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“To every thing
there is a season,
and a time to
every purpose
under the heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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"We live by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7

Recognizing Uncertainty

It occurs to me that lately the articles I've received the most letters about (and the most forceful letters, too) have all had to do with uncertainty of some kind. When I wrote my "Open Letter to God," admitting questions and uncertainty, I was inundated with letters that sought to give me the answer, but as I commented in the article, I'd heard all those answers ever since I was a child. My talk with God was an attempt to move beyond them. And when I said that, as a Church, we need to be more willing to say, "You May Be Right," the letters came in saying, in essence, that such a statement would be tantamount to admitting that we may be wrong. My point when I wrote it was that we need to be willing to entertain exactly that thought, at least for argument's sake, so that we have some meeting ground with those outside the Church who see things differently.

Faith implies not knowing. Even the most robust and solid definitions of faith cannot deny the element of uncertainty, for when things are certain and solid and knowable, no faith is required. Our dealings in the spiritual realm—our theological stance on every issue, our acceptance of Scripture as the word of God, prayer—all of these things require faith because they all deal with things unknowable. And so they all carry with them an element of uncertainty. Why does that scare us?

One of my great joys in preparing this issue was to read—pour over, really—Douglas Devnich's article, "On Being Religious" (page 14). I loved so much

the concept he introduces of "resting in not knowing." I admit that, as much as I relished it, the notion challenged me. Not knowing typically makes me anxious and even a little panicky. Knowing makes me feel powerful and in control—and that's really the point, isn't it? Knowing makes *me* powerful and puts *me* in control. Resting in not knowing takes control out of *my* hands and puts it back where it belongs.

Even as we maintain our faith, we must acknowledge the reality of uncertainty. If we refuse to do so out of fear or stubbornness, preferring to promote our philosophies as solid reality rather than ethereal belief, then those who accuse us of using religion as a crutch are quite correct in their accusation. No matter how firm we are in our faith, we cannot allow ourselves to think that the unknown is known, nor should we try.

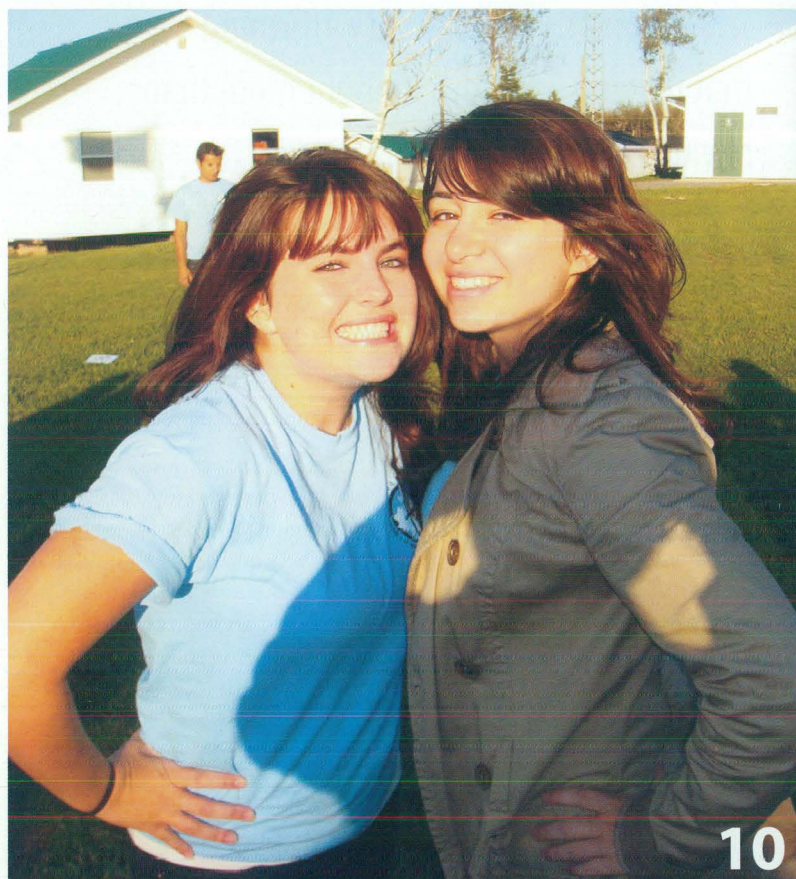
I believe that it is God's intention to keep us guessing. Were it not, He could have performed some celestial download of all knowledge and all wisdom into our brains at the time of creation. That He didn't indicates to me that there is something to be gained through our grappling with the unknown. And it indicates to me that He likes us to keep asking, keep struggling, keep questioning—as we go forward in faith. ■

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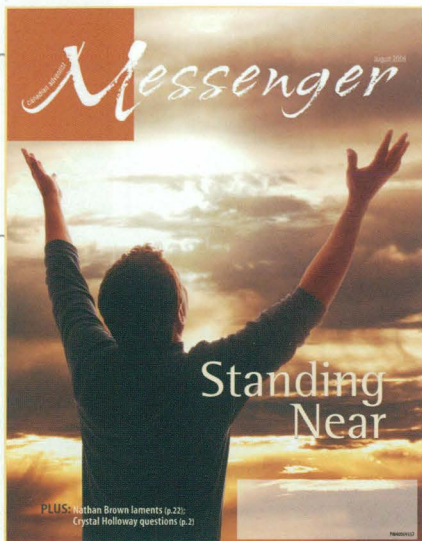
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**RE: "Science Gone Wild,"
Worldview, August 2008**

I was shocked and saddened by Mr. Bussey's recent article, particularly its tone and lack of balance. Bussey's article depicted scientists as money-driven, controversy-raising elites bent on destroying this world. Mr. Bussey is confused. The scientists I know, like Professor Rene Harrison of the University of Toronto, are compassionate. In my second year of university, Rene Harrison sent bone cells into space in order to understand—and hopefully treat—osteoporosis. As an aspiring organic chemist interested in drug discovery, synthesis, and delivery, I can only shake my head in awe at Mr. Bussey's indictment of the scientific community as "simply taking up where Nazi science left off." Very few scientists work in the defence industry and even fewer agree with the disastrously incompetent presidency of George W. Bush. Please remember that science introduced the polio vaccine and new life-preserving medication and will soon find treatments for osteoporosis and various forms of cancer. Mr. Bussey should not tar the reputations of many for the transgressions of the few.

—Marlon Mitchell,
via email

**RE: "An Open Letter to God,"
From the Editor, August 2008**

You wrote an open letter to God in the most recent issue of the *Messenger* so I

Your Words

“...very open, very real, very affirming
that religion and faith is about more than
having answers.”

took the liberty of reading it. I will attempt an answer on God's behalf, although I will be the first to admit, I am not qualified to speak for God. The only virtue I can claim is that I am willing to speak up for Him.

The ancient Greeks loved paradoxes. The one about God runs like this: because of the evil in the world, if God is omnipotent then He cannot be good, or if He is good then He cannot be omnipotent. So the paradox is that God can only be omnipotent if He is also evil, and only be good if He is not omnipotent. But there are problems with this kind of logic, and it led the Greeks down some dead end streets.

What was left out in this paradox was that the Hebrew God is primarily defined as love. Defining love is problematic, but some years ago I discovered a definition for love from Simone Weil: "love is vulnerability." If this is true, then the solution to the apparent paradox about God is that God is all powerful, good and love. Another way to make this statement is, "God is all powerful, good and vulnerable to His creation." The cross of Calvary is the supreme evidence of God's vulnerability to us.

The implication is that God will not use His power to control or manipulate any situation to get His way. If God did manipulate any one situation it would confirm the devil's charge that God is selfish and abusive. Abuse is defined as the control of another against their own will. God is primarily love, and love does not control. If God did control, there would be no free choice and there would

be no love. The incontrovertible evidence of our freedom is experiencing the consequences of our choices. Because we can abuse people and because we can abuse God it can never be argued that we are not free.

Is our freedom worth the pain of the planet? When we are suffering or we are aware of the suffering of others we are sure it is not, and yet it continues unabated. Perhaps, we need to consider God's answer. Calvary clearly affirms that all the suffering that we could focus on His Son Jesus Christ was not enough to persuade God that there was any other choice for Himself but to love us even more! Jesus Christ's resurrection from the eternal death after we had treated Him as badly as we could confirms a future for us made possible by God's power and His goodness and motivated by His love.

Now here is where all this really cuts to the bone: The evidence of our love for others, if we are to follow our Master's lead, is when we bleed forgiveness and grace for those who wound us. This is not a call to remain in abusive situations, but it is a call to God's love. I have also read this disturbing statement, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV). This is always, for me, the most compelling and the most humbling sentence I can read.

—Ian Hartley,
Red Deer, Alta.

Loved your editorial in the August *Messenger*. Very open, very real, very

affirming that religion and faith is about more than having answers.

