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Do You Prefer People or Plastic?

When I was in Africa, one of the Masai people told me a tale of why his tribe customarily wears red. I don't know if it is true or if it is a story reserved for particularly gullible tourists, but its verity matters little to my point. According to my friend, many years ago his tribesmen always wore white so they would be visible as they herded their cattle across the golden African savannah. When the British arrived, however, and determined to enslave or be rid of the 'savages,' the Masai people quickly discovered that their red blood on white cloth was a signal to the Brits that they'd wounded their enemy, and a relentless pursuit would follow, often ending in the murder of entire family groups and villages. They switched to wearing red as a means of hiding their wounds.

What seems like wisdom when it comes to Masai dress, however, is too often the undoing of the rest of society. Hiding wounds may be appropriate in times of war, but otherwise, letting them show, being honest about your hurt, often takes more courage and is the best path to healing. Besides, it's real. People bleed.

One of the saddest stories of our time is that of pop icon Britney Spears. Famous from a very young age, she watched the media frenzy around her grow increasingly out of control as she became a teenager and then a young woman. As it seems to do, fame brought heartache to Spears. Her life became an unmitigated mess and stayed that way for years. In 2007, in the midst of her second divorce and custody battle for her two children, following the death of her beloved aunt, addicted to who-knows-what substances and under the constant watch of brutal paparazzi, Spears walked into a California hair salon, grabbed a pair of electric clippers and, as if in a trance, shaved her head. For those who cared to hear it, her cry for help was deafening. I had given little thought to the star until that point, but suddenly I felt for her. I had never met her, but suddenly I liked her. Why? She dared to let her wounds show. I think I was alone in my reaction, however. In the months and years that followed, she was the butt of many jokes and her career nosedived.

One of my favourite songs talks about "happy plastic people under shiny plastic steeples." Why do some like it when people "build walls around their weakness?" I like to know that I'm surrounded by people, who, like me, have hurts and struggles, whose humanity sometimes bleeds through their clean white clothes. The question of people or plastic is one we as a Church need to face if we stand any chance of touching those around us who seek a safe place to heal. Which do you prefer? ■

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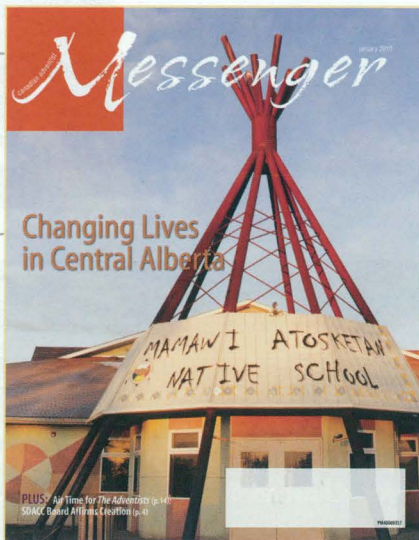


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Your Words

“...the *Messenger* is more than just a church news report.”

Please pass on my gratitude to Mr. Sanchez for his article; it has made a difference in my life and outlook as well!

—G. Stansal, via email

Re: “Mamawi Atosketan’ Means Working Together,” cover story, January 2010

Excellent article in the January *Messenger*! You did a fine job in expressing and reporting your experience there. Our church is very blessed to have the school which is an important outreach of Christ’s peace and safety to our Native Indian peoples. Julie and the staff are doing an excellent heart work. We are also blessed to have Pastor Peter Ford in the area, leading in the building of another safe place (sanctuary) in the community, an Adventist church/community centre.

My wife, Linda, and I have just retired from pastoring the Gwa’sala-’Nakwaxda’xw Seventh-day Adventist Church in Port Hardy, British Columbia. We came here 18 years ago and have been blessed in becoming a part of the community. We continue to reside here with our people.

Thank you for your work.

—D. and L. Felkley,
Port Hardy, B. C.

Re: misc

I want to put into words what I have

been thinking for some time: the *Messenger* is more than just a church news report. Its articles “stretch” me spiritually and give me a renewed passion to share Jesus in my corner of the world. I look forward to each issue’s editorials and Dan Jackson’s “President’s Perspective”.

I love how you have made the magazine relevant to our teens and children with “Teen Talk” and “Creation Corner.” I appreciate every category: Healthy Living, the devotionals, Outreach, etc.

I find the *Messenger*’s layout to be vibrant and attractive; each page pulls ones’ eyes down through the articles, and the art and photography are so fresh. Every single page shows attention to detail. In short, I consider this to be a top-notch magazine, and (though I do plan to go “paperless” by ordering the *Messenger* online from now on), I confess that I always find it difficult to discard the *Messenger* for several months after absorbing every article—it’s just too pretty!

So thank you, Crystal, and Joan and Lori for making the *Messenger* an excellent magazine! You have made our Canadian church news journal into a beautiful and effective witnessing tool!

—S. Tetz, via email

Re: “The Challenge of Change,” editorial, November 2009

We have not met, but I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed your article, “The Challenge of Change.” I found it thought provoking and very well written.

—R. Graham, president, Pacific Union Conference of SDAs

Re: “The Goosebumps Myth,” January 2010

I do so appreciate receiving the *Messenger* each month. I want to express my admiration for the way it now looks, not only in format but in content also. Especially noteworthy and appreciated by me was the article by Joshue Sanchez concerning what he so aptly called “the seven-days gladventists.” The good advice he gives in that article will no doubt help untold many who I can see will benefit from the wise and sound advice that followed that article’s introduction.

What we need most, I have always felt during my own Christian development and growth, is a practical approach—one which directly addresses the issues as perceived by the sufferer, not as they may be perceived by the well-intended help giver. This, I believe, mirrors the approach of the Saviour of humankind in His tactful, kind, and yet useful offerings of advice and comfort to any and all who sought His help.

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Just a Foot and a Half on a Pew

We may differ from each other in terms of ethnicity, gender, size, age and economics, but all of us take up just about a foot and a half on a pew.

Many years ago now, I was the pastor of the Rutland church in Kelowna, British Columbia. The congregation there was supportive, kind and a genuine blessing to our family. I learned many lessons at that sacred spot. One of them came in the most unusual way.

I became pastor of that congregation just as they were renovating their church building. One evening while we were carrying new pews into the church, I became curious about the seating capacity of the renovated sanctuary. I approached the pew-builder and asked, "How many people will be able to sit on each pew?" His response was terse: "A foot and a half per person!" When I repeated the question, he responded in the same way.

I went home that evening and pondered the statement in a way that the builder would not have intended. For while I had used his measurements in order to calculate the seating capacity of the renovated church, I began to think about those measurements in terms of the impact that each member should have in the life of the church. I thought about the truth that each person does, in fact, take up approximately a foot and a half on a pew. We may vary from each other by a few inches, but basically we are all very similar. And that is how the church needs to think about itself. We are all equal. We may differ from each other in terms of ethnicity, gender, size, age and economics, but all of us take up just about a foot and a half on a pew.

