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You May Be Right

To His contemporaries, Christ must have seemed crazy. The child of an unwed mother from the bad side of town, He dared to be very different. His radical theology seemed to be rebellion. The church of His day must have thought they had the truth sewn up tight with no wiggle room. They just knew their way was right. He proved them wrong.

Many in the Church today seem to think we've got things pinned down pretty well, too. A lot of people just know a lot of things and won't abide any hint that they're wrong. In 1 Cor. 8:2, Paul is clear that "people who think they know so much don't know anything at all" (CEV). It seems to me that things that need to be clear in Scripture are clear in Scripture. The things that we need to know are know-able. But if we are honest, we will acknowledge that much of religion is a vast grey area through which every church and every person must find their own way. We have been blessed with tools to help us navigate—the Holy Spirit, most importantly—but there remains much wiggle room.

Recently, I listened, fascinated, while a colleague giving a worship talk commented that there are four words the Church has to get comfortable with if it would like to effectively minister in our postmodern world. Sitting there listening, I realized that never in my thirtysome years had I heard those words from anyone associated with the Church I'd grown up in. I wonder what a difference it might have made in my

life—in the lives of my friends who are no longer in the Church—if we'd heard them once in a while. The words? "You may be right."

Too often truth is treated like some concrete mass from which the anointed can chisel off bits to hand over to the congregation on Sabbath mornings. That may have worked once, but generations X, Y and Z are the most highly educated generations of modern history. Our universities have been telling us to think for ourselves and question everything, so we can no longer abide a Church that tells us to blindly accept and question nothing.

I'm not suggesting for one moment that anyone should abandon their beliefs in deference to just any opposing voice that comes along, and I'm not questioning the validity of any of the pillars of our faith. What I am saying is that we, as a Church but also as individuals, must come to the point where we're willing to enter into open-minded discussions, where we're willing to learn from those who see things differently, where we're less concerned with converting and more concerned with caring. We need to be willing to say, "you may be right" even when what we really want to say is, "you must be crazy." ■

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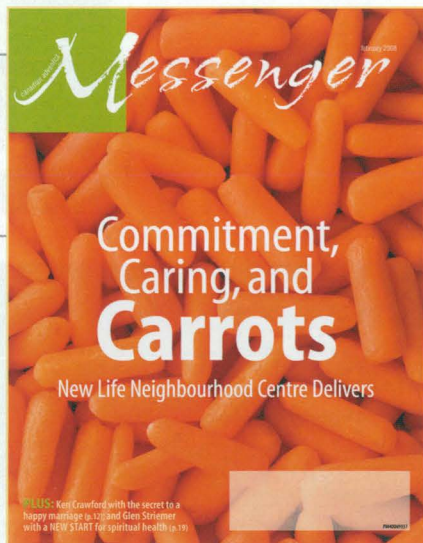
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Your Words

“What is worse: gyrating hips or judgmental lips?”

RE: "Team Jesus," February 2007

You are absolutely right when you say that we don't all speak the same language even though we all speak the same language. You speak of pushing people beyond their comfort zone. You feel that if you can play a part in pushing and stretching the spiritual lives of readers, that you are not sorry for that. You talk of fresh thinking.

The reason for my letter to you today is that it is one thing to be guided by those of "like mind," but when you start publishing articles from authors that are outside the fold, you go too far. I feel that the *Messenger* is a publication for Adventists by Adventists. I feel that you are pushing non-Adventist authors on those that may not wish to read material published by them. In our own "owned and operated" publication for Adventists, we should not have to see articles published by non-Adventist authors. Let's keep the *Messenger* a magazine published for Adventists by Adventists.

— S. Kiefuik, B.C.

Re: letter in response to "God and Graceland" (printed January 2008), March 2008

Jesus told the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in paradise. How many people did the thief hurt or corrupt in his lifetime? To say that Elvis "robbed millions of young people of their eternal home" is taking away each individual's

choice because of someone else's actions! Elvis had some very beautiful inspirational songs, especially towards the end of his life. I personally feel he was a very unhappy person. In the few minutes before he took his last breath, he may have cried, "Lord, save me!"

I may not have lived in the limelight like Elvis did, but for both our sakes, I am thankful God is our final judge, not mankind. What is worse: gyrating hips or judgmental lips? I guess if Elvis makes it to heaven, we can always tell him God made a mistake!

— M. Taylor, Alta.

I received my copy of the *Messenger* yesterday, and scanned through it today, and read your editorial on words and Jesus. Thanks. Then I read the email commenting on your editorial "God and Graceland." I checked my magazine rack, and there was the *Messenger* I had not read yet. Thanks again.

Exactly two years ago I accompanied my sister to see the house in which Elvis was born. We went into the chapel, just as his recording of "How Great Thou Art" was being played, and I joined in the hymn. We went on to Memphis and joined a tour of Graceland. I had a better understanding of the person Elvis was, and the magnitude of his talent and generosity. If Elvis had not died, the chances that I would go to visit Graceland would have been slim. I often sing the hymn, "King of my life I crown Thee

now"; if Jesus had not died, the chances that I would be a child of the King would be slim.

Hopefully, Elvis had a relationship with our Saviour; so you and I will get to meet him, walk with him, sing with him, in God's glorious Graceland.

— I. Brown, Ont.

Re: various

I agree very much with the comments the editorial made several months ago about women and minorities in the Adventist church. Why does our church still refuse to ordain women (or even give them equal opportunities to preach)?

I also wanted to comment on Barry Bussey's article, "Tasered by Canada." He is absolutely right about the horrible treatment Robert Dziekanski received. He committed no crime; if I had been in his shoes I might have acted the same way. Should people in distress be ignored and then tasered?

— C. Miller, Ont.

YOU WON!

The spirited conversations carried on through your letters to the editor are award winning!

At the recent Associated Church Press annual convention, the Canadian Adventist Messenger received a first place Award of Excellence in the "Letters to the Editor" category. Your enthusiastic responses and your willingness to debate led us to that victory, and we heartily thank you.

E-mail comments to cholloway@sdacc.org or mail them to Editor, Canadian Adventist Messenger, 1148 King Street East, Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8. Be sure to include your name, contact information, and the name and date of the article(s) you are referencing. 200 words maximum. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Not all letters will be published.



CLARITY

by Daniel Jackson

“Would you please clean the car?” I once asked my seven-year-old son. “I am too busy to do it, but it needs to be done. You’ll have to do it all by yourself.” It was the first time I had made that kind of request of him, and I was sure that it would be particularly intriguing because it indicated a progression towards independence.

He quickly assured me that he was up for the task, so I went about my business preparing to depart on a trip while he got busy with the car. Later, just as I was leaving, I gave the car a quick inspection and discovered that he had done a splendid job! The dash, the seats, the floor mats and the floor were all impeccably clean. Before I could thank him, he happily ran off with his friends, confident that he’d done a great job.

About 25 kilometres from home, I made a stop at one of my churches. I went to fetch something out of the glove compartment, but everything was gone! The little cleaner had been there, too! The glove compartment was impeccably clean—and empty! Not only were my desired documents gone, but my registration and insurance and everything else also. He had been told to do something, and he had done it . . . completely! I admit that my first thoughts were not those of a tender and compassionate father, but, after a minute, when I calmed down, I began laughing riotously . . . at myself.

I had asked my son to clean my car,

but I had not delineated which parts to clean and which parts were out-of-bounds. The empty glove compartment was the result of a failure to clearly define the terms of the task, and, as such, it was my fault and not his. He had done exactly what I asked. He had cleaned the car—the whole car!