—Jerry D. Thomas,
communication director,
Southwest Union of
Seventh-day Adventists

Thank you for your open letter to God. I often look back in my devotional journal and find similar letters to God. When I go back to those times in my mind, there is one common theme: where is my heart? I know that as the editor you may write on behalf of others that write in. However, this letter seemed like you were being very vulnerable with me, the reader, and I appreciated that. I feel your struggle to renew your hope in God.

As a mother and wife (10 yrs), I have struggled with countless periods of time where my heart wavers in faith. Luke 4:45 reveals my problem: "For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks." God reveals my heart issues through my words, tone etc. "O wretched women that I am"; for I often leave my First Love (God) for my own desires.

I encourage you to ask the question, "Where is my heart, O God?" as He can at least guarantee you the answer to that question. Although I have known the answers to being close to God and why it is important for most of life (being a pastor's kid), I am finally getting a little quicker at turning back to my "first love" and allowing God to take my heart of stone . . . and replace it with a heart of flesh, tender to His spirit and voice. (Ezek 36:26-27).

I just wanted to encourage you. Crystal, "May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard your heart and mind."

—JoAnna Chase, via email

I have read and re-read your article, "An Open Letter to God" and found it very thought provoking. It is an article to which I can relate. I, too, have many questions and sometimes wonder about God's answers which may be yes, no, or wait. It's something which I do occasionally have a difficult time understanding.

You did a great job on the article. Keep up the good work. You are a special lady.

—Ruthann MacDonald,
via email

RE: "National v. International Ministry," Your Words, August 2008

Elder and Mrs. Lawton Lowe's letter published in the August *Messenger* was thought provoking especially to me as I know the "lay leader" that they are referring to is me. When I was about 10 years old, Elder and Mrs. Lowe came as missionaries to Sri Lanka. Their influence, their inspiration and the impact on their work of the church and on my family were profound. Hundreds of people were baptized and the church grew. I remember well his visits to our home. Even though we lived in a remote area, he made several trips to our house to support and encourage us. Now, that many of us have immigrated to Canada, we continue to follow his example of service to others. They returned to Canada and served the church in a great way here as well.

The Lowes refer to stories about A Better World (College Heights Church, Lacombe) that have recently been featured in the *Messenger*, but don't seem to understand that 98% of the people who travel with our church mission organization are not Adventists. Our church sees shared mission travel as an opportunity to reach out to the people

of Canada as well as those in other countries. When they see the church in action, they have a better appreciation for the Adventist Church and its beliefs. Last year \$2.1 million was contributed to our church from such non-Adventists. In Canada, there is much opportunity to search for truth but very little opportunity to "try the faith" or experience it. It is that experience that will change hearts and minds in western countries towards God and not just the knowledge.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, I want to assure you that hardly any money is provided for humanitarian work. This role has been delegated to ADRA Canada. They put forth all the efforts to raise funds for this purpose. Almost all of the money from offerings and tithes is provided for evangelism. When Dan and Donna Jackson travel on overseas missions with A Better World, they use their holiday time and pay for their own airfare. They do it not only to help the people there but also to connect and mingle with the non-Adventists that travel from here. The president also chairs the ADRA Canada board, hence first-hand encounters in humanitarian crisis are an integral part of his duties.

The mission of our Church in Canada is to "Proclaim Christ, Nurture Believers and Serve Humanity." God has given us talents to accomplish these. It is important to recognize that God calls each one to His service—some to serve here and others elsewhere.

Elder Lowe, I appreciate the example you set for me when you left Canada with your young family to follow God's calling for your life. Let us support others in their calling also.

—Eric Rajah,
Lacombe, Alta.

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What Colour Are You?

I heard about some weird names for different personalities. Something like phlegmatic, sanguine, etc. That's quite confusing! Is there any other system? Something I could understand better?

I'm glad you are interested in knowing the different kinds of personalities. It will help you to better understand the people you interact with! And yes, there is a very simple method that uses four colors: gold, green, blue and orange.

Gold people tend to be very organized. They feel comfortable working with procedures and use lists to organize their work flow. Tasks come before people. Also, a typical "gold star" student won't go to bed until all homework is done. They often ask themselves, "Am I allowed to do this?" and work better when the expectations of the task are clearly defined.

Orange individuals are born leaders. They get excited very easily about anything that's new. They love change just for the sake of it. They get people to follow them into new ventures. They thrive in new projects but get easily bored with them and start something new soon later. Orange people are early adopters of new technologies. Also, they don't mind "bending the rules" to get what they want.

Green people are analytical. They spot trends. They thrive on statistics. To them, it may be more important how many people attended an event than how much fun the attendees had. They are perfectionists. They want results and often set aside personal feelings. For example, a "green manager" will easily fire people in order to achieve financial stability in a corporation.

Blue people focus on relationships. They will go out of their way to help someone (friend or not). They get very emotional quite easily. They are good listeners and offer good advice. They are people pleasers, and often put their own needs aside. Their mood can be quite unstable. They are good story tellers and engage people.

So, what color are you? Most people have a mix of them, but usually there is one color—or maybe two—that are prominent. Have some fun discussing this with your friends!

TEEN TALK



Youth Pastor, speaker & writer,
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Creation Corner for Kids



"Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. These evil desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death."
James 1:14 (NLT)

Crab

Canada is blessed with three ocean coastlines. One of my family's favourite things to do when we visit the seaside is to look for crabs. All you have to do is turn over a stone, and you are likely to see many tiny crabs scuttling away to find another hiding place.

My favourite crabs are hermit crabs, but there are many larger species of crabs that are caught for food. On a kayaking trip on the west coast's inside passage, we accompanied friends as they set crab traps. Small net traps were baited with bits of fish and cast into the water. The next morning our friend pulled up the traps. In one of the traps were three small crabs and one large one. Crawling through the funnel shaped opening, the crabs that were lured into the trap could not escape from the same hole they went into!

Think about it.

Sin is a lot like a crab trap. Satan baits us with temptations that seem so attractive. But, Jesus can give us spiritual vision to see a sin-trap for what it really is—an instrument of death.

Do it.

Build a sin-trap! On small slips of paper, write down some of the sins or bad habits that you struggle with. Fold each strip of paper in half and stuff it into a narrow mouthed mason jar. Stick your hand into the jar and grab one of the slips of paper. While holding onto your "sin," try pulling out your hand. You're trapped! Pray that Jesus will help you to recognize sin traps and run from them. (See James 4:7).





*"I tell you," Jesus said, "open your eyes and look at the fields!
They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35*

Answering the Call

Some say they would not encourage their child to work for the church, giving various reasons for their stance: "My child would never be appreciated working for the church," or "There is just too much politics" or "My child could earn way more working somewhere else."

For 13 years I have had the privilege to be in the church's employ, and I will agree that there are times when all of this criticism is true. I felt the chagrin of having church members call me names that I dare not repeat here. I have heard from those who think they somehow have the prerogative to tell me what to do. I have been told that I work for the church only because I could not find work elsewhere. I have learned that there are no bounds to the disdain others feel towards those of us who work for the church. They constantly harp about the "real world" as if, somehow, we who are church workers are not part of it. Or perhaps their parlance is meant to address the fact that church employees strive for the world to come—inferring we are therefore "so heavenly minded" that we "are no earthly good."

Yes, I have heard and I have experienced what those parents fear for their children should they choose church employment. Why then would I encourage my children or other young people to consider a career amongst God's people? Well, it is quite simple really. It is because I have felt God's call—that sense from deep within me that I have been assigned a work to do for the furtherance of the kingdom. My stance is based on my own experience, and I can say with confidence that God has called me and others to careers with the church.

Unfortunately, the church is not always seen as the employer of choice. This is nothing new. Martin Luther, the great Protestant reformer, suffered derision from his father for joining the ministry and becoming a priest. His father had wanted him to be a lawyer! Working for the church will never be all "peaches and cream" because it is an organization made up of fallible human beings. Every employee has their own stories to tell of times when they have felt wronged. Yet, we have a mission of divine origin.

The Adventist Church is called to proclaim the three angels' message of Revelation 14 to the world. As such, we have a rendezvous with destiny, and it is our privilege to endure what struggles and triumphs the Lord has in store. There is a great work to be done. "The harvest is plentiful," said Jesus, "but the workers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

We are at a phenomenal juncture in earth's history. Much of what our spiritual forefathers warned is being revealed in the here and now. It is time to "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matt. 9:38). Success, as defined by the world's standard, will *never* be found in church employment. Yet, it is a calling by which one can feel fulfilled. Our salary is not high, but our needs are met. And there is personal satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in seeing others come to a saving knowledge of Jesus and live a victorious life. ■

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Eternity in her heart

*Scripture says that "[God] has set
eternity in the hearts of men" (Eccles. 3:11),
and Olga was no exception...*

Olga was born in the archipelago of Azores. In 1962, she did what so many other Portuguese immigrants did; she moved to Canada to start a new life. Olga was a devoted Catholic, but, in spite of her commitment to her church, she still felt emptiness in her heart. Perhaps most of us have felt something similar but ignored it; Olga could not. She was deeply disturbed by the feeling, and she began visiting other churches and studying their doctrines in hopes of finding a solution.