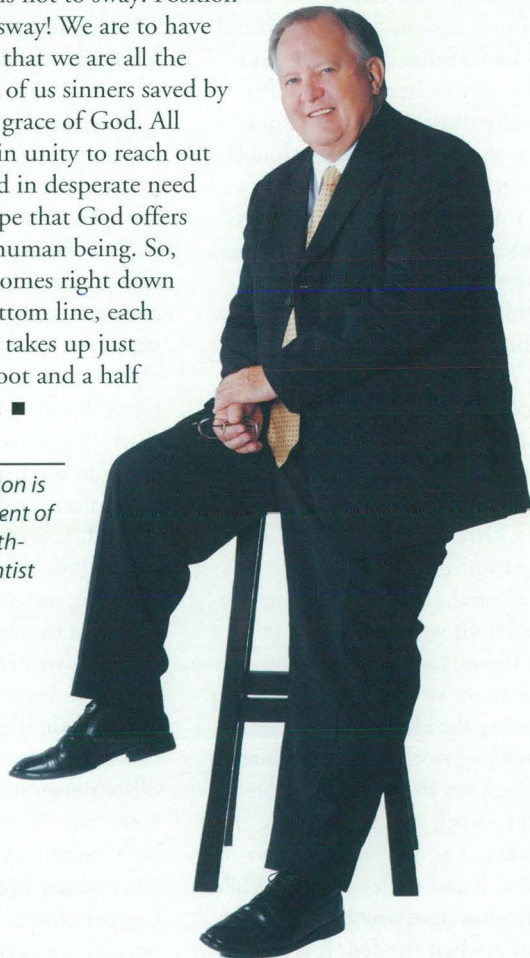
One of the fundamental teachings of the Scriptures is that God made all men equal. As a matter of fact, the Apostle Paul moves beyond this statement when he challenges Christians not to make distinctions on any of the aforementioned bases. He simply states: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27, 28, NKJV).

It is a temptation within the experience of individuals and within the life experience of the church to give pre-eminence to some individuals or groups over others. The power of wealth, the power of prestige or the

influence of raw power often impresses us to such an extent that we become willing to marginalize those whom we consider of lesser status or to disadvantage those we want to move to a lower status. We find it strangely convenient to be silent as the disadvantaged are weakened, but capable of finding our voice to defend the privileged. Paul says that it shouldn't be like that. We are all one in Christ. What does this mean?

The church is a commonwealth of believers drawn together by the mercy and grace of God. Ultimately, that means that the wealthy, the powerful and the poor are all the same and should have the same voice in the decisions of the church. Money is not to sway! Privilege is not to sway! Position is not to sway! We are to have the sense that we are all the same. All of us sinners saved by the good grace of God. All working in unity to reach out to a world in desperate need of the hope that God offers to every human being. So, when it comes right down to the bottom line, each one of us takes up just about a foot and a half on a pew. ■

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



Gospel Outreach

An Adventure in Missions

Q What is the 10-40 Window?



A The term refers to an area of Planet Earth that lies between 10 degrees north latitude and 40 degrees north latitude—the northern half of Africa, the Middle East, India, China, Thailand and the Philippines. Sixty percent of the earth's population lives here, and 95 per cent of them are non-Christian. The 40 poorest countries of the world are inside its perimeter. All Christian organizations combined spend just 10 per cent of their evangelism budgets within this most severely needy area of the world!

In Niger, West Africa, Tony was working with a small bible study group when he met 20-year-old Nafissa. Somehow, in this country that is more than 90% muslim, she had heard Tony, an Adventist evangelist, on the radio and wanted to know more of what he had to teach. In spite of her desire, Nafissa behaved badly during studies. At one point, when she caused so much trouble that the meeting could not possibly continue, Tony recognized that she was demon possessed and led prayers on her behalf until she calmed down. When the same thing happened at the next meeting, the group gathered around and laid hands on her while Tony prayed. All reported that there was the strong sense of a presence in the room when the demon left Nafissa, never to return.

Tony is one of 2000 workers supported by Gospel Outreach International, a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, that operates mainly within the 10-40 window. Since its beginning 16 years ago, Gospel Outreach has done missions work differently. Rather than following the church's traditional model of sending workers into the foreign field, it recognizes that those who are best suited to work within a culture are those who live it and breathe it, who were raised in it and understand it. While the organization does provide training and guidance when needed, it is mostly a fundraising organization, asking those

who can to financially support those within the mission field to work amongst their own people. The overall cost is approximately \$200 per worker per month.

Many donors to Gospel Outreach are individuals with a heart—and a wallet—for mission work. But many donors are groups—schools, local churches, etc.—who come together to support a specific worker or a specific region. In return, the group builds a rapport with the sponsored worker and receives reports on how the work is going in the region. But sponsoring groups are too few. So much more is needed. Just recently, Gospel Outreach had to take the heartbreaking step of reducing the number of workers in the field and to turn the responsibility of training workers over to the local offices which, in many cases, could not afford to maintain it either.

Gospel Outreach administrators and office personnel are volunteers. Gordon Gray, who has worked extensively for the Church in Canada as well as in Africa, has recently been named president of Gospel Outreach International, a task he somehow combines with his duties as president of Gospel Outreach Canada.

He has a grand vision for the future of Gospel Outreach and foreign missions. "The day is going to come," he says, "when those countries who now so badly need our help will turn around and say to us, 'keep your money; in fact, let us help you!'" Such is the growth possible in some of the areas.

Gray recognizes that Gospel Outreach is just one of the many worthy ministries affiliated with the church. "There are other good ministries," he says. "Maranatha, It Is Written, so many more. And I support those. We only ask that members and friends also ask what God wants them to do for Gospel Outreach as well." He is adamant that the organization "is not in competition with the church for dollars or souls." In fact, Gospel Outreach Canada is one of only two official independent supporting ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Canada at present. He points out the truth of 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 which says we can "have all that is needed for every good work." ■

Crystal Steeves is the editor of the Canadian Adventist Messenger.

Creation Corner

for Kids

“And the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
I Thessalonians 4: 16, 17, KJV.

Canada Goose

In our part of the world, the Canada Goose is one of the very first birds to return in early spring. I often hear Canada Geese honking as they arrive in the Lakeland even before I hear the first caw of crows. There's a lot of excitement around our house when we hear the geese arrive. Whoever is outside calls, "The geese are back!" Whoever is indoors comes rushing out to listen to the geese and try to catch a glimpse of the flock. For us, the honking and whistle of wings is the sound of the end of winter.

Canada Geese are often the last of the migrating birds to leave for the winter, too. We sometimes see them gleaning the snowy grain fields well after the ponds have frozen over.

Think about it.

There's something special about being first. The Bible tells us that when Jesus returns, those who have waited silently in their graves will be the first to rise to meet Him. They're special.

But there's something special about being last, too. Some believers will still be alive when Jesus returns. They will give the final message of God's love and coming judgment to people on earth. They will see Jesus coming with clouds of angels. And they will be the last to leave this old world, bleak from the wintry blasts of sin.

Do it.

Read God's last message to the earth in Revelation 14:6–10. Ask Jesus to help you get ready to meet Him so that when He returns you can meet Him with joy. For more information on the Canada Goose, you can visit the Hinterland Who's Who site at www.hww.ca/hww2.asp?id=35.



HOPE FROM DESPAIR

As my plane circles the Port-au-Prince airport awaiting permission to land, I can see below me a U.S. aircraft carrier, ships and a constant stream of activity at the port. At the airport, there are containers of cargo and airplanes arriving with supplies and food. All this activity is to aid the almost two million people affected by the earthquake that, according to a recent report, killed more than 250,000 people. This tragedy is far worse, in terms of numbers, than the Asia tsunami of December 2004 that affected more than seven countries.

Right now ADRA is providing approximately 20,000 IDPs (internally displaced persons) with water, shelter, food and other basic necessities. The dead have been buried, but I can't say they have been properly mourned, as thousands are still missing under the rubble.

