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Although this was submitted as a children's story, when Ken's article came across my desk I knew I had to share it with a broader audience. Its lesson is so simple that it is easily grasped by even the very young, but so many forget the principle in adulthood. May this be a beautiful reminder. —Crystal

Canaries in the Coal Mine

As a child, one of my many chores was to clean the canary cages. Every day, I had to open the cages, clean out the mess and put fresh newspaper down, then check their food and water. I'm not talking about caring for one bird for we had elaborate cages and nesting areas that filled the third level of our home. To my mother, this was much more than a hobby; it was a matter of life and death. My grandfather and father owned coal mines and these sweet little birds were the early warning system for the presence of deadly gasses in the mine.

Each morning, down deep in the shafts, the canaries would begin to sing even though they couldn't see the sunrise. As the miners were lowered down into the earth, they would listen carefully for the songs of these little birds, for those dainty canaries were the key to their survival. Whenever the presence of gas seeped silently through the narrow shafts, the birds would be the first to stop singing. When the bird stopped singing, miners hurried to the bird cage. If there was gas, the little bird swayed on its perch and closed its eyes. The miners then quickly grabbed the cage and headed for the surface. Through the years those tiny birds saved many, many lives.

Sometimes we forget that God has built a similar early warning system into our hearts. The conscience is an inner signal that speaks when you are going against what you know is right. Like an interior moral compass, your conscience was placed within you by God to guide you safely home.

When your conscience is clear, your heart sings within you, but if there is the presence of some little sin, some compromise that you know is wrong, the singing stops. If you refuse to acknowledge it or if you ignore it long enough, like the little bird, the conscience sways on its perch, closes its eyes and loses its song altogether.

There are two ways to disregard that inner canary of your soul. One is neglect; the other reject.

Neglect comes from trying to ignore the inner voice. You might say, I just have too many things in my life that need attention. I don't have time to deal with the little compromises that my conscience is speaking to me about. Maybe some other time." So your inner song slowly fades until you hear it no more.

Reject comes from rationalizing away the inner voice of conscience. Saying to it, "I don't believe you. You're wrong. That is not something that you should even be talking to me about. I am free to do that or say that if I want." So the soft voice of your little canary in your soul has its voice drowned out by your own protests.

Suppose the miner, when he heard the little canary stop singing, said, "Maybe, the little bird is just having a bad day. Besides, I don't have time to stop right now. I'll go later." That would be a bad decision, for his very life would end. So it is with your spiritual life. Listen for that inner voice in your own soul. There is nothing that makes the heart sing more sweetly than a clear conscience. ■

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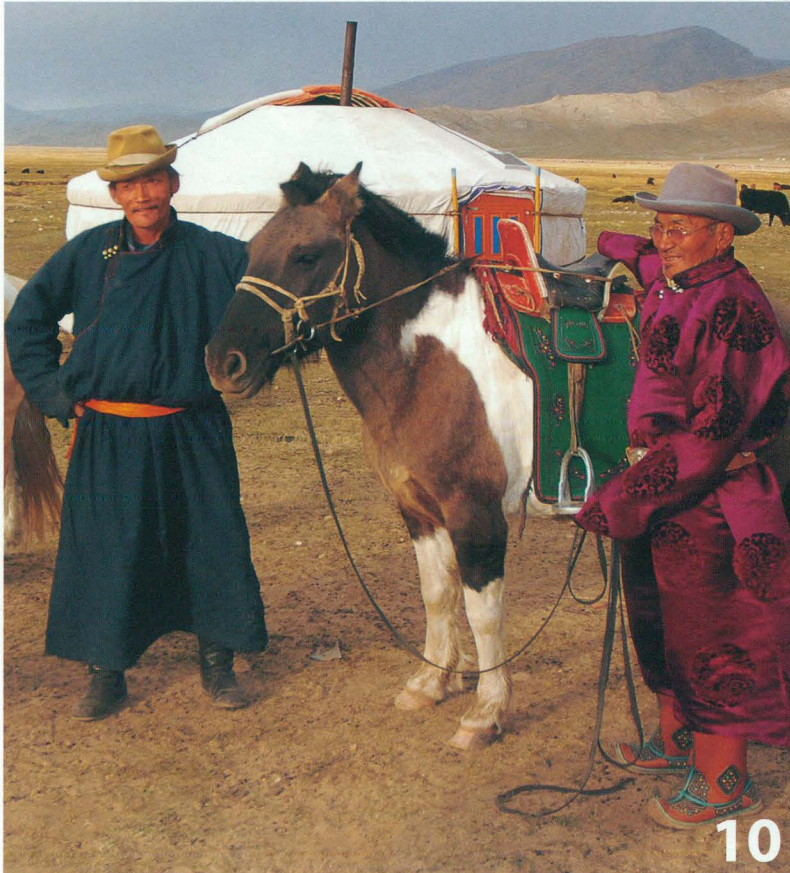
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WISE speakers. (L-R) Chelsea Lamming, Fred Onsoti, Susan Schafer, Donovan Diminyatz, Cecilia Ulltjärn, Adam Bussey, Stacy Baker.

Believe and You Will Find ...

For a week in January, students at Canadian University College shared with the campus what they discovered when they believed. The winter Week in Spiritual Emphasis (WISE) is when the students speak. For some, preparing a sermon and delivering it comes naturally. Others shake in silence while constantly sending prayers heavenward. After careful consideration and prayer, Pastor Paul Antunes, CUC chaplain, and his Campus Ministries team were impressed to call on nine students to share what they found when they believed. Based on Romans 10:9–11, the Week in Spiritual Emphasis asked each student speaker to finish this thought, “*Believe and You Will Find . . .*”

For Fred Onsoti, a fourth-year Behavioural Science major, being on stage is easy—as long as he is singing. Ask him to speak, and nerves begin to creep in. In the back of his mind, he knew that he would be asked to speak at WISE. So when the call came, he accepted, but with plenty of trepidation. *Believe and you will find . . . the truth.* After some initial nervousness, he began to speak comfortably and shared what he found in God—truth. Adam Bussey, a first-year Biology major, also found himself nervous about speaking. But he was impressed to step out of his comfort zone and share what he believed. *Believe and you will find . . . that you are going against the flow the world.*

Cecilia Ulltjärn, a second-year Psychology major, found that when she believed, she found the way. Ulltjärn felt impressed to share that her belief in God showed her the right way, God’s way. *Believe and you will find . . . the way.*

Susan Schafer, a first-year General Studies major, felt impressed to share what she had been learning about the power of prayer. “I have been learning a lot about prayer. I didn’t put enough emphasis on God,” Schafer remarks. *Believe and you will find .*

. . . the power of prayer.

Opening the Week in Spiritual Emphasis was Donovan Diminyatz, a first-year Religious Studies major. After reading a children’s book, he found parallels to our lives. “No matter how far we get away from God, He will be waiting and always ready,” states Diminyatz. *Believe and you will find . . . a way home.*

Sarah Sutherland, third-year Elementary Education major, found it difficult to pinpoint a single topic to speak on. “Preparing for WISE was like an intense Bible study, and it focused and grounded me for the rest of the semester,” she remarks. After studying and praying, she decided to share what she had learned as she recovered from a recent car accident. *Believe and you will find . . . hope.* “You never know what is going to happen or what situation you find yourself in. But as a Christian, you always have hope,” she says.

The Week in Spiritual Emphasis ended with guest speaker Pastor Manny Cruz, the North American Division Associate Youth Director. Pastor Cruz challenged the students to look at prayer from another perspective and issued them homework: pray and just talk to God.

With students speaking, the winter WISE sets a different tone. The campus rallied together for one week, morning and evening, to listen to the earnest voices of their peers. “These meetings in particular were very sincere and heartfelt,” remarks Pastor Antunes. As the week went on, he was constantly amazed with each of the students’ talks. “They inspired me with how transparent they were with their experiences with God.” He continues, “These young people are not the future of our church. They are the church.” ■

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SQUANTO

"He aided them with a friendship almost beyond understanding."

Seventh-day Adventists are known as a people with understanding of Bible prophecy, particularly Revelation 12. The woman represents God's church, and according to verse 14, would flee into the wilderness (or earth, a place of not many people, according to verse 16) to escape persecution. Historically, that prophecy was fulfilled in part when the Pilgrims landed in America, but behind the scenes, God had prepared for the survival of this band years earlier.

Arriving at Plymouth in December 1620, the Pilgrims wintered aboard the *Mayflower*, but exposure, inadequate food, and sickness reduced the original 102 people to about half that number before spring.