One Sunday morning in 2001, she turned on the television and watched as a preacher explained some difficult passages from the book of Isaiah. Henry Feyerabend's words instantly caught her attention. Olga was touched by the message. She called the phone number displayed on the screen to get more information about the program she had watched. Rosa, the Portuguese bible worker who answered the phone, offered to study with Olga and her daughter, Helena, who had also decided she wanted to know more.

As she slowly came to understand the message of salvation and everlasting life, Olga surrendered her life to Jesus. When she did, she found the terrible emptiness that she'd always known began to disappear. The yearning for eternal life that God places in every human heart had been her plaguing her, and until she found that eternal truth, the void she'd been feeling in her life would not disappear.

Upon completing their studies with Rosa, both Olga and Helena were baptized on April 15, 2006. They are just two of the many who have been baptized at the Toronto Portuguese church because of the ministry of the *It Is Written* telecast. According to Rosa, many of the members of the Toronto Portuguese church were first introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist message through the *It Is Written* program on television.

It is our belief and our hope that every Sunday morning the Holy Spirit impresses individuals to turn on their televisions and find the *It Is Written* program. It was certainly true for Olga; nobody told her about the program. She just turned it on, started watching, and her life was changed. There are many other "Olgas" out there, desperately looking to fill their hearts with the things of eternity. That is why we have the goal of seeing the *It Is Written* program carried on the CTV national network. Every Canadian could then watch and be changed as Olga was.

Please join us in making this dream a reality. Pray for the *It Is Written* team, and help spread the good news in as many ways as you can. Help us share the Christ's eternal message. ■

The Seventh-day
Adventist Church
in Canada and its
conferences team up to
build an "army of youth."



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BY CRYSTAL HOLLOWAY

GROWING UP WITH CAMP PUGWASH

AS MY SECOND HOME, I long ago developed a theory about its appeal: what makes it perfect is its imperfection. In those days, its infrastructure could've been aptly described as primitive—we who love it there preferred the term 'rustic'—but any lack only served to bring people closer together and to foster creativity and resourcefulness in the campers and leaders who laid claim to it. So goes my theory. But creativity and resourcefulness have their limits, and even I had doubts when I arrived at Camp Pugwash for the Canadian Adventist Youth Summit (CAYS) this September and was met by frigid temperatures and posters warning people to not drink the tap water. How, I thought, are they going to pull this off?

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Summit 2008



Turns out that cold temperatures and water borne bacteria can be key ingredients in the making of a successful youth event. Throw in an unbelievably beautiful setting, inspirational keynote speakers and the undeniable presence of the Holy Spirit and you've got yourself an event that, like its location, is perfect in spite of its imperfections.

More than 200 youth and young adults from all across Canada converged on Camp Pugwash on Thursday, September 18, arriving by plane, bus and car from every province across Canada. They came to participate in a Canada-wide youth event, and nothing was going to stop them. Though they were greeted by the same below-average temperatures that met me, their enthusiasm was high and participants developed a camaraderie right away. Turns out that even total strangers can quickly become fast friends when they huddle together around a fireplace for warmth!

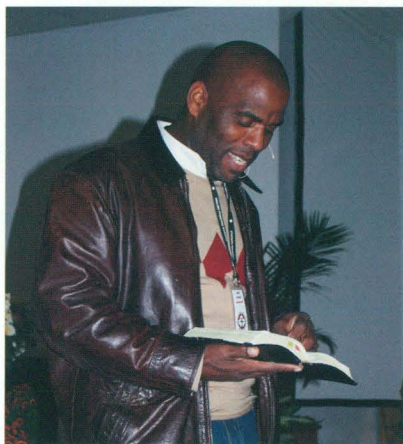
CAYS is an initiative sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada but planned by the youth directors of the conferences working together for the good of youth across the country. "The union puts aside \$40 thousand every year to pay for this event," says President Dan Jackson, "and we're very happy to be able to do that. We only wish it could be more. The youth in Canada are one of our highest priorities."

And that sentiment is, of course, shared by the youth directors who did the organizational and planning work for the big weekend. The team met together in person, via emails and teleconference to plan every facet of the weekend—from planning transportation and accommodation to booking speakers for workshops and plenary sessions. Their hard work and cooperation are a shining example of what is possible when conferences and the union work together with the resources they each have. And their work did not stop with the planning. Most would be daunted by being under a boil-water order or by facing frigid temperatures in drafty, unheated cabins. Not Kelly Loxdale, volunteer youth director of the Maritime conference, and her team! As hosts of CAYS, they handled all challenges ably. Without missing a beat, they produced cases of bottled water, space heaters and extra blankets from seemingly nowhere. They ensured that everyone was well taken care of, even before the warm temperatures arrived on Sabbath.

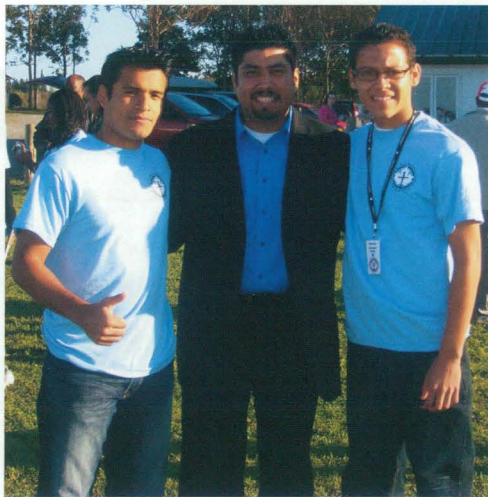
There were lots of activities to keep everyone warm and moving, as well. More than 20 workshops were held at various times throughout the weekend on topics of interest to the youth. A wide range of presenters from all across the country met with small groups of participants to discuss issues like how to take the fear out of witnessing, dynamic prayer, heroism, the sanctuary, street culture, the prophecies of Revelation, relationships and mission service. These workshops provided an opportunity for youth to interact on a personal level with each other and especially with the presenters—an important part of growing an "army of youth" to take the leadership of our Church.

When coming together in the plenary sessions, there was plenty to amuse, inspire and entertain as well. Each session began with music led by the awesome praise band "Grace Like Rain" from Chetwynd, B.C. and a few of their friends added specially for the occasion. And, of course, each session also brought the Word to the audience via a message from one of the speakers. Manny Cruz, associate director of youth and young adult ministries for the North American Division and Eddie Hypolite, associate youth director of the South England conference were the keynote speakers for CAYS. Through the messages they presented and through their interactions with people throughout the day, both Cruz and Hypolite connected with youth and leaders alike, going beyond the call of duty to form friendships and even have fun. Having connected, their words easily impacted listeners when they preached. The Holy Spirit seemed very close as these special men shared their stories of faith.

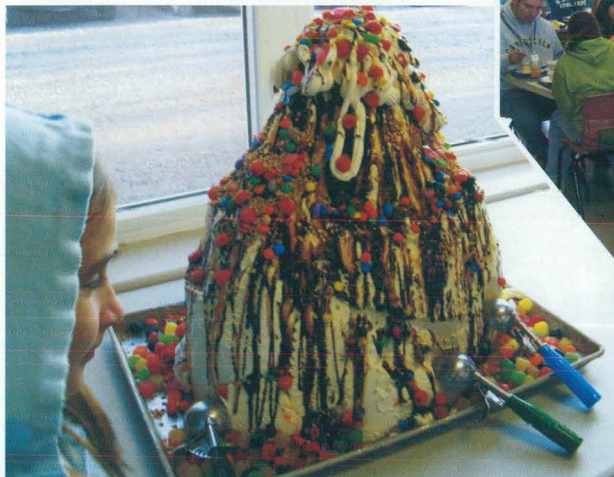
So CAYS 2008 was the perfectly imperfect event that no one could have planned for. As the weekend came to an end and the busses and cars pulled away from the camp, cold temperatures were far from anyone's mind. Like all the challenges of the weekend, they were past—easily replaced with warm memories of the happy experience and eager prayers for the success of CAYS 2010. May it be as imperfect. ■



Eddie Hypolite associate youth director of the South England conference.



Manny Cruz (center) of the North American Division's Youth and Young Adult Ministries team.



CAYS planners with keynote speakers, conference youth directors and friends.



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young adults

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Adventist Youth Summit in Vancouver**
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Messenger for more details.

BY D. DOUGLAS DEVNICH

On Being Religiose



One morning, to ease my religiously troubled mind, I went for a long walk in the country. In the afterglow of what good exercise does for body, mind and spirit, I became aware of what my problem was—I was too religiose.

Religiose is like being “too religious.” Webster’s Dictionary defines it as: excessively, obtrusively, or sentimentally religious. In other words, religiosity is a state of anxiety instead of genuine faith.