Rows and rows of tents and plastic shelters provide what most of the people now consider their homes. Many of them are trying to get their lives back to normal; some have already found jobs, while others are still searching. Schools have not yet resumed, as many buildings have either collapsed or are unsafe and have not been fully evaluated for safety. As I walked to one of the school buildings with several children walking with me, they shouted and told me not to get close, pointing to the cracks high on the structure.

In the IDP camp, I saw a line of mothers with their children waiting to be vaccinated. ADRA has the support of students from Loma Linda University schools of Public Health who are looking after health issues, including sanitation. Loma Linda has trained more than 60 local teachers and other professionals on how to help traumatized people, and they are now providing trauma counseling. Global Medic is taking care of the water purification system not only for our displaced camps but also for other hospitals and orphanages (about 160,000 litres of potable water per day). They have had to use innovative techniques in these challenging times: I saw two motorcycle engines generating electricity for a water purification system in the camp.

At the hospital, I saw people with problems you find at an average hospital, but I also saw patients with injuries from the earthquake (amputated limbs, broken bones, etc). These individuals were living just like the displaced people: in tents and plastic shelters. Some patients will not have homes once they are discharged from the hospital.

I walked and mingled among the suffering for a few hours alone, as I wanted to have a personal perspective of the situation. The people had plenty of time and were very open to talk. The main communication was through smiles, handshaking, Spanish, English and my broken French. I spoke with high school kids, young children, university graduates and a mother who had lost her husband and brother and was now living in a tent in the displaced camp with her three children and a sister. Some of the children were playing soccer with a ball made of plastic sheets. Occasionally, a child would smile at me and ask for some money.

What really amazed and inspired me was that I saw more smiles and children laughing and playing in the displaced camp than I would normally see back in Canada or in other countries not affected by such a tragedy. The little ones would come and walk by my side, holding my hands as I walked, talked and mingled among this small, new community. Some kids even kicked a ball towards me waiting for me to kick it back, which I gladly did. On these kinds of trips, we often think that we come to bring hope and comfort, but suddenly, I felt blessed.

On this trip I have been impressed by the "power of partnerships" as stated in our mission statement. An example of how agencies can effectively support and help each other—reducing costs and maximizing resources to benefit more people—is the partnership that ADRA has created with Global Medic. Global Medic is storing and shipping supplies from Toronto, and ADRA is storing the goods and providing office space in Haiti. As I write, we are sharing the same table and the same internet mobile point. We share offices, warehouses, transportation and many other things. This is also true for many other partner agencies and institutions. It is so rewarding to know that we are not competing but complementing each other in ways that are ultimately impacting the lives of thousands of people more efficiently.

I came to Haiti prepared to see distress and hopelessness. Yes, there is suffering and many problems. But I also see hope and plenty of smiles. There is a future for Haiti beyond the relief and rehabilitation taking place in the wake of this earthquake. I can see it in the eyes of the people. ■

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Beliefs iPhone App



4.1 billion.

That is the number of active cell phone users worldwide, according to a March 2009 UN Report. Approximately 60 percent of the world's population have access to mobile phones, and that number is rapidly rising each month. The first commercial text message was sent in December 1992. Today, the number of text messages sent and received every day exceeds the total population of the planet.

We are currently experiencing another technological shift that is directly related to mobile communication. Steve Jobs, CEO for Apple Inc., announced in January 2010 that Apple sold 250 million mobile devices called iPods. It is estimated that they will sell approximately 45 million iPhones in 2010 alone.

Smartphones, iPods, iPhones, and the recently announced iPad, BlackBerry, laptops, 3G, 4G, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, GPS, social networks, Twitter. These are just a few of the terms you will hear mentioned in almost any conversation about current and future technology trends. There are approximately 140,000 applications (or as most people say, "apps") for the iPhone and iPod touch available for download on the iTunes app store. Apple just announced that they recently reached three billion downloads.

With the rapid growth of better smartphones, cooler applications and faster mobile networks, how can we as

Adventists take advantage of the digital mobile wave? Well, Eisen Montalvo, owner of Hye Multimedia Ministries (<http://hyem3.com>) located in Tucson, Arizona, has thought long and hard about this same question and decided to do something about it.

Eisen is a computer engineer who created an iPhone/iPod touch application that has been getting a lot of attention amongst the Adventist community, and for good reason. The application is called Beliefs, and it showcases all the biblical beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists.

In a recent interview with Eisen, I asked him why he developed this application. He said, "Because I wanted to share our beliefs as Seventh-day Adventists with people who don't know anything about us or have heard myths about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and would like to know the truth."

A Beliefs app user from Australia gave it 5 out of 5 stars and had this to say: "Best portable study guide out there! The supporting Bible verses are awesome. Well done to those who put this together."

The Beliefs application is also a great tool to help Adventists refresh their beliefs and to provide a quick resource for answering questions from friends or co-workers. The application is very easy to use and has a simple layout. The start page shows a list of Adventist beliefs and allows for each one to be selected. Once a topic is selected, the iPhone/iPod

touch user can read the information on their device screen along with any associated Bible texts.

The Bible texts are sourced through the well-known online Bible resource called Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com). Eisen says that using Bible Gateway is "the main feature of the application because it is a well-known online verifier of Bible verses that support Adventist beliefs in any version of the Bible available." Bible Gateway currently supports 101 translations, featuring 54 languages.

Another use for the Beliefs app is for evangelists to encourage new Bible students to take advantage of this simple, accessible way to study their Bibles in their own time.

With the iPhone being available and used worldwide, Eisen says he has seen approximately 2,000 downloads since November 2009, when the application was first put on the iTunes store. He said downloads of his Beliefs app have come from approximately 44 countries, the top 5 countries being United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Australia and Canada.

The Beliefs app is currently available in English and Spanish. Eisen tells me that there are future plans to develop a French version as well. ■

Troy McQueen is the communication specialist for the British Columbia conference and the pastor of the Kelowna church.



(l-r) Amelie Doyon, a third-year Music major, and Sarah Oliveira, a second-year Behavioural Science major, closes the concert with the song "When You Believe."



Bijou Attey, a third-year Psychology major, signs the words to the closing song of the evening.

HEART AND SOUL FOR HAITI

Pictures slowly faded in and out on the projection screen as the solemn and powerful notes from a solitary violin lingered in the air. A few heads turned away, unable to bear the scenes of despair shown on stage. A few weeks earlier, as images of Haiti in the aftermath of the catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake played on news shows, Roberson Dorelus, a first-year Religious Studies major at Canadian University College could only stare in shock and disbelief and wonder, "Maybe that was somebody I know?"

Dorelus had recently gone to Haiti on a mission trip. With the memories of that adventure still fresh in his mind, he could not believe the contrast in the images he was seeing on the news. Touched by what he experienced in Haiti, Dorelus, along with Ted Merceus, a third-year Biology major at CUC, set out to make a difference.

Even though Merceus had never been to Haiti, he still felt a great burden to do something, anything for the people that he shared a cultural background with. His sentiment was shared with many on the campus, and alongside a small army of students, faculty and staff, Heart and Soul for Haiti was born. A yearly vespers concert coordinated by CUC staff member Bernice Leavitt, Heart and Soul quickly became the platform to raise money for Haiti. Two years earlier, Heart and Soul partnered with A Better World to raise money for emergency relief in Kenya. In 2010, it again made perfect sense to partner with A Better World. "We are involved because there



The Men of Faith, a group consisting of CUC students, faculty, staff, as well as community members, perform "Bound for the Kingdom."