When the Pilgrims finally went ashore in March to eke out an existence, friendly yet suspicious Wampanoag aboriginals greeted them, the chief spokesperson being the English-speaking Squanto. Squanto proceeded to assist the Pilgrims, helping them build warm houses, teaching them how and when to plant corn, showing them how to fish the streams for food, and advising them in their interaction with the aboriginal people. Thanks to Squanto, the Pilgrims fared much better the second winter. Now they could worship in freedom, but this freedom did not come without divine intervention.

To back up a little bit, Squanto, whose full name was Tisquantum, was born about 1591 to the Patuxet tribe in the area currently known as Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was kidnapped in 1605 by English trader Captain George Weymouth, who took him to England. There, he lived with Sir Fernando Gorges, who taught him English and in 1614 sent him back to his home with Captain John Smith. Before arriving, Squanto was kidnapped again, this time by Smith's co-commander, Captain Hunt, and, along with 20 others, was taken to Malaga, Spain, to be sold into slavery.

Hunt's plans were foiled by local friars who gave the aboriginals asylum for a time. Here, Squanto embraced Christianity and in 1617 was again released for home, only to find his entire family and tribe wiped out by disease. Squanto was the sole survivor.

Squanto was invited to live with the Wampanoag tribe under Chief Massasoit. So it was that the Wampanoag tribe warily watched as the *Mayflower* came to Plymouth in December of 1620. They also watched as the Pilgrim numbers radically diminished that first winter.

In the spring of 1621, Chief Massasoit sent Squanto to determine the Pilgrims' motives. Speaking fluent English, Squanto ascertained their intentions, befriended them and helped them adapt to their new land. Through his influence, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe entered into a treaty whereby no Pilgrim would steal from or hurt an aboriginal, and no aboriginal would steal from or hurt a Pilgrim—a pact that was honored for 54 years.

The story drives us to ponder some "what ifs." What if Squanto had not been captured and had not learned the English language 15 years before? What if Squanto had not been recaptured and come in contact with the friars who, at very least, led him to understand the concept of forgiveness? What if Squanto had held a grudge against the white man who took him from his home and denied him his teenage years? What if Squanto had said, "Serves them right. Let them die!"? The Pilgrims' story might have been vastly different! But God had an overarching plan, and Squanto was a part of that plan.

Squanto probably never understood that plan, certainly not his role in fulfilling the prophecy of Revelation 12. Yet years before, God was already preparing for the "fleeing church's" survival in the wilderness. We're reminded again of the classic statement, "In the annals of human history, the growth of nations, the rise

and fall of empires, appear as if dependent on the will and prowess of man; the shaping of events seems, to a great degree, to be determined by his power, ambitions, or caprice. But in the word of God the curtain is drawn aside, and we behold, above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions, the agencies of the all-merciful One, silently, patiently working out the counsels of His own will" (PK 499–500).

Governor William Bradford later wrote that Squanto was a "special instrument sent by God for the good beyond their expectation." Another historian described it this way: "He aided them with a friendship almost beyond understanding."

We may not always know the reason for our circumstances, but rest assured, God is in control and has a plan for your life! ■

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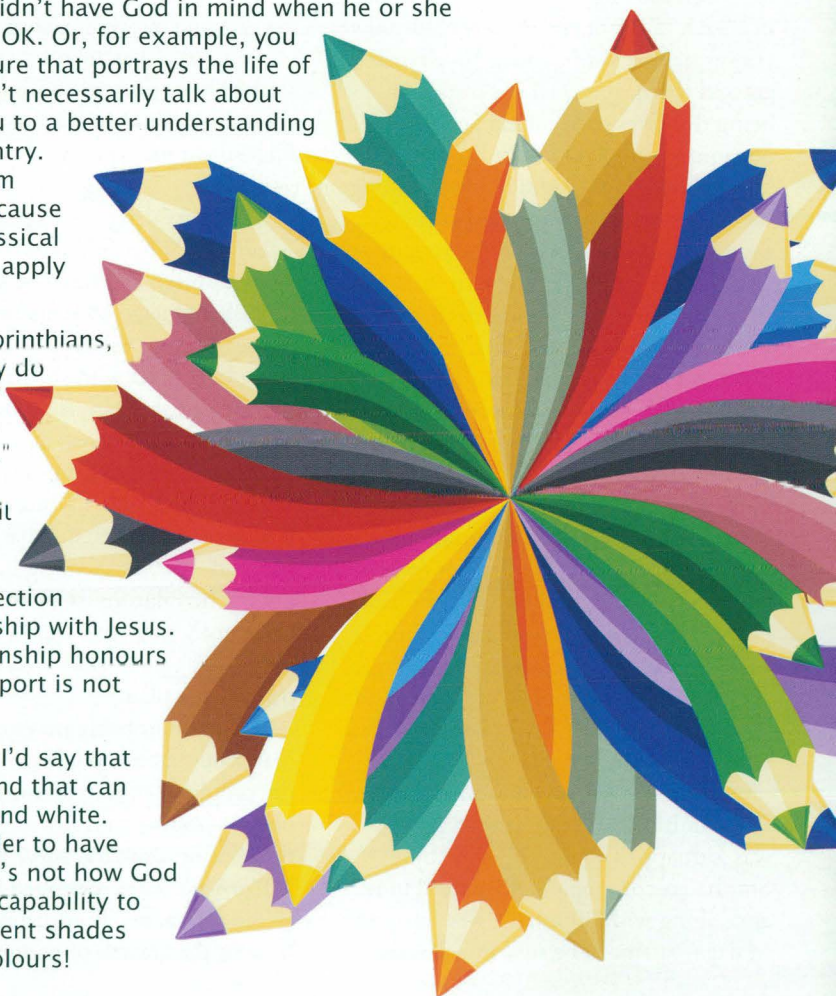
I've been trying to get rid of the grey areas in my life. For example, fictional literature that doesn't have content overtly contradictory to my values, like secular music with lyrics that are somewhat neutral, or classical and instrumental music. I'm curious if you have thoughts on this subject.

Two famous verses come to my mind right away: "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV) and "whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31b, NIV).

Paul doesn't say in Philippians that everyone must think about God, but "if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." So maybe you are listening to a piece of classical music by someone who didn't have God in mind when he or she composed it, and still be OK. Or, for example, you may read fictional literature that portrays the life of the first settlers. It doesn't necessarily talk about God, but it may bring you to a better understanding of the origins of our country. What about Cervantes? I'm using these examples because it seems that you like classical arts. But the same would apply to more modern media.

When he addressed the Corinthians, neither did Paul say, "only do things that are religious," but "whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Therefore, you can play hockey, let's say, even if it is not a religious activity! However, the way you play hockey will be a reflection of your personal relationship with Jesus. In other words, sportsmanship honours Jesus, even though that sport is not a religious activity.

Using your grey analogy, I'd say that God created us with a mind that can handle more than black and white. It would be definitely easier to have just two options, but that's not how God wired us. He gave us the capability to distinguish not just different shades of grey, but millions of colours!



Creation Corner for Kids

"Knowing God leads to self-control." 2 Peter 1:6
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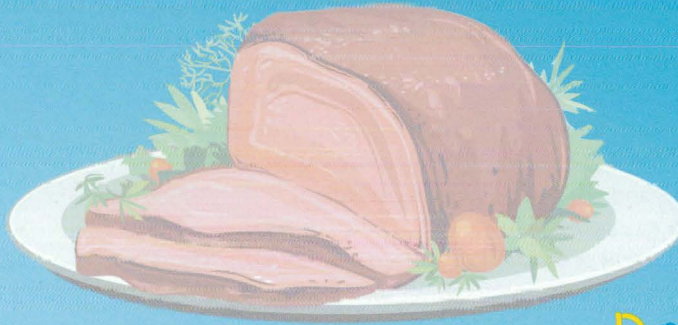
Polar Bear

Polar bears are starving across the Arctic. Scientists say that global warming is the reason. Unlike black bears and grizzly bears, whose diet is made up mostly of vegetables, polar bears eat meat. Their main food is the ringed seal, which they hunt on the ice. But because of changing ice conditions, the ringed seal has become very difficult for the polar bear to get. With ice forming later in the fall and melting earlier in the spring, the polar bear's hungry summer season is lasting longer. Also, the way ice freezes on the ocean seems to be changing. Not long ago, polar bears hunted seals in their dens under the snow. Now, seals are denning between layers of ice, making it harder for bears to hunt them.

Many people wish the bears would just change their diet and eat something else, like plants, lemmings or caribou. Scientists say that simply won't happen and many more bears will die.