During the preceding night, I had awakened and spent a couple of hours robbing myself of precious sleep. I wrestled with some personal anxieties and found myself in a virtual debate with God. It was in my mind that God was not paying enough attention to my issues. He was silent on some things in which I needed His direct involvement. I had reviewed with Him the things in life that I thought I had done for Him and strongly suggested that, in turn, He ought to help me out with at least one miracle. Alas! Silence!

Recently while listening to a radio program involving an interview with a journalist, I apprehended a new and helpful insight. The interviewee talked about her struggle in life, as it is with many people, in trying to figure out God. Ask yourself right now, how many times in your life have you anxiously wondered why God is so silent toward you? We know that He never leaves us nor does He forsake us; but, why can He be so silent?

The radio personality said that at one point she finally gained peace out of deciding that it is not possible to know answers to many questions about God. She then coined the phrase; “I rest in unknowing.”

We believe that God exists. We know Him, in many ways, through His revelation to us particularly Jesus Christ. Emmanuel. Yet, it is also true that, by His infinitude, He remains personally hidden to our eyes and ears.

Somehow, the idea of “resting in unknowing” has played into my gaining some peace in a new way. Prior to the radio episode, I had already developed a concept that God is really unable to

do many things He would like to do for humans. It is because of when He created us; He deliberately took the decision to gift humans with the much prized ability to exercise freewill. For freewill to be genuine, the Creator cannot control our choices. What we choose is what we have to live with. How can we expect God to control our freewill? That would be an oxymoron.

There is no greater dimension of love than that the person loving another is absolutely at peace in giving the other total freedom; freedom from any coercion or force to love in return. This is God’s way of loving. The epitome of love is the “agape-love” of God in Jesus Christ. (agape: a Greek word that expresses love that expects no return) The one loved, loves freely in return.

Thus it is of God’s infinite love that at times He remains silent toward His children, so that there can be not a shred of force to get His children to love Him. Out of this, I have coined my own belief in a sentence: God is silent because of His love for me. When I am tempted to be anxious, I cease trying to debate with Him about my deserving His involvement. I am at peace when He is silent. It helps me to not be religiose in the sense of being anxious and sentimentally religious. My feelings are not hurt when I feel alone in my struggles.

Combining my personal journey with the radio journalist’s confession, my new perspective is that I must “rest in the silence of God.” I think there cannot be a higher order of faith than this. Faith in God is not a matter of feeling a special way. Neither is it an esoteric feeling toward God in response to the miracles that He might perform for us. God is our Creator-Redeemer according to the written revelation He has given to us. To have faith in Him is to believe in Him, to trust Him absolutely and to know joy in Him even when He is silent.

The Psalmist identified the principle of it before I did. Read the whole passage of Psalm 77 and see how he struggled with the silence of God. In the end he makes it known that he believed in the deliverance and the leading of the God of his ancestors through the Red Sea experience, but that “His footprints were unseen.”

It is for you and for me to grow in our faith so that indeed we rest in the silence of God.

What I have developed here is antithetical to religiosity. When we get religiose, we feel that we know much about God. We convince ourselves that God, through our religious practice and beliefs owes us a response to our needs. When He is silent, we get sentimental and may even question His love. Religiosity tends toward the notion that God is in our control and that He is expected to speak clearly to us and answer all our questions and solve all our problems. In that case, faith becomes a kind of “good deal” we have worked out with God. And, if it were not for the “good deal” we would not relate with Him.

I now see that a higher level belief system is to accept it when God is silent. I am free then to love and serve Him without inducement, or to not love at all based totally on choice and choice alone.

Being restful in God’s silence is a state of peace and joy. His silence is the assurance that I am free. I am free to be a non-anxious person. When I am not religiose, I am in spiritual union with my Creator-Redeemer who is present with me all the time whether or not I feel it to be so. His footsteps are unseen and His voice is unheard. He is often silent and I still love Him when it is so. ■

D. Douglas Devnich is a former president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Even in retirement, he contributes to the Church through his writings and occasional speaking appointments.

CHORAL UNION IN BEIJING

Three weeks before 11,000 athletes represented their countries and descended into Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics, Canadian University College and Parkview Adventist Academy proudly sent their own contingent of students, faculty and staff to represent them in China. The Choral Union performed in Beijing and Shanghai with 11 other choirs from North America, contributing to a mass choir made up of more than 450 singers as well as a local Chinese choir and the Tianjin Orchestra.

The tour was a choral salute to the Olympic games and a chance for artists from different cultural backgrounds to interact and learn from each other. And, the two concerts went off beautifully. As Munroe looked into the mass choir at her students, she was overcome with emotion: "Nothing can describe the pride and excitement I felt looking out and seeing the students being able to experience performing Beethoven's 9th Symphony in such a grand setting," she recalls. For students who went it was an experience they would never forget.



This summer I had the opportunity to travel with the CUC Choral Union to China. Joining with other choirs from across North America, we performed at a tribute to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Embodying the theme of One World, One Dream, this was a trip I never would have imagined possible.

Rehearsals for the concerts began our second night in Beijing. We were divided into sections and then lined up by height to find our seats for the first rehearsal. Because the choirs had already practiced the music independently, the first rehearsal was impressive. Under the skilled direction of Eric Knapp, the mass choir practiced and refined the pieces until they were performance-ready. We also had several rehearsals with the Tianjin Orchestra, including practicing the Chinese-language song we performed with their conductor.

The concerts were amazing! We performed songs like "Call of the Champions" by John Williams and "O Fortuna" by Carl Orff. It was an impressive celebration of mankind. We also had the opportunity to sing a movement of the "Yellow River Cantata," a patriotic song of the Chinese people. A memorable moment of the concert was when the choir started singing "Defend the Yellow River," and the audience applauded and began clapping along. The signature piece of the program was Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." The opportunity to sing "Ode To Joy" with 450 other choir members was an experience I will never forget.

The rest of our time was spent touring in China. We got to see the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, climbed part of the Great Wall and went to a silk factory in Shanghai. We ate traditional Chinese food—which, for many of us, included learning to use chopsticks. Shopping was a lot of fun as we learned the art of bargaining. It was an incredible experience to see the remnants of such an ancient history and to learn about a different culture.

God has given our Choral Union many blessings, including many opportunities like this one to travel and perform with choirs and people from all over the world. It was our privilege to make the most of those experiences. I think everyone on the trip was thankful for the chance to see and experience the things we did. Now we just get to see what else God has planned for the choir. ■

Adoree Hatton is a second-year English major and Choral Union member.

SURVEY

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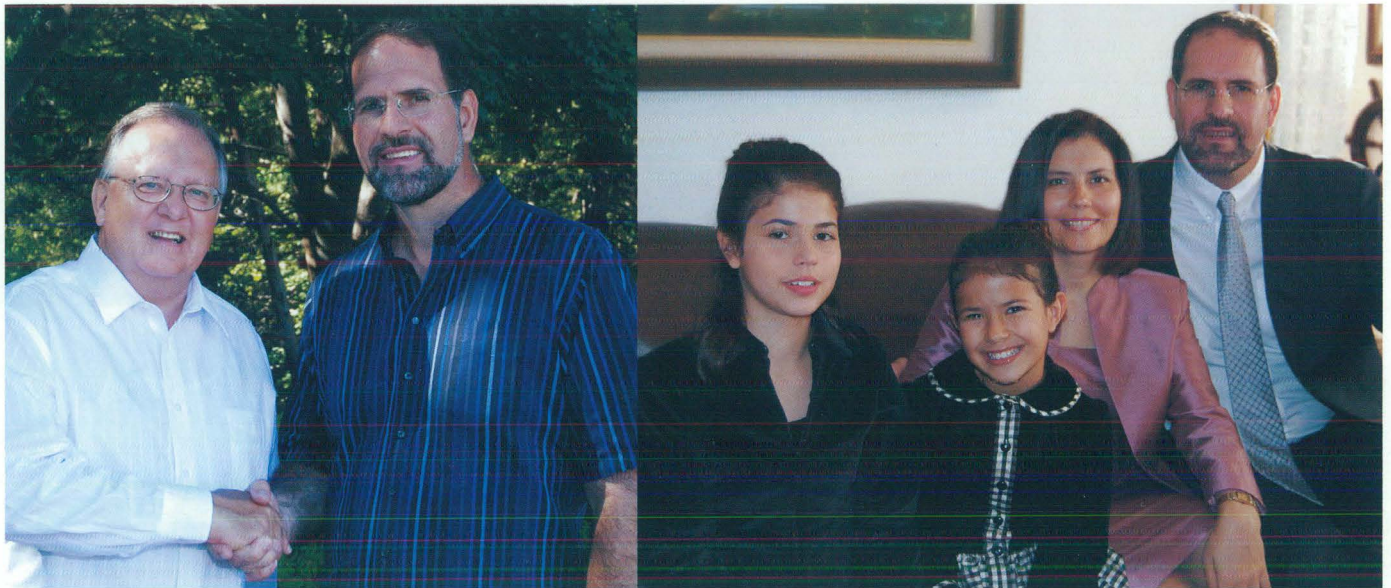
Welcome...