(l-r) Adrien Decena, a third-year Biology major, and Jay Johnson, a second-year Psychology major, perform a saxophone duet entitled "No More Night."

is so much need in Haiti," remarked Eric Rajah, co-founder of A Better World. He continues, "We will be involved in what we call the development phase, or the building phase, and so we have come up with a theme, 'Restore, Rebuild, and Rekindle.'" With the funds raised by the concert, ABW will work to redevelop vocational school, rebuild schools, repair water systems, and reopen community clinics and rehab centres. Through the benefit concert, Rajah was hoping to raise more than just money. "At the end of the day, we need money to help rebuild Haiti, Rajah continues, "...secondly, we are going to need volunteers." With a variety of projects planned, people and the expertise they possess are also desperately needed.

Large contributors to the evening were the Student Associations of Canadian University College and Parkview Adventist Academy. After discussing the matter, the two Student Associations decided to donate \$3,000 from their budget. According to Nik Willing, CUC Student Association president and third-year Biology major, donating the money just made sense. "This year, we set aside some money that we had planned to go toward some type of mission project. This was something we had not done before. We still had not decided what to do with the money until we heard about the fundraiser concert. It just seemed like a perfect fit for the money we had set aside," remarked Willing.

As the last song of the evening was being sung, the minds of many turned to hope. Hope for Haiti. Hope for their people. More than \$12,000 was raised that evening and the days after as the money continued to roll in. As the closing duet belted out their song and the accompanying hands signed the words, the message was truly felt by those in attendance: "There can be miracles, when you believe." ■

JR Ferrer is the communication director for Canadian University College



With Glowing Hearts

More Than Gold Christians Help Host the World at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games

*"You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's eternally gold."
1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (Message)*

by Gaileen Woytko

Photo by Lucinda Dixon

As Canadians celebrated the closing ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics on February 28, a sense of national pride swept the country! With glowing hearts, Canadians had hosted athletes and guests from around the globe and set a world record for the number of gold medals achieved at any Winter Olympic Games—not to mention winning the much-coveted gold at the men’s hockey game.

But around the City of Vancouver, the Christian community was also glowing . . . with the warmth and personal joy that comes from serving others and demonstrating that a life lived with Jesus brings more than gold.

For 17 days, Christians from around the world representing 15 denominations (including Seventh-day Adventists) and 40 faith-based partner organizations worked side by side in a network called More Than Gold (MTG), serving 5,500 athletes and games officials, 10,000 media personnel, 300,000 visitors, 25,000 official games volunteers, along with thousands of local residents.

History of More Than Gold

The Christian community has a long history of providing service and witness to the Olympics. Since the early 1970s, Christians have been the largest constituency group within Olympic cities, providing volunteers in chaplaincy, interpretation services, hospitality, creative and performing arts, literature distribution, pin trading and prayer outreach.

Passionate times of prayer intercession began in Vancouver in 2006, which included prayer walks around the city. Christians across the country and around the world prayed that God would prepare the city for an outpouring of His blessing on the ministry to athletes, guests and the local community during the 2010 Games.

In addition to the traditional mission of service and witness, MTG Vancouver chose to focus on a third initiative, social justice, which encouraged local Vancouver Christians to connect with and build relationships between churches and social agencies in Vancouver. Faith-based partner organizations in areas of creation care (A Rocha), homelessness (Shalom Seekers), and human trafficking (REED: Resist Exploitation Embrace Dignity) became valuable collaborators in educating and supporting local churches as they address social issues in their communities.

Torch Relay

Beginning October 30, 2009, and travelling for 106 days over 45,000 kilometres across the country, the Canadian torch relay brought together communities, towns, neighbourhoods and cities in a celebration of Canadian unity and pride. Carried by 12,000 Canadians, the torch relay covered more distance inside a host country than any Olympic Games in history. And many Christians, including Adventists, stepped out into public spaces to serve and connect with their communities, as recounted in the March 2010 Messenger.

Radical Hospitality

MTG Vancouver chose “radical hospitality” as its theme. Just

as the city gates were the public space for the early church to offer hospitality to strangers, so Vancouver became a city where Christians engaged with and cared for the stranger.

One thousand international mission team members from all 15 denominations joined forces with more than 3,000 local Vancouver church members. Two Adventist academies, Cariboo Adventist (B.C.) and Red River Valley (Manitoba), brought mission teams of high school students to serve as part of the network. And through a relationship the City of Vancouver had with the Salvation Army, MTG was invited to provide 50,000 hours of beverage services to guests waiting to board public transit at local stations. The offer of free hot chocolate often brought questions from tourists like “wow, how nice; who are you guys?” and Christians had the opportunity to point to the snowflake logo on their jacket or pin and explain they were Christians sharing God’s love.

Love in a Scarf

Looking for an outreach gift that was uniquely Adventist, our denomination launched a scarf-knitting campaign in 2008. For months, beautifully knit red or black scarves arrived from all over North America, Bermuda, Singapore and the West Indies. Knit by Pathfinders, seniors, women’s prayer groups and hobbyists, 3,000 Adventist scarves became symbols of love and friendship in Vancouver during the 2010 Games. Distributed to tourists and social agencies during the Olympics, each scarf bore a label that read: “This scarf was knit with love by your friends the Seventh-day Adventists.”

Two churches enthusiastically supported the scarf outreach by each providing nearly 400 scarves. Aldergrove Adventist Church in B.C. (organized by Karen Zinner and Sonia Buchanan) started a knitting club for experienced and novice knitters, and since completing their Olympic scarf project



Rita Bryant, Adventist Torch Bearer, and Premier Gordon Campbell.

As Sharyse and I were walking, we saw a homeless man pushing a shopping cart

filled with bottles and cans. We didn't see him at first because he seemed to blend into the grey garbage dumpster and the brown building. His clothing was tattered and shabby. Sharyse mentioned that he looked like he could use some food, so we walked over and offered him some breakfast snacks. We noticed that although his face looked tired and worn out, he seemed to stand up straighter and his eyes seemed to light up. He thanked us and only took a croissant and a slice of banana bread. When we offered him more, he declined with a smile. "Oh, no thanks, girls, I don't want to be too greedy."

He took his breakfast, put it in his pocket and walked down the street pushing his buggy, humming what sounded like "Amazing Grace."

Out of all the services we did that week, why does this memory stand out for me? In the few moments I was with that man, it felt like I didn't just give Him food, I felt like God was showing me that His love for this man and me was equal. It didn't matter that I was "rich" and he was "poor," or that I was young and he was old. We were equal. No matter what our station in life, we are all His children and we deserve to be treasured. I am glad I was able to go on this mission trip and grow in my faith. This opportunity helped me see people through God's eyes.

—Sarah Welke and Sharyse Wilson,
Cariboo Adventist Academy Mission Team serving
in Vancouver during the 2010 Games

have now moved on to knitting for a local hospital. Orchards Adventist Church in Vancouver, Washington (organized by Carlene Will) also formed a knitting club, and their pastor, John Wesslen, personally took up the scarf-knitting challenge and learned to knit. His wife was undergoing cancer treatment at a local hospital at the time, and being an avid motorcyclist, Pastor John would ride his bike to the hospital to visit her. Sitting in all of his leather motorcycle gear, he would take out his knitting during the long hours of waiting and knit scarves! Every day dozens of people would stop to ask Pastor John what he was knitting, and he had an opportunity to share the More Than Gold story!