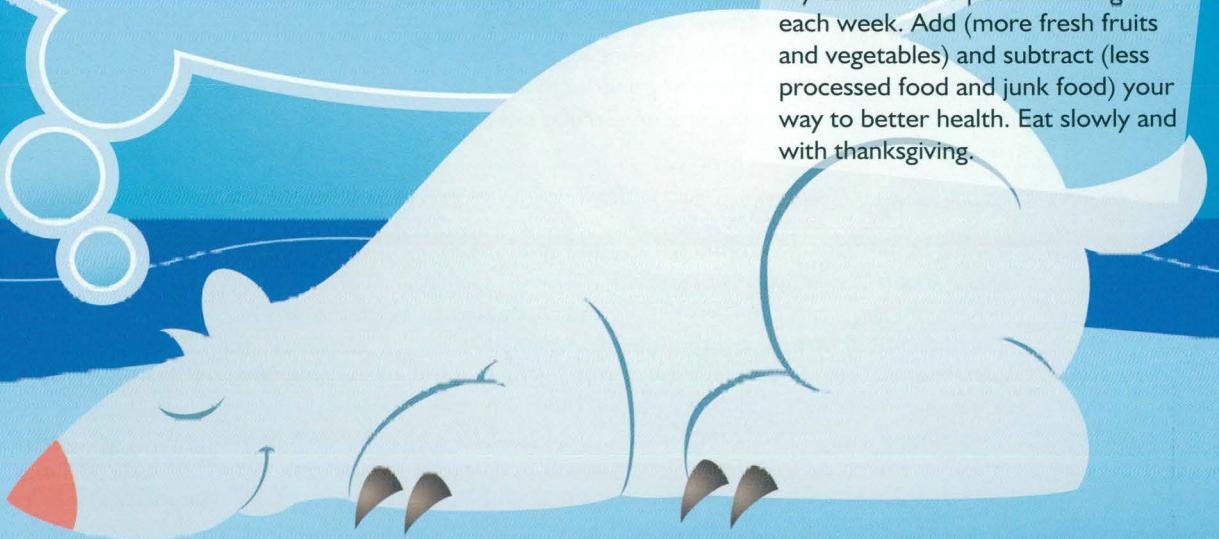
Think about it.

Polar bears are not able to change their diet. They can't choose. Sadly, though we have the freedom to choose the foods we eat, too often we make poor food choices. Those poor food choices often lead to heart disease, obesity, diabetes and many other diseases which cause a lot of suffering.



Do it.

Want to improve your eating habits? Try to make one positive change each week. Add (more fresh fruits and vegetables) and subtract (less processed food and junk food) your way to better health. Eat slowly and with thanksgiving.



—Tammie Burak has recently published a children's activity book called *Creatures of the Boreal Forest*, which is available as an ebook at www.creationactivitybook.com or from the Alberta Adventist Book Centre.



A Canned Jesus Fix

No sound came out of my slightly open mouth as I sat back in the comfortable theatre seat.

My eyes were wide open. My chest contracted. The movie finished and I silently walked to my car, completely oblivious to Toronto's freezing weather. Once inside, I couldn't even concentrate on turning the ignition key. I finally gave up, put my hands and forehead on the steering wheel and mourned bitterly.

Watching *The Passion of the Christ* by Mel Gibson was extremely difficult. The sacrifice of Jesus had been old news to me. Growing up seeing bloodless drawings of a crucified Jesus and watching movies where He was depicted as a mild-mannered—almost wimp—man didn't prepare me to see the hyper-realism of Gibson's film.

The blood, the beating, the mad crowd, the eyes of His mother, the music, the big screen—it all contributed to an intense and high spiritual experience. What I saw remained in my retina for weeks. I am a semi-regular movie goer and definitely enjoy watching movies, but after seeing *The Passion*, there was nothing appealing enough for me to go and watch for the longest time. The (realistic) image of a bleeding and forgiving Jesus was an effective repellent against any secular influence in my daily life.

<<<Fast-forward five years.>>>

Active in ministry, preaching, writing and speaking at youth events but completely drained on the inside. Giving advice, praying with countless people and encouraging hurting church members without being personally fed by Jesus was the perfect recipe for spiritual dehydration. I wasn't burned out, nor did I have any problems at work. I was simply dry.

With the moral support of my fellow youth pastors and a very understanding administrator, I booked a remote bed-and-breakfast and took some time off. For a couple of days, ducks, deer, birds and a cute creek accompanied me while I silently prayed, rested and read the Bible. What a beautiful experience. My soul was rejuvenated, not in a fancy or hyper way but in a

refreshing manner. My mind was at peace, and the connection with God seemed more fluid.

<<<January 2010>>>

I did it again. I got so busy doing church work that my time alone with God was inversely proportional to the items in my packed agenda. Something had to be done before I ran out of spiritual gas, and this time I didn't have enough time to go on a silent retreat. Then, I had a fantastic idea. A new laptop had just joined my gadget collection, and I wanted to buy a Blu-ray movie to test its performance. And there was a perfect movie: *The Passion of Christ*.

My goal was to recreate the experience I had in 2004. That would bring me back on track with Jesus. I brought the laptop to church and locked myself in the youth room, which is equipped with a big screen, projector and home theatre sound system. I turned the lights off and sat on the sofa. But it didn't work. The result didn't live up to the expectations. Yes, I had the clenched eyes and gritted lips reaction, but that's all. The canned Jesus fix didn't work.

What a disappointment. I honestly thought that having *The Passion* movie handy would help me. If I ever felt like I was running low on spiritual fuel, a quick Jesus fix would suffice. What a mummery. It's been a few weeks since then, and I don't feel disappointed anymore—I am completely embarrassed.

I insulted God. Jesus in a can. Subtle idolatry. By no means was it my intention to break the second commandment. But the truth is that my attention had been diverted to the movie itself, instead of Jesus. It was the movie that was going to give me a spiritual fix.

Two thousand years ago, the Pharisees had their spiritual cans too (the Torah and the Talmud) and missed the real Jesus. What about you? Do you have any Jesus cans at home? ■

Josue Sanchez is a youth pastor and a regular contributor to great magazines like Insight, Adventist Today and, best of all, the Messenger.

High-Tech Tithing

The internet is changing the way many people do their banking, shopping, bill payment and yes, even tithing and church donations.



I recently read that 75 years ago, approximately 95 percent of church offerings were given in cash and only five percent were given by cheque. Today, however, we are going through another “church giving” transition as more people use the Internet for their finances.

In 2007, the North American Division (NAD) introduced a system called “AdventistGiving,” which allows church members to return their tithe and offerings online by using their debit or credit cards.

A quote from the AdventistGiving website says, “Adventist-Giving allows you to return your tithe and give your offerings online while you do your online banking, are on a long business trip, on vacation, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness.”

Until recently, this system was available only in the United States, where, I am told, 643 churches have registered. However, the Canadian version of the NAD online giving system is now available and ready to be used for 2010.

For the months of November and December 2009, the Aldergrove Adventist church in the B.C. Conference was set up with the AdventistGiving platform as a test location for Canada.

I recently spoke to Eileen McGill, the Aldergrove Adventist church treasurer, and asked her what she thought about this new online giving system. She said, “From a treasurer’s point of view, it is the best way to go. It can save you some time

because you don’t have to do a bank deposit or collect tithe envelopes. It’s just easy.” Eileen told me that during the month of December, there were 44 people who used the online giving system, totaling just over \$124,000 received.

Connie Heitsman, a church member at the Aldergrove Adventist church had this to say: “Paying online is fast and easy and by far my favourite way to take care of returning my tithes and offerings. I am so glad we now have this option.”

I recently visited Aldergrove’s website, registered with the online giving platform and made a donation to their church. The entire process was very quick and easy to follow.

After I completed the donation transaction with my credit card, I was shown a thank-you page and given the option to print my own confirmation showing the donation. Also, an email was sent to my address with an attached copy of the confirmation.

For those who would like to use the online giving option but still want to put something into the offering bag on Saturday morning, you can print off the confirmation and put it in. To clarify, this is only a confirmation of your donation; you will still receive your official tax receipt at the end of the year.

I contacted John Ramsay, the treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, and asked him what is the process for churches to be able to offer this online giving as an option to their members.