We are very grateful that Ronald Kuhn has come to join us at ADRA Canada. He is an individual with vast experience in the field of development and relief, and I believe that he will bring new insights and direction to our work in Canada and around the world.

When the ADRA Canada Board of Directors undertook the process of finding a new executive director, it did so with a great deal of prayer and study. In the decision that was made, we believe that God guided.

The work of ADRA enables us to express in a tangible way the compassion that Jesus has for our world. I encourage every church member in Canada to pray for the work and for Elder Kuhn and his family as they move through their transition into Canadian life and into the humanitarian ministry of ADRA Canada.

—Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada



I'M GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU ON BEHALF OF ADRA CANADA.

Although I was appointed executive director on March 4, because of logistical challenges, I wasn't able to take up my new duties until September 2. On the plus side, my family and I have had lots of time to make new friends and acquaint ourselves with our new locale. We didn't expect Ontario to have a monsoon season, so were surprised to encounter so much rain!

There are many reasons why people decide to help those in need. Perhaps one of the most compelling is the knowledge that "it could have been me." I experienced that realization when I was driving my family to the beach in Thailand on December 24, 2004 and received a phone call with the terrible news of the tsunami. We had planned to arrive at the beach earlier that day but had, for some reason, chosen to delay our departure for a

few hours. It could have been my family on the beach when the tsunami hit.

I believe that God's original plan was not for us to use institutions to help others but was for each of us to offer personal assistance to each other. With the effects of sin growing more and more evident and the number of people affected by poverty and disaster increasing, it is becoming impossible for individuals on their own to minister to the millions requiring help. The ADRA network is the global humanitarian ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ADRA Canada is one of the major supporting offices in the ADRA network, and I believe it does excellent work. I want to thank those of you who have chosen to partner with us in touching the lives of people who are suffering the results of calamity and poverty.

By God's grace, ADRA Canada

mobilizes resources, cuts through government red tape and pools funding to benefit the thousands devastated by poverty and disaster. ADRA provides the opportunity for individuals to follow Christ's example by being a voice for, serving and partnering with those in need.

My wife and I, along with our two daughters, are glad to be part of the ADRA Canada community and look forward to learning more about our Canadian Adventist family.

You can help me get to know you by taking a few moments to fill out the enclosed survey and returning it to me in the postage-paid envelope. I'll appreciate your response.

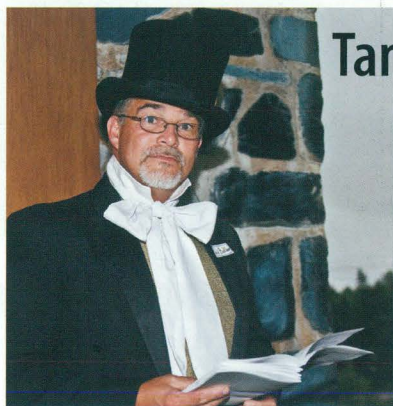
Thank you for making ADRA Canada your charity of choice. ■

—Ronald Kuhn,
incoming executive
director of ADRA Canada

Maritimes

Forest Fire Response

On Friday, June 13, a forest fire started in the subdivision across the road from the Tantallon SDA Church. The community services centre was opened for evacuated families, firefighters and police to come for a place to rest and receive refreshments. Food, including sandwiches and beverages, was liberally provided by Sobeys, Superstore, Tim Hortons, and Recardo's Pizza. Several church members and friends of the church volunteered long hours at the community services centre to serve those who came in on Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, while the fire blazed nearby. We praise the Lord that no lives were lost, and that our church and community homes were spared. ■



Tantallon Church 120th Anniversary Celebration

McCann from Fox Point, N.S.; and the sermon presented by Lawton Lowe from Mc Bride, B.C. Humphrey Longard from Timberlea had the benediction.

The historical service at 2:15 p.m. was entitled "The Two Adams,"—Lawton Lowe, Ken Corkum and Bill Gay participating. During the service, Rev. Kevin Little brought greetings from St. Luke's Church in Upper Tantallon. Written messages of greetings and congratulations were received from all the other churches in our community. Dignitaries that attended the special service were: The Honourable Judy Streatch, minister of community services; Paul Hopkins, platoon chief for the fire department; and Gary Meade, councillor for Hammonds Plains—St. Margaret's Bay. A special guest sent by the Quebec conference was Victor Dingman, first elder of the South Stukely church, who thoughtfully presented a plaque to the church. Former pastors and former conference presidents sent their greetings, as well.

A special donation of \$4,000 for a future generator for the community services centre was received from the

Halifax Regional Municipality fire chief. With heartfelt thanks he expressed appreciation for the time and consideration given during the recent forest fire as we helped provide food, rest, and shelter when needed.

That evening a vesper program was with our ladies' group, Sacred Sounds, leading various musical selections. A *DVD of Memories*, prepared by Glenn Loxdale of Timberlea, was enjoyed as well as a skit depicting how a member long ago began keeping the Sabbath. Pastor Graça closed the program with a talk.

We had great fellowship over fantastic food, as well, with a lunch and supper organized by Sandy Boutilier and helpers.

Jo-Ann Hubley and David Boutilier dressed in costumes of the 1880's for the occasion to greet folks.

This was a blessed occasion in that the messages of knowing Jesus, and the mission of sharing God's love, touched the hearts of those attending.

Please continue to pray for our Church and community that the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us on our journey, working together until Jesus comes to take us Home. ■

The 120th anniversary (1888-2008) of the Tantallon Seventh-day Adventist Church, took place on August 8 and 9, 2008. The program began with David Crook, committee chairman, welcoming all members and guests and Pastor Pedro Graça leading in prayer. Ken Corkum, conference president, gave an appropriate sermonette for the occasion.

On Sabbath morning a skit depicting the eight charter members in 1888 beginning our Tantallon Church was performed. Reid Coolen of Fox Point led in the Lesson Study.

The worship service at 11:00 a.m. was given by guests: Victor Dingman from the Quebec conference; Glen Corkum from Bridgewater, N.S.; Kelly

Alberta



Yellowknife Church Welcomes New Pastor

After being without a pastor for almost a year, the Yellowknife church warmly welcomed Brad Dahr and his family into the community. Brad grew up as a non-Christian but committed his life to Jesus Christ in 1998. Six years ago, he returned to school for a degree in religious studies from Canadian University College. When he graduated, he was called to serve the churches in Beiseker and Drumheller, Alberta. On his birthday this year, he received a call to pastor in Yellowknife. "God gives us the best gifts right when we need them, says Dahr. "I wouldn't turn away an iPod Touch, but the opportunity to serve God in Yellowknife is the best gift of all."

The Church has been serving the Yellowknife community for more than 30 years. "My desire is to see the church be a place of refuge, a safe place amid the storm of life," says Dahr. "The next several months will be really exciting as we discover the church's strengths and the vision and mission God has given it." Pastor Brad, his wife, Randa, and their three children are excited about their Yellowknife adventure in the grip of God. ■

British Columbia

German Campmeeting 2008

German-speaking Adventists in the Pacific Northwest have been meeting in various locations in Washington State on the first weekend in May since the early 1970's. Back then the group was fairly large, at first numbering about 200. However, due to declining attendance, the meeting was moved to Camp Hope, British Columbia three years ago. Our first meeting at this location drew about 48 people, but now, in its third year at Camp Hope, a group of about 80 German-speaking Adventists from Alberta, British Columbia, Ohio, and Washington, met on May 3, 2008 for a weekend of renewing acquaintances, speaking German, and singing those beloved songs from the German Hymnal. A highlight was a presentation on the foundation of our faith by Dr. Bryce Cole of Walla Walla University. Along with his friend Don Schafer, Dr. Cole also led the group in some spirited singing of rounds on Sabbath afternoon. Sigrid and Dieter Buhlman presented an account of a recent mission trip, and Dieter also led out in a spirited discourse of the lesson on Sabbath morning.

Plans for next year include having a full weekend of presentations along with activities for younger members and



spouses whose German may not be as fluent. If your plans for vacation coincide with a trip to British Columbia around the first weekend of May 2009, and if you want to reconnect with your German heritage, consider coming to Camp Hope and joining us for a not-to-be-forgotten weekend. ■

—Elizabeth Kuppers, member

For further information contact Reiner Kuppers at rkuppers@telus.net or call 604-826-0300.

CHIP Celebrates 20 Years



Almost 500 people showed up at the Community Theater in Kelowna at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the CHIP program. "Twenty years ago, Kelowna and the Okanagan Valley experienced a health revolution the likes which it has never since witnessed," according to Kelowna Mayor Sheppard. Fueled by the initial success in Creston, where 400 people attended the first CHIP program ever conducted, the program spread to Vernon, and then to the neighboring Kelowna where some 4,000 people graduated from the program over the next 3 years. From there it leap-frogged across Canada, then to the US and now to Australia and New Zealand and to the British Isles.

Since then, 12 scientific articles have been published in peer reviewed medical journals testifying to the clinical turnarounds of many diseases in response to adopting a simpler lifestyle, especially in the areas of diet and exercise.