One of the oldest knitters was 91-year-old Harold Blize, who lovingly supported the project by knitting 50 scarves from an easy chair in his Wetaskiwin, Alta, seniors' residence.

Many of the scarves were added to care kits containing personal hygiene items and distributed to social agencies on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, one of North America's most impoverished communities.

Insight Magazine

In January 2010, *Insight Magazine* published a 2010 Winter Olympics Special Edition containing athlete testimonies and inspiring stories about real-life issues and struggles. Twenty thousand copies of *Insight* were distributed to churches in British Columbia and to guests and local residents during the Olympic outreach in Vancouver.

Canadian Adventist Youth Summit

A key Adventist activity during Vancouver 2010 was the Canadian Adventist Youth Summit, with 300 youth and young adults from across Canada, Washington and Idaho having attended the event February 18–21 in Vancouver.

The first two days of the summit took place at Mountainview Camp, nestled in the midst of the Cascade Mountains in Hope, B.C. The event theme "Service and Witness" focused on empowering a young generation for service and educating them about social issues in North America—human trafficking, creation care, homelessness, First Nations—and built anticipation for a day of outreach in downtown Vancouver.

The opening program of the Youth Summit paralleled the Vancouver 2010 Olympic opening ceremonies, with First Nations dancers Jamie Johns and Sharon LaPointe-Johns of Hamilton, Ontario, performing a colourful, traditional dance of welcome. Dan Jackson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, acknowledged the delegates attending the summit and representing many nations and cultures, reminding them they were all one in the body of Christ. Josh Jamieson, a student from Aldergrove, B.C., performed a poignant Olympic theme song, "Go the Distance," that he had written.

Emcee Dwain Esmond, editor of *Insight Magazine*, kept the event humorous and relevant, and guest speaker Jose Rojas, NAD director of Volunteer Ministries, challenged young people to trust God and take a stand for their beliefs. Manny Cruz, NAD youth director, encouraged this generation to be an example—to be different, and to feel confident in leading the church of today.

Worship was led by Joey Aguilar and the Oakridge Adventist Church band, and performing artists Naomi Striemer, baby Boy/Joe Adante & Bee, and Gina Williams and band. This team of musicians brought relevant and meaningful music to the summit weekend.

More than 20 hands-on workshops hosted by Christian professionals from across Canada provided education and resources on topics such as the internet ministry, campus ministries, kingdom assignments, spiritual conversation, sports ministry, children's evangelism and many others.

On Sabbath morning, delegates boarded seven buses and headed to the city. Gathering first at Oakridge Adventist Church in Vancouver for prayer and hospitality training, they spilled out into the city to touch the lives of people! Each delegate was armed with a backpack full of Olympic New Testaments, Pocket Guides to Vancouver with Christian athlete testimonies, and Special Edition Olympic *Insight* magazines. With a hand-knit Adventist scarf around their neck, another to be given away, and dozens of MTG trading pins in their pockets, the students set off in groups of 10 to 12 to be the gospel!

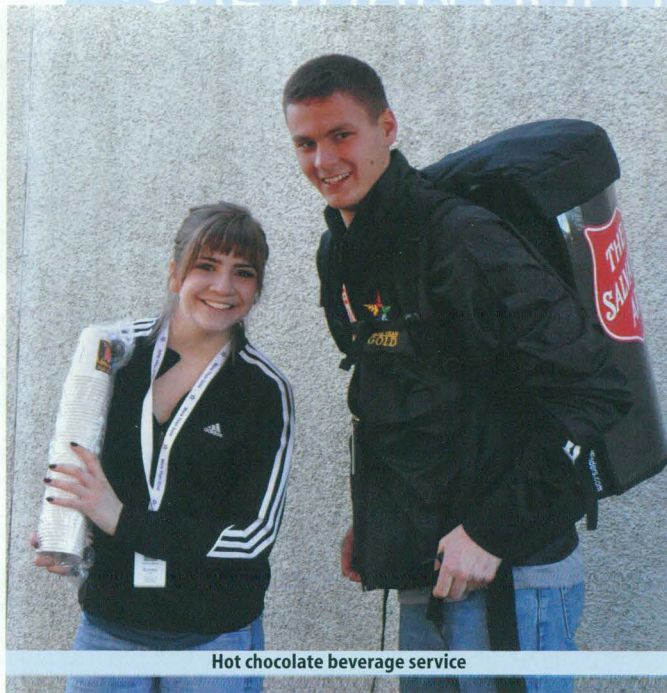
The young people were instructed to take every opportunity to engage in focused intentional conversations. One college-age student later commented: "I would pray every time I approached someone, because there were masses of people

on the streets today and I wanted God to lead me to just the right person who would read the material I had to give out.” I didn’t just give it out randomly; I tried to have a short conversation with someone I was in line with or sitting by on the Skytrain.”

In four hours in the afternoon, the young people gave out 700 handmade scarves, more than 30,000 pieces of literature, 400 pins and more than a thousand cups of hot chocolate, served out of thermal backpacks, at Skytrain stations. Dozens of others volunteered at local charities and social agencies around the city and hosted a children’s festival in the park.

One young person commented, “I talked with people at the Skytrain station and specifically looked for families. I would ask them if they’d like stories to read about Christian athletes. When the kids would look at the brightly coloured *Insight* magazine, they would reach for that first.” One group of girls said people really liked the Pocket Guides being handed out because they had not only a map of the city and Olympic venues in the centrefold but also Christian athlete stories.

Susan Shafer from CUC said, “It was easy to give the scarves out at the Olympic cauldron. People were taking pictures, and I went up to them and asked, “Can I take the picture so you can be in it?” Then I said, “Would you like this scarf on in the picture?” I would place the scarf over their head, take the picture and then exclaim, “The scarf is a gift for you, knit by Christian scout groups, many church members and even a 91-year-old man. We want you to have it as a gift. We’re happy you’re here at the Olympics.” She shared further: “The students



Hot chocolate beverage service

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also gave out the pins with the scarves, explaining that the patch on the scarf matched the pin. They’d take a minute to explain the colours and share that as a believer in Jesus, our faith is worth more than the gold of the Olympics.” The pins said, “More than Gold 2010—Seventh-day Adventists—Welcome to Vancouver.” “When people saw us giving out the scarves, others came up to us asking for one. It was very exciting!”

Patrick Pupuis from Québec was able to share a pin and some literature with the mother of a competing Olympic athlete, and explained how he was blessed to be able to encourage her with some personal challenges she was facing.

Charles Aguilar, a pastor, and his group of young adults created cardboard signs that read: “free hugs and free scarves,” and tourists lined up to chat, get a hug and receive a personal gift from the Adventists.

Joshua Wixwat stated, “I had my first scarf given out before I even got off the Skytrain to our destination downtown. It was amazing to see how happy people were to receive them.”

Another group of four high school students miraculously recounted how a woman had approached them at a bus stop and asked, “Are you coming to talk to me about God?” sharing that God had spoken to her in a dream the night before. The students spent nearly an hour with her, talking about Jesus and their faith in Him, and praying with her that God would bless her life. The students shared how amazed they were that God had impressed the woman to watch for them!

The summit ended with a Celebration of Service evening at Oakridge Adventist Church. Three official torch bearers, Bob Kramer, Rita Bryant and Jose Rojas, led an official delegation into the closing ceremonies. Adventist Olympic athletes Gerald Kazanowski from Canada (basketball 1984 and 1988) and



Giving out *Listen* magazine

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Torch bearers, Bob Kramer, Jose Rojas, and Rita Bryant at Canadian Adventist Youth Summit.