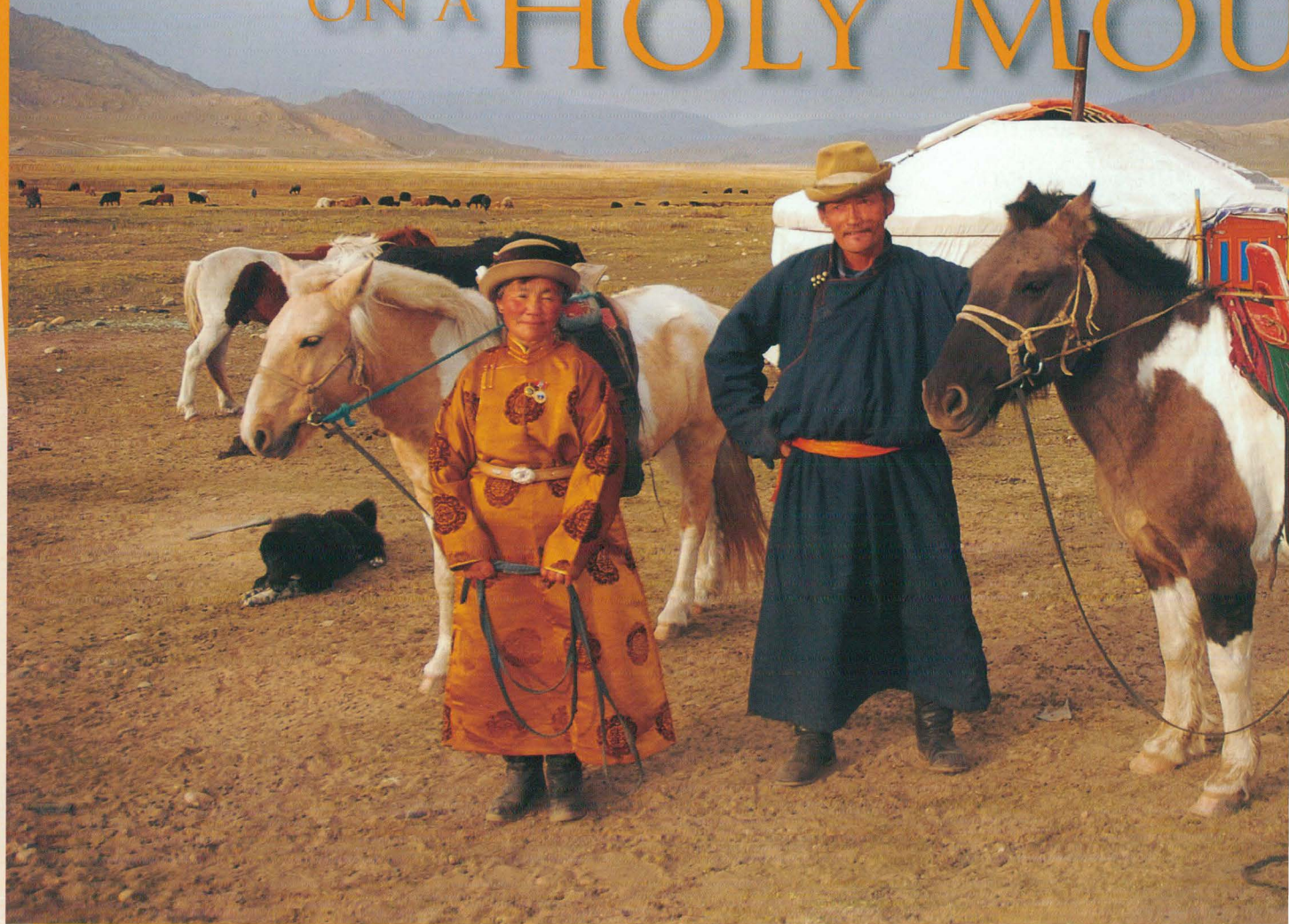
John said, “The local church treasurer can put their church name on a list (done online at the Adventistgiving.ca website) to register. The NAD requires that the conference treasurer give their approval before the church will be allowed to be registered.” He continued to say, “We are not trying to get everyone to use this system, but we recognize that many people don’t use cheques. It is just one more way of giving.”

Currently, the service is only available in English, but a French version may soon be in the works for the future. Also, only credit cards are being accepted for now. The electronic debit from bank accounts may happen in the future but is not available in Canada at this time.

If you would like more information about the AdventistGiving service, you can visit the website, www.adventistgiving.ca or call your local conference/church treasurer. ■

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FRIENDSHIP ON A HOLY MOUNTAIN



IT WAS SUMMER, AND THE SUN SET AT 11 P.M. OUT IN WESTERN MONGOLIA.

We were visiting eight soums (counties) to interview governors, herders and townsfolk on the best way to prepare for the next dzud (natural disaster) that will inevitably strike this province.

When we reached Tudevtei Soum, the three people we asked concurred: not only was there “no room in the inn,” but there was no inn in the soum. I asked my translator to find out if there

was any place for us to stay for two nights, and a phone call later, a woman vacated her home to make four beds available to us. In no time, the beds were covered in clean sheets and a steaming hot meal was served.

We awoke to a lovely, warm summer day and accepted the invitation of our hostess to go and meet her family, camped at the edge of a lake 18 kilometres from town. Arriving at the ger (yurt), we were warmly welcomed by her husband and three children, along with the neighbour children who came over to meet the shar luongs (yellow people).

The men of the five families camping together were saddling up their horses, as this was a “high day” in the province. In the provincial capital, nine new stupas were being dedicated; so, any act of worship on this day was thought to bring happiness and luck for the coming year. The men invited us to ride to their holy mountain to worship and pray with them.

There were two means of travel to get to the top of the mountain: horse or jeep. I chose to put Russian technology to the test instead of putting 100 kilograms onto a little Mongolian steed. It was about 15 kilometres to the top

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of the mountain, and on a Mongolian wooden saddle, I knew I would soon suffer from “half-crowns” on my posterior. I’m no coward—just scared of pain! We engaged 4x4 low gear and dug our fingernails into the seats as we ground our way up the holy mountain. We had to stop once to allow the cool wind to blow into the hissing radiator. The 12 horses stopped next to us as the riders, wearing their traditional dels, dismounted and scraped off the sweat with their intricately carved sweat boards.

Finally, we reached the crest of the mountain. What a view! We could see

mountains in all directions, and 36 lakes of varying size glistened on the plain below.

A large teepee-shaped owoo (sacred landmark) made of pine saplings was at the highest point. Each man approached the owoo with his bottle of milk, blue scarf and dried cheese, placed the milk on a flat stone in front of the owoo and tied his blue scarf to one of the pine saplings. Removing their hats, the men reverently knelt down as our host led in a monotone prayer. Taking their bottles of milk, they walked clockwise around the owoo, pouring and tossing milk into

the air and over the owoo. The cheese and clotted cream were placed on the flat stone in front of the owoo; the men walked around the owoo three times, throwing the milk on the sapling sticks as they circled; and each man took a few Togrug notes and pushed them into the saplings as an offering. Then they took turns prostrating themselves in front of the owoo. Putting the palms of their hands together in front of their faces, they knelt down, slid forward with their palms flat on the ground and touched their foreheads to the dirt. Next, they touched their foreheads on the flat stone at the base of the owoo, some giving it a kiss. One man served all with a piece of clotted cream, a bowl of freshly made yogurt was passed around for each to take a sip and everyone made one last trip around the owoo while throwing the rest of the milk onto the owoo sticks.

Suddenly, everyone seemed happy and relaxed. They had worshipped and could now look forward to a prosperous year, good rains and happiness. They thanked us for coming to see their act of worship and assured us that they were honoured to share it with us. We thanked them for allowing us to be a part of it. The men mounted their horses and did three more trips around the owoo before leaving.

The brakes burned hot as we slowly ground our way down the hill. A light shower of rain cooled the horses. Were the prayers for rain of these hard-working, honest and hospitable herders already being answered?

As we reached the settlement, we could hear the ladies singing and worshipping together in the ger. After a lovely meal, we drove away, having made some friends with whom we would love to spend eternity.

“You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They’ll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd.” John 10:16 (The Message) ■

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Gwen Bader understood that youth working in service for others was a win-win situation. Following her example and honouring her memory, the SDACC Youth Advisory Council and A Better World partnered to host our youth on a mission trip to Kenya.

Canadian Adventist Youth Creating a Better World in Kenya

We were standing in the grand ballroom of the Windsor Castle. With interest, I watched my group of young travelers take in the opulence of this beautiful and historical bastion of power. London was a stopover on our way to Kenya, and to fill the hours between flights, we toured Queen Elizabeth's weekend residence. As the group looked around in awe and wonder, I couldn't help but think about the contrasting worlds these travelers were going to experience over the next couple of weeks.