Mark Fromberg, MD., a physician from Kelowna and a health advocate, in his keynote address stressed the importance of becoming more personally involved with our health. "After all, modern medicine largely takes care of the symptoms without really affecting the underlying causes of most chronic diseases, which are largely lifestyle related," he challenged the audience.

Dr. Hans Diehl presented some of the clinical evidence for his lifestyle medicine approach utilized

in his CHIP program and then interviewed some 15 CHIP graduates, some of them driving 9 hours to attend.

"I wouldn't have missed this day of celebration for anything," said Irena Lipovszky from Prince George, BC. Arnold Kirschfelt who attended the 1988 Vernon CHIP program said, "I'm now 80 years. And I don't think I would be here if it were not for the concepts we learned in the CHIP program."

In the evening, Brenda Davis, RD, internationally recognized nutritionist, presented a Power Point presentation "Defeating Diabetes—Lessons from the Marshall Islands" that highlighted the critical importance of a simpler diet of more foods-as-grown. The evening with a Musical Concert featuring two young local artists with voice and violin which was followed by Dr. Lily Diehl presenting both vocal and piano numbers.

This celebration was planned and coordinated by Frank McMiller, Health Ministry Director for the Adventist church in British Columbia, with the assistance of local volunteers including Dr. Larry Shipowick, Kelowna CHIP Director. This anniversary event honored the dreams and endeavors of thousands of volunteers who have made CHIP one of the most successful lifestyle intervention programs in North America. "Lily and I stand back in awe of what God has wrought. How fortunate we are to see the turnarounds of so many people who have learned to spell CHIP with the letters H-O-P-E."

Tumbler Ridge Church History

In the summer of 1996, the Northland Sanctuary Ranch Association (NSRA) purchased 80 acres of land near Tumbler Ridge, BC. This purchase was made, in part, because of their vision for the establishment of a church in Tumbler Ridge where there was no Adventist presence.

Through contacts formed by Adventist families who moved to the area, former and displaced Adventists were discovered in Tumbler Ridge, and our numbers grew.

On July 7, 1999, under the direction of Pastor Ed Sukow and Ellis Howard, the group was organized into a church company. Ellis Howard was then chosen as company leader. In 2001, we began meeting in the Tumbler Ridge Fellowship

Baptist church every Sabbath. When the Howards purchased a home in the area, church was held in their living room until commercial property, which included the Salvation Army chapel, was purchased to accommodate our growing membership,

Donations began to pour in. The Dawson Creek church obtained new pews, so they donated their old pews to the Tumbler Ridge church company. One Sabbath we had a visitor from Edmonton whose wife had a beautiful organ that she had been wanting to donate to a church. Would we want it? We received word that the Peoria, Alta. church was closing and that we could have their velvet, padded pews, com-

munion table and pulpit. Again, a team from Tumbler Ridge made a trip to Alberta. What a blessing!

As membership approached thirty, we applied for a loan from the SDACC and purchased the building in which we now meet. Thanks to an active fundraising campaign, we were able to pay off the loan within three years.

On August 16, 2008, Gordon Pifher, president of the BC conference, came to Tumbler Ridge to celebrate the fulfillment of the dream of becoming an organized church. What a lesson of what can be done by lay people working together with the ministry of our church. ■

—Jere Franklin, elder

SDA Church in Canada



Oliver Lofton-Brook accepts plaque from Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

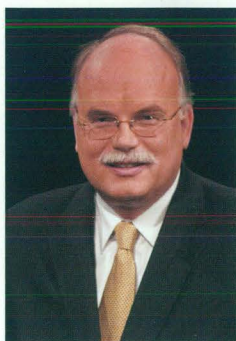
Lofton-Brook Honoured for ADRA Work

On Wednesday, July 23, the staffs of ADRA Canada and of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) came together to honour Oliver Lofton-Brook as he left behind his duties at ADRA and took up his new appointment as director of special projects at the Church's national headquarters. Lofton-Brook had served as executive director of ADRA Canada for 12 years prior to joining the administrative team at the SDACC.

At the small, private ceremony held in the Board Room at Church headquarters, President Dan Jackson spoke to those gathered of his appreciation for Lofton-Brook's unwavering commitment to the work of the Church as evidenced throughout his ministry at ADRA and as is anticipated in his new position. Jackson then slipped into his role as chairman of the ADRA Canada Board to present Lofton-Brook with a plaque to commemorate his service. ■

North American Division

Historic Seventh-day Adventist Radio Broadcast Finds New 'Voice'



Fred Kinsey

Fred Kinsey of Silver Spring, Md., is the new speaker/director of the *Voice of Prophecy*, one of the longest-running radio programs delivering hope to a hurting world. Kinsey succeeds E. Lonnie Melashenko, who spent 17 years in the role. Melashenko currently serves as Vice President of Spiritual Services and Missions for the Kettering Health Network in Ohio.

"I'm glad that Fred Kinsey is able to help give voice to the message of the *Voice of Prophecy*," said Don C. Schneider, chairman of the VOP Board of Trustees and president of the North American Division. "Fred is a veteran of pastoral ministry as well as communications, and he lives to share God's love with people, which is exactly the aim of every VOP broadcast."

Founded by Pastor H.M.S. Richards, Sr. in 1929 on the cusp of the Great Depression, the *Voice of Prophecy* has blanketed North America and inspired similar radio outreaches around the world, in many languages. Entire families, even communities, can trace their involvement with the Christian faith to hearing a VOP broadcast, which often closed with

the phrase, "Have faith, dear friend, in God."

Over the years, the "Discover" Bible study guides, provided by VOP to millions of people, have also been used to communicate Christian truth and God's love. Around the world, Bible courses in more than 100 languages and dialects are offered by affiliated schools operating in nearly 140 countries, as well as globally via the Internet at www.hopetalk.org.

"I'm honored to follow the broadcasting pioneers who established and grew the VOP over the years: H.M.S. Richards, Sr. and his son, Harold, as well as Lonnie Melashenko," Kinsey said. "There is a world that needs this message, and I look to God for His help in sharing it."

Kinsey is a longtime Seventh-day Adventist pastor, having earned an undergraduate degree from Loma Linda University and a master of divinity degree at the seminary at Andrews University. He and his wife reside in Silver Spring, Md. They have two adult children.

Schneider said Kinsey will continue in his role as assistant to the president for communication in the North American Division. As such he serves the more than one million members of the Adventist Church in North America, who worship in nearly 6,000 congregations in the U.S., Bermuda and Canada. ■

New Officer NAD Secretary Named

Glenward Alexander “Alex” Bryant, president of the Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was elected on Sunday, October 12, 2008, as the new Secretary of the Northern American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Elder Bryant replaces Elder Roscoe Howard who accepted the position of President of the Mid America Union of Seventh-day Adventists earlier this year.

Bryant grew up in St. Louis before graduating from Oakwood College with degrees in theology and business administration. He began pastoral ministry in 1982, serving in Springfield, Missouri, Coffeyville and Independence, Kansas. Elder Bryant organized a church in Springfield whose membership grew to 50 in less than one year. He next became pastor of the Community Seventh-day Adventist Church in Denver, where

membership grew under his leadership from 35 to 200. He and the congregation built a new edifice valued at \$500,000.

In 1985, Elder Bryant was ordained to gospel ministry and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University. From there he became pastor of Beacon Light, Sharon Chapel and Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist churches in Missouri. Central States Conference elected Elder Bryant as the departmental director of youth, Pathfinders, NSO and temperance. He later received the additional assignment of education superintendent. In 1997, constituents of Central States Conference elected him president, his current position.

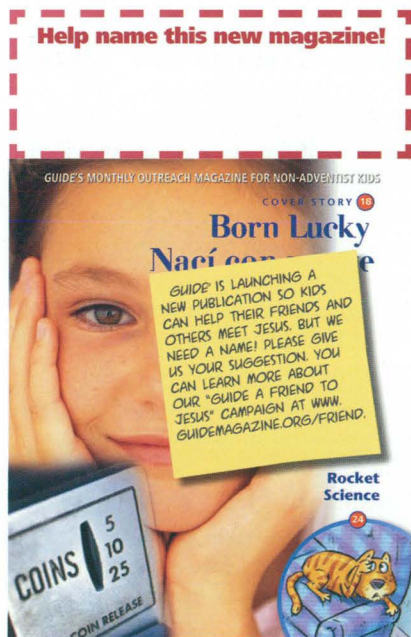
Elder Bryant has international ministry experience, having planted a church in Japan while serving as a student mis-



Glenward Alexander (Alex) and Desiree Bryant

sionary. At Oakwood College, he was Adventist outh Director. His student secretary, Desiree Wimbish, later became his wife. She currently serves as education superintendent for Central States Conference. The Bryants have three sons: Travis, Traven and Terrence. ■

General Conference



Back in 1953, the Seventh-day Adventist Church kicked off its new magazine for junior-age children by holding a contest to name the magazine. That's how the name *Junior Guide*—eventually shortened to *Guide*—was chosen.

New Publication Needs a Name!

Now *Guide* is holding another contest to name the church's newest periodical. This time the magazine is targeted not at Seventh-day Adventist young people but at their young friends, neighbours, and family members who don't attend church.

“*Guide* has a long history of pointing Adventist juniors and earliteens to Jesus,” says *Guide* Editor Randy Fishell. “But in North America there are 21 million children in *Guide*'s target age group who don't attend an Adventist church. This is a huge mission field, and we want to reach it.”

With that goal in mind, *Guide* is launching a new outreach magazine that will be published monthly. It will contain true stories, puzzles, fun facts, and other content from the pages of *Guide*, selected to meet the needs of secular kids. Church members of all ages can sponsor subscriptions of the magazine to young people they know.

“The magazine needs a new name to distinguish it from the regular weekly *Guide*,” says Fishell. “And that's where the contest comes in. We want the whole church to be involved in launching this exciting new child evangelism project.”

Suggested names for the outreach magazine can be submitted at the *Guide* Web site, www.guidemagazine.org/friend, or mailed to *Guide*, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. The deadline for contest entries is December 31, 2008. The winning entrant or entrants will be recognized on the *Guide* Web site.

“We're also inviting people to send us names and addresses of young people who need to receive this magazine,” says Fishell. “*Guide* is currently raising funds to launch the magazine and send subscriptions to as many unchurched young people as possible.” Names can be submitted online or by mail, using the addresses above.

For more information about the outreach magazine, visit www.guidemagazine.org/friend or call 301/393-4037. ■

Two new books from Joe L. Wheeler, "America's Keeper of the Story"

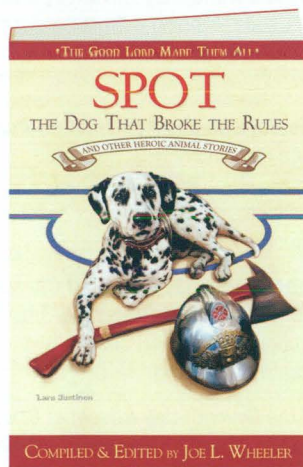
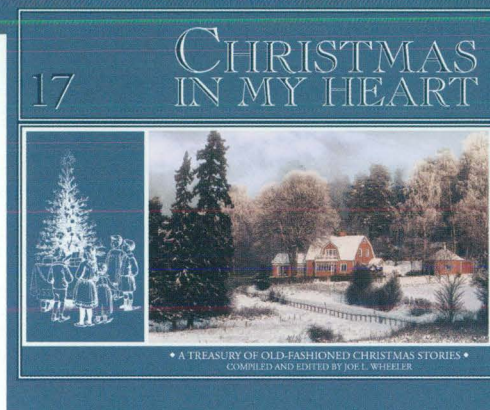
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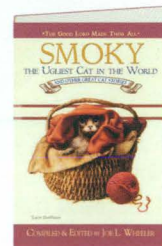
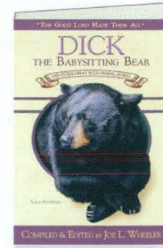


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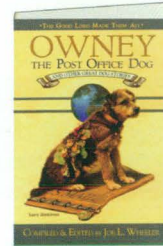


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■ New Members

ALBERTA

Johan and Martie Botha were baptized in Medicine Hat, Alta. on Sept. 13, 2008 by Evert Potgieter. They are now members of the Medicine Hat church.

Ken and Vivian Konschuh were baptized in Medicine Hat, Alta. on Sept. 13, 2008 by Evert Potgieter. They are now members of the Brooks church.

Jesse Proulx and Colt Proulx were baptized in Red Deer on Sept. 13, 2008 by Ian Hartley and Myles Gillespie. They are now members of the Red Deer church.

Anika Van Aarde gave her profession of faith in on Sept. 13, 2008 with Evert Potgieter. She is now a member of the Medicine Hat church.

MARITIMES

Rose and Robert Baltzer were baptized in Gibson Lake, N.S. by John Fournier on June 28, 2008. They are now members of the Middleton church.

Lisa Bennet, Allen and Faye Brawn, Donald Finnie, Lorne Hawkins and Christopher Young were baptized in Zealand, N.B. on May 17, 2008 by Jared Browne. They had attended an evangelistic series held in the Zealand church.

Alice Bond and Gary Jones were baptized at Camp Pugwash campmeeting on Aug. 2, 2008 by John Fournier. They are now members of the New Minas church.

Shirley Crews was baptized at Camp Pugwash campmeeting on Aug. 2, 2008 by Dan Wilson. She is now a member of the Halifax, N.S. church.

Shawn Davidson was baptized in New Minas, N.S. on July 5, 2008 by John Fournier. He is now a member of the New Minas church.

Wanda (Northrup) Gosselin was baptized on Aug. 23, 2008 by Dave Crook. She is now a member of the Maranatha church in Hampton, N.B.

Jennifer Hannaford was baptized in Bridgewater, N.S. on Mar. 15, 2008 by Leroy Corkum. She is now a member of the Bridgewater church.

Daniel Marciszewski, Christine Goguen, and Pierre and Gisele Goguen were baptized at Camp Pugwash campmeeting on Aug. 2, 2008 by Ron Nelson. They are now members of the Moncton, N.B. church.

■ Births

William Alexander Carlyle Eliuk was born May 4, 2008 to Lisa (Floyd) and Marc Eliuk of Saint John, N.B.

Xara Anastacia Smith was born Mar. 23, 2008 to Olivia (Toumazos) and Jerry Smith of London, England.

■ Weddings

Crystal Johnstone and Kendall Hogeboom were married June 14, 2008 in New Minas, N.S. and are making their home in Coldbrook, N.S.

Janelle Kiefiuk and Sean Kohnke were married Aug. 31, 2008 in Penticton, B.C. They are making their home in Coquillam, B.C.

Aneta Johnson and Jorel McManes were married Aug. 3, 2008 in North Battleford, Sask. and are making their home in Saskatoon, Sask. Aneta is the daughter of Jim and Jeannie Johnson of North Battleford, and Jorel is the son of Jaye McManes and Pauline Keenan of Calgary, Alta.

Laura Rieder and Yuri Roberts were married Aug. 10, 2008 in Kitchener, Ont. and are making their home in Edmonton, Alta. Laura is the daughter of Jim and Marion Rieder of Thunder Bay, Ont., and Yuri is the son of Edna Morine of Wolfville, N.S.

■ Anniversaries

Kathleen and Donald Dunfield of Riverview, N.B. celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3, 2008. The Dunfields have three



children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

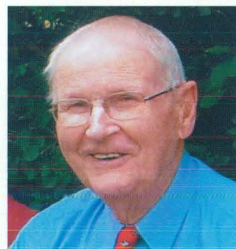
Ruth and Manfred Spieker of Surrey, B.C. were married on Nov. 10, 1956 and celebrated their 50th wedding



anniversary on June 10, 2007 with their children, family, friends and church members. The Spiekers have five children: Heidi, Charlotte, Andrew, Martin and Ruth. They also have nine grandchildren.

■ Birthdays

Harry Toop of Arnprior, Ont. celebrated his 90th birthday on July 20, 2008 with an open house hosted



by his daughters Judy Toop, Janet Kindopp, Deb Ivany, Cathy Kositsin and Cheryl Theodoru. Harry has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

■ Obituaries

Ann (Nairn) Connell was born Jan. 11, 1921 in Birtle, Man. and died June 9, 2008 in Cobourg, Ont. She is predeceased by her husband Arnold and brother John Nairn. Surviving: sons Brian and David (Anne); brother David; sister Helen Maxwell; and two grandchildren.

Lincoln Kane Dubyna, son of Michael and Mandy, and brother to big sister Jaxon, was silently born on May 31, 2008 after more than seven months lovingly cradled beneath his mother's heart.

Lorna Joy (Stickle) Erickson McFadden was born Nov. 24, 1923 in Durban, South Africa and died Aug. 9, 2008 in Apopka, Fla. She predeceased by both her first and second husbands Roscoe McFadden and Melvin Erickson, and her brothers John Jr. and Lyndon. Joy and Mel Erickson ministered in numerous churches and in several conferences and the

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada national headquarters. Joy served as office manager in many conference offices and was an accountant for La Sierra University. Surviving: sons Lloyd (Charlotte) Erickson of Battle Creek, Mich. and Clare of Huntersville, N.C.; brother Roland (Carol) Stickle of Kelowna, B.C.; sisters Ruth (Neil) Pestes of Boring, Ore. and Freda Hoover of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carol (Polishuk) Hayward was born April 29, 1944 in Viceroy, Sask. and died Aug. 21, 2008 in Alliance, Nebr. A pastor's wife for 44 years, Carol served her churches playing the organ and piano for church services and evangelistic meetings. Surviving: husband Wayne of Alliance, Nebr.; sons Bryant and Darren (Donna) both of Edwardsville, Kan.; brother Lauren Polishuk of Brooks, Alta.; sisters Jeanette (Oran) Davis of Lacombe, Alta., Marilyn Lliev of Calgary, Alta. and Linda Spencer of Lincoln City, Ore.; and three grandchildren.

Iris (Bjorninen) Hook was born Mar. 15, 1927 in Kymi, Finland and died Aug. 3, 2008 in Milton, Ont. She is predeceased by her husband Erkki and son Jarmo. Surviving: daughter Sindy (John) Peters of Milton; brother Pauli Bjorninen; sister Ritva (Charles) Croughan of Richmond Hill, Ont.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John Kartik, Sr. was born Aug. 12, 1921 in Czechoslovakia and died May 20, 2008 in Stoney Creek, Ont. John served as a pastor in Czechoslovakia for 21 years. In Canada, John printed and distributed Czech Signs of the Times until communism in Czechoslovakia ended. He served in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan conference as the caretaker of the Blackstrap facility and he worked at College Woodwork on the Kingsway College campus. He is predeceased by his wife Margaret and son Peter. Surviving: son John (Myrene) Kartik of Cochrane, Alta.; daughters Gabriela (Robert) Pohle of Lloydminster, Alta. and Pavla Kartik of Saskatoon, Sask.; brothers Milan, Ludovit and Daniel all of Slovakia; sisters Anna Badinska, Maria Zatrochova and Lydia Turcerova all of Slovakia; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frederick Kearsey was born Aug. 5, 1916 in Hamilton, Ont. and died July 16, 2008 in Cobourg, Ont. He is predeceased by his daughter Lynn and sister Catherine. Surviving: wife Lorraine Pilch; son Grant (Janelle); daughter Susan; brother William;

sister Audrey; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Hanna Elisabeth (Kamin) Koppers was born Aug. 22, 1922 in Hamborn, Germany and died Aug. 25, 2008 in Mission, B.C. She is predeceased by her brothers Waldemar and Helmut, her sister Lydia Konnecke and her grandson Thomas. Surviving: husband William; children Reiner (Elizabeth) of Mission, Linda (Doug) Larsen of Quesnel, B.C., Ralph (Esther) of Abbotsford, B.C., and Ron (Kerstin) of Mission; brother Walter (Lizzi) Kamin of Germany; sisters Waltraud Doliwa of Germany, Ellie (Achim) Thiel of Germany and Elfriede (Hans) Schmieder of Germany; and 9 grandchildren.

Hazel (Moffat) McRitchie was born Mar. 20, 1918 in Tilbury, Ont. and died May 31, 2008 in Toronto, Ont. Hazel served her church as treasurer and secretary and worked with shut-ins for many years. She is predeceased by her husband Donald. Surviving: daughters Barbara (Daniel) Hrenyk of Toronto, Marybeth (Ian) MacDonald of Toronto, and Donna (Shaf) Keshavjee of Toronto; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jerry Neil Merklin was born Jan. 17, 1925 in Walla Walla, Wash. and died June 30, 2008 in Creston, B.C. Jerry served his church as children's Sabbath School teacher, deacon and school board member. He is predeceased by his parents and daughter Janice. Surviving: wife Letha LaVerle; sons Dan (Dorothy) of Grand Prairie, Alta. and Richard of Grand Prairie; daughters Becky Synowec of Edmonton, Alta., Judy (Greg) Allen of Walla Walla, Wash. and Yvonne (Roy) Harbidge of Caslo, B.C.; brothers Lester of College Place, Wash. and Keith of Paradise, Calif.; sister Barbara Vories of College Place; and 12 grandchildren.

Annette (Balaski) Olynick was born Nov. 2, 1928 in Hendon, Sask. and died Aug. 3, 2008 in Saskatoon, Sask. She is predeceased by her husband Mike, father Paul Balaski and brothers Paul Jr. and Alec. Surviving: sons Robert (Sherry Lee) and Gordon (Valerie) Olynick both of Quill Lake; daughter Clarice (Dwayne) Sokulski of Lloydminster, Alta.; mother Antonia Balaski; brother MacKay (Kathy) Balaski of Saskatoon; sisters Mary Federko, Kate Federko and Darlene Balaski; and seven grandchildren.

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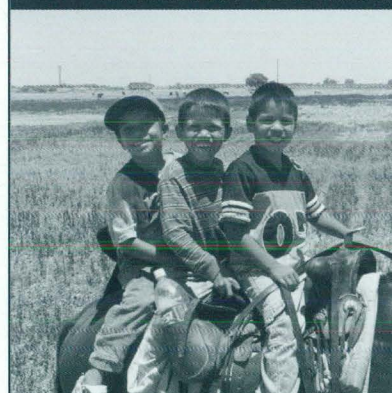
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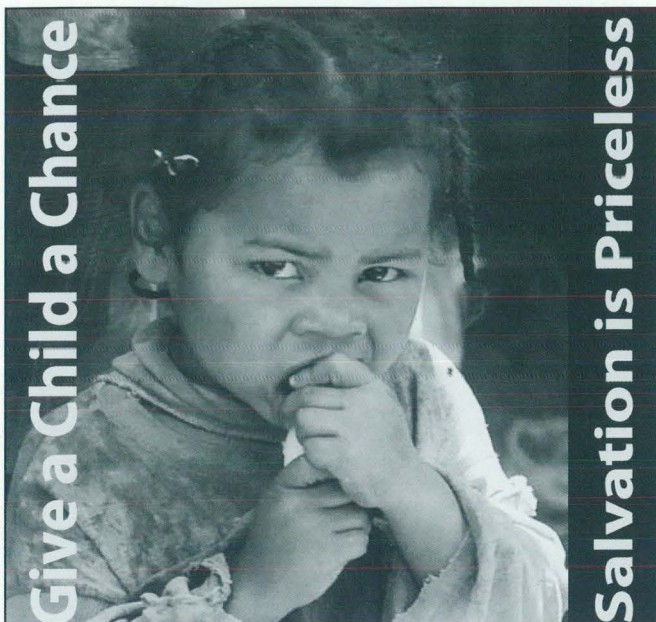






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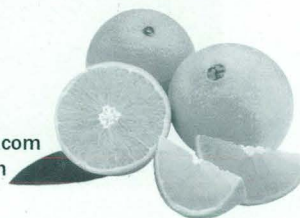
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Anyone who knows Rick Fleck today can’t help but be impressed with his positive attitude and passion for sharing his faith—especially considering his situation. For you see, Rick is currently serving a life sentence with no hope of parole at the High Desert State Prison in California. He lives in a maximum security prison with violence and evil surrounding him every day, constantly wondering if he will live to see the next sunrise. Yet with God as his protector Rick faces each day without fear. And he looks for every opportunity to share Jesus with people you and I would be afraid to be in the same room with.

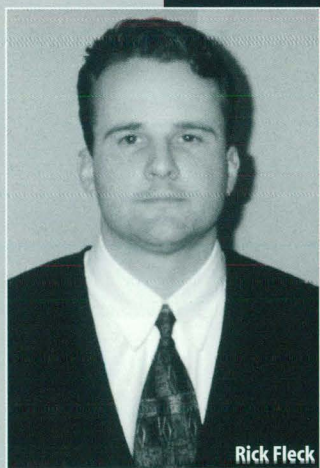
Nothing in Rick’s childhood suggests he should have ended up in prison for life on a murder charge. He was a third-generation Adventist. He grew up living on a farm in Alberta. His parents sacrificed to send him to Christian schools. He was outgoing, popular, and a star athlete. Yet through a series of terrible choices he was sucked into a life of alcohol, drugs, money, and violence—a life that almost destroyed him.

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Rick Fleck

Q: Writing a book is always a tough and lengthy process. Most authors at least have the convenience of writing it on a computer—making it easy to save and delete as they go through draft after draft. You didn’t, did you?

A: No, I didn’t. In maximum security prison we don’t have access to computers or the Internet. I had to hand-write each page of each draft of my book. I also could only mail ten pages at a time to my friend and editor, Marilyn Morgan. She would then edit and type it into the computer, and send it back to me to read over and make changes. High Desert State Prison only allows us to mail up to ten pages at a time so that is how we had to do it. It took a long time, but time is something I have a lot of these days. I have really appreciated all the support of my friends and family through this whole process.

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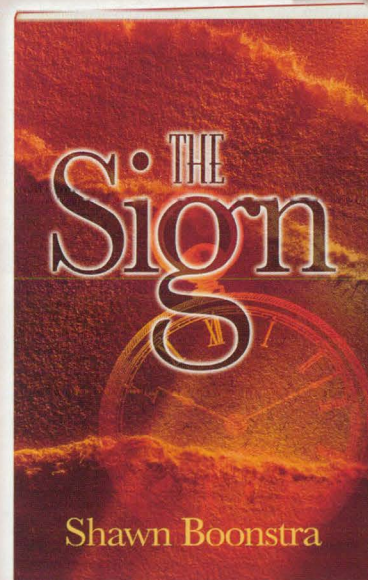
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