Katya Antonuk from Belarus (cross-country skiing 1998) inspired the summit attendees with their stories of faith and perseverance. Katya now serves as a chaplain to the Belarus ski team, and Gerald works as a financial advisor in Nanaimo, B.C. Mark Washington, B.C. Lions defensive backs coach, encouraged the crowd to take the weekend experience back home with them to support their local communities, and Jose Rojas closed the event with a challenge for delegates to be a light in their communities every day.

Young people left the summit that evening full of wonder and awe at how God had used each one of them to connect with and serve others during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

Creative and Performing Artists

Hundreds of Christian artists blessed the city with their performances throughout the Olympics. Singers, ballet, tap and First Nations dancers, jazz trios, bands, comedic actors and classical musicians praised God in the city as they performed at various downtown stages, live music venues and coffeehouses. Several Adventist performances included Fountainview Academy Strings and Choir, Gina Williams and band, Jamie Johns and Sharon LaPointe-Johns, Naomi Striemer, and babyBoy/Joe Adante & Bee.

Legacy

A significant question for More Than Gold directors has been, “when the Olympics are over and the excitement fades, what will the legacy be for the future?” The answer is clear in several areas:

- Christians in Vancouver had never before experienced the amazing power and blessing that has been poured out on outreach activities. Literally hundreds of churches and thousands of volunteers served side by side to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in one of the world’s most secular cities.
- Denominational leaders became friends, shared resources and encouraged one another as they worked together for over three years.
- Powerful Christian unity was demonstrated each day of the Olympics at a downtown Vancouver Catholic mission that provided the space to set up hot water dispensers loaned by the Mennonite Brethren . . . in order to prepare hot chocolate donated by the Salvation Army . . . to be served on the city streets by Adventist, Baptist, Christian Reform and Lutheran volunteers.
- Seventh-day Adventists recognized that their opportunity to engage in city outreach was multiplied because they were part of a collaborative Christian network while still remaining true to their unique biblical values.

- MTG was able to create a favourable image for Christians with public leaders. British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell personally thanked MTG for all the fine service Christian volunteers provided in Vancouver during the Olympics, making the city “a shining example of gracious hospitality.”
- Through its social justice partners, MTG will continue to educate and advocate long after the Olympics have ended. Social issues will be addressed with greater impact as the faith community works together along with schools, community organizations and local government.
- MTG Vancouver will support and coach the leadership of MTG London 2012 (Summer Olympics) and Sochi 2014 (Winter Olympics). David Wilson, CEO of MTG London, along with twelve delegates (including three Adventists, Eddie Hypolite, Nathan Strickland and Colin Stewart) from London and Sochi attended a six-day briefing event in Vancouver during the Games, as these future host cities prepare to engage the Christian community in service and witness in their communities.

Truly, Christians hosted the world—with glowing hearts. ■

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Ontario

Toronto Central Evangelism



Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted its annual evangelistic series from October 3 to October 31, 2009. Entitled "Hope for the Final Generation Bible Expo," the series was presented by evangelist Henry Peters from the Virgin Islands. Despite less than desirable weather, the series was well-attended as church members and visitors alike filled the pews to hear the good news of Christ. Highlights of the series included a rededication of marriage vows and two baptismal services, with a total of 23 souls making a commitment to their Lord and Saviour. ■

Mount Olive Community Services

There has been a tremendous growth in the Mount Olive Community Services Department. With the aid of ADRA the department continues to provide food hampers, clothing and books within the church family and for families in the surrounding communities. The number of people utilizing the soup kitchen and the food bank has multiplied rapidly.

In October 2009, the Seniors' Lunch Program was implemented. The department has been providing and transporting lunches for the seniors at Kendleton Seniors Home in Etobicoke. An average of thirty to forty boxes of lunches are being transported each time. Members of the congregation are still conducting services at Kendleton once per month and the annual year-end celebration in December.

Let us continue to do the work that God has commissioned us to do. In St. Matthew 25 we learn the parable of using our talents wisely. Let us take the blessings given to us by the Lord by His grace, so that we can utilize them for His glory. May we continue to work in unity to His honour and so others can be uplifted and be drawn into His fellowship. ■



—V. Lyttle, communications secretary

CHIP Miracles Still Happen

The Lord provided a host church for a CHIP leadership training workshop at the Ottawa East SDA church. Harold Johnson, pastor, and health leader, Craig Taylor, caught the vision and organized an eight-member team. Four churches were represented from the Ottawa area.

Beverly Edwards-Miller, Ontario CHIP coordinator, presented the weekend's training. With excellent illustrations and encouragement, she won the hearts of the attendees, four of whom travelled from Newmarket to partake of this unique program. Maria McLean, the director of health and children's divisions for the Ontario conference said she was truly blessed by so much enthusiasm and energy in regards to outreach and that she was

motivated by the Ottawa CHIP Alumni testimonies and activities. Barbara Scott from Carleton Place CHIP gave the overview lecture and heart screen setup presentations with lots of interesting tips and expression of their success stories with their first spring program.

Ottawa CHIP Alumni members Connie and Keith Thebarg were the featured guest speakers, sharing their 19 years of experience with the CHIP program. They report that the program has been a life-saving one, not only themselves but also for their many friends and family. Connie had been given 6 months to live when she and her husband attended a 1991 event in which Bob Anderson, cyclist, rode across Canada to kick off CHIP in North America. To have the Thebarges

return to the same venue and give testimony to re-ignite Ottawa was a heaven-sent blessing.

The Ottawa CHIP Alumni (team of eight volunteer individuals) have been active in Ottawa over these past 19 years by providing support, education, promotional guidance, resources, and acting as consultant to provide awareness to private and public organizations.

By the end of the training program, nobody really wanted to go home. We just wanted to keep CHIPing. Sharing just these 10.5 hours of training helped us to reflect on God's assurance of victory and envision more successes with CHIP outreach in the years ahead. As Dr. Diehl, CHIP founder, always says: "Never, never give up, for the best is yet to come!" ■

Alberta

Sedgewick's Valentine's Day Party



On Sunday, February 14, 2010 the Sedgewick Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a Valentine's Day banquet and party. Forty-five well dressed people attended with almost half being non-members.

The party was black tie and began with a delicious meal of salads, garlic bread and punch. A nearby table was laden with a variety of "death by chocolate" desserts. Following the meal, a short program was hosted by emcee Sid Deibert. The highlight of the program was the judging of the Best Dressed Woman and Best Dressed Man. The winners were a local couple, Pieter and Laurie Masee, who came dressed in their finest and were rewarded with lovely Dollar Store crowns, flowers and chocolates!

Following the royal coronation, Darrell Ball played the saxophone and Harry Anderson sang several love songs. Next came three light-hearted games which included a Candy Kiss relay race (the contestants wore winter mitts while unwrapping candies) and a "Men verses Women" balloon popping contest! Throughout the program, door prizes were awarded—the most coveted prize being a large basket of edible goodies.

Sedgewick's social committee has pledged to provide monthly activities that will be fun, spiritual and entertaining for both their own church family and local neighbours and friends. The Valentine's Party was one of their first activities; other 2010 events planned include a photo contest, an old fashioned picnic and a mystery supper. ■

—Heather Grovet,
communications secretary

PACeS Ahead—Adventist Education Where You Are

In a world that is constantly changing, educational institutions have worked hard to keep up. Students today are more proficient with computers and the internet than most adults. In a study done by Statistics Canada in 2005, it was found that more than 80% of full time students went online for educational purposes. Cyber and virtual schools are becoming more and more popular, and for good reason. Online schools offer students a wider range of curricula that may not be available in their area, and they also offer a more flexible schedule. And Adventist families are now joining the online phenomena as well.