The main reason this trip to Kenya was organized by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) Youth Advisory Committee was to remember our friend, colleague and mentor Gwen Bader, youth director from the Man-Sask conference who lost her battle with cancer before she could realize her dream of working with Kenyan orphans. We partnered with A Better World Canada (ABW), a humanitarian agency based in Lacombe, Alberta, out of the College Heights church; they have lots of experience taking groups to Kenya and already had a project in place at an orphanage in memory of Gwen.

Several of the young people on this trip had traveled with Gwen on other mission trips. Aimée Pockett of Saskatoon was one of them. She said: "when I first discovered that someone was planning a trip to Africa in memory of Gwen Bader, I didn't hesitate. I didn't know how I was going to come up with the

money to go. But I was going. Gwen Bader was truly an incredible human being. Her heart did not belong to her but to the children of the world. She worked to the point of exhaustion every day to put a single smile on a child's face. Her whole life was devoted to helping people, and she taught me about strength and courage. I knew that I belonged on this trip and that it was my chance to give something back to Gwen for everything she has done for others. I knew how much her dreams meant to her and the children. I just had to find a way to get there." So, in mid-December, 22 young people, sponsors and three youth directors left their families and North American Christmas traditions behind to make a trip that would change their lives.

Our first destination in Kenya was the city of Nakuru, nestled beside the famous Lake Nakuru National Park, home to hundreds of thousands of flamingos. It is also where the two orphanages we were going to work in were located: East Africa Mission Orphanage (EAMO) and St. Ann's Baby Orphanage. When we first arrived at EAMO, they had 172 orphans; by the time we left, they were making arrangements to care for 10 more. EAMO was where we were going to fulfill the "mission" part of our trip. We were there to help finish a girls' dorm that was being built in memory of Gwen and then be there for the exciting grand opening on Christmas Day. But before it could open, the entire facility

needed to be primed and painted. And paint we did, room after room of bright, eye-popping colors. But oh, how hard it was to not get distracted by the swarms of sweet children, eager to hold our hands, show us their home or play with us!

We divided our days with painting in the morning, when it was cooler, and putting on a Vacation Bible School program in the afternoon. With great excitement, the children would gather for their special program. We taught them songs, told them stories about Jesus and then broke them up into a couple of groups for crafts. One of our travelers, Bronte Boucher, an artist from Nova Scotia, brought along all the art supplies needed to teach the children how to paint their self-portraits with water colours. How delighted the children were with the finished pictures of themselves.

We were blessed to have a very talented group of young people on this trip. Amber Smith from New Brunswick flew in from China, where she is currently teaching, and organized our VBS and Christmas programs; Beth Devoe from Prince Edward Island brought her experience as a young mother and her education in Psychology to support our programs as well. We also had very talented musicians: Jonathan Graca, an accomplished guitarist from Nova Scotia, played and sang with the children. He also gave impromptu guitar lessons. Leanne Grinde from Alberta brought along her violin and shared her musical



gift whenever possible.

The other orphanage we worked in was St. Ann's Baby Orphanage, an orphanage ABW has previously assisted. This orphanage currently houses 24 babies, ages two and three. Our work there was to assist the caregivers with the daily care of the children. A donor from ABW sent money to buy each of the babies a new pair of shoes. I will leave to your imagination the challenges that members of our group faced as they helped the shoe-store staff fit all 24 two- and three-year olds with new shoes. Cyril Millett, youth director for Ontario, described blocking the store's exit with one arm while holding and trying to calm a fussy baby with the other.

By day, we painted, held VBS programs, helped care for the babies at St. Ann's; in the evening, we organized the piles of donated clothing and toys into individual presents for the 174 orphans we were going to spend Christmas with.

Finally, the big day arrived. Christmas! It was organized chaos as we distributed the gifts to those beautiful children; but what excitement and what delight the Canadian group experienced as well! Matthew Timm from Nova Scotia said that "truly nothing compared to Christmas Day. The kids were so excited that it was worth being away from our families for the holidays just to share in their joy."

But the greatest gift was yet to come: the opening of the girls' dorm. We were privileged to have along on our trip Gwen's aunt Belinda Bader, and she was able to share during the opening program what a tremendous honour it was and what it would have meant to Gwen to have this building built in her memory. The girls had not been allowed to see the dorm in advance of the opening. As we waited at the front door, we could hear music in the distance, and around the corner came the singing girls, praising God for His blessings—it was a heavenly sound. I doubt there was a dry eye that day. As the girls toured their new dorm, I overheard one of them say with such happiness in her voice, "I think I am dreaming." They were moving from cramped old quarters into a spacious, bright and cheerful new home.

Hébert Valiamé, youth director from Québec, and Abiola Arthur, also from Québec, organized an a cappella group to sing to the girls as they toured their new home. They were so inspiring that the children of EAMO responded with an impromptu concert, and songs were shared back and forth between the Canadian group and the children from the orphanage. The finale was a joint song of praise and thanksgiving as voices from around the world joined Leanne on her violin in one great celestial choir.

Far too quickly, our time together in Nakuru came to an end. We had such an exciting week. We worked hard, but

we also played hard, too. There were several fun excursions with the orphans to the local game park, boating adventures on Lake Naivasha and even a shopping trip to the local supermarket, where the children were given 500ksh (\$7.50) to spend. Our group remarked afterwards how surprised they were that this small amount of money was spent so carefully and on such practical items! Then, there were games of bottle-cap checkers, ping-pong, and one of the highlights for Zachary Loxdale of Prince Edward Island was the Canada vs. Kenya soccer game played in the mud! Our final event together was the Sabbath service put on by our group; once again we shared our talents through music and children's story, and our sermon thought was given by Cyril Millett. DesiRae Dionne, a visually impaired young woman from Alberta, brought along a portion of her Braille Bible and, using her fingertips, gave the Scripture reading. It was a beautiful moment for us and the children.

With heavy hearts and many shared tears and hugs, we left behind the orphaned children of Nakuru. As we were driving away, Rachel Slaunwhite from Nova Scotia said, "it is so hard to leave the children at EAMO" (she is already planning and saving money for her return trip!).

The second phase of our trip was more relaxed. We were headed to the Masai Mara to enjoy a few safari days,

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with the hope of seeing all the incredible animals that Kenya is famous for. We were also privileged to spend time at Jacob's school, a Masai school that ABW has supported from the time it was originally held under a tree. It currently serves over 300 Masai children and now has several buildings, washrooms and even a water pump that serves the local Masai community. We were entertained by the colourful Masai children with singing and dancing. In return, we then presented a VBS program for them.

On our early morning and afternoon game drives, the often elusive and exotic animals were out on full display. We were privileged to see elephants, zebras, dozens of lions, giraffes, cheetahs, etc. The parade of animals was almost zoolike!

Finally we came to the end of our journey. And what a journey it was—physically, mentally and spiritually! We had covered thousands of kilometers together. But the physical distance traveled was nothing compared to the mental and spiritual journey that the group experienced. I know for a fact that the participants are returning home with a major shift in their worldview. The experiences they had and relationships they made will stay with them for the rest of their lives. It was during our trip to a Masai village that I remembered our tour of Windsor Castle, because once again I saw the look of awe and wonder on the faces of the travelers. But instead of grand halls and Tudor stone walls, there were mud and dung huts with thornbush enclosures; instead of priceless paintings, marble, crystal and gilded rooms, there were a mud floor, smoky fires and animal skins for sleeping; instead of finely dressed attendants, there were chickens, calves and goats running to and fro.

We plan these mission trips with the goal of making a difference in the lives of those we are going to help, and we do. But we also are personally impacted and changed as well. The phrase I heard from the young people over and over again was, "I am never going to complain



again." They had confronted the reality of what it means to "have not;" have no shoes, have no clean water, have no mothers and fathers. Tammy Vornbrock from Saskatoon said, "I loved the game drives, the Masai Mara, our worship sessions and the tours, but most of all I fell in love with the children. It was such a privilege to spend so much time with them and really develop relationships . . . The love that those kids have is so amazing considering the tragic circumstances many of them came through. I feel uplifted by them and my eyes opened. I feel inspired to be the person those kids saw me as, and it makes me want to do more."

I asked Eric Rajah, co-founder of ABW, to share his perspective on the benefits of taking young people on mission trips to places like Kenya. He said, "the future of making a better world lies with our young people. Getting them involved now impacts them as they make choices for their goals in life. And it is wonderful to see how young people can break the barriers of religion, culture and ethnicity and remind us how truly we are all connected."

James 1:27 says that part of a pure and undefiled religion is to visit and care for the orphans. A pure religion is a transforming religion, impacting the

orphans we come to serve but transforming us in the process. Our group discovered the joy of service; they discovered that the boundaries of "family" go beyond the borders of home, local church or even ethnic identity, and they discovered they have brothers and sisters in Christ a world away. The echoing refrains I heard from the members of the group were, "I left a piece of my heart behind." Katie Whitworth of Alberta stated emphatically, "I'll be back." Even the older members of our group were not immune to the impact of a trip like this. Horace Goodard and his wife Patricia Dennison, educators from Québec, talked about the change they felt. After his return, Horace shared what his co-workers observed in him; they said he "had a transformed look and an inner peace." Matthew Timm summed it up so simply: "I, along with all of us, have been changed by this experience, but it is only a small glimpse of what God has in store!" ■

Kelly Loxdale served as trip organizer and was formerly the volunteer youth director for the Maritime conference and Maritime representative on the SDACC Youth Advisory Council.

Photos: Julia Loxdale

Want to know more? Check out www.a-better-world.ca and www.eastafrikanmission.org

TORCH RELAY

THE OLYMPIC TORCH is one of the most significant symbols in the world of sport. It calls for countries to put aside their differences in a spirit of collaboration and peace. This year, the Canadian Torch Relay was an amazing demonstration of Olympic spirit. Travelling for 106 days over 45,000 kilometres across the country, the torch brought together communities and towns, neighbourhoods and cities in a celebration of Canadian unity and pride. Carried by 12,000 Canadians, the torch covered more distance than any torch in Olympic history. And many Adventists stepped out into public spaces all across the host province, British Columbia, to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.— JANUARY 30

The Prince George Nighthawks Pathfinder club supported their local torch relay festivities at the community centre. Pathfinders set up an attractive display where they gave away copies of the special Olympic edition of Insight Magazine, as well as Pathfinder brochures to young families looking for values-based programs for their children. Pathfinders also collected donations for ADRA Haiti. Organizers of the event were excited by the many meaningful conversations and personal contacts made during the evening.

TUMBLER RIDGE, B.C.—JANUARY 31

Excitement ran high in Tumbler Ridge as the crowd watched torchbearers emerge from the town hall. Adventists from Abbotsford, Prince George, Chetwynd and Terrace joined local Adventists to support and cheer on Rita Bryant, a 16-year-old First Nations Adventist torch bearer from Terrace, B.C.

Rita's story is full of beauty and hope. A year ago, Rita and her parents, Vi and Pete, along with two million other Canadians, applied to carry the torch during the relay. To qualify, each candidate had to write an essay on one of three topics relating to how they were personally caring for the environment, keeping healthy or supporting their community. Rita focussed on caring for creation, describing how she and her parents regularly pick up trash from the streets and pull bottles out of the lake out of respect for the environment.

The family was delighted when Rita's essay won her a spot as torch bearer in Terrace, B.C.! But when the family realized the date for the relay was a Sabbath, they wrote to the Torch Relay organizers and explained that Rita could not accept the honour because Saturday was her

Sabbath. Disappointed, the family believed Rita's torch opportunity was gone. But within days they received a letter stating that the organizing committee would offer her another date and location for her assignment. So, Sunday, January 31, found the Bryant family eight hours away in Tumbler Ridge, living the dream of a lifetime. An organizer of the Torch Relay stated that Rita represented the genuine spirit of the Olympics and that it truly was "the people's torch."

HOPE, B.C.—FEBRUARY 7

More than 100 Adventists from Hope and the Lower Mainland, along with First Nations neighbours of Camp Hope, participated in the Hope Torch Relay Parade. Adventists and friends carried flags of the countries participating in the 2010 games down the main street. More Than Gold (represented by Adventists and the Salvation Army) served more than 500 cups of hot chocolate to the happy crowds.

ALDERGROVE, B.C.—FEBRUARY 8

As the torch passed through Aldergrove, members of the local church, along with students from Fraser Valley Adventist Academy, welcomed the torch with the same flags. Aldergrove members wore their red "knit with love" Adventist gift scarves (their church knit more than 400). Onlookers lining the streets celebrated the parade of nations with enthusiastic cheers of appreciation and thanked the students for providing the beautiful pageantry.

BURNABY, B.C.—FEB 11

Burnaby Creekside Church and students from Deer Lake Adventist School celebrated the arrival of the torch to Burnaby by displaying the 100 national flags. Students felt proud that their school, waving flags of support, could be a part of the local celebrations.

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay has provided simple and effective ways for churches and schools to connect with their communities. By stepping out into public spaces and supporting their towns and cities, Adventists have represented the true Olympic spirit of collaboration and peace! And they've demonstrated in a colourful way that Adventists love and support their communities. ■

Gaileen Woytko is the Seventh-day Adventist denominational representative with the More Than Gold network.

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Ontario

Mount Olive Hummingbirds

Bridget Phillip, Pathfinder director of the Mount Olive church, presented yet another opportunity for pathfinders of that congregation to participate, reflect and celebrate. Saturday, November 28, 2009, was the annual investiture service. Visitors from nearby churches came to join in the celebration.

The investiture service took place during the usual Sabbath School hours. The Toronto West Drum Core played as the pathfinders marched in accompanied by the adventurers. The counselors gave a brief summary of the ministry, including its activities and involvement. The congregation had the opportunity to see highlights from the Pathfinder camporee trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Pamela Boland Smith, district coordinator, read the charges to the 11 pathfinders who were invested. She commended them for their hard work



and commitment and commended the parents and counselors for their support. She further encouraged former pathfinders to continue to support the ministry.

Among the other participants, Amara Gill, Shanice Gayle, Joshua Johnson and Nigel Phillip were recognized for their dedication as Pathfinders of the Year. ■

—V. Lyttle, church communications secretary

Alberta

Peers Company Bible Workers

Egbert and Keishauni George have been energetic, dedicated Bible workers for the Peers company for the past nine months. As a team, they blanketed the town of Peers and surrounding areas with literature, prayed with people in their homes, broke down barriers of ignorance about what Seventh-day Adventist believe, conducted Bible studies, saw one of their contacts baptized and her baby dedicated, and brought life to our little church.

With the help of their ministry, the church conducted a kids' club, a five-day plan to stop smoking and a health seminar with Darlene Blaney. In addition, our church has now committed to a monthly ministry for a seniors lodge.

Not bad for only nine months of working in the area! With sadness, Peers company members bid farewell to the Georges and wish them well in their new post in Whitecourt. ■



PAA's "Good-for-Nothing" Teenagers



"Good-for-nothing teenagers."

As someone who has worked with teenagers for the past decade, I have seen that phrase on many faces, if not actually heard the sentiment. And at times, I share their frustration. Sometimes, teens are not interested in what I think is important. It seems no matter what I say, they don't respond.

But if there's one thing high school students respond well to, it's a cause. I have seen teens respond to major global events with prayer, fundraising for charitable organizations, and even travelling to emergencies to help with relief. Show a teen a good cause, and they will respond with amazing energy and perseverance.

Part of our mission at Parkview Adventist Academy is to help our students see purpose even in less dramatic events and opportunities. Whether they help deliver food to seniors with the Meals-on-Wheels program or help clean the shoreline of a local lake, they find that they are needed and are valuable to the community, now. This past fall, PAA received an invitation from Kevin Kiers, youth director for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, to help with some renovations at Camp Whitesand.

Seventeen students and staff kicked off the school year by traveling to Whitesand to help Mr. Kiers and his staff begin renovations on five cabins and continue work started on the youth pavilion. Though most of our students had little construction experience, they made up for it with enthusiasm. I was surprised at how quickly they were able to strip siding, soffit and fascia from the cabins. I was less surprised by how much they enjoyed doing it; sanctioned demolition is good for the teenage soul. Unfortunately, our time ran out before we finished the job on the five cabins we worked on. We replaced the soffit and fascia and applied house wrap to protect the cabins through the winter, but were unable to put up the new siding.

"Let's come back next spring and finish this," someone suggested, and everyone agreed. So, Mr. Kiers and I have made arrangements to bring PAA students back to Whitesand in April to finish the exteriors of the cabins we started. I would like to note that the students insisted on coming back to finish the job (even though much of the work was less than pleasant). I believe that, like the rest of us, our students are glad to volunteer as long as they see that what they are doing has worth and helps a greater purpose.

So, next month, rain or shine (or snow), there will be teenagers choosing to spend part of their spring break helping others.

Remember this the next time you hear someone grump about the state of teenagers today. ■

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British Columbia

FVAA Inukshuk

To celebrate the coming of the Winter Olympics to Vancouver in February 2010, Fraser Valley Adventist Academy's (FVAA) K-12 students and staff members lined up on their playing field in the form of an Inukshuk, with people in each section dressed in one of the colours of the Olympic Inukshuk icon. A helicopter hovered overhead, manned with two photographers taking pictures of the approximately 250 people taking part in this activity. FVAA's Inukshuk is approximately 20 metres high. Neither the snowflakes nor the chill in the air deterred this determined group of Olympic fans from their goal of creating a unique image of an Inukshuk.

An Inukshuk is a stone structure sometimes resembling a person. It was used by the Inuit for navigation, communication and survival on the vast Arctic landscape. The traditional meaning of the word "Inukshuk" is "Someone was here" or "You are on the right path."



An ad for a contest from a local newspaper caught the eye of one FVAA staff member who had already been looking for ways to spark an interest and generate enthusiasm for the Olympics in our students. The contest's challenge was to create a unique Inukshuk using the resource of your choice. We chose to use people. Within a few short days of the inception of the idea, the project was complete.

Just as the Inukshuk comforts and guides travelers on their journey, we are secure and safe serving a God who has laid out a path for us. Psalm 30:21 says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Here at FVAA, we are committed to following the kind, loving God that has so graciously and generously given our lives meaning and direction. ■

—Karen Wallace, principal, FVAA

SDA Church in Canada

Report from Treasury

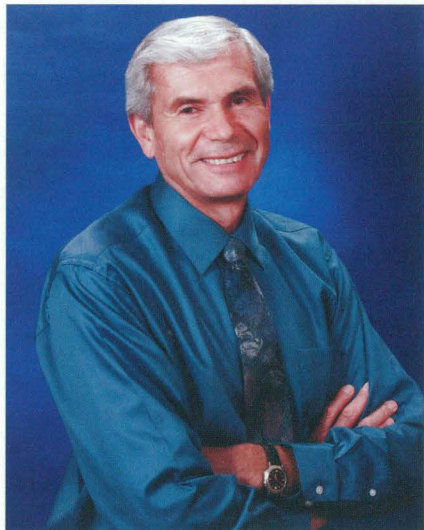
Canadian Adventists donated just more than \$107 million to the church during 2009 through the official church remittance system. (Any donations made directly to supporting ministries would be in addition to that figure.) We want to give our heavenly Father sincere thanks for blessing our 60,825 Canadian members. We continue to be encouraged by our faithful church members who regularly return their tithes and offerings for the support of the Adventist gospel work in spite of the earthly attractions that clamour for their cash. They are demonstrating by their giving that they agree with the apostle

	2008	2009	'08 TO '09 CHANGE
TITHE	\$60,979,289	\$62,142,998	1.9%
MISSION OFFERINGS	\$2,599,903	\$2,673,208	2.8%
SDACC OFFERINGS	\$1,529,455	\$1,277,447	-16.5%
CONFERENCE OFFERINGS	\$3,767,730	\$3,437,139	-8.8%
LOCAL CHURCH OFFERINGS	\$35,321,185	\$37,889,341	7.3%
TOTALS	\$104,197,562	\$107,420,133	3.1%

Paul when he said "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV. ■

—John Ramsay, vice-president for finance, SDACC

New Native Ministries Coordinator and Evangelist Appointed



At the year-end meetings in November 2009, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada board of directors voted to establish a Native Ministries Coordinator and Evangelist position to help meet the needs of First Nations Adventists across Canada. Ed Dunn has been appointed to this position and will begin in June 2010.

This position has been developed to coordinate and develop Native ministries across Canada. SDACC president, Dan

Jackson, commented, "There is a strong ministry in the West, but it is not as strong in the East. We want to see Native Ministries planted and strengthened across Canada." The development of this position involved a long period of discussion and is a cooperative effort on the part of the conferences and the union.

Ed Dunn, a member of the Mississauga Band near Blind River, Ont., and of Ojibway heritage, looks forward to fresh challenges in this new position. He is presently the vice-president of the Alaska conference. Previously, he has volunteered with Native Ministries in Canada and has served as the pastor of the church in Kelowna, B.C. He has also co-hosted the "Native New Health" DVD series with Gina Guiboche.

There may be struggles ahead in this ministry. Dunn states, "It will be demanding to try to adequately respond to the requests for service in such a vast country. Another challenge may be to train and provide leadership as we expand into more Native communities." Despite this, though, Dunn is not daunted.

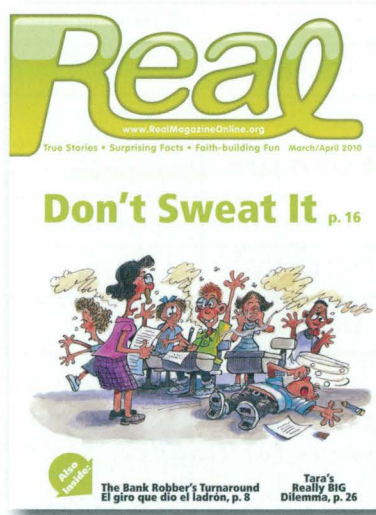
Although there may be difficulties, Dunn also acknowledges the great

things that are already happening across Canada: "Mamawi Atosketan Native school, near Ponoka, Alta., is a great blessing and success story. The dedicated staff is serious about their ministry as they train students to be honourable citizens of their community and future leaders for the Adventist Native work in Canada." He adds that "The Six Nations Seventh-day Adventist church near Hamilton, Ont., is another success in the sense that the committed members have maintained an Adventist presence on that reserve for over one hundred years; that church is one of the oldest Adventist churches in Canada."

Enthusiastic to work through the challenges and enhance the programs already in place, Dunn brings experience and vision to this new position. His goal is "to see many more Native people gathering together for singing, Bible study and worship in more reserves and cities across Canada. The challenges are great, but the opportunities are greater. As we work together with our God of the impossible, He will see to the success of His work." ■

North American Division

Real Magazine Arrives in Homes of Unchurched Children



The first issue of *Real* magazine was mailed to more than 3,000 children in January, taking Christ-centered content into the homes of unchurched children across North America.

"This new outreach publication has been in the works for two years, and we've been dreaming of it for much longer," said Randy Fishell, editor of *Real*. "It's exciting to see the magazine getting into the hands of thousands of young people."

Real was developed by the editors of *Guide*, the Seventh-day Adventist publication for juniors and earliteens. Published bimonthly, *Real* contains true

stories, puzzles, fun facts, Bible studies, and other spiritually uplifting content that appeals to young readers. The magazine encourages children to begin a saving friendship with Jesus and challenges them to live for Him.

Do you know a child who needs to receive *Real* magazine? Sign them up for a free subscription at www.ShareReal.org, or mail the child's name and address, along with your name and address, to *Real* Magazine, 55 West Oak Ridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. You can also donate to the *Real* magazine ministry through the Web site or by mail. ■

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KC Alumni Weekend—May 7–9, 2010. Kingsway College cordially invites all alumni and their families and friends to join us to renew friendships and share memories on our annual alumni weekend May 7–9, 2010. Below, you will find the honoured classes for this coming alumni. See you there! www.kingswaycollege.on.ca. Honoured classes: 2000, 1990, 1985, 1980, 1970, 1960, 1950, 1940. For more information, please contact Jason Perkins: cpesperkins@yahoo.com. Other

honoured class: 1975. For more information, please contact Betty Bayer: bbayer@sdacc.org or Liz Horniachek: liz.horniachek@adra.ca.

■ **New Members**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Matt Anderson, David and Jacqueline Hayes and Christopher and Kimberley Unfrau were baptized in Salmon Arm, B.C., on Dec. 5, 2009, by Victor Gill. They are now members of the Salmon Arm church.

Michael Fisher and John and Donna Plough were baptized in Aldergrove, B.C., on Dec. 19, 2009. Michael was baptized by Derek Richter, with whom he had studied; John and Donna were baptized by David Jamieson, with whom they had studied. They are all now members of the Aldergrove church.

Richard and Claudia Unfrau and Mary and Baxter Winsor joined the church by profession of faith in Salmon Arm, B.C., on Dec. 5, 2009. They are now members of the Salmon Arm church.

ALBERTA

Kim Gustafson was baptized in Lacombe, Alta., on Dec. 5, 2009, by Ron Henderson after attending Verne Snow's evangelistic series. Kim is now a member of the Lacombe Community church.

Nadine McKenzie and Perry Rhine were baptized in Lacombe, Alta., on Dec. 1, 2009, by Ron Henderson after attending Verne Snow's evangelistic series. They are now members of the Lacombe Community church.

Mildred Neufeld, Effie Bullis and Keith Marshall were baptized in Lacombe, Alta., on Dec. 12, 2009, by Ron Henderson after attending Verne Snow's evangelistic series. They are now members of the Lacombe Community church.

Irene Rosler joined the church by profession of faith in Lacombe, Alta., on Dec. 7, 2009, after attending Verne Snow's evangelistic series. Irene is now a member of the Lacombe Community church.

Marlin Yaceyko was baptized in Lacombe, Alta., on Dec. 26, 2009, by Steve Yaceyko after attending Verne Snow's evangelistic series. Marline is now a member of the Lacombe Community church.

MANITOBA

Patricia Fehr and Yeanoh Thomas were baptized in Winnipeg, Man., on Nov. 21, 2009, by Tony Budzick.

They are now members of the Mountain-Andrews All-Nations church.

■ **Births**

Sébastien Christopher Jean-Pierre was born Dec. 8, 2009, to Crystal and Woody Jean-Pierre of Langley, B.C.

Jessica Marie St. Germain was born Nov. 2, 2009, to Katie and Paul St. Germain of Buchanan, Sask.

Natalie Saralin Sullivan was born July 28, 2009, to Janelle (Steinke) and Brian Sullivan of Millet, Alta.

■ **Weddings**

Stephanie Ann Stewart and Glenn Roland Belz were married on Nov. 29, 2009, in Toronto, Ont. They are making their home in Houston, Tex. Stephanie is the daughter of Robert and Camelita Stewart of Toronto, and Glenn is the son of Rolf and Birgitta Coffey-Belz of San Jose, Calif.

■ **Anniversaries**

Mary and Louis Nischuk of Canora, Sask., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2009, and their festivities were held on the July 18, 2009 weekend. Mary and Louis have five children: Jeanette (Peter) Lewis of Calgary, Alta.; Grace



(deceased in 2007) (Harvey) Deer of Yorkton, Sask.; Leighton (Joanne) of Lacombe, Alta.; Lornen (Glenda) of Yorkton; and Betty (Gary) Schmidt of Maple Creek, Sask. They have 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

■ **Obituaries**

Ruth (née Griek) Aab was born Jan. 1, 1932, in Fox Valley, Sask., and died July 26, 2009, in St. Albert,

Alta. Ruth served in the children's and adults' Sabbath schools and multiple social and fundraising positions. She is predeceased by her husband, Herbert, and her brothers, Elsworth and Samuel. Surviving: daughters, Linda (Bill) Pendebras and Donna (Richard Gendron) Aab, both of Edmonton, Alta., and Lucille (John) Ramsay of Courtice, Ont.; sister, Marie (Bert) Jones of Sedgewick, Alta.; sister-in-law, Jackie Griek; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lorraine (née Andrews) Gerber was born Jan. 23, 1937, in Rest Haven, B.C., and died Oct. 5, 2009, in Langley, B.C. She is predeceased by her mother, Esther; brother, Marshall; and stepsister Judith Mathews. Surviving: husband, Henry; daughters, Sherry and Heather, both of Surrey, B.C.; parents, Ted and Pat Andrews; stepbrother, Gary Thorne of Surrey; sisters, Sherril (Fred) Paliniuk of Yakima, Wash., and Shirley (Bob) Smith of Montrose, Col.; and step-sister Jill Rhynard of Vernon, B.C.

Lewis (Louie) Johnson was born May 20, 1932, in Ashton Hall, St. Peter, Barbados, and died Dec. 21, 2009, in Scarborough, Ont. Surviving: wife, Nancy; sons, Brendan (Connie) and Derwin; stepson, Ryan (Kathleen) Danaher; daughter, Jenny; brothers, Fred (Sheila), Lester and Sherwin (Marcelline); sisters, Ervine Johnson, Gwen Johnson, Doriel Cox and Caroline (Courtney) Martindale; and four grandchildren.

Lucien Latour was born July 11, 1929, in Montreal, Que., and died Nov. 26, 2009, in Oshawa, Ont. Lucien worked for College Woodwork in Oshawa, Ont. Surviving: wife, Dorothy; sons, Robert and Raymond; daughters, Denise, Joanne, Jeanette and Sharon; stepbrother, Pierre Latour; stepsister, Perette Lecavalier; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Leonie Martha Miller was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Apolda, Germany, and died Jan. 4, 2010, in Abbotsford, B.C. Leonie was Dean of Women at Oshawa Missionary College and also served as Sabbath school teacher and participant in the Acts of Kindness program in the Aldergrove church. She is predeceased by her brother Horst Herman and her sister, Joanne Oliver. Surviving: husband, Lloyd; son, Thomas (Pam) of San Luis, Calif.; daughter, Judith of Orcas Island, Wash.; brother John of Alberta; and one grandchild.

Russel Routley was born April 13, 1926, in Biggar, Sask., and died Dec. 30, 2009, in Mission, B.C.

Russel worked as literature evangelist in Saskatchewan and B.C. and also served as head deacon in Williams Lake, B.C. Surviving: wife, Pat; son, Dan (Bonnie Roller) of Williams Lake, B.C.; daughters, Lisa (Arlo) Stevens of Abbotsford, B.C., and Barb (Craig Cromie) Stangoe of Coquitlam, B.C.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ronald Hayato Ui was born July 27, 1958, in Vancouver, B.C., and died Dec. 25, 2009, in Vancouver. He is predeceased by his mother, Fumiko. Surviving: wife, Sarine of Langley, B.C.; sons, Michael, Randy and Ryan of Langley; father, Takashi of White Rock, B.C.; and sisters, Keiko Anderson of Burnaby, B.C., and Jayne (Alonzo) Young of Blaine, Wash.

Anne (née Klassen) Wall was born March 9, 1927, in Morden, Man., and died Oct. 21, 2009, in Morden. Anne served as church organist and pianist. She is predeceased by her husband, Abram; brothers, Jake, John and Peter; sisters, Mary Wolfe, Susan Klassen, Margaret Lidstone and Elizabeth Wiens. Surviving: sons, Bob (Cheryl) of Selkirk, Man., and John of Winnipeg, Man.; sister, Sara Wiebe of Brandon, Man.; and three grandchildren.

Laurie Ann Yuros was born Nov. 7, 1957, in Edmonton, Alta., and died Nov. 18, 2009, in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: parents, Bill and Jean Yuros; and brother, Dale Yuros.

■ Tributes

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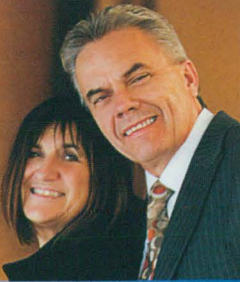


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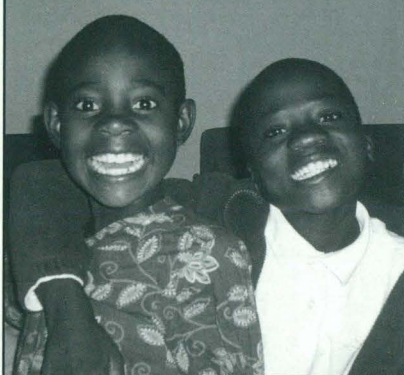
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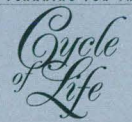
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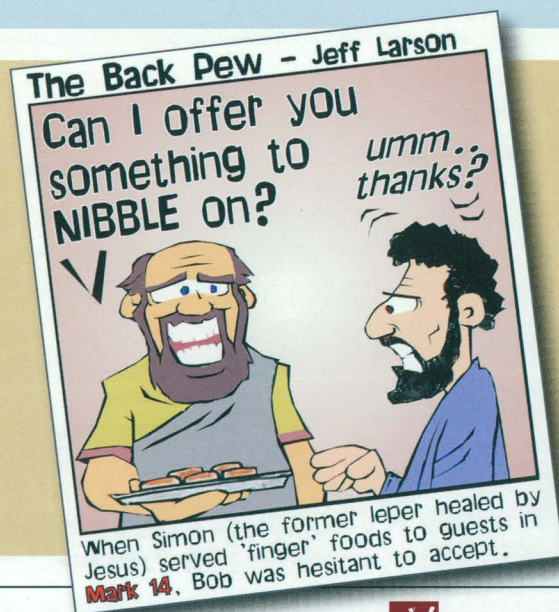


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