Our electronic thing-a-ma-jigs often come with thick manuals that describe how the gadget you just purchased will make your life easier (though often I find that doing tasks without the gadget takes less time than studying the manual). The internet is cluttered with websites that expound upon individual and corporate responses to every issue under the sun. Even the air we breathe is saturated with radio and television shows in which statements are made, retracted and made again. Why this proliferation? I believe it’s because we recognize a need for clarity. Clarity is a concept that is increasingly significant in our increasingly complex world. It is vital in our relationships, our businesses, our academic pursuits and in the directions we give to our children. Whether we are baking a cake or building a house, clarity is imperative. However, nowhere is it more important than in our eternal pursuits.

Hundreds of millions—and, no, that number is not a mistake—of people tuned into Oprah’s worldwide evangelistic campaign on April 7 searching for clarity only to be handed the same old confusion that Satan offered Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. I wonder how many

Seventh-day Adventists tuned in to hear her blasphemous challenge to find the “I am” within themselves? Such confusion!

Clearly defining the terms of reference is a specialty with God. If we Christians are confused, it is simply because we are not open to the clarity that God offers. When Jesus says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . and love your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27), that is exactly what He means. When God says, “This is the way; walk in it” (Is. 30:21), He is not offering two or three options but a well defined spiritual path through life—one that will contain different experiences for each of us, to be sure, but one that we are equipped to navigate if we seek God and listen to His voice, for He has promised that “you will find me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13).

God has provided us with a very clear manual called the Bible. In that book and in our experiences with Him, we discover that His grace is given in abundant supply. On that point He could not be clearer. And the abundance of His grace means that, for us to fail we must refuse to listen. My prayer is that each of us will want God’s Spirit to always refresh our eyes, our ears and our minds with the clear thinking that comes from God alone. ■

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Making Out

My mom caught me making out with my boyfriend! Now she forbids me to see him. What should I do?

That must've been quite awkward!

Your mom's reaction is quite logical, though. She wants the best for you and wants you to avoid doing things that may lead to you getting pregnant. I know that when we talk about "making out," we assume that everybody's got clothes on, but there is only a very fine line between making out, heavy petting and going all the way—and your mom knows that.

So, when your mom caught you, she saw more than you two kissing and touching; in her mind, she saw a guy abusing you (with your consent!), a girl giving away her purity, a baby crying, a fast wedding, a short marriage,

unpaid bills... Okay, okay. I'm exaggerating a little bit here, but my point is that your mother sees much further than a simple make out session.

Don't discard your mom's advice. Now is a good time for you to take a break and think about where you are in life and where you are headed as an individual. Think about the choices that you make and why. Review your own set of values and come up with your personal "mission statement." I know it may seem unnecessary to you, but, believe me, it isn't (and I'm talking from experience here). This is the perfect time to do a self-evaluation and a re-commitment to Christ. :)

Josue's pick: You may find it useful to befriend other Christian girls who also are going through something similar. A good online group is "True Love Waits" from *Insight* magazine. Check it out at <http://insightmagazine.ning.com>.

TEEN TALK



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or speaking engagements, contact him at Josue@JustSmile.org

“He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.” Luke 22:26 (NKJV)

Creation Corner for Kids



LADYBUG



Approaching the big double doors at the entrance of a large shopping mall one day, two-year-old Joshua suddenly threw himself onto the pavement screaming, “Yaydee bug, Mommy! Yaydee bug!” Sure enough, between the cracks in the pavement was the unmistakable orange and black-spotted beetle.

Although I don’t usually demonstrate my enthusiasm for ladybugs as loudly and dramatically as Joshua did that day, I love ladybugs just as much as he does. In fact, ladybugs are pretty popular with many people for many good reasons. First of all, they’re colourful and cute. Secondly, they are beneficial insects; they’re helpful! Ladybugs eat the aphids that destroy plants that gardeners grow for food. Ladybugs are so useful that many gardeners put them to work, buying them by the thousands to get rid of aphids in greenhouses and orchards.



Think about it.

Aside from their appearance, what makes ladybugs so loveable? Do you enjoy being helpful? Being of service to others can be a joyful experience. When Jesus was on earth, He took the role of a servant. He is our example.



Do it.

Think about ways that you can serve at home, at school, at church and in your neighbourhood. Practise asking others, “Is there anything I can do to help?” You may be surprised at the blessings that service brings.

standing for the sabbath

“They called us out for parade on Sabbath morning but we did not show up. We stayed in our tent ... [The Commanding Officer] sent a corporal to find us... We told him we could not go with him because it was the Sabbath. So they charged us.”

by Barry W. Bussey

Earl Coupland was one of three medics serving with the 22nd Field Ambulance of the 3rd Division of the Canadian Army who were charged with failing to obey a lawful order. They refused because it was the Sabbath, and they did no unnecessary work on the Sabbath.

The case of Earl Coupland, Frank Casper and Walter Johnson brought to a climax the complicated relationship between Seventh-day Adventists and the Canadian military during WWII. Seventh-day Adventists not only caused consternation over their refusal to bear arms but also by their refusal to do unnecessary work on the Sabbath.

As I research the forgotten stories of Canadian Adventist conscientious objectors (COs) of World War II, I can truly say that their story has captivated my imagination like nothing else. Over the last eight years I have been collecting stories as time permitted, but recently while attending class at graduate law school, my interest has been sparked again. I think it providential that things have come together the way they have. Let me explain:

During the winter semester, I was taking Western Legal Histories and, while discussing a paper with my professor, shared my interest in Adventist COs of WWII. He encouraged me to pursue it, and I did. Then I shared some of those stories with our Church administrators who, realizing that time is of the essence because these men are now in their 80s and 90s, encouraged me to record the stories of those COs who are still alive and willing to share their experience. Of course, this is a tremendous amount of work, but as I sit with these men who stood for their faith in a time of national crisis, I cannot but be amazed and thrilled to hear their stories. These are stories of faith under fire; I am humbled by their sincerity and devotion to God and their love of their fellow men.

What made the Adventist CO unique was their coupling of Sabbath observance with their stand against bearing arms. As one might expect, such a position raised the ire of many a commanding officer. Yet, in spite of ridicule, these Adventist boys held firm to the faith of their

childhood. For some, it was an adventure of a lifetime, while for others it was a bitter exile away from wives and children, but all I have met so far now thank the Lord for the experience.

Earl Coupland's special Sabbath.

Earl had crossed the English Channel in a landing craft at the tail end of the Battle of Normandy. On one Thursday evening, they advanced north in a convoy with the entire 3rd Division. No one was allowed to smoke; no lights were permitted as they advanced, and even the headlights of the trucks were rigged to allow only a little light through. They travelled all night, stopped Friday for a couple of hours of rest and began moving again. In late afternoon they stopped.

“I watched the sunset,” Earl remembered, “I prayed, ‘Dear Lord please let us rest on the Sabbath.’ I didn’t want to do any unintended work on the Sabbath. I didn’t think this is what the Lord intended for us... I had my worship, prayed and slept through the night.” The next morning he awoke to the bright sunshine. It was a day he would never forget.

“Sabbath was special to me,” he said. While those about him were killing time by playing cards, he spent the entire day in worship. He read the Bible and relaxed as best he could. Having to be ready to go at a moment’s notice made it impossible for him to wander too far away. “So I watched as the sun went down, down, down. And I prayed, ‘Thank-you Lord. We had our good Sabbath day.’”

Just as the sun disappeared, he saw a motorcycle blaze into camp with a message from headquarters. Officers began ordering everyone about: “Okay boys, you got ten minutes and we’ve got to be on the road!”

“I couldn’t believe it!” Earl said—then on reflection admitted, “... Well, I could.” ■

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Earth Talk

▶ A Breath of Fresh Air

Air pollution is a major cause of health problems worldwide. Inhaled air pollution negatively affects your eyes, lungs and heart and can lead to asthma, allergies, infections, irritation or even cancer.

Outdoor air pollution is a major concern to many environmentalists and health professionals, but indoor air pollution can cause just as much damage to your health and quality of life. The difference is that outdoor pollution can seem beyond your control, but, in your home, the quality of the air you breathe is directly related to the products that you use. Unfortunately, most people maintain their usual routine and don't rethink the activities and products that contribute to their deteriorating living conditions.