In 2007, the Alberta conference created their cyber-school forum and established PACeS – Prairie Adventist Christian eSchool. PACeS is part of the Seventh-day Adventist educational system, and offers a Adventist Christian education to students and families that may not have access to it in other forms. Parent Rhonda Clausen, who has previously homeschooled, enjoys the flexibility and help from qualified professionals that the online program offers. But it is not only these qualities that have drawn her family to PACeS: “Having an Adventist education is so valuable that only eternity will reveal all the benefits to us. To keep our children rooted and built up in Him is our mandate as parents and PACeS is a wonderful means of helping parent do that for their children.”

Up to recently, PACeS has been offering kindergarten through to high school classes only to Alberta residents, but the school has now been granted approval by the Alberta government to offer their program to students outside of the province. This will allow students outside of Alberta the opportunity to complete a Seventh-day Adventist elementary program (K-9) and earn an Alberta High School diploma online through PACeS. All teachers are both SDA and Alberta certified.

Unlike other online schools, PACeS does not originate or project from a

traditional classroom. The students and teachers all work online in a virtual classroom provided through “Elluminate.” In their virtual classroom, a student is able to talk with and see their teachers through the use of webcams and headsets. The teachers can give notes on a virtual whiteboard and present information using a variety of more traditional technologies such as Powerpoint presentations and videos. Students can raise their “hands” when they have a question, receive virtual applause for their participation and ask questions in real time—the only real difference is that they may live several hundred, or even thousands, of kilometres from their teachers. Kelly Briere, teacher for grades four through six, has taught in both the traditional and online classrooms. She loves her virtual classroom and she believes that “online teaching fosters greater student interaction and collaboration.”

Grade 11 student Sarah Clausen enjoys the greater freedom that is available with her online courses, but she also appreciates the opportunity to learn in an Adventist environment, because Adventist values and beliefs are important to both her and her family. She finds the increased teacher attention that results from the smaller classes, and the increased accessibility of her teachers—with whom she often Google chats and emails with questions—is also a definite advantage.

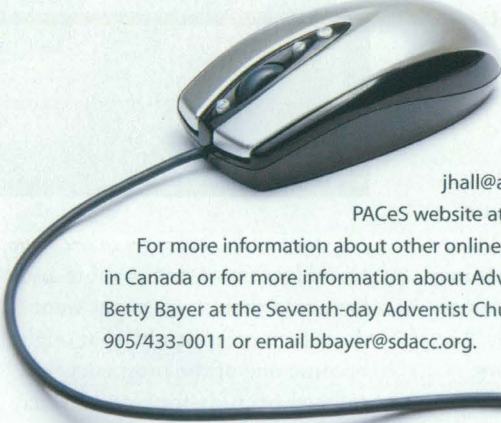
Parent to a daughter in grade three,

Jeannie, calls the online school a “life-saver.” The program she had been using for her daughter was no longer available, and she was “desperate to find something that would support our family’s values and belief system.” She admits she was “at first a bit sceptical as to how well PACeS would meet our needs, but as the year progressed, I realized it was just what we needed. It offered flexibility for our children to work on their classes from anywhere with internet access . . . and we are blessed knowing that our children’s teacher is a committed Adventist.”

Teacher and principal, Janet Hall, is passionate about PACeS and the importance of this new type of learning opportunity. Like all principals and teachers who love their schools and their jobs, she glows with excitement when she talks about her classes and the opportunities. Hall comments “that in an ever-changing world, with options opening up in every sector, we provide a positive option for parents and students in their educational pursuit. PACeS is giving the Adventist education option to students no matter where they live.”

In a world where some parents desire an Adventist Christian education, online learning schools like PACeS are offering a viable and positive option wherever they may live or travel. ■

—Lori MacDonald, PACeS teacher



For more information about PACeS, contact Janet Hall at the Alberta conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 403/342-5044, email jhall@albertasda.org or visit the PACeS website at www.albertasdadl.com.

For more information about other online Adventist schools available in Canada or for more information about Adventist education, contact Betty Bayer at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada headquarters, 905/433-0011 or email bbayer@sdacc.org.

British Columbia



Grateful recipient (center) with Devlyn Putsey, Community Services coordinator and Darren Allen, Mini-Van Project Manager

Mini-vans For Moms and Dads

In 2009, Mini-vans for Moms/Dads, another AOK project operated by the Aldergrove Adventist Church in Aldergrove, B.C., was able to help two families replace their worn-out vehicles with two reconditioned mini-vans. This ministry is an outgrowth of one in which single moms have their cars serviced—free oil change, tire pressure checked, car wash and detailing. Darren Allen and his crew noticed that some of the vehicles were barely roadworthy, so began to look around for replacements for them.

Church members and friends have filled this need with cars and vans that can be refurbished and then donated to needy families. Community Services is another avenue where needs are observed and supplied.

We wish to thank all the contributors, from those who gave their vans to those who donated funds to recondition them. We also accept donated cars that we sell in order to fund the program or use it for a needy family. ■

—Dorothy Spenst, member

Moore Draws Crowd in Mission

Perhaps the largest crowd ever to assemble in the Mission Seventh-day Adventist Church since its completion nearly a decade ago, gathered March 6 for a special Lower Mainland Rally called Hope for the End Time. The keynote speaker was well-known editor of *Signs of the Times*, Marvin Moore. Avid concentration on the presentations was evidenced by solid attendance from beginning (Friday night) to close of the Sabbath.



Marvin Moore

One of Adventism's most prolific authors on end-time events and our personal preparedness for them, Moore has authored numerous books that may have found their way into your home library. Some of his works include *The Crisis of the End Time*, *The Coming Great Calamity*, *Conquering the Dragon Within*, *Forever His*, *Could It Really*



Happen? and *Challenges to the Remnant*. Should you own one or more and not have read them, you might want to dust them off to study what ought to become one of the most engaging subjects of study for God's last day church: righteousness by faith.

Without doubt, those who attended the rally were blessed with new insight and encouragement to face the times to come, blessed times that bring us closer to our Father's return. ■

—Frank McMiller, B.C. conference

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Grandview SDA Church and North Okanagan Junior Academy would like to invite all former pastors, members, teachers, students and supporters to plan on joining us to celebrate our 100th anniversary. There will be a weekend of special services and programs commemorating the event, as well as a look at our history. Come join us Sept. 17-19, 2010. More info and updates can be seen at www.grandviewadventist.ca.

The St. Thomas church is looking for the following members: Kathy Card, Donna MacDonald, Ashley Dugard, Sarah Dugard, Catherine Hyde, Alexandria Martin, Cecilia Smith and Leanne Theresa Smith. If anyone has any information about this people, please contact Pastor Lexterov at 519/476-5365 or dlextarov@adventistontario.org.

The Sherwood Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta is looking for the following members: Margaret Brandenburg, Lisa Burnett, Connie Cobeen, Tony Fryer, Megan Fryer, Jonathan Gabrys, Sheila Gobel, Brian Goo, Gilda Hartman, Kimberly Heinrichs, Shelly Heinrichs, Janelle Howse, Mary Jenik, Carrie Ann

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New Members

Donelda Turley was baptized in Terrace, B.C., on Jan. 2, 2010, by Charles Ed Aguilar after studying the Native New Day Bible series with Leif and Zanna Ove. She is now a member of the Terrace church.

