, Sask. and died Feb. 13, 2007 in Creston, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter and her daughter, Sylvia Chai. Surviving: sons Don (Phylis) of Surrey, B.C., Larry (Donna) of Grandforks, B.C., and Albert (Jan) of Creston, B.C.; sisters Annie Strutz of Armstrong, B.C., and Pearl Dobbins of Gresham, Ore.; brothers Jack (Tena) MacKay of Kelowna, B.C., and Anthony (Nelda) MacKay of Regina, Sask.; nine grandchildren, and two great-great-granddaughters.

**William Elmer Willis** was born Apr. 12, 1902 in Kingston, P.E.I. and died Jan. 6, 2007 in Kingston, Ont. at the age of 104. He was predeceased by his wife, Gladys Abbott, his infant son, Arnold, son-in-law Douglas Smith, and grandchildren, Brian Willis and Shannon Willis. Surviving: sons Alton (May) of Oshawa, Ont., Wendell (Susan) of Harrowsmith, Ont., Elwyn (Gwen) of Oshawa, and Byron (Carolyn) of St. Stephen, N.B.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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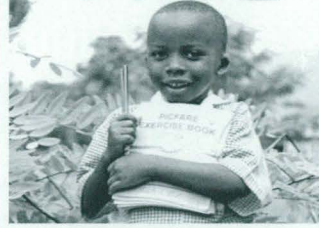
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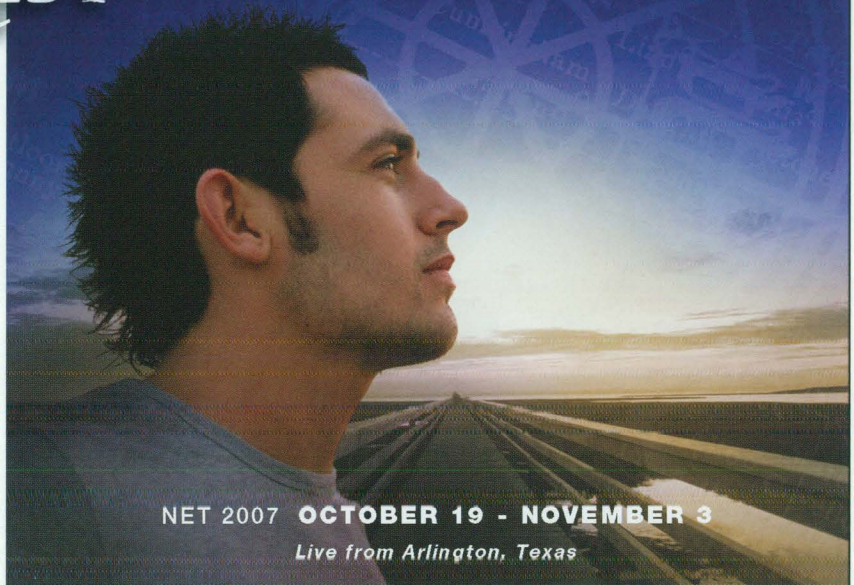
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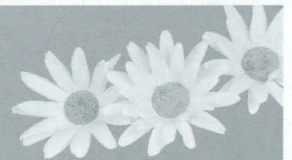


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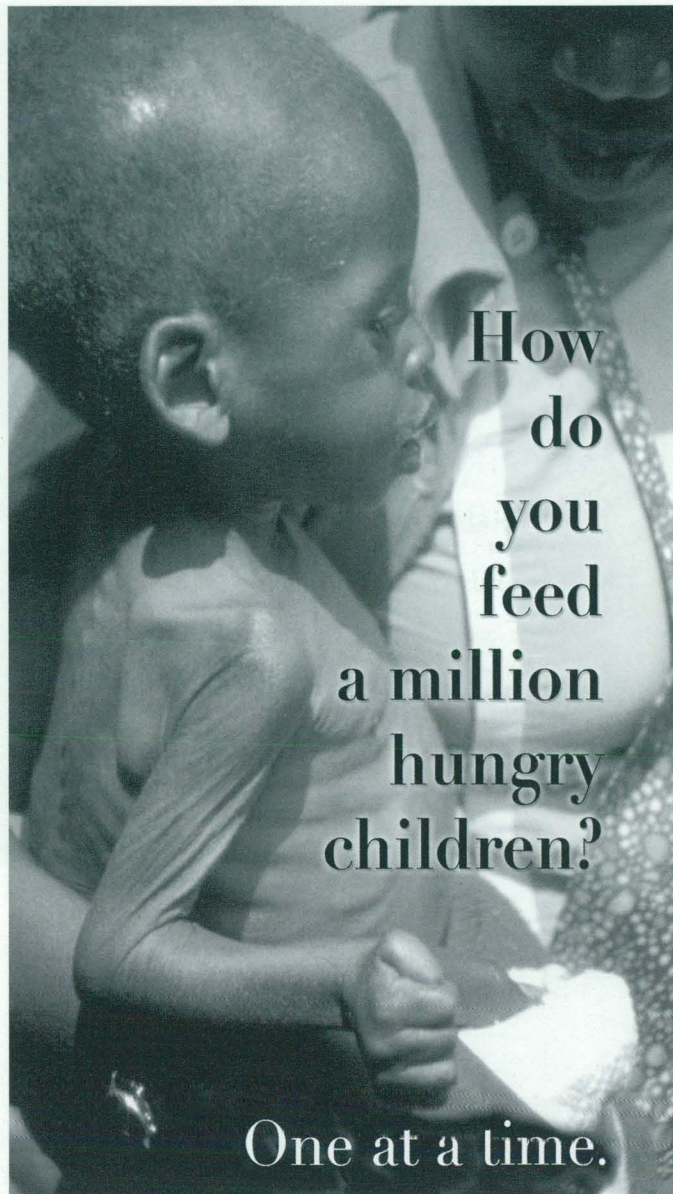


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# CONTROL

## The Dangers of Overcontrol

“For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king.” 1 Samuel 15:23

By Os Hillman

A friend of mine who is a jet pilot once told me that whenever a jet goes out of control and begins to spin, the only thing to do is totally take your hands off the controls and the plane will right itself. This goes against our natural inclination to control and manipulate in order to bring things back under control. It is scary to be out of control. Or is it?

Saul was a man out of control. He was losing control of his kingdom to David. He was losing the favor of God and the people. It began as compromises. Eventually he was given a final test to obey the voice of God fully. He was

instructed to kill the Amalekites completely; but he failed to follow through. The prophet Samuel delivered a hard word to King Saul, “Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king” (see 1 Sam. 15:26). Saul obeyed partially, but not fully. It was partial obedience that led to his removal as king of Israel and his calling from God. But why did Saul do such a thing? “I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them” (1 Sam. 15:24b). Saul’s fear and insecurity made him more afraid of the people and what they thought than of God. At the core of Saul’s disobedience was fear of losing control. That fear of losing control led to partial obedience and the loss of his reign as king.

How many of us are in danger of losing God’s blessing due to partial obedience? How many of us have such a need to control

people and circumstances that we fail to fully walk in obedience to God’s voice in our lives? Saul provides a great lesson for us as workplace believers. The need to overcontrol things around us can prevent us from receiving all that God has for us. Today, take an inventory of your control quotient.

Ask God if you are being fully obedient to what He has called you to do this day, and avoid being put on the shelf for disobedience.

*“To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams” (1 Sam. 15:22b). ■*