Perhaps most people don't even realize that they are harming their bodies by using products that release airborne chemicals or pollutants.

While tobacco smoke is the primary factor of air pollution worldwide, causing

approximately 30 per cent of all fatal cancers,¹ there are a number of other risks that should be eliminated to create a healthy environment. Here are three simple ways to improve your air quality indoors:

Avoid aerosol sprays.

Many people use aerosol sprays in the home to disinfect or clean not realizing that airborne particles present a tremendous health risk if inhaled directly or even indirectly. By eliminating or minimizing use of aerosol sprays, you greatly reduce the risk of lung damage.

Don't use air fresheners.

It is great having a fresh scent in the home, but not at the risk of inhaling formaldehydes or phthalates. The Natural Resources Defense Council recently studied 14 common household air fresheners and found that most of the products contain chemicals that pose dangerous health risks to babies and young children. Sadly, none of the products had the chemicals listed on their labels—including the products that were advertised as being "all natural."²

Take care of your trash.

By taking your garbage out daily you can eliminate the need for deodorizers in your home and increase your air quality. Also consider rinsing dirty packaging and wrappers before putting them into the trash and storing smelly perishable waste like meat or fruit peels in the garage or freezer until garbage day.

Our worldwide environmental problems have been built upon many small, personal decisions. By reversing these small decisions and making changes in your home, you'll create a healthier lifestyle for your family and make a small step towards a healthier world.

It's impossible to solve all the environmental problems at once, but if everybody thought globally and acted locally then we would see what it really means to have a breath of fresh air! ■

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¹ Environmed Research Inc. *Air pollution*. Retrieved April 10, 2008 from www.alphanutrition.com/environment/airpollution.htm

² National Resources Defense Council. (2007). *New study: Common air fresheners contain chemicals that may affect human reproductive development*. Retrieved April 10, 2008 from <http://www.nrdc.org/media/2007/070919.asp>

Distinctive Donations

"If you think that one person cannot make a difference in the world, consider what one match can do in a dark room." (Anonymous)

ADRA Canada is blessed to have a large community of supporters without whom our work would not be possible. We are especially blessed to have supporters who find creative ways to give and to raise awareness of our work. Consider the following distinctive donations:

- The Women's Ministry department of the Waterloo Seventh-day Adventist Company organized and hosted a formal seven-course "Twilight Dinner." Talented local individuals provided entertainment between courses. As a result of the fundraiser, \$550.00 was donated to the ADRA Annual Appeal.
- Ten-year-old Spencer asked his birthday party guests to give him cash instead of toys. After his party, he studied Canada's Really Useful Gift Catalogue, chose the projects he was most interested in and donated his birthday money.
- A friend made a donation in memory of long-time ADRA Canada supporter, Hilda Knee, who for years had been a hard-working "ingatherer."
- Every year, Grandview Adventist Academy in Hamilton, Ontario, raises money for a special project. During the months of November and December last year, the school's 60 students made Christmas ornaments in class, donated the tips they received for helping citrus customers, took up collections and held a Christmas fair. Each class studied the Gift Catalogue and chose a project to support with their portion of the money. Daniel Broome, ADRA Canada Corporate Services/ Finance Director, gladly accepted a \$1,250.90 cheque from Principal Kathleen Mitchell and commented, "This is the happiest little school I've ever been in."
- Wendy and Jeremy gave their guests the option of choosing an item from the Gift Catalogue as a wedding gift.
- Immanuel SDA Church's kindergarten class raised \$239.25 by making and selling special Christmas cards last year. The children chose to give gift #52 from the catalogue and thereby provided pen, pencil and notebook sets so that 47 children could remain in school.
- Oliver and Tasma sat down with their grandchildren and let them choose gifts from the catalogue for Christmas. The kids thought it was great, and were

very interested to learn about how their money would help other children.

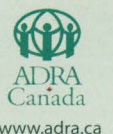
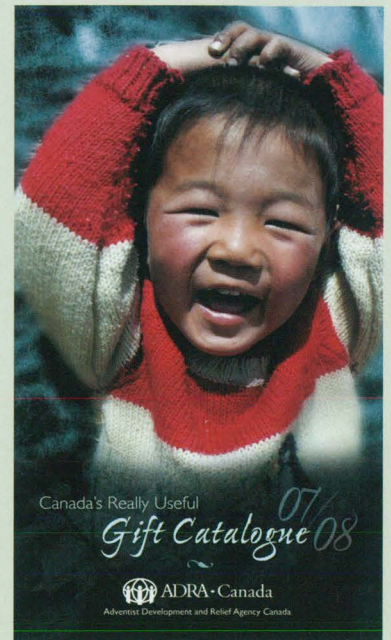
- The children of Onoway church collected change from the congregation as they went up to listen to the children's story each week. This simple exercise enabled them to donate \$1,095.83 to a variety of projects.

You may not be able to support ADRA Canada with a large personal donation, but you can use your creativity to enact a fundraising event in your community. Need more ideas?

- Plan a garage sale with your friends and donate the proceeds to ADRA Canada.
- Offer your special graduate a gift from the ADRA Gift Catalogue.
- Hold a talent quest and donate the entry fee to ADRA Canada.
- Check with your employer to see if they are willing to designate ADRA Canada as the corporate charity.
- Host a "Jeopardy"-style trivia game and charge admission.
- Obtain items from local businesses and auction them off.
- If you are a business owner, consider designating a specific day/item/service and advertise the fact that you will be donating the proceeds to ADRA Canada.

If you have fundraising experiences or ideas you are willing to share, please email pr@adra.ca and help spark someone else's imagination! ■

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Wilson Xavier was not yet 20 years old when he started working with Henry Feyerabend in the small studio on College Street in Toronto called Studio One, where the goal of reaching the Portuguese-speaking community was quickly becoming a reality. Xavier knew little about television production, but with God's help, he was ready to tackle the challenge.

Producing the television program in those days was quite challenging. Because of the limited budget, there were only two cameras, and they were of different brands and different resolution. Regulating the color was time-intensive, and adjustments had to be made every 20 minutes. Editing was manual work done with a black marker. Tapes had to be aligned with a hammer.

The production team was made up of lay people who had no formal training. However, God was also on the team, enabling each person to go beyond his or her limits. The professionals who occasionally came to help were amazed at what these individuals were able to do.

Just six years later, the tiny studio built by church members, moved to an actual studio, Adventist Radio Television Services (ARTS). Xavier notes that the move to ARTS transformed the team from amateur to professional status. They were all very excited, not only because the studio was one of the largest in Canada, but also because it had state-of-the-art Sony equipment; no more hammers were needed!

Xavier reflects, "Nobody believed that we could do it. It seemed impossible because of the way we started. But God performed miracles. With each step we took, God led the way. Now, looking back, all the sacrifice we made putting the production as top priority, all of this was worth it." He went on to establish a very successful career in the television production industry, including the building of a studio in Brazil for the Voice of Prophecy in 1987. He also tutored a young man named Doug Bruce, who is currently the producer of *It Is Written Canada's* television broadcast.

Bruce's editing tasks are now done with computers. Color is no longer an issue thanks to the new digital cameras. Within a few years, *It Is Written* will be in high-definition allowing for a much better, brighter and sharper image and rendering tapes obsolete (the cameras will use digital storage devices to store the video image).

We have been blessed to have access to the CTS studio in Burlington for the past nine years and are thankful for all the crew's hard work and efficiency. We no longer face the challenges of maintaining a studio because all the cameras, lighting and other equipment are continually upgraded there. And Doug has brought a very high level of professionalism to the production.

Today's technology allows us to expand our dream for *It Is Written Canada*. This year, as we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we dream of reaching all across the country. We want each person in Canada to have access to the gospel through *It Is Written*. Looking at these moments in the history of *It Is Written Canada*, we see a portrait of a loving God pouring out miracles and mercy. Joining the CTV network seems to be the miracle He has for us in 2008. Let's make history together. ■

Rebeca Pereira is responsible for communications at *It Is Written Canada*.

PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY, THEN AND NOW

We have been sharing the history of the origins of It Is Written in celebration of the ministry's 35th anniversary. Last month we talked about how the first five-minute program had such a powerful influence on 28 families in the Portuguese community. This month, we look at...





From L-R: Nicole Bartolay, Alastair Atherton, Danielle Keane, Stefan Sremac, Beck McClair, Enoch Attey, and Bryan Lee

The young woman sat in a pew at the Maritime campmeeting in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, soaking in the sounds coming from the Canadian University College music group. Touched by their ministry she told herself that someday she would be a part of that group. “I remember them coming to campmeetings as I was growing up. The group always touched me, and it became a dream to be a part of them someday,” recalls Rebekah McClair. A few years later, she took the first step in pursuing her dream when she travelled to Lacombe, Alberta and enrolled at the university college. A major roadblock fell on her plans when CUC’s music group, *Into The Light*, went on hiatus after the summer of 2004. This year, Rebekah’s senior year, the secondary education major and soon to be teacher was excited to find out that a new CUC music group was going to be touring in the summer and that she would be a part of the ministry.

After three summers off, CUC will again be sending a new summer music group, *Rise Above*, to campmeetings and churches all over Canada this year. “*Rise Above* signifies the reality of life for all of us. Life with God may be abundant, but life itself is not always pleasant or easy . . . In spite of what life brings us, because of Christ’s strength, we too can rise above life’s challenges,” states Bryan Lee, vice president for Marketing and Enrolment and a member of the group.

Rise Above will be touring with a group of eight this summer. On vocals are: Enoch Attey, second-year Business Administration major; Rebekah McClair, fourth-year Secondary Education major; Danielle Keane, second-year Wellness Management major; Bryan Lee, VP of Marketing and Enrolment; and Stefan Sremac, fourth-year Secondary Education major. Rounding out the group will be percussionist Alastair Atherton, a CUC alumnus; pianist and

keyboardist Nicole Bartolay, fourth-year Psychology major; and group coordinator Bernice Leavitt.

Canadian University College is Canada’s school, and we’ve found that with such a large territory, a summer touring group is one of the best ways for CUC and the rest of Canada to stay in touch. The group is excited to share God with others and to also share their experiences at CUC. “I want to tell others that God is more than a forgiver. He wants to make permanent changes in our lives. He’s a transformer,” states Stefan. From captaining the soccer team to speaking at *Week in Spiritual Emphasis*, Stefan is an active part of campus and is excited to tell others about his experiences. “I want to tell others about the amazing people at CUC. Faculty and students alike have provided me with excellent friendships and have expanded my horizons to an array of multicultural experiences. CUC opened up a world of opportunities

for me. Where else would I have the opportunity to travel to China and sing for a musical prelude to the Beijing summer Olympics?"

Within a few days of quietly announcing that a CUC music group might be touring again, emails and phone calls were received, quickly filling the summer calendar. Requests continue to come in as the calendar continues to get tighter and tighter. The group will be busy this summer, not only with singing, but also preaching, presenting workshops, leading and helping in recreational activities, and most importantly sharing God with others. The members of Rise Above are excited. According to Rebekah, "What could be better than spending my summer singing about God and talking about my school, my second home!" ■

JR Ferrer is the director of Communications for Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alta.



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CAMP MEETING

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May 23, 24	Kelowna	Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement
July 5	Toronto	Andrea Luxton, President; Jerrold Ritchey
July 4-8	Man/Sask	Bryan Lee, VP for Marketing & Enrolment
July 11-12	Alberta	Andrea Luxton; Jerrold Ritchey
July 25-26	Maritime	Andrea Luxton
Aug. 1, 2	British Columbia	Andrea Luxton; Jerrold Ritchey

RISE ABOVE'S SCHEDULE

CAMP MEETING

May 16, 17	Ottawa Campmeeting, ON
May 23, 24	Island Campmeeting, BC
May 30, 31	Chatham Campmeeting, ON
June 13, 14	Simcoe Campmeeting, ON
June 21	Kelowna Alumni Chapter, BC
July 11, 12	Alberta Campmeeting, AB
July 15-16	North American Ghanian Youth Camp, PA
July 21-23	Newfoundland Campmeeting, NFLD
July 25-26	Maritime Campmeeting, NS
July 28-Aug. 2	British Columbia Campmeeting, BC

Check our website at www.cauc.ca/riseabove for more dates and our summer travel blog.

Never Alone Manitoba/Saskatchewan Campmeeting

July 4 to July 12 at Camp Whitesand, Theodore, Saskatchewan



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Adventist Church
British Columbia
Conference



G. Edward Reid
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Stewardship
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North American
Division

Sanctuary British Columbia Campmeeting

July 25 to August 2 at Camp Hope, Hope, British Columbia



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Hans Diehl
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Accountability (Kapananagutan) Alberta Filipino Campmeeting

August 21 to August 24 at Foothills Camp, Bowden, Alberta



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**Wilfredo
Sumagaysay**
Associate Director,
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His Word Speaks Alberta Campmeeting

July 4 to July 12 at Foothills Camp, Bowden, Alberta



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Adventist Review



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Canadian University
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Pastor,
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Diamonds of Truth Maritime Campmeeting

July 25 to August 2 at Camp Pugwash, Pugwash, Nova Scotia



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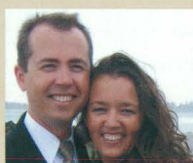
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Bill Santos
Speaker/Director,
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Canada

One Church, One Mission Newfoundland Campmeeting

July 21 to July 26 at Camp Woody Acres, Southwest Pond, Newfoundland



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Lisa Mercer
Director,
International
Program,
ADRA Canada



**Jennifer Jill
Schwirzer**
Singer/
Songwriter,
Author

Christ Our Only Hope Ontario Campmeeting

July 5 at International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario



**Furman
Fordham II**
Pastor,
Riverside Chape,
Nashville,
Tennessee



Donald King
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Atlantic Union
Conference of
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Adventists

Northern Ontario Campmeeting

August 29-31 at Camp Noronto, Monteville, Ontario



Derrick Nichols
President,
Ontario
Conference of
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Adventists

Veillez, Priez et Agissez Greater Quebec Campmeeting

July 30 to August 2

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Health Montreal French Campmeeting

September 26
to October 5

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available)

Elie Honoré
Physician

Forward Ever, Backward Never Montreal English and Filipino Campmeeting

July 4-5

TO BE ANNOUNCED

El Evangelio en el Familiar Montreal Spanish Campmeeting

August 13-16

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available)

Moises Ruiz
Pastor

British Columbia

What's Next?

“Now I can answer that question!” declared one attendee at the end of the fourth annual ACTS for Christ training conference held in Vancouver, BC, March 20-23. She went on to explain how, throughout the weekend, the Lord had been using the speakers to inspire her to begin ministering to her northern Alberta community. Many others also now have an answer to the theme question of this year’s conference—a question that highlights the need to always be seeking and recognizing the next chapter in one’s walk with Christ. Fifty attendees made decisions for mission service, 20 for baptism, and many of the 380 attendees recommitted their lives to serve God more fully, pledging to do whatever He calls them to do next.

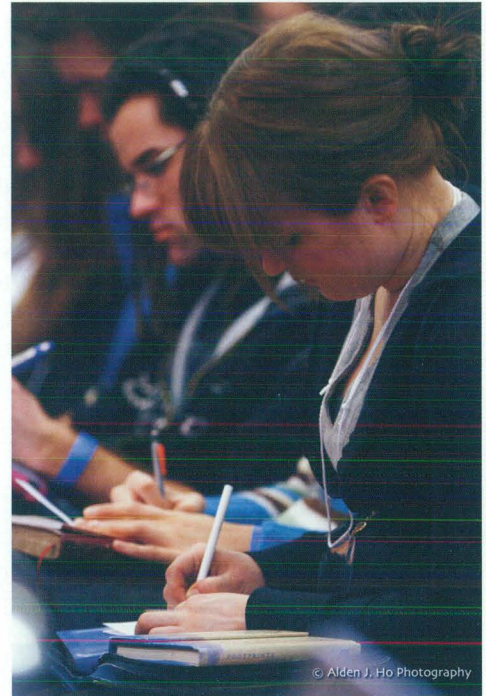
Helping young people experience a life-transforming relationship with Jesus and equipping them to share the gospel has been the mission of Adventists Commissioned to Train Servants (ACTS) for Christ from the beginning. This volunteer-based organization envisions an army of Canadian youth rightly trained to proclaim God’s final message to the world. As a result, an annual conference providing inspirational training and resources for Christian living and evangelism was developed. ACTS believes in working together in partnership with local Adventist conferences. The support of the B.C. Conference has been invaluable in making this year’s event a reality.

This year’s lineup of speakers included Ivor Myers and his wife, Atonte, of Power of the Lamb Ministries; Steve Conway and his wife, Tamara, of the Center for Adventist Ministry to Public University Students (CAMPUS); John Baxter of Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM); Ron du Preez, speaker and author; Israel Ramos of the Michigan Conference; and Jay Rosario from the Radiant Living Team. The workshops taught the attending youth how to be powerful witnesses, to “keep it real” in relationships, to implement principles of practical Adventism, to understand the pivotal period surrounding 1844 and to take the gospel to the final mission frontiers.

Following a short training session on Sabbath afternoon, 200 of the attendees reached out to the community of Coquitlam, inviting people to health seminars and an evangelistic series to be put on by the Radiant Living Team. Even after our five buses were loaded, there were still others wanting to go out and knock on doors. In total, 4,800 flyers were distributed to 2,400 doors in two hours! Many attendees shared exciting testimonies of divine appointments. The evening ended wonderfully with uplifting music performed by the Fountainview Strings and Choir.

“What’s next” in your life? As you continue to seek a closer walk with Christ and proclaim Him more fully, may you have peace knowing that “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil 1:6). ■

—Melanie Marques, communication director for ACTS for Christ



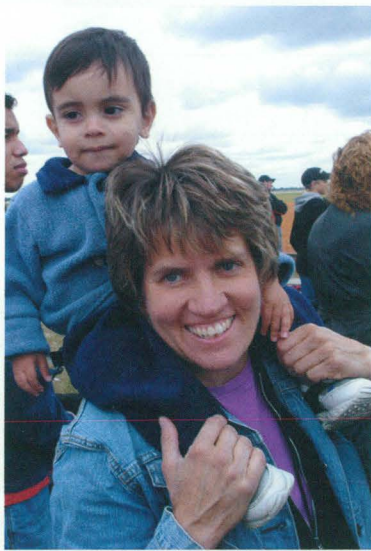
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“What’s Next?” for ACTS for Christ?

This summer we will be holding our first ever ACTS for Christ training conference in Eastern Canada. Held at Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ont., July 25–27, it promises to be a life-transforming experience for all in attendance. Please visit www.actsforchrist.org for more information. To obtain messages and workshops from the Vancouver ACTS, visit www.ppvida.com.

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Manitoba-Saskatchewan



Remembering Gwen

On Sunday morning, March 30, Gwen Bader's second brave battle with cancer ended. She died quickly with the comforting presence of her best friend Alexandra Raney at her side. Gwen was only 48, yet into the years of her seemingly too brief lifetime she packed a significant amount of connection with people and ministry

for her Lord. It is difficult to express in words the impact she made on people around the world, but those who knew Gwen know well what a remarkable person she was, and what a deep loss her passing represents. Let me tell you a little bit about my friend:

A Few Facts

Gwen was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, the fourth child of Levi and Joan Bader. At 11 months of age, she contracted spinal meningitis and was not expected to survive. God miraculously granted her a complete recovery and a happy childhood. She then spent her high school years at Parkview Adventist Academy and Canadian Union College where she enthusiastically joined the Acronaires gymnastic team and became one of CUC's first Physical Education graduates in 1982. In 1991, she graduated from Brigham Young University with a Master's degree in Recreation Management and Youth Leadership.

Gwen the Teacher

The long hours Gwen spent as a preschooler telling stories with her mother's Sabbath School felts hinted at the love and passion she would later display for teaching. She began her teaching career at Fraser Valley Adventist Academy as the Physical Education instructor where she built up and coached the Acronixs gymnastic team. Later, she taught at College Heights Christian School. Perhaps one of the greatest testaments to her positive impact on students is the rate at which her former students would later jump at the opportunity to work for her at summer camps or accompany her on mission trips. Many have expressed that Gwen's friendship, mentoring and confidence in them played a pivotal role in encouraging them to become

the people they are today. It seems that Gwen didn't just teach students; she left a lasting impression on their lives.

Gwen and Mission Trips

Gwen's passion for ministry in mission made her well-traveled. From her early days leading the Acronixs on trips, she came to be known as a well-respected authority on organizing mission excursions. Gwen participated in two extended terms in Ukraine and also organized and/or participated in trips to New York City, Louisiana, Mexico, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil and Thailand. She particularly developed an interest in assisting children in orphanages—a passion that began in Ukraine and continued until her death. When Gwen organized a mission trip, everyone was touched—the participants, those being served and especially the orphaned children.

Gwen the Summer Camp Director

Since 1998, Gwen has been the youth director of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan conference, adding, in more recent years, the role of children's ministry director to her portfolio. I had the privilege of working closely with Gwen for 10 summers at Camp Whitesand. I have watched as she intentionally molded the camp program to be more spiritually focussed. She not only expanded the camp program in number of weeks and number of campers, but developed an experiential education program that was well-received and appreciated by area schools. She assembled a loyal, talented and spiritual staff and developed Camp Whitesand into a desirable place to work—largely because it meant working under her leadership.

Gwen the Friend

Probably what amazes me most about Gwen is how very many people consider her a friend. She took a genuine interest in others and was someone who would make an extra effort to add a personal touch. Everyone—little kids, teenagers, young adults, and people in positions of influence—could feel comfortable with Gwen. My family and I considered Gwen to be a very close friend, and we know that our experience of friendship with Gwen is shared by a great number of other individuals and families. We really miss Gwen.

We all really miss Gwen. But she has left a legacy in the lives of so many people that sometimes it feels like she is still here. She has made an impact that will last into eternity. ■

—Darren R. Godsoe, pastor

>> Donations in memory of Gwen may be made to the Ian Castleman orphange in Kenya ("Gwen's Orphange," 6915 Maple Drive, Lacombe, AB T4L 1Z9) or to Camp Whitesand (Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, 1004 Victoria Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7N 0Z8).

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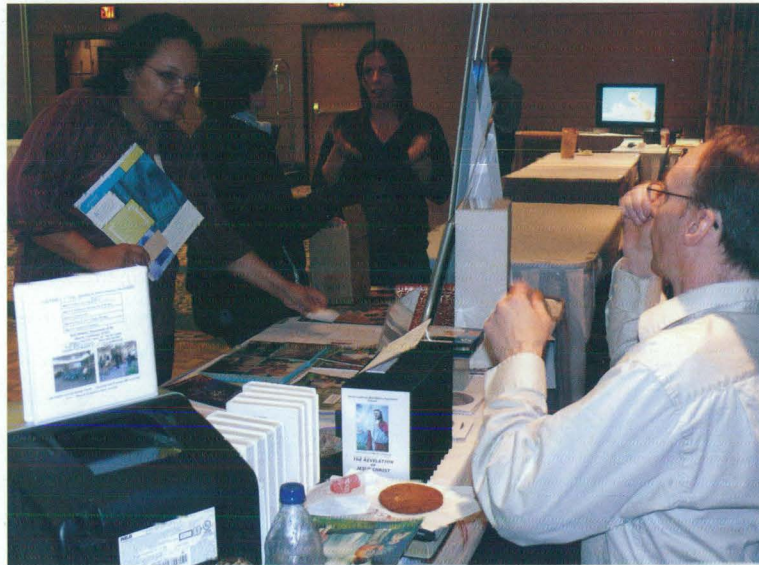
Canadian Deaf Ministries Kit

Would you know what to do if a deaf person who uses sign language came to your church and wanted to fellowship with you? Many people are confused about how to communicate with someone who can't speak. Yes, you can shake their hand and mouth that you are happy to see them, but that just is not enough! The deaf person will not understand the sermon, announcements or anything else that is spoken. Will someone make notes or sign for them? Who will befriend them? What tools are available to help?

Not long ago, a deaf young man joined one of our churches in central Canada, and, for more than a year, he knew nothing about any Adventist materials for the deaf. We don't ever want this to happen again, and now you can help make sure it won't. How?

The Deaf Ministry departments of the Alberta and B.C. conferences have joined together to design a Deaf Ministry kit that is now being produced and distributed to every church in Canada. This kit will help every pastor and every member in every church to be prepared and informed. Members, ask your pastor if you can have a look at the materials in the kit. Pastors, show the kit to your members and talk about what you learn. Your church may also want to order some extra supplies.

Featured in the kit is an informative and helpful new book by Esther Doss, communications director for Adventist Deaf Ministries called *Can You Hear Us?* Esther tells what it's like to be a hearing person in a deaf home and what it's like



Greg Greenwood and Leah Nahirnick (both deaf) are explaining things to deaf people visiting the Alberta conference Deaf Ministry booth at the Fall Deaf Expo convention in Edmonton, AB.

to be a deaf person in an SDA church. She gives a fascinating glimpse into the world of the Adventist deaf and what our churches can do to help take the three angels' messages to the deaf.

One DVD included in the kit is produced by the Alberta conference Deaf Ministry department and is called *Our World: A Theater in God's Universe*. It is signed by Esther Doss and is a chronological presentation of the whole story of the Bible in two hours using the theme of the Great Controversy. The other DVD contains signed samples of three Bible study series: a health series, a family life series and an excellent introductory DVD filmed in the Colorado mountains where Esther Doss signs about God's love and creation as she snowshoes through the countryside.

Also included is a complete episode of Hope TV's *Really Living* program with NAD President Don Schneider interviewing Esther Doss about her book. In the last half of the program, David Trexler, the new director/speaker of *Adventist Deaf Ministries* also joins in the interview. This is an excellent

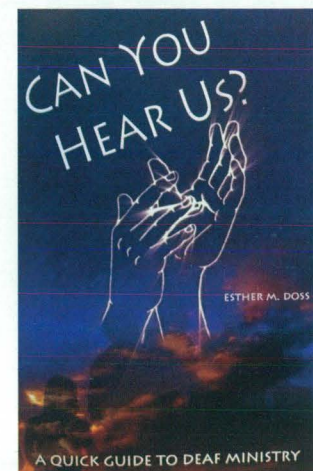
program and could be played for any local congregation.

The kit also contains printed samples of materials, information and sources for what's available, a Canadian Deaf Ministry Report and online links to important information for the deaf in the church.

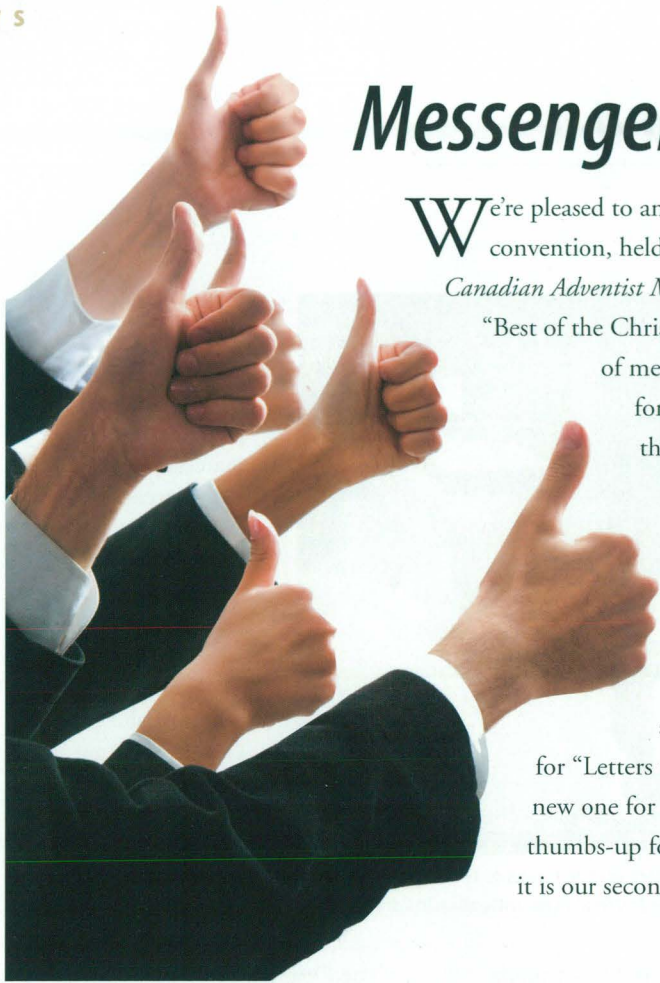
There are an estimated 200,000 plus people in Canada who use sign language from time to time. Our Canadian deaf need to be able to see the gospel in their own language—Sign Language.

The Deaf Ministry kits will be mailed at the end of May. If your pastor or church has not received one or you have questions or comments, please call or email John Blake (email: blake@deafhope.org; phone: 403/784-3798). ■

—John Blake & Jim Gaull, Deaf Ministry directors, Alberta & B.C. conferences



This excellent book about the world of Adventist deaf is featured in the new Deaf Ministries kit.



Messenger Wins Again

We're pleased to announce that at the annual Associated Church Press (ACP) convention, held this year in Fort Worth, Texas on April 20-22, your *Canadian Adventist Messenger* walked away with three top awards. In the ACP's "Best of the Christian Press" awards competition, *Messenger* received an award of merit (second place) in the category of Professional Resource for Doug Matacio's article "Connecting Canada to Christ and the Church" (Oct., Nov. 2007), an award of excellence (first place) in the category of Letters to the Editor and an award of excellence (first place) in the Best in Class category for small-budget publications.

We treasure each token of achievement for its own reason. The win for Doug Matacio's article is significant in that it is the first time ever that the *Messenger* has won an award for an article by a freelance author, while the win for "Letters to the Editor" is special because that regular feature is a new one for the magazine. And, of course, the "Acorn Award"—the thumbs-up for Best in Class—is always a prize, but especially so because it is our second consecutive year to win the honour. ■

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■ **Announcements**

The Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12494 Peggy's Cove Road, Tantallon, Nova Scotia, B3Z 2M7, is pleased to announce the 120th Anniversary of its founding with special services to be held on Friday evening, August 8 and Sabbath, August 9, 2008. The Tantallon church is the second oldest continuing Seventh-day Adventist congregation in Canada. Former conference president Lawton Lowe will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating this milestone in our Church history. For more information, call David at 902/826-0099.

■ **New Members**

MARITIME

Joseph Frederick Brawn was baptized on May 12, 2007 by Jared Browne. Joseph is now a member of the Zealand church.

Rachel Burgess was baptized on Jan. 5, 2008 by Mark Harris. Rachel is now a member of the Perth-Andover church.

Ryan and Tyler DeBoer (brothers) were baptized on Oct. 5, 2007 by their grandfather Gary DeBoer. They are now members of the Charlottetown church.

Darcie Drost was baptized on June 16, 2007 by Jared Browne. Darcie is now a member of the Fredricton church.

Anne Duffy was baptized on Apr. 17, 2007 by Dan Wilson. Anne is now a member of the Halifax church.

Jack Estey was baptized on Sept. 29, 2007 by Jared Browne. Jack is now a member of the Fredericton church.

Mary Francis and Adrian Morrison were baptized on June 23, 2007 by Jerry Smith. They are members of the North Sydney church.

Savanna (Conrad) Hardy and David Hardy were baptized on Oct. 28, 2007 by Leroy Corkum. Both are now members of the Bridgewater church.

Jim Price was baptized on Dec. 1, 2007 by Jacques LeBlanc. Jim is a member of the Saint John church.

Mike and June Skinner were baptized on Jan. 19, 2008 by Jared Browne. They are now members of the Fredericton church.

ONTARIO

Emmanuel Amofa and Tanisha Bastien were baptized on Dec. 22, 2007 at the Windsor church. Both are students at the Windsor Adventist Elementary School.

SASKATCHEWAN

Pearl Glute was baptized on Jan. 27, 2007 by Terry Sparks. Pearl is now a member of the Mt. Royal church.

Don MacFarlane was baptized on Dec. 8, 2007 by Terry Sparks. Don is now a member of the Mt. Royal church.

Salvatory Nzirubusa, Anezia Sindibo and Kostazia Nduwimana gave their professions of faith on Dec. 8, 2007 after studying with Terry Sparks. They are now members of the Mt. Royal church.

Aaron Simbananiye gave his profession of faith on Mar. 22, 2007 after studying with Steve Little. Aaron is now a member of Saskatoon Central church.

■ **Legal Notice**

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador

Notice is hereby given that the 11th constituency meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador will convene at Camp Woody Acres, Southwest Pond, Nfld. on Sunday, the July 27, 2008 at 9 a.m. NDST. This meeting concerns the new model bylaws. (06/08)

■ **Births**

Catherine Eva Guarin Adap was born March 15, 2008 to Edsel and Chris (Guarin) Adap of Maple, Ontario.

■ **Weddings**

Rena Joanne Bannister and Derek Ross Richter were married on Aug. 12, 2007 in Abbotsford, B.C. where they have also established their home. Derek is the chaplain at Fraser Valley Academy.

Jana Crabbe and Andrew Browne were married July 22, 2007 in Mahone Bay, N.S. and are making their home in Grande Prairie, Alta.

Christy Dawn Muehlhauser and Alexander Wilson Boyd were married June 22, 2007 in Pownal Bay, P.E.I. and are making their home in Fredricton, N.B.

Darcie Drost and Nathan Fletcher were married July 7, 2007 in Fredricton, N.B. where they have also made their home.

Savannah Conrad and David Hardy were married Sept. 2, 2007 in Bridgewater, N.S.

Melanie Johnston and Luke Howie were married on Dec. 6, 2007 in Australia and are making their home in Melbourne. Melanie is the daughter of Cameron and Shirley Johnston of Kelowna, B.C. and Luke is the son of Mark and Victoria Howie of Australia.

Erin Gallant and Timothy Schmidt were married on Aug. 5, 2007 by Pastor Harry White. Erin is the daughter of Garry and Myrna Gallant of Watson, Sask., and Tim is the son of Donald and Lynne Schmidt of Chauvin, Alta. The couple makes their home in Saskatoon, Sask.

■ **Anniversaries**

Ron and Ruthann (Skwarchuk) MacDonald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 15,



2007. The celebration was held in the same hall where their wedding reception was held in 1957. Two hundred and fifty family members and friends came to commemorate the special occasion. They have three children: Cynthia Plouffe of Cobalt, Ont., Verna Liebreich of Yorkton, Sask., and J. Scott of Courtyce, Ont. They also have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harry and Lenna White of Abbotsford, B.C. celebrated their



60th wedding anniversary on Mar. 20, 2007. Family and friends met together in April to celebrate. The Whites have four children: Myrna Gallant, Jim, Ron and Linda King of Abbotsford, B.C., nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

■ **Obituaries**

Note: While we are honoured to remember your family and friends in print, we must insist that obituaries be submitted to us on our obituary form. The traditional form is available at your local church or conference office and may be submitted by mail or fax. The online form is available at www.sdac.org/messenger and is submitted electronically.

Audrey (Crawford) Bechthold was born Oct. 22, 1914 in Saskatoon, Sask. and died Mar. 28, 2008 in Lacombe, Alta. She is predeceased by her brother William Crawford, grandson Daryl Ford and son-in-law Lawrence Ford. Surviving: husband Harry, son Brian (Denise), daughter Sharron (Glen) Brown, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Carroll Berden was born on May 7, 1942 in Anagance, N.B. and died Mar. 2, 2008 in Abbotsford, B.C. Carroll served her church in children's Sabbath school divisions, Pathfinders, youth activities, grief recovery support group and as a church elder. Surviving: husband Jerry; sons Daryl (Angie) of Surrey, B.C. and Jeffery of Cloverdale, B.C.; sisters Kathleen (Don) Dunfield of Riverview, N.B., Grace Reeves of Riverview, and Treva (Robert) Burgess of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

Joseph Clark was born Aug. 19, 1911 and died Feb. 3, 2008 in Nfld. Surviving: wife Sadie (Greenslade); sons Joe Jr. (Karin), Eric (Sharon) and David (Marie); daughters Lilian (Tom) Daniels, Judy (Ige) Dawe and Rosalind (Jack) Baier; sister-in-law Margaret Brown; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

John (Jack) Hillock was born Oct. 18, 1926 in Windsor, Ont. and died Mar. 15, 2008 in Brantford, Ont. Jack was a leader in Junior/Earliten Sabbath school. He is predeceased by his brothers Emerson, Wilf and Harvey. Surviving: wife Greta (Totten), son Ken (Cathie) of Seagrave, Ont., daughters Linda (Richard) Schimp of New Bethlehem, Penn. and Eva (Robert) Woods of Woodland, Wash., brother Ronald (Thelma) of Loma Linda, Calif., six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Elizabeth (Simon) Kessler was born on Mar. 14, 1940 in Clarksburg, W.Va. and died Mar. 5, 2008 in Palm Springs, Calif. Mary taught grades 1-4 in the Ottawa, Ont. church school. Surviving: husband Robert, son David Robert, daughters Elizabeth Marie and Margaret Anne, father Thomas Everett Simon, Sr., mother Cleo Brannon, brother Thomas Everett Simon, Jr., six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bernice (Westrop) Langill was born July 25, 1921 in Galt, Ont. and died Nov. 4, 2007 in Lacombe, Alta. She is predeceased by her husband Vern. Bernice and her husband served God in several African countries for eight years. Surviving: daughters Bonnie Mello of Lacombe, Lynn (Paul) Emas of Fayetteville, N.C., Pat (Ralph) Page of Oshawa, Ont. and Marilyn (Larry) Pazitka of Courtoice, Ont., and four grandchildren.

Milenko Ljubisic was born on Sept. 14, 1938 in Prijedor, Bosnia, Yugoslavia and died Jan. 16, 2008 in Maple Ridge, B.C. After retirement, Milenko began an audio/video tape distribution ministry that reached many places, especially Cuba. He also organized the delivery of *Steps to Christ* to the tourist community of Harrison, B.C. Surviving: wife Blajenka, son Radenk (Tamara) of Dallas, Tex., daughter Lilo (Robert) Anderson of Coquitlam, B.C., and sister Ljiljana (Ivan) Pistrin of Mission, B.C.

Nora May (Ferguson) Lorenson was born on May 24, 1917 in Youngstown, Alta. and died on Mar. 19, 2008 in Lacombe, Alta. Among her areas of service, Nora worked in the Sherwood Park Nursing Home, helped start Mamawi Atoskewan Native School, worked to start Foothills Camp, and started a small food bank. She is predeceased by her husband George, sons-in-law Oral Fisher and Gordon Macdonald, sisters Margaret Emerson, Edna Pasmore, Gloss Krause and Hazel Robinson, brother Eric Ferguson, sister-in-law Joan Ferguson and brother-in-law Mel Paul. Surviving: son Reuben (Marilyn); daughters Ruthie (Bob) Berez, Carol (Siegfried) Roeske, Shari (Kurt) Hagen, Iris (Jim) Lumsden, Connie (Ken) Ilchuk and Noelle Lorenson; 19 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; sister Lydia Paul and brothers Calvin (Ellen) and Tom (Betty).

Cecil Sherret was born Nov. 7, 1922 near Coalhurst, Alta. and died Mar. 1, 2008 in Lethbridge, Alta. He is predeceased by his wife Ruth. Surviving: sons Ralph of Calgary,

Alta. and Andrew of Sydney, B.C.; daughter Cheryl LeSergent of Lethbridge; son-in-law Fred LeSergent of Williams Lake, B.C.; brothers James (Joan) and Gordon (Lorraine) of Cranbrook, B.C.; sisters Helen Walkley of Cranbrook, Gwen Willis of Cranbrook and Carol (Norman) Redigger of Preeceville, Sask.; sisters-in-law Annette Sherret of Edmonton, Alta., Lena Sherret of Cranbrook, Florence (Edgar) Boschee of Medicine Hat, Alta., Violet (Walter) Keim of Carstairs, Alta., and Erna Straub of Lacombe, Alta.

Harm "Henry" Verboom was born Jan. 21, 1931 in Utrecht, Holland and died Feb. 1, 2008 in Calgary, Alta. Henry played piano and organ in his church for many years. Surviving: wife Elodie, five step-daughters, brothers Henk, Erich and John (Cecylia) of Edmonton, Alta., sisters Lida of Holland and Edda of Australia, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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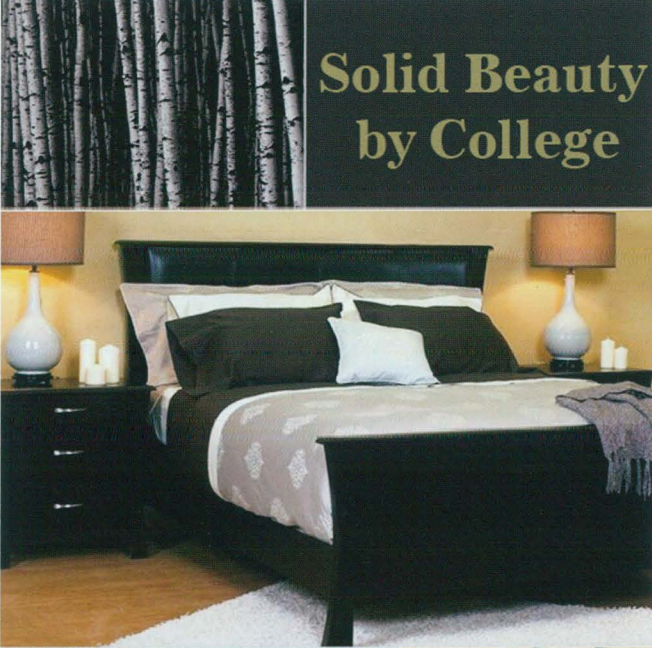
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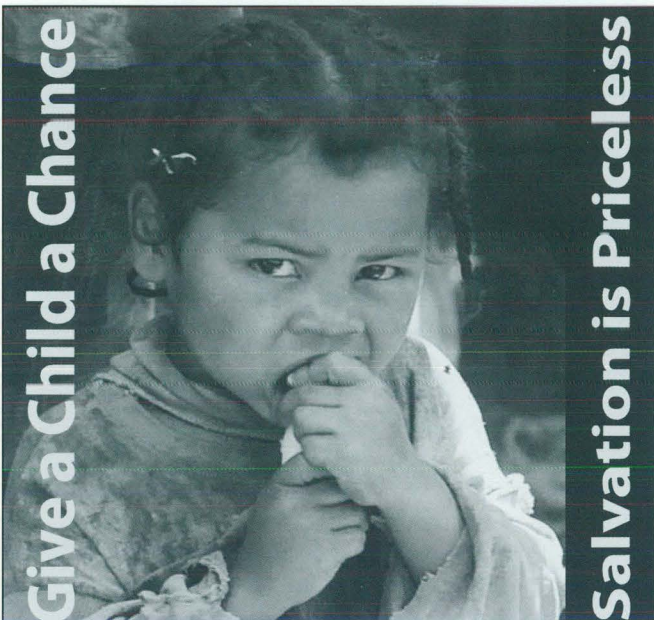




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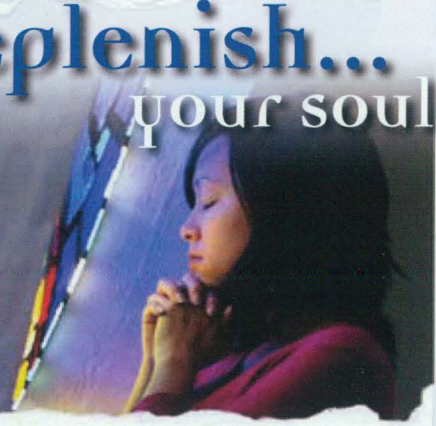
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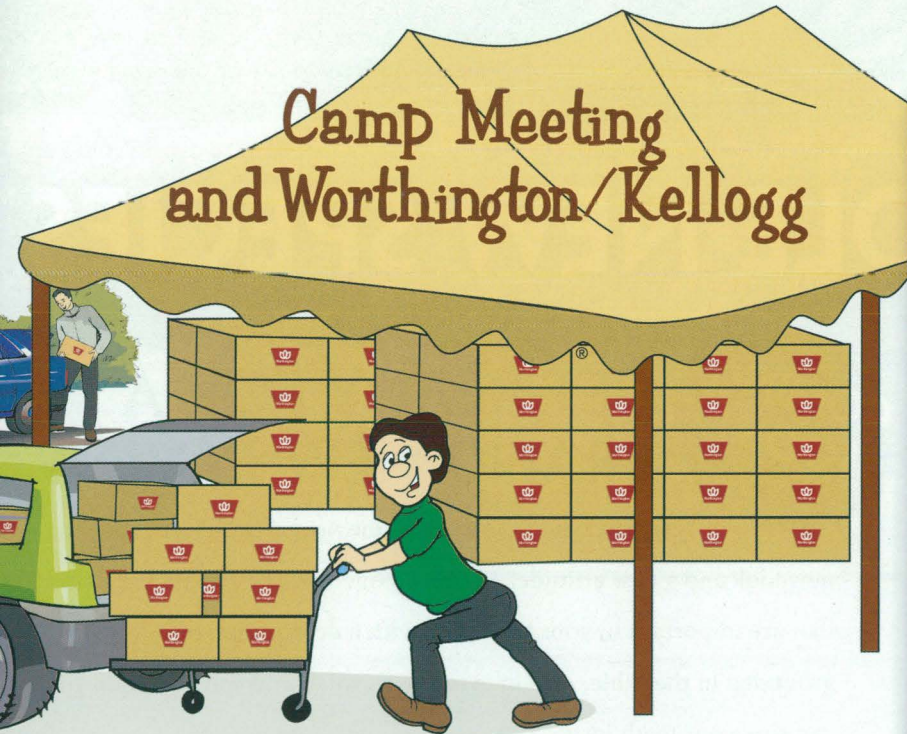
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