Harmen Reitsma was accepted into the church by profession of faith in Simcoe, Ont., on Dec. 19, 2009. He is now a member of the Simcoe church.

Births

Callah Anada Sharlet Tataryn was born Dec. 24, 2009, to Sharlet (Mentes) and Brad Tataryn of Kelowna, B.C.

Weddings

Irene Sheppard and Keith Roberts were married on Nov. 28, 2009, in Aldergrove, B.C., where they are making their home.

Anniversaries

Sarita and Shiri Chandra of Langley, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19, 2009, with



a family get-together and a cruise to the Caribbean. They have three children: Chris (Shelley), Ravina, and Kenneth (Karen). They have three grandchildren.



Yvonne and Ron Milne of West Vancouver, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2009, with friends.

Mabel and Sam Steinke of Millet, Alta., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 18, 2009, with



friends and family. The Steinkes have three children: July (Reg) Demitor, Terry (Linda) Steinke and Doyle (Jody) Steinke. They have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

June (Pfannmuller) and Ben Weich of Hanna, Alta., celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 5, 2009.



They have three children: Linda (Terry) Steinke, Glen Weich and Kevin (Linda) Weich. They have six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Birthdays

Doris Wettstein of Abbotsford, B.C., celebrated her 90th birthday on Jan.

31, 2010, at an open house hosted by her five children and attended by other relatives and many friends. Doris has 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Doris conducts a small-group ministry in her home on an ongoing basis.



Obituaries

Mary Eunice (née Anderson) Agrey was born June 21, 1930, in Langham, Sask., and died Dec. 24, 2009, in Lacombe, Alta. Mary served as receptionist for the B.C. conference for 12 years and as treasurer for the Abbotsford and Vernon churches. She is predeceased by her brothers Alvin and Milton, and sisters Camilla Prosser and Alice Coates. Surviving: husband, George; sons, Robert (Lucienne Manzart) of Cambodia and Loren (Shelley) of Lacombe; daughter, Meril (Vince Corleto) of Abbotsford, B.C.; brother Ole (Bernice) Anderson of Parkside, Sask.; sisters Helen Tang and Ellen Reithaug, both of Parkside, and Agnes Brown of Prince Albert, Sask.; and five grandchildren.

Freeman Atwood was born July 5, 1932, in Oak Park, N.S., and died Jan. 24, 2010, in Riverhead, N.S. Freeman served as deacon in the Oak Park church for many years. He is predeceased his parents, Ralph and Mysie. Surviving: wife, Muriel (née Wournell); son, David (Colette) of Shelbourne, N.S.; daughters, Debbie (Russell) Goodwin of Argyle Sound, N.S., Sandra (Donald) Dorey of Oak Park, Rhoda (Murray) Fuller of Williams Lake, B.C., and Wanda of Riverhead, N.S.; brothers, Ralph (Teresa) of Lethbridge, N.L., Bruce (Barbara) and Edward (Marice), both of Oak Park; sister, Miriam (Ralph) Thompson of Pugwash, N.S.; and eight grandchildren.

Frances Blahovich was born June 30, 1928, in Madrid, N.Y., and died Dec. 14, 2009, in Vancouver, Wash. Frances taught at Kingsway College elementary school for three years. Surviving: husband, Joseph.

Elsie May (née Woods) Brandt was born Mar. 16, 1919, in Wheatstone, Sask., and died Dec. 2, 2009, in Stony Plain, Alta. She is predeceased by her husband, Ernest; son, Lloyd; and brother, Robert Woods. Surviving: daughter, Luella (Fred) Marshall of Stony Plain; sisters, Ethel Brandt, Irene Hanson and Hazel (Joe) Gebert; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

W. James Buress was born Dec. 11, 1937, in Prince, Sask., and died Jan. 26, 2010, in Vernon, B.C. He is predeceased by his brothers, Gordon and Orville. Surviving: wife, Sharon; son, Terrance; daughter, Darili-Dawn Huether; sister, Esther Gallant; and five grandchildren.

Don Fraser was born Oct. 27, 1917, in Calgary, Alta., and died Jan. 22, 2010, in Kelowna, B.C. Don worked as a literature evangelist and for the Christian Record Braille Foundation. He is predeceased by his wife, Lena, and son, Robert. Surviving: son, Arthur; daughter, Gloria (Kevin) Sargeant; and two grandchildren.

Peter Neufeld was born Dec. 17, 1923, in Ekaterinowka, Siberia, Russia, and died Dec. 29, 2009, in Chilliwack, B.C. He is predeceased by his wife, Helen. Surviving: son, Roland (Peggy) of Hope, B.C.; daughters, Laurie (Norm) Trayer of Hope, Karen (Garth) Dauncey of Surrey, B.C., Kathy Neufeld and Ellen (Brian) Loewen, both of Chilliwack; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Boris Pache was born May 11, 1916, in Sofia, Bulgaria, and died Dec. 19, 2009, in Lacombe, Alta. Boris taught at Campus Adventiste du Saleve in Collonges, France, Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont., Southern Adventist University in Keene, Tex., College Adventiste de Kivu in Zaire, Africa, and Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alta. He is predeceased by his brother-in-law, Konstantin Mihov, and his sister, Lyuba Pashkuleva. Surviving: sister, Violeta Mihova of Sofia; niece, Borislava Mihova, and nephew, Nikolay Mihov.

Ethel (née Jenkins) Stewart was born May 4, 1915, in Salem, Ore., and died Jan. 15, 2010, in Salmon Arm, B.C. Ethel served as full-time organist-accompanist for her husband, Edwin, who was a singing evangelist. She is predeceased by her husband, Edwin; brothers, Horace and George; sister, Hazel; and half-sister, Ruth. Surviving: son, Robert (Elsie) of Salmon Arm; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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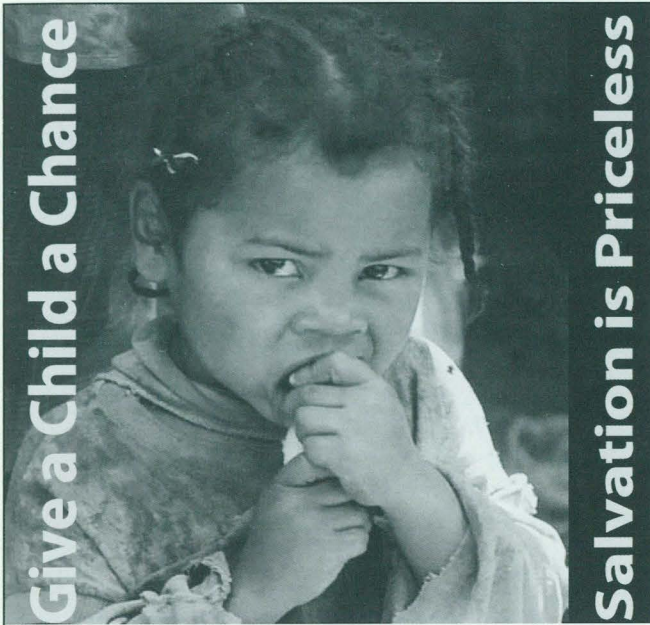
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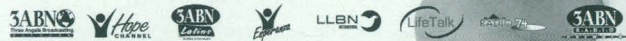
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