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Proper Motivation

A very recent issue of *Maclean's* magazine featured an interview with Harvard psychologist Gene Heyman in which he detailed his research on addictions. In reviewing the vast body of literature on the subject produced in the last 20 years, he came to a startling conclusion that flies in the face of accepted psychological wisdom. Addiction, he postulates, is not a disease as we've all been told, but is, rather, a matter of choice. As evidence of the correctness of his statement, Heyman claims that, with amazing consistency, the ethnographic research conducted with former addicts shows that "the kinds of things that influence all of our everyday decisions were influencing people who are heavy, heavy drug users to stop using." He found that even those who were genetically predisposed to addiction were able to overcome their dependence when it was necessitated by circumstances. Those who would lose jobs or families or other things of significance if they failed to stay clean, were remarkably successful in breaking their addiction and remaining sober for the rest of their lives. If their addiction were really a disease, argues Heyman, it would by definition be "beyond the influence of reward, punishment, expectations, cultural values [and] personal values."¹

I certainly am not a psychologist—not even one of the armchair variety—and would not dare take sides in such a debate as will no doubt be waged throughout the behavioural science community in the wake of Heyman's findings. As I read the interview, however, I couldn't help but remark to myself about two things. First, I thought about how much trouble he was going to be in with the behavioural science community. Oh boy!! Second, I marvelled at the power of motivation.

The Church—the entire world, really—is filled with people doing good things. We mow our neighbours' lawns. We travel abroad to build schools and orphanages. We obey traffic laws. We give money to charity. We kick dependencies on drugs and alcohol. We vote. We raise responsible children. We pay our taxes and sometimes even fundraise for worthy causes. But why? Because we are supposed to? Because it's just what is expected of us? Because we want others to think well of us? Because we want to avoid penalty and censure? Because it makes us feel good?

Scripture points out that there is really only one reason to do any good thing, and that is love. "Love," says Romans 13:10, "is the fulfillment of the law." Those who obey and do good deeds merely out of a sense of obligation, really do not obey at all.² A pastor I particularly like put it this way: "if you don't *want* to keep God's law, you aren't." Our good deeds must be an extension of the love we feel in our hearts for God and others, or they aren't good deeds but only so much busy-work.

It's something we don't talk about much—we tend to focus more on outcomes than underlying causes—but motivation is important nonetheless. Someone once wisely said that doing the right thing for the wrong reason is not really doing the right thing at all. Experience has taught me that doing the right thing for the wrong reason is also pretty weak. Goals set and endeavours undertaken under the influence of wrong motives tend to shrivel and die pretty quickly, I've found. Do the right thing for the right reason, however, and you can be almost unstoppable. ■

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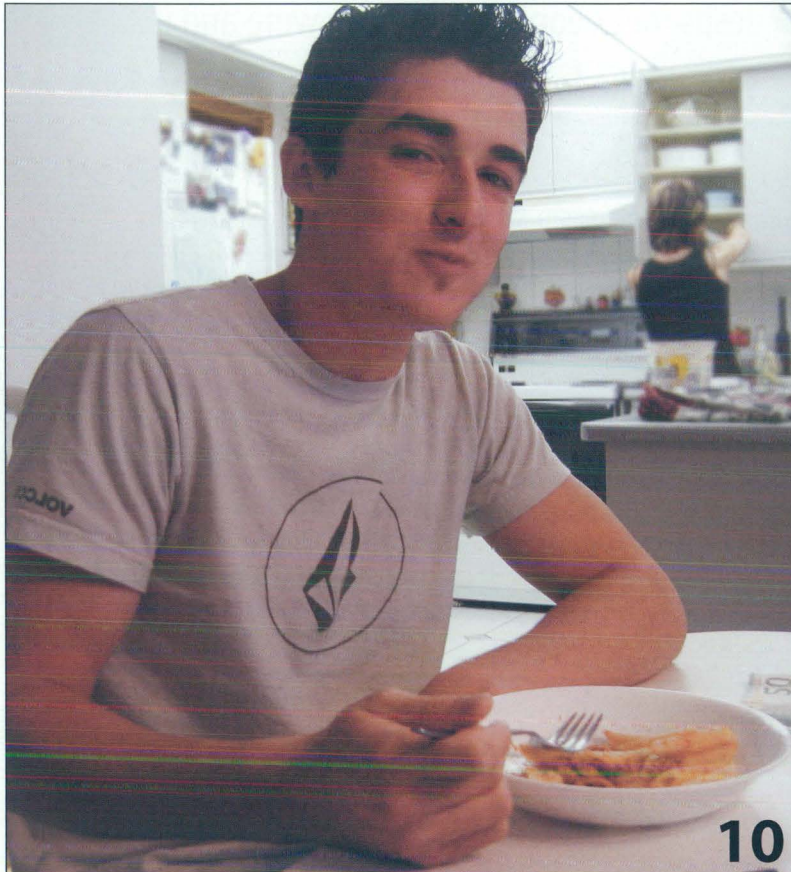
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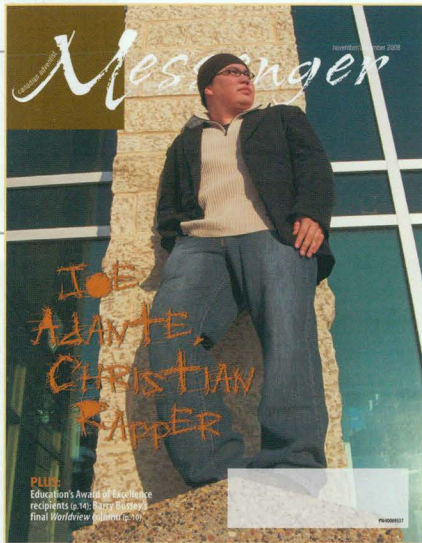
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Your Words

“Jesus met people where they were and it sounds like Joe Adante is doing the same.”

RE: Responses to “Joe Adante, Christian Rapper (Oct./Nov. 2008),” March 2009

I first would like to say that I was thrilled to see a young person on the cover, and even more thrilled that it was an article on Joe Adante, whom I have previously met and whom I have heard (with his friends) perform in person. I really enjoyed the article about Joe Adante and his witnessing to young people and old alike through his Christian rap and pantomime, and I was really glad to see him get recognition on your cover. I was disappointed, though, when reading through my March 2009 *Messenger* to find that there was not one but three responses regarding the article on Joe Adante. I was especially offended by the remark, “I pray this young man finds a better way to witness to his young friends.”

I have been an SDA all my life and grew up in an SDA home. Through the years I have sat through discussions and read many articles centered around the same subject: “How do we keep our young people in the church? How do we bring the young people back into the church?” These negative responses are another example of how we don’t accept them and chase them out because we don’t like their music, the drums and guitars they play or even what they wear.

I give Joe Adante a lot of credit for going out there and witnessing. Those adults who are complaining about what our young people are doing to witness to

others are probably snug in their homes enjoying their Sabbath afternoon siesta. Let’s not put our youth down for what they are doing to bring others to Jesus. Let’s support them with our love, prayers and even our offerings. As adults in our church, let’s not be the reason that our youth are leaving our church. Let us love the ones we have still in our churches; maybe we can love back the ones we have already lost through hurtful things we have said and done through the years. I wonder what we could accomplish if we really tried hard enough!

—D. Gallant, *Lacombe, Alta.*

I do not care for rap music nor would I want it in my church, but, there are people out there who aren’t interested in my music and know nothing about my church. If Joe Adante is able to reach them with his Christian rap that is great! Jesus met people where they were and it sounds like Joe Adante is doing the same. I hope we Christians don’t discourage him.

—D. Sheppard, *via email*

I wanted to respond to the writer who asked the question as to whether or not we could picture Jesus using pantomime as an outreach. Obviously there is no record of Him using such techniques, but I want to look at the bigger picture. I am part of a pantomime group and I have seen our outreach touch lives. I have heard the positive responses from soup kitchens and experienced the receptiveness of the homeless. I understand that these techniques do not touch everyone, and that they are often used for entertainment in our churches, but I have truly been

blessed by being a part of them. What better way is there to understand the anguish of those who loved Jesus and watched Him die than to physically put yourself in their place and feel their emotion, letting it play out on your face. People watching can see that you are genuine and that your love for your saviour is pure. Not only are youth involved in this outreach finding a way to be disciples for our Lord, but God is blessing their involvement. Just as you can feel God’s presence as we worship Him in church, our dramas and pantomimes bring God’s presence and He is blessing our efforts. I hope to continue to praise God with my life and I pray that when He comes we will be accepted with the words, “Well done my child.” That is my ultimate goal.

—L. Ferguson, *via email*

As a youth in the Adventist church, I would like to say that I was very angry at all the different reviews posted on Joe Adante and his Christian rap ministry. Jesus went out into the world and brought people to God by ministering in a way that would interest them and be appropriate for them. Bringing God into rap and hip-hop is taking God to those who have only that interest, and, through that, Joe is sparking the interest for Christ in their life. People ask themselves, “Why are the youth not staying in the church?” The answer is simple: people in our churches don’t support us when we need it. I’m not saying everyone should listen to Christian rap—it may not be your taste in music—but for those who do like it, it keeps God in their lives on daily basis rather than listening to secular

music. It also makes it easier to bring non-Christian friends to church and to Christ. To those who wrote [negative] letters, you bash the ministries we do and the way we bring people into the church, yet you ask yourselves why we're leaving? Youth like Joe are inspirations. They have Christ alive in their hearts and minister using talents God has given them. I know that God is pleased; He tells us to use our talents and go into the world to tell everyone about Him. That's exactly what Joe is doing.

—E. Duval, Edmonton, Alta.

Will you print yet another letter about Joe Adante?

I first became acquainted with the Adantes when I was a teenage student working at what was then known as the Sherwood Park Nursing Home. Joe's grandfather was the accountant, and his grandmother was a cook. They had recently immigrated from the Philippines. Both were gentle, intelligent, hard-working people.

Years later when my own daughter attended Foothills Camp summer after summer, I became aware of a camp staff member named Joe Adante. There had to be a connection there, I thought. It wasn't long before we figured out the connection. As we spoke, Joe related to me his love for his grandparents and what a positive influence they had been in his life. He told me he would do just about anything to please his grandparents. They were instrumental in his giving his life to God. I was impressed. Then when I saw the article about Joe in the *Messenger*, I was thrilled and read it with pleasure.

It's my guess that Joe could spend his summers at a much more lucrative job than working at a Christian summer camp (where, incidentally, he developed the Staff-in Training Program). But he cares about kids. His talents and influence have an impact there.

The "in-good-standing" church members of Jesus' time were horrified at His methods just as some of the *Messenger* readers were self-righteously appalled at Joe's Christian rap.

During my brief interaction with Joe, he didn't sermonize or moralize or criticize. He simply told me about his

relationship with Jesus and the peace it has brought into his life. I want that. I want it for my daughter and her friends.

So please Crystal, keep printing similar articles and don't be discouraged by our present day pharisees. And Joe, I hope you read this.

—V. Grinde, AB

I felt saddened and appalled at the negative, critical letters that were published in regards to Joe Adante's rapping. I really don't get it. To say that rap itself is evil and cannot be used for Jesus is like saying our voices cannot be used for Jesus because many people use their voices to profane Jesus.

In my opinion, rap is simply a way of using your voice. I must confess that I have not listened to a lot of rap. Is it the negative, profane words that define it or is it the rhythmic delivery? I believe it is the rhythmic, poetic delivery of the words so . . . why not? Why can't we rhythmically rap for Christ with uplifting, encouraging messages of hope, just like the majority of rappers rhythmically tear down and profane life in their rap?

Romans 12:21 says to overcome evil with good. Why can't we overcome the BAD rap with good rap and "rap for Jesus"? I would love to hear what this young man is doing and saying to uplift Jesus and I commend him for his efforts. I'm sure rap fans would be blessed by hearing more Christian rap.

—L. Boyd, Lacombe, Alta.

I would like to respond to the comment, "Young people . . . will listen to anything that excites their minds." I totally agree with this and would even go on to say that it is not limited to young people; that whatever age people are, we will always tend to listen, read and engage in things that excite us. That is human nature. So, why not give a source of occupying that part of the mind. I, a young person, have been very blessed by the hip hop music that

has been put out by numerous artists proclaiming Christ as Lord and Saviour. I would challenge anyone that is against this type of ministry to actually take a moment and read the lyrics of these songs. They speak of redemption, resisting temptation and many other wonderful concepts that are even focussed on in our Adventist hymns. And for people to say that hip hop music is a worldly thing and Satan's tool: how dare you? Music is a changing style and hip hop is just one form.

Christian artists, including Joe, are trying to use hip hop music to reach out to millions of teens who engage themselves in this style of music. Someone who has grown up engaging themselves in this style of music needs to be reached using something that will interest them. When Jesus was on this earth he spoke about the kingdom of Heaven using parables. He did this so the people of His time would understand what He meant; He talked in a way they could relate to. Joe and the many other Christian hip hop artists are doing exactly what Jesus did: speaking to people in their own language in order to bring them to the gospel.

In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul talks about people's different convictions. He is referring to eating food sacrificed to idols. He says that it is not wrong or right but that we are to watch what we are doing so as not to cause another believer to stumble. Joe watches what he does. He makes sure that he does not force his music on anyone. He creates opportunities for people to listen and watch him perform, but he still accepts other people's taste for other forms of music and worship. I know that many responses will be coming in, but I pray that this makes its way to the readers because I truly believe that they need to take another look at what the Christian hip hop truly means to hundreds of Christians and to the artists that produce it.

—H. Hempel, via email

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In Washington, D.C., practically the only news you hear about is the trillion dollar bailout package. There is a lot of fear and uncertainty about how and when the current economic downturn will correct itself. Someone told me recently that one trillion dollars is approximately one million dollars per day from the days of Jesus until now. Wow! That is a lot of money!

In March, I was in Washington conducting a short evangelistic series at the Washington-Brazilian Seventh-day Adventist Church. This Beltway region, as it is referred to there, is quite an interesting area. Did you know that within a one-hour drive there are approximately 100 Seventh-day Adventist churches? Isn't that incredible? Also incredible are some of the things that happened at our meetings. One story in particular was very inspiring.

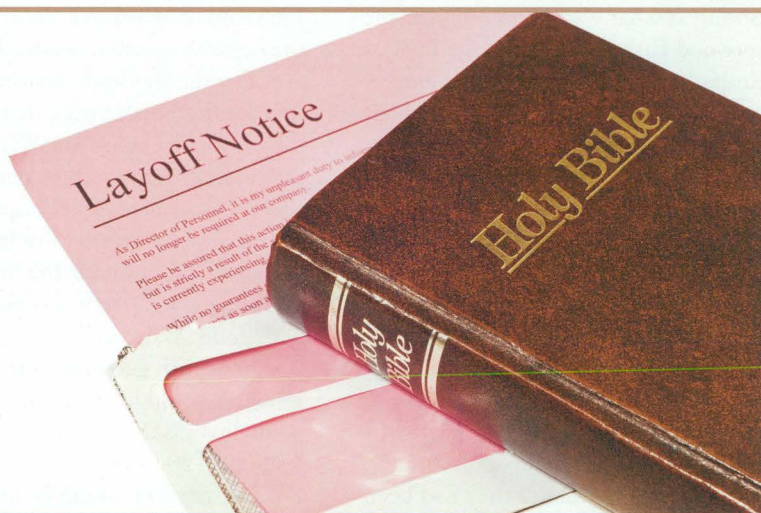
Richard is a young man who immigrated to the United States from Brazil 13 years ago at the age of 18. The purpose of his coming to the U.S. was to meet his father, an American

heard about our upcoming series. He began to attend faithfully, and, after one of my presentations, he approached me and told me that he was going to talk to his boss—the company's vice president—and inform him that he would no longer be available for work on Saturdays. He had a desire to keep the Sabbath holy once again. I told Richard that I thought it was a good idea to seek first the things of the kingdom. I encouraged him by sharing stories of how God honours obedience, and I promised him that I and the other pastors would be praying for him when he went to speak to his boss.

Prior to speaking with me, Richard had mentioned the idea of asking for Sabbaths off to some of his co-workers, and they had told him that it would be "suicidal" to do that. The company, while a prominent and successful commercial construction company, was not immune to the current economic downturn and, as a result, had reduced staff by nearly 70 percent. His refusal to work on Saturday, they told him, would probably be an excuse for the company to get rid of

A Better BAIL-OUT

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engineer. As it turns out, Richard's dad refused to have any contact with his son, however, and Richard was forced to face life on his own with only the help of his brother who was already living in the United States.

Richard went to work at the construction company where his brother worked. The steady income made adjusting to life in the U.S. a little easier. Eventually, Richard and his brother began to attend the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, and, at a series of meetings held here 12 years ago by former IIW Canada speaker-director Henry Feyerabend, Richard was baptized.

Richard maintained a close walk with the Lord and with his church for a number of years. However, with time both Richard and his brother began to slip away. In the end, Richard left the church entirely. As happens to many of us, other things took top priority in his life. His job, for example, became increasingly important to him as he worked his way up the ranks to become middle-management.

Just prior to the start of our meetings in Washington, Richard began to reconnect with his church, and there he

him. As Richard explained to me what was at stake, he said, "It is in God's hands; if it costs me my job, so be it."

So Richard had his meeting, and the vice president not only granted him Sabbaths off but also commended him and told him how much he respected Richard, appreciated his loyalty to the company and highly esteemed his desire to follow the precepts of his conscience. When Richard came to see me that evening to share this miracle story with me, he could barely contain himself. He and his girlfriend have decided to be baptized and now completing studies in preparation for that.

These are the kinds of things that happen when we get out and preach the word. When churches engage in evangelism, things happen; decisions are made, and the power of God is unleashed in a mighty way. We know that life with Him, both now and in heaven, is better than any bail-out. How many more Richards are out there waiting for help and a reason to come home again? ■

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Reaping Could Be One Phone Call Away

If we are faithful planters, God will bring the harvest.

“Pastor, as chaplain of this hospital I want to inform you that we are upset with the way your church members are visiting our hospital patients uninvited for the purpose of proselytizing. I am calling to request that your missionaries cease from pushing their beliefs in this manner. We need to have a meeting to resolve this issue!”

This is not the kind of phone call that a church leader dreams of receiving. Pastor Michael McPherson was both surprised at the strong comments and embarrassed that this community leader was upset with his church. The Prince George Hospital chaplain insisted they have a personal visit right away to straighten this matter out.

During their visit, McPherson explained that he was not aware that his members had been proselytizing and that his church had not officially organized this kind of approach. It was at that point that the hospital chaplain wanted to make sure she had identified the correct church. When Chaplain Lauren named the organization she felt was inappropriate, McPherson was quick to clarify that she had indeed associated him with the wrong denomination! Upon being informed that he was the pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the whole conversation flipped. “We have wanted to have the Adventist church come regularly to the hospital and have a worship service each Saturday in our chapel,” she said. “Could your organization help us with this?”

Momentarily stunned, he tried to figure out how this conversation had changed so radically, but it didn't take long for him to recover, and he responded, “Certainly we could accommodate your

request. We could have a worship service Saturday afternoons.” Grateful for his willingness to help, she thanked him; they exchanged affirming comments and ended their conversation.

This story reminds me of the church growth principles Jesus gave during his famous “Woman at the Well” sermon in John 4:36-39: “He who reaps, receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

We don't know who planted the seeds that gave such a positive impression to this hospital chaplain about the Adventist church. We certainly have faithful members who work at the hospital. The Prince George church has been involved in a ministry that provides baby blankets for newborns. VOAR has been on the air in Prince George for more than a year. All we know is that someone had been doing the sowing and now it was time for some of that good seed to produce fruit.

Within two weeks of that upsetting phone call, there was a group from the Prince George church meeting in the hospital chapel each Sabbath. In three months, this church ministry has grown in wonderful ways. The chapel holds 15 comfortably, but last week there were 30 in attendance. Patients and visitors had to gather outside the chapel to listen to the singing and the Bible study. Pastor McPherson has also developed a friendship with Chaplain Lauren that allows them to work as a team in representing Jesus to hurting families at the hospital.

Maybe today is the day you will plant a seed that will someday turn a conversation in the direction of Jesus. If we are faithful planters, God will bring the harvest. The rejoicing time could be one phone call away. ■

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Josué can't wait to be soaked by the Holy Spirit

Latter Rain

June, 2009

So, I've been hearing about this latter rain thing before Jesus comes. What does it mean?

Josué Sánchez

Answer

The latter rain is the last push the crops need to be ready for harvest time. Spiritually speaking, it refers to a big endeavour by the Holy Spirit that will make people around the globe join those who await Jesus just before He comes.

It will make all of us super-engaged in bringing the gospel to every corner of the world. That's what the Bible says: "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days." (Joel 2:28-29)

The Bible also says that the gospel needs to be preached to everybody. The problem with that is that we can't do it by ourselves. That's why we need to ask for that latter rain continually. It's extremely important! Nobody wants to stay in this ruined world much longer! We gotta put the request for the Holy Spirit high on our priority lists. That's what Zechariah 10:1 says: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone."

Now, some food for thought here: will everybody become Adventist at the last minute as the Spirit pours on us? I think that we would run out of baptismal certificates! Millions will be baptized, of course, but it will be such an intense time with everybody making decisions (Sabbath, anyone?) and signs of the times everywhere and Jesus being really, really close that, I think, we will all be more focussed on Jesus himself than on a denominational membership.



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Creation Corner for Kids

Ringed Seal

After a long day of snowmobiling across the frozen Arctic Ocean, my husband and I and our Inuit friends decided it was time to stop and put up our igloos. We tramped an outline into the snow and cut our blocks. We had removed most of the hard-packed snow blocks and had almost completed the walls of the igloo when we ran into a problem. As we lifted one block, we discovered the breathing hole and den of a ringed seal. Since sleeping with a seal did not seem like a good idea, we decided to abandon the site and begin to build again.

The ringed seal is a small seal that lives in the Arctic Ocean. Ringed seal pups are born in March and April in dens built under the snow around breathing holes kept open by their mothers. Polar bears, foxes and people are clever at finding these hidden dens and hunt the helpless young seals inside.



Think about it.

Our secret sins may be invisible to the world, but like the seals' enemies, Satan is clever at discovering our weaknesses. Satan knows these hidden sins separate us from God and His protection and that when we continue to do what we know to be sin, it's only a matter of time before we are finally his to do with as he wants. Only complete, unreserved consecration to God can protect us from the enemy of our souls.

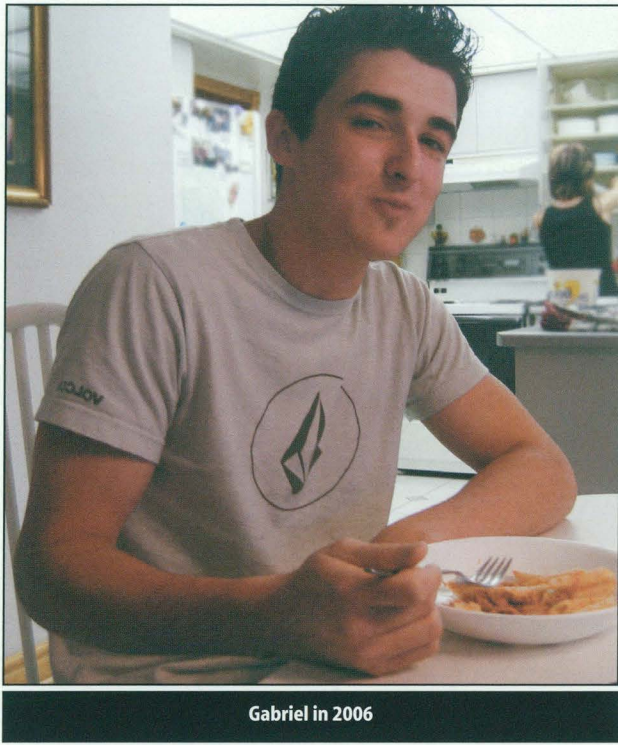
Do it.

Can you trust God enough to allow Him to have complete control of your life? Look up Psalm 51:6 and 1 Corinthians 4:5. Prayerfully read Psalm 19: 12-14 and let the Lord reveal to you the areas of your life that He wants you to give Him control of.



BY ELIZABETH HORNIACHEK

GABE'S GIFT



Gabriel in 2006

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abriel Do Amaral remembers almost everything about the night of November 12, 2006—right up until the moment he collapsed on the floor in his parents' home.

An active 18-year-old who enjoyed being outside skateboarding, playing soccer, snowboarding, camping, and working with his hands, Gabriel was eagerly anticipating a five-month vacation to Brazil when his life took a drastic detour.

Coming home after a weekend of partying, Gabriel remembers eating supper with his family and then suddenly feeling sick and vomiting. His vision went fuzzy as his blood pressure sky-rocketed and the AVM¹ in his brain exploded, causing a massive brain hemorrhage. For three weeks, he hovered between life and death in a medically-induced coma. His family and loved ones celebrated his 19th birthday, grateful he was still alive but wondering if he would ever recognize them again.

Fearing his organs would fail, doctors began reducing his medication in an effort to bring him out of the coma. On November 29, with his temperature above 40°C and all his pressures abnormally high, Gabriel's parents were advised to consider turning off the life support machine and donating his organs. Not willing to give up, they met in Gabriel's room with nine pastors and a group of friends to pray. Miraculously, sometime around 1 a.m. on November 30, Gabriel's temperature and pressures came down and his life was spared.

Although he was considered to be out of danger, there didn't seem to be any measurable recovery of brain or body functions, and, in December, Gabriel was transferred to a hospital close to home to either die or remain in a permanent vegetative state. His parents refused to accept this bleak prognosis and continued trying to find an institution that would accept him into its rehab program. Their persistence paid off; near the



Sept. 1, 2007 with friends visiting at rehab centre.



Oct. 13, 2008, Thanksgiving with the family.

end of April, he was transferred to a “slow to recover” program two hours from home. Gradually, with constant therapy, Gabriel began to make progress, and after six months he moved back to the hospital in his home town.

Occupational therapy, stretching every day, speech therapy and physiotherapy kept Gabriel busy day after day until he was moved to a rehabilitation institute an hour from home. His next three months were spent practicing standing, walking and talking. It was repetitive, boring and sometimes painfully hard work, but finally, almost a year and a half after his hemorrhage, Gabriel came home.

Before his rehab, Gabriel says, he was like a dead man. The only physical thing he could do was open his eyes. Although he is still recovering, rehab has made it possible for him to sit up, stand, talk and even walk with the assistance of two people.

Last autumn, as he watched an ADRA Canada DVD, the story of a young Kenyan named Ferdinand first grabbed Gabriel’s attention and then his heart. Ferdinand had developed tuberculosis of the spine and was left partially paralyzed. His mother had neither the financial nor the physical means to take Ferdinand to the hospital for treatment, and he seemed destined to spend the rest of his life bedridden, hidden away from the scorn of his neighbours. A friend told Ferdinand’s mother about the ADRA Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program, which soon provided him with training and therapy. The video chronicles Ferdinand’s progress as he uses various pieces of equipment and learns to walk and ride a bicycle again.

Having learned firsthand the value of therapy and equipment such as parallel bars, splints, crutches, wheelchairs and such, Gabriel was appalled to learn that most disabled people in

Kenya don’t have access to these things and that rehabilitation is often very unlikely. In gratitude for all the support and therapy he continues to receive here in Canada, Gabriel asked his friends to forego traditional presents and celebrate his 21st birthday by making a donation to the ADRA CBR Program in Kenya.

Since his birthday in November, Gabriel has spoken to many groups in the Greater Toronto Area highlighting the struggles experienced by disabled people and clarifying the need for funding of programs such as ADRA’s CBR Program. He explains, “It’s easy to help when you can relate your situation with that of the person you are helping. One has to stop looking at their own problems—distract themselves—and remember there are other people in this world who appreciate the ‘little things’ that we as a society seem to enjoy for a time and then take for granted.”

A self-confessed “big-time joker who enjoys long walks on the beach and short conversations with weird people,” Gabriel is very serious about using his second chance at life to help others. “Some might not think it’s cool to take on the responsibility of sponsoring such a project, but cool is a state of mind, so I’m not too worried about what everyone else is thinking.”

If you would like to join Gabriel in supporting ADRA Canada’s Community Based Rehabilitation Program, call 1-888-274-2372 or go online to www.adra.ca/wp/products-page/ and make a difference in the life of a disabled person. If you would like to contact Gabriel, send letters c/o ADRA Canada, 1148 King St. E., Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8 or email to pr@adra.ca and they will be forwarded to him. ■

Elizabeth Horniachek is the Donor Relations Assistant for ADRA Canada.

CUC BUSINESS STUDENT IS ALBERTA'S TOP STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR



Dan Campbell receiving the 2009 Alberta Student Entrepreneur Provincial Champion award from Nicole Almond, Director of Program Development at ACE.

It was a chilling -15°C in downtown Calgary on a Friday morning in late February. Outside the wind dropped temperatures even lower, but inside a conference room in the downtown Westin hotel, Canadian University College student Dan Campbell felt his temperature quickly rising. On the screen beside him, his Power Point presentation lit up the room and faces of the judging panel. It was the Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) 2009 Western Regional Exposition competition, and Campbell was presenting his business first.

Earlier in the year, Campbell, a first-year Business Administration major at CUC entered the Alberta Student Entrepreneur competition operated by ACE, a national charitable organization focussed on full time Canadian post-secondary student entrepreneurs. For the past four years, Campbell has been running Dan's Computer Services, a computer business that he founded to support himself during college. A few weeks after entering the competition, Campbell was notified that he had won the Alberta Student Entrepreneur competition and would be representing Alberta in the upcoming Western Regional finals. Campbell had confidence in his entry but was still

surprised that he had bested college students from all across Alberta. "I thought, logically, I probably wouldn't have that much of a chance of winning. I was expecting a lot more from students in bigger universities with better businesses. But, in a strange way I had a feeling that I might win," states Campbell.

A 2008 graduate of the CUC Religious Studies program, Campbell felt compelled to continue his studies and pursue a Business Administration degree. "I was praying about it and was impressed to continue with Business at CUC," states Campbell. He continues, "My classes are helping me learn a lot of things that I wouldn't otherwise learn on my own. That interaction with the teachers and other classmates is valuable. They are helping me understand business and making me a better entrepreneur." According to Campbell, God continues to bless him, giving him just the right amount of homework and business to keep him balanced. "I've seen God's blessing in so many ways . . . This ACE competition is just one of them," he states. His teachers have also noticed the effort that he puts into keeping a proper balance. "We're proud of Dan's achievement and recognize the challenge of maintaining a business while being enrolled in classes. I've been blessed to

CUC's Campmeeting Schedule

For our full campmeeting schedule, visit our campmeeting website at www.cauc.ca/campmeeting.
Stop by and see what's happening at CUC.

July 3-5—Manitoba-Saskatchewan Campmeeting, Theodore, Saskatchewan—Andrea Luxton, President

July 4—Ontario Campmeeting, Toronto, Ontario—Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement

July 8-11—Alberta Campmeeting, Bowden, Alberta—Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement

July 10-11—Alberta Campmeeting, Bowden, Alberta—Andrea Luxton, President

July 17-18—Quebec Campmeeting, Lachute, Quebec—Andrea Luxton, President

July 22-23—Newfoundland Campmeeting, Southwest Pond, Newfoundland—Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement

July 24-26—Maritime Campmeeting, Pugwash, Nova Scotia—Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement

July 27-August 1—British Columbia Campmeeting, Hope, British Columbia—Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement

July 29-August 1—British Columbia Campmeeting, Hope, British Columbia—Andrea Luxton, President

Other school representatives will also be available at your local campmeeting.

Rise Above's Schedule

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

June 12-14—Southern Ontario Campmeeting, Simcoe, Ontario

July 4—Ontario Campmeeting, Toronto, Ontario

July 6-7—Manitoba-Saskatchewan Campmeeting, Theodore, Saskatchewan

July 8-11—Alberta Campmeeting, Bowden, Alberta

July 17-18—Quebec Campmeeting, Lachute, Quebec

July 20-22—Newfoundland Campmeeting, Southwest Pond, Newfoundland

July 24-26—Maritime Campmeeting, Pugwash, Nova Scotia

July 30-August 1—British Columbia Campmeeting, Hope, British Columbia

have Dan in my Management Information Systems class," states David Jeffrey, Assistant Professor of Business at CUC.

As the business presentations at the ACE Western Regional Exposition come to a close, it is apparent to Campbell that there is one clear winner, and it isn't him. Still, Campbell marvels at the opportunity. "I took a lot away from the experience... even just the act of preparing. This has helped me become more focussed and disciplined. It encouraged and validated my business idea and also showed me areas that I could improve," reflects Campbell.

As the newly appointed Business Club president for the 2009/2010 school year, Campbell is full of ideas to reenergize the club. His networking at the ACE Western Regional Exposition has given him ideas to lay the foundation for a CUC Student In

Free Enterprise (SIFE) team. SIFE is a chance for Campbell and fellow students to use the business concepts they learn in the classroom and practically apply them in business projects around the local community. Campbell is full of ideas and plans. There are plans for school, the business club, Dan's Computer Services and life in general. His background in ministry is still calling and, according to him, has given him tools he needs to succeed in business. "My background gives me an advantage. Literature Evangelism has substantially helped me develop my interaction skills with people," states Campbell. He continues, "God has been leading me and continues to do so." ■

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Compassion for Unbelievers

BY D. DOUGLAS DEVNICH

Billy was brought up in a Christian home and dutifully attended church with his parents. But, at age 17, he refused to attend church anymore. The choice he made was largely based on his experience with his earthly father and, by extension, what he was led to believe about his heavenly Father.

In his book, *Losing My Religion: How I Lost My Faith Reporting on Religion in America—and Found Unexpected Peace*, William (Billy) Lobdell writes on how it came about: “My doubts about faith were often amplified after church by the sound of my father yelling at us, sometimes before we even pulled out of the parking lot. We had just spent more than an hour trying to get closer to God, praying for help and guidance, singing His praises, listening to His word in Scripture and being told to humble ourselves and love our neighbours—and even our enemies—as ourselves. Though church bored me, I couldn’t help but absorb some sense of holiness during the services and often felt spiritually uplifted by the time I walked out those huge wooden doors. This same feeling apparently escaped my father. My dad’s tirades after church struck me as a blow against Christianity. How could we so easily discard His teaching even before we made it home?”

That explains Billy’s loss of confidence in his dad. What about his confidence in God the Father? He writes further: “I had fused together the image of God and my father. To me, the Lord acted like my dad: quick to anger, capricious in his wrath, willing to withdraw His love and never satisfied. In other words, like the God I knew from the Hebrew Scriptures, someone who wiped out entire populations, including children, in angry fits. I was scared to be around that God, just as I was sometimes scared to be around my father.” (Too bad Billy was not shown how Christ came to correct ancient misunderstandings of what God is like. He is exactly like Christ; Jesus said, “From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.” John 14:7 NRSV)

Lobdell’s book traces his rocky life story from conflicted childhood and adolescence through profligate years and



then into his conversion to Christ. As the religion editor for the *Los Angeles Times*, he carefully researched and reported on the horrific stories of sexual abuse perpetrated by priests and ministers along with other stories of gross hypocrisy in religious organizations and in television religion. Sadly, he then tells about his withdrawal again from church and finally his total unbelief in God.

There was a complex of issues that led Billy to finally disbelieve that God exists. Chief of all was his inability to reconcile the claims of the “authorities” of the Church with what he found to be true by experience as a newspaper religion reporter. It was unfathomable for him how the Church could lie and deny when the facts were out in the open in the swelling scandal of clergy sexual abuse cases, along with a plethora of instances of fraud by popular televangelists. William Lobdell could not comprehend it: if God exists, how could He allow His earthly representation of Himself, namely the Church, to be so abjectly corrupted?

It would be nice for me to be able to say that Billy’s story is interesting and tragic indeed but that his view of God and the Church is not applicable to anyone or anything in my Church. However, let readers determine for themselves what to think on this matter. The one thing I am absolutely certain of is the dynamic of how the behaviour and preachments of our parents and authority figures in the Church impact the picture of God that we carry in our heads which, in turn, affects our religious beliefs. And the consequences are deep and lasting.

To illustrate again with something that is shocking to contemplate, I refer to a CBC radio report that grabbed me forcefully: genetic scientists have found that when a child is sexually abused, the trauma interacts with some genetic factors to predict certain outcomes. In the abstract of an article in the journal *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, (December 1, 2008), Kevin M. Beaver reports, “A rich line of empirical research has indicated that antisocial behaviours are the result of genetic factors and environmental factors working interactively To address this issue, data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health were analyzed. The results of the analyses reveal that childhood sexual abuse interacts with genetic risk to predict involvement in violent delinquency for males.”

I make no claim of scientific evidence to support the following, but perhaps religion and science have come together to help us realistically understand how traumatic experiences literally change us in predictable ways. In his book, Lobdell admits to the “trauma” he himself experienced when he interviewed molestation victims. After they told their horrific stories, he was often unable to sleep, and for a time he took up using alcohol in order to erase from his mind what he had seen and heard.

In the spirit of inquiry, I am now led to ask: if it is true that antisocial behaviour is predictable for a molested boy, are there predictable outcomes for children, youth and adults that result from other kinds of life experiences that

traumatize them?

William Lobdell tried very hard to maintain his faith in God during the years he was carrying out his research. However, after exposure to the unimaginable stories from victims of sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy and then covered up by the Church, along with amazing financial deceit by church organizations—especially religious broadcasters—his mind was traumatized, and he lost total confidence in the Church’s profession and claims. We might say it was predictable. At one point a spiritual mentor of his made an appeal to him to not abandon his spiritual journey in life because of some religious leaders who were bad. The mentor made the point by asserting that those clergy who molested children could rightfully be convicted of committing spiritual murder on their victims. But, he warned, “if we let their actions kill our faith, that would be spiritual suicide.” Lobdell said those words resonated with him for a time, and he vowed never to take that road.

Nevertheless, the time came when he found that the mentor’s advice was wrong: “Spiritual suicide infers that people make a conscious decision to abandon their faith. Yet it isn’t simply a matter of will. Many people want desperately to believe, but just can’t. They may feel tortured that their faith has evaporated, but they can’t will it back into existence. If an autopsy could be done on their spiritual life, the cause of death wouldn’t be murder or suicide. It would be natural causes—the organic death of a belief system that collapsed under the weight of experience and reason.” It happened that way for Billy.

This experience of a fellow Christian becomes a big reason why we who walk in relationship with Jesus need to be compassionate toward those who have drifted away from God. Could it be that some former church members have had their belief systems collapse under the weight of what they experienced while they were active members—something quite predictable? Try to imagine what it would be like to want to believe but not be able to because of exposure to the worst that life in this world offers. We need to sympathize with those who have comprehended God in the image of cruel, insensitive and abusive parents and/or other authorities who impacted their lives. And, we must do better at presenting a picture of God as He really is in Jesus Christ.

How then shall we draw back again those who have lost their religion as Billy has? I do believe the answer is in the power of love. It is the only power that can lead a former believer back to God. In Jeremiah 31:3 God makes known His way, and it must also become our way of relating to those whom we would draw back into the faith: “I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee.” ■

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 speaking appointments.

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Manitoba - Saskatchewan

New Member Profile From Darkness to Light

The phone rang out of the blackness of the night to disturb us from a much too-short sleep. I stumbled out of bed to answer our 4:00 a.m. wake-up call. It was time to begin a long 18-hour day of driving. It was our annual trek from Manitoba to Blind Camp in Alberta.

Each year's camp brings its share of adventure and challenges, but this year's ended on a special note as one of our campers excitedly declared that he wanted to be baptized! His name is Valentine Wagner. His journey of life began in a world of darkness, as Val has been totally blind from birth.

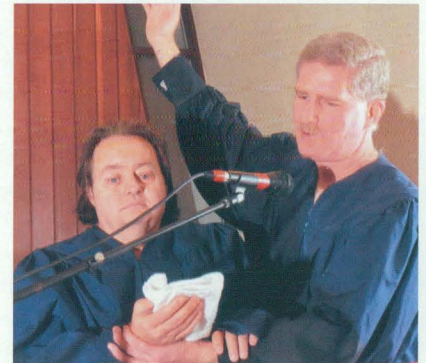
Val became interested in spiritual matters as a child, and came to faith in Jesus in 1974. Yet, he always felt something was missing. In 1997, he started attending National Camps for the Blind run by Christian Record Services, the Church's outreach program for the blind. His interest in God was reawakened by the fun activities and spiritual emphasis and by the love and caring of the camp counsellors and staff. He was especially stirred by the messages of hope given by Pastor Moises Ruiz, camp pastor for 2007/08, who encouraged him in his spiritual quest. For several years he had been receiving reading materials by Braille and cassette from Christian

Record Services, but it was his study of the Discover Bible Course that interested him in Bible doctrines.

In 2008, Val started attending the Lighthouse of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Winnipeg. There, pastor Jeff Potts commented on

Val's keen ability to quote scripture from memory without the benefit of written words, and how God compensated for his lack of vision with a tremendous gift of music (piano, accordion), a talent that he eagerly shares at church and at Blind Camp. In the fall of 2008, Pastor Jeff held an inspiring Revelation seminar, and, for Val, everything fell into place. He had found the new truths he was missing! On December 6th, Val was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He finally found his home. Val may have been born into physical darkness, but he has been reborn into spiritual light. He eagerly looks forward to the day when Jesus returns, when the first face he will ever see will be that of his Saviour. ■

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SDA Church in Canada

Messenger Wins Big at ACP

For the third consecutive year, the *Canadian Adventist Messenger* walked away from the Associated Church Press (ACP) annual convention with the top award. Lovingly known as "the Acorn Award," the recognition is reserved for small-budget print publications that go beyond mere survival to truly thrive.

For the past three years, the *Messenger* has entered the "Best of the Christian Press" awards competition run by the ACP, the oldest interdenominational religious press association in North America. Winners in the categories of journalistic and creative writing, theology, design, marketing, and overall best-

in-class are announced in April. The yearly competition, drawing more than 1,000 entries in approximately 70 categories provides an opportunity to recognize professional excellence among ACP members. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada is honoured that its publication has a spot amongst such company.

As an added honour to the *Messenger*, at this year's convention, editor Crystal Steeves-Holloway was elected to the Board of Directors of the ACP. Chosen from among her peers at other member publications, she will serve a three-year term, assisting with all aspects of administration and management for the association. ■

British Columbia

2010 Winter Olympics Scarf Ministry



The British Columbia conference invites Christians from across North America to take part in a service project for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Vancouver.

People from around the world will come to British Columbia to enjoy the Olympic Games. They will be trying to keep warm in Vancouver's cold climate, so the British Columbia conference would like to offer an act of kindness in the form of a free scarf.

Between now and January 31, 2010, the British Columbia conference's goal is to collect 10,000 scarves made by the hands of Seventh-day Adventists and other Christians in North America. To reach this goal, the British Columbia conference has partnered with More than Gold, an international Christian network designed to help churches

in cities around the world serve their community and visitors during the Olympics. Each scarf will include the More than Gold snowflake logo which tells the story of salvation with its five colors, along with a message from the Adventist Church.

Anyone who can knit can be part of this outreach. Knitting scarves is also a great way for Pathfinders to get involved in a service project while also earning their knitting honour. These scarves can be a silent witness to the warmth of Jesus' love.

For more information, contact Brian Wahl, British Columbia conference youth director, at bwahl@bcadventist.ca or 604-853-5451 ext. 412. To get started, simply download a pattern from www.plusline.org, and start knitting today! ■

—*Marci Scott, AdventSource*

North American Division

Andrews University Hosts 180° Symposium

The second annual 180° Symposium, scheduled for Oct. 19–22, 2009, on the campus of Andrews University, will focus on Public Campus Ministry. Sponsored, in part, by the Center for Youth Evangelism, this second annual symposium will bring together church and lay leaders passionate about creative ideas to spiritually engage those on public college campuses. This think-tank event brings together church and lay leaders passionate about creative ideas to spiritually engage those on public college campuses. Chris Blake, professor of communication and English at Union College, will serve as moderator. Research papers will be presented. Learn more by visiting www.180symposium.org. The third annual 180° Symposium is scheduled for Oct. 18–21, 2010.

The ideas presented and discussed at the first 180° Symposium have been brought together in a book, *Ministering*



Participants in the first annual 180 Symposium, held in October 2008, came from around the world to share ideas and brainstorm solutions for the loss of the millennial generation from our churches.

with Millennials. Topics covered include the importance of church climate, using short-term mission trips as a connector, creating relational young-adult ministries

and how to “hand on faith” to the next generation. It is available online at www.adventsource.org. ■

What is Your Guide?



We live in a world of constant change. The market is up one day and down the next. Beef and chicken have become an issue for some as a source of food. Large numbers of animals are destroyed to protect the source of animal products for food; thus causing more people to change to a vegetarian diet. What is your choice when it comes to eating food? Do you know how to eat a healthy diet for best results for your own health? Before taking a more in depth look at nutrition in the future, it is a good idea to review Canada's Food Guide. This article will look at a guide; what it should be, Canada's Food Guide, Canada's food Guide for Vegetarians, serving size and the best sources of energy.

A guide is something that shows us a path; a way to go. Canada's Food Guide and the Vegetarian Good Guide have been created to be a guide to help Canadians have a standard to compare their eating to. The guides allows for easy comparison to know if one is getting all the nutrition that is needed in a day. It takes a lot of extra work to figure out if one gets all the protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins and minerals one needs in a day. A guide takes all this work out of the picture. So, what guide do you use?

Canada's Food Guide

Canada's food guide consists of the food groups of meat and alternates; milk and alternates; grain products; and vegetables and fruit. The number of servings depends on the age of the person. For the average adult ages 19-50 it is recommend that one has two servings of meat and alternates for females and three servings for males; two serving of milk and alternatives; six to seven servings of grains for female and eight servings for males; and seven to eight servings of vegetables and fruits for females and eight to ten servings for males.¹

Vegetarian Food Guide

The vegetarian food guide sections consist of six servings of grain; five servings of legumes, nuts, and other protein-rich foods; four servings of vegetables, two servings of fruits; and two servings of fats. On the side of the guide are choices from each group that contain calcium; the group is called calcium-rich foods with eight servings from the group. Examples of a serving for the calcium-rich foods is $\frac{1}{2}$ c almonds, $\frac{1}{2}$ cooked soybeans, 1 cup cooked broccoli, or 5 figs.²

Serving Size

The size of the serving depends of the food group. An examples for grains are a slice of bread, half a cup cooked grain or cereal, or 1 ounce (28 g) of ready to eat cereal. Protein rich foods rich foods include 1 egg, 1 ounce (28g) meat analog, $\frac{1}{4}$ c nuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ c tofu, or $\frac{1}{2}$ c cooked peas, beans, or lentils. Vegetables include $\frac{1}{2}$ cup juice, raw vegetables, or cooked vegetables. Fruits include $\frac{1}{4}$ c dried fruit, $\frac{1}{2}$ c juice or fruit (Messina, V., Melina, V., & Mangels, A. R, 2003).

Best Sources of Energy

The best source of energy whether for exercise or just resting is from carbohydrates! Carbohydrates come in the form of simple and complex. Simple carbohydrate is what is found in sugar, fruits and vegetable. Complex carbohydrates come from breads, rice and starchy vegetable such as potatoes. Certainly it is better to eat whole grains as often as possible because they are an excellent source of fibre and have more vitamins and minerals.

It is a good idea to have a guide, a way to know if one is proceeding in the right direction. What is your guide? Do you use it on a daily basis? Is this part of your total health plan in keeping your body and brain in the best possible shape? What can you do to make a conscious change for your eating habits today? ■

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She writes from Lacombe, Alberta.*

¹ Health Canada, 2008. Canada's Food Guide. Retrieved on March 26, 2009 from www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/food-guide-aliment/view_eatwell_vue_bienmang-eng.pdf

² Messina, V., Melina, V., & Mangels, A. R. (2003) A New Food Guide For North American Vegetarians. *Canadian Journal of Dietetic Practice and Research*. Retrieved on March 25, 2009 from www.dietitians.ca/news/downloads/Vegetarian_Food_Guide_for_NA.pdf

Extreme Makeover: Restored in His Image Manitoba/Saskatchewan Campmeeting

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July 24 to August 1 at Camp Hope, Hope, British Columbia



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July 24 to August 1 at Camp Pugwash, Pugwash, Nova Scotia



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More About Jesus Newfoundland Campmeeting

July 20 to July 25 at Camp Woody Acres, Southwest Pond, Newfoundland



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Harvest Time Ontario Campmeeting

July 4 at International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario



Anthony Fuller
Graduate
Oakwood
University,
Alabama



Derek Morris
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Forest Lake
Church, Florida

Reunited to Serve/Ré-unis pour servir Quebec Campmeeting

July 15-19 at LaChute Camp
1310 Chemin Vide-Sac, Lachute, Quebec



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Upcoming Regional Campmeetings in Ontario

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Filipino Campmeeting—July 31-August 1

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Hispanic Campmeeting—October 9-10

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August 20-23 at Foothills Camp, Bowden, Alberta



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■ Announcements

Come former pastors and church members and let's celebrate together the 50th anniversary of the Niagara Falls church. The celebration is planned for Sabbath, September 19th starting at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Marilyn Kowalski at 905/732-6586. (08/09)

100th Anniversary: Remembering, Rejoicing, Renewing—College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of CUC is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Weekend events will include special worship services, reunion of former pastors and members, and events to mark the milestones of its history. Come celebrate on the weekend of October 16 and 17, 2009.

■ New Members

NOVA SCOTIA

Lori Cameron was baptized on Jan. 10, 2009 in the New Glasgow church by Jonathan Martin after receiving Bible studies from Beth and Daryl Fawcett. She is now a member of the Pugwash church.

Paul Chitate, Jeffrey Gilbert, Jordon

Graça and Kyleigh Harrington were baptized on Dec. 27, 2008 by Pedro Graça. Jeffrey and Kyleigh are now members of the Tantallon church, Jordan is now a member of the Dartmouth church and Paul is now a member of the Halifax church.

Rachel Grover was baptized on Aug. 2, 2008 at Pugwash during campmeeting by Pedro Graça. Rachel is now a member of the Dartmouth church.

River Heim was baptized on Sep. 13, 2008 in the Bridgewater church by Glen Corkum.

Julie Thompson was baptized on Aug. 30, 2008 at Camp Pugwash by Pedro Graça. Julie is now a member of the Dartmouth church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Philip Davidson was baptized on Feb. 21, 2009 at the Victoria church by Wayne Culmore. He is now a member of the Victoria church.

Salena Dubyna and Judy Myhill were baptized Mar. 28, 2009 at Armstrong Church by Cam Koronko. Salena is now a member of the Enderby church and Judy is now a member of the Armstrong church.

Rob and Rebekah Dunn were baptized in Creston in Jan. 2009 by Edward Dunn. They are now members of Calgary Southside church in Alta.

Keri Hall and Colin Hall were baptized on Mar. 28, 2009 in Cranbrook by Ian Cotton. They are now members of the Cranbrook church.

Andrew John "AJ" Hildebrand was baptized on Feb. 7, 2009 at the Victoria church by Gordon Gray.

Patricia O'Brien was baptized on Feb. 7, 2009 at Victoria church by Gordon Gray after faithfully attending the Mark Finley Discoveries 08 series. She is now a member of the Victoria church.

■ Legal Notice

Seventh-day Adventist Church (British Columbia Conference)

Notice is hereby given that the 55th Regular Constituency Meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Church (British Columbia) will be held at Camp Hope, Katz, British Columbia. Camp Hope is located on Highway 7, approximately 10 kilometers (six miles) west of Hope.

The first general meeting of the regular session will begin at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, August 2, 2009 in

the Campmeeting Pavilion.

The agenda of the Regular Meeting will include: 1) Election of officers for the ensuing term, 2) Appointment of the Board of Directors, 3) Appointment of the Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee and 4) the transaction of other business as may properly come before the Regular Session.

The Constitution provides for representation from each church within the Seventh-day Adventist Church (British Columbia Conference) on the basis of one delegate for each church without regard for membership, plus one additional delegate for each 50 church members or major fraction thereof, based on the membership as of December 31, 2008. (6/09)

■ Births

Dylan Luke Docil was born Oct. 1, 2008 to Dale and Dahl Docil of Maple, Ont.

Sophia Noel Featherby was born Jan. 21, 2009 to Susan and David Featherby of Victoria, B.C.

Janae Brooklyn Grecian was born October 28, 2008 to Lorelei and Virgil Grecian of Fredericton, N.B.

Bradyn Noah Proud was born Feb. 17, 2009 to Nicole (Bell) and Blaine Proud of Peace River, Alta.

Luke Rose was born October 18, 2008 to Shelley and Jonathan Rose of Bedford, N.S.

■ Weddings

Michelle Annette St. Germain and Gregory James Foucher were married Feb. 22, 2009 in Grand Forks, B.C. and are making their home in Cranbrook, B.C. Michelle is the daughter of Marcel and Judy St. Germain of Garland, Man., and Greg is the son of Ray and Judy Foucher of Greenwood, B.C.

Jo-Anne Vizcarra and Allen Magsipoc were married Feb. 19, 2009 in Negril, Jamaica. They are making their home in New Jersey.

■ Anniversaries

Leonard and Marion Pye of Lethbridge, Nfld. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14, 2008. A reception was held at the local firehall for family and friends from the community, followed by a dinner for close family members. The Pyes have nine children: Mona



(Harold) Hellam of Kemptville, Ont. Donald (Pat) of Chatham, Ont. Clarence (Jean) of Lethbridge, Rayfield of Oshawa, Ont. Neil (Trish) of Penoka, Alta. David (Kay) of Musgravetown, Bessie of Calgary, Alta. Evan (Glenda) of Chetwyn, B.C. Lyndon (Sandra) of Calgary. There are 17 grandchildren and step-grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Romi and Letti (Leticia Amy Brion) Talento celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 08, 2009.



Romi and Letti were classmates at Philippine Union College and later met again in Hong Kong at Sam Yuk Secondary School. To celebrate their anniversary, they took a holiday in Rosarito, Mexico. Their children gave them a surprise golden celebration. More than 130 guests attended, some coming all the way from Tennessee, Palm Springs, Los Angeles and the Philippines. The Talentos have three children: Lhevinne (John) Ciurcovich, Ricco (Marjorie) and Rogene (Staci).

■ Birthdays



Tena Balaski celebrated her 100th birthday with the Saskatoon Mount Royal Church on Jan. 24, 2009. Tena was born in Austria but, before

her second birthday, moved to Canada and where she settled in Wadena, Sask. At the age of 18, she married Paul Balaski. Eight children were born to this union: Joe, Ann, Mary, Paul, Alex, Kay, Mack and Darlene. She also has 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is still in good health and attends church when she is able. Tena has served her church for many years and has been a great inspiration to others through her "living" Christianity.

■ Obituaries

Viola (Berg) Kruger was born May 4, 1915 in McClusky, N.D. and died Feb. 8, 2009 in Kelowna, B.C. Viola served the Lord teaching nature classes at summer camps in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. She also served in children's and youth departments in her local church. Surviving: stepsons Richard (Twyla) of Walla Walla, Wash. and Roger of Pendleton, Ore.; daughters Betty (Andrew) Fritz of Red Deer, Alta., Arlene (Wilfred) Janot of Winfield, B.C., Carmen (Norman) Manweiler of Theodore, Sask., Sally (Tony) Balicki of Kelowna, B.C.; stepdaughters Ruby (John) Stafford of Sri Lanka and Ruthie (Michael) Montgomery of Rocklin, Calif.; brothers Delvin (Rose) of Lacombe, Alta., Kelly (Elaine) of Grande Prairie, Alta.; sisters Goldie Cuthbertson of Lacombe, Alta., Bernadine (Ed) Reiman of Peoria, Alta. and Donna (Wally) Mead of Kelowna, B.C.; 21 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by husbands Daniel Yanke and Solomon Kruger and by son Dallas Yanke.

Ruth Ann (Campbell) Proud was born Mar. 29, 1943 and died Feb. 25, 2009 in Calgary, Alta. Surviving: husband Ted; son Quentin; daughter Heather (Jeffrey) Calkins of Calgary; brothers Colin (Martha), and Elgin (Irene); sisters Emily Grimes, Ethel McKeith, Mabel Johnson, Lorna (George) Quaroni, Bonnie (Lyle) Walker, and Shirley (Ron) Beaulieu; and three grandchildren. She is predeceased by her daughter Lauralyn, father George, mother Ella, brothers Louis, Hugh, Gordon, Angus and sisters Margaret and Jeannie.

Trudy Lynne (Stevenson) Rennick was born May 21, 1952 in Prince Albert, Sask and died Jan. 21, 2009 in Regina, Sask. She was a former teacher in Rouleau, Sask. Surviving: husband Jim; son Jason of Calgary, Alta.; daughter Krista (Steve) Podwin of Regina; mother Grace; and brother David (Ligia) Stevenson.

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Anne (Shipowich) Skopyk was born Nov. 15, 1921 in Ukraine and died Oct 14, 2008 in Saskatoon, Sask. Surviving: husband Steve; son Ron (Loretta) of Radisson, Sask.; and one grandchild. She is predeceased by father Bert, mother Nettie and brother Ernie.

Jessie Stanley was born June 18, 1925 in George's Brook, Nfld. and died Feb. 22, 2009 in Clarendville, Nfld. Surviving: wife Myrel; sons Loyal (Frances) Ivany of George's Brook, Boyd (Elizabeth) of George's Brook, Lloyd of St. John's, Nfld., Wesley (Patsy) of George's Brook, Bruce (Daphne) of North West Brook, Nfld., Leonard (Maggie) of Red Deer, Alta., Roger (Elizabeth) of Red Deer and Carter (Marion) of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; daughters Minnie (Gary) Russell of Brooklyn, Nfld., and Lori (Jim) Adams of Red Deer; 26 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

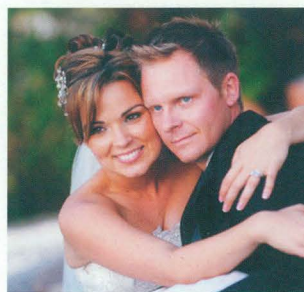
Lois (Maxwell) Suiter was born May 16, 1922 in Lockwood, Sask. and died Mar. 16, 2009 in Vernon, B.C. Surviving: husband Marvin; daughters Maxine Wood of Miller Creek, N.C.,

and Glenna Kingsfield of Spallwnechen; and two grandchildren.

Evelyn (Abbey) Weir was born Apr. 8, 1917 in Saskatoon, Sask. and died Feb. 24, 2009 in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: sons David Abbey of Mellville, Calif., and Donald Abbey of Denton, Nebr.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jim Weir was born Aug. 12, 1921 in Saint John, N.B. and died Feb. 26, 2009 in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: sons George of Surrey, B.C., Jim of Kelowna, and Perry of Slokan, B.C.; daughter Kathy Bondett of Calgary, Alta.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

■ Tributes



Nicole Kostrosky and Scott Wareham were married Aug. 17, 2008 in Costa Mesa, Calif. and making their home in Edmonton, Alta. Nicole is the daughter of Jim and Tammy (Huether) Kostrosky of Calgary, Alta. and Scott is the son of Baxter and Bev Wareham of Vernon, B.C.

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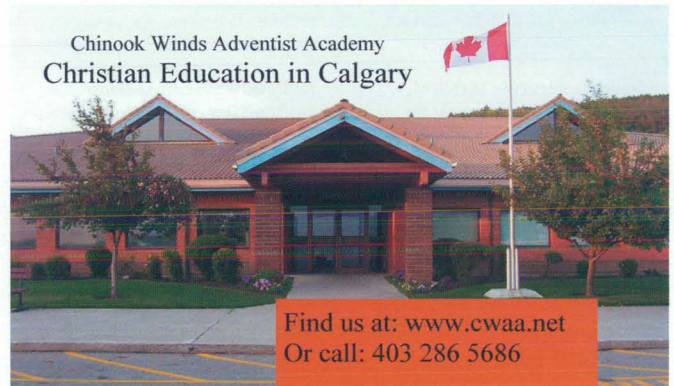
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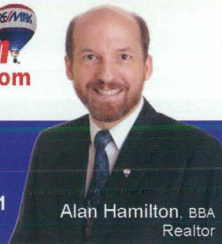
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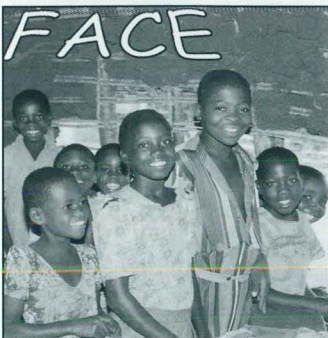
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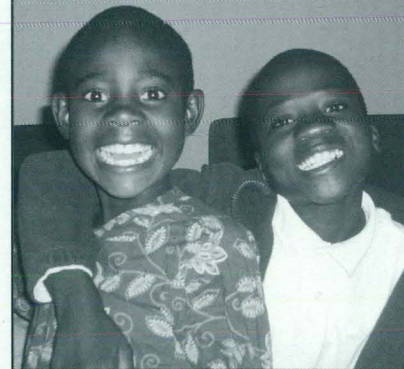
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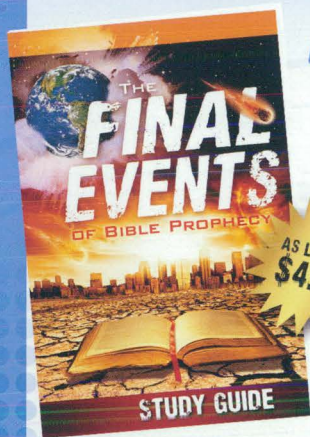
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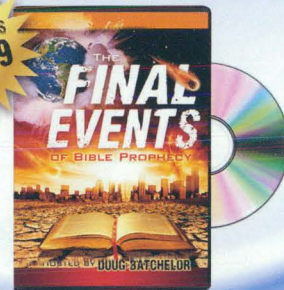
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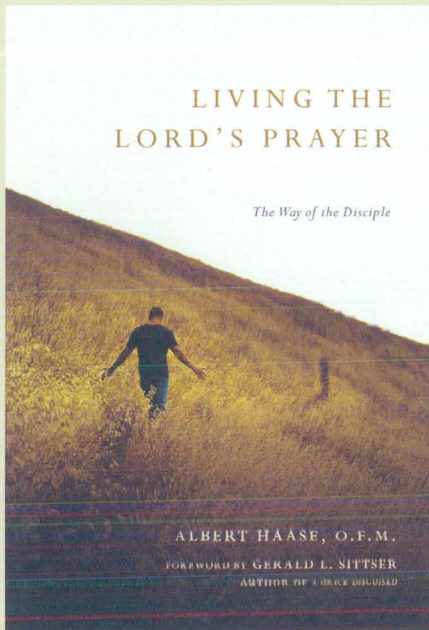
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LIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER

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pretation. His eleven chapters are titled right from passages of the Lord's Prayer, and each of these units digs deep. For example, his first chapter targets the most important part of the prayer: God as Father. He develops his thoughts on how God as "transcendent Creator of the universe" should choose a familiar familial title of Abba, or Father. It is a wonderful chapter that dedicates itself to one key word and its often underestimated worth in our day to day spiritual journey. It proceeds to chapter two, where Haase then broadens his approach by then scrutinizing the other key word in the prayer's address: Our. Once again, he takes time to ponder the ideas of unity, brotherhood, and Christianity summed up in that non-exclusive, all-embracing, simple possessive pronoun. The other nine chapters are equally engaging, and ultimately show philosophical insight that is thought-provoking yet practical.

Living the Lord's Prayer intertwines philosophical expostulation with cultural links, modern applications, and historical references. It was delightful to read current, practical illustrations of Haase's interpretations, as well as being immersed in past illuminations by Francis of Assisi, Therese of Lisieux, and Martin Luther. It also incorporates charts and diagrams in the manner of a self-help genre. Eclectic as it may seem, it all ties together and provides for a contemplative read.

I've had the good fortune of taking philosophy courses in university, both secular and Adventist, and of teaching a course in this subject at the high school level. Living the Lord's Prayer added to my experience and gave me much upon which to dwell and ruminate. I personally found that I needed a quiet, meditative environment to truly grasp Haase's writing; it has served me well as part of my morning devotion for the past month. It truly has helped me organize my perspective and priorities in this hectic, yet temporary world in which we reside. ■

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As an educator, I especially enjoy the sixth chapter of Matthew, where Christ teaches his disciples how to minister effectively. Most notably in this chapter is the lesson He delivered on how to address God our Father in prayer. It is a prayer that is used in Sabbath School, in church school, in Pathfinders, and as unified participation in some pastoral prayers. It is commonly seen in pop culture as the prayer that is chanted by those who hopelessly face an insurmountable obstacle and suddenly recall this gem for supernatural intervention. As with anything that is recited repeatedly, it eventually loses its value and depth and is reduced, by many, to cliché. Albert Haase's philosophical book, *Living the Lord's Prayer*, fights against the trend of overstatement and undervalue.

Do we truly stop and ponder the depth of the words we speak? Or do we just spew them out nonsensically to replace them with more trite fluff? Haase has taken the Lord's Prayer, scrutinized over the words and their meanings and applied deep reflection to spiritual inter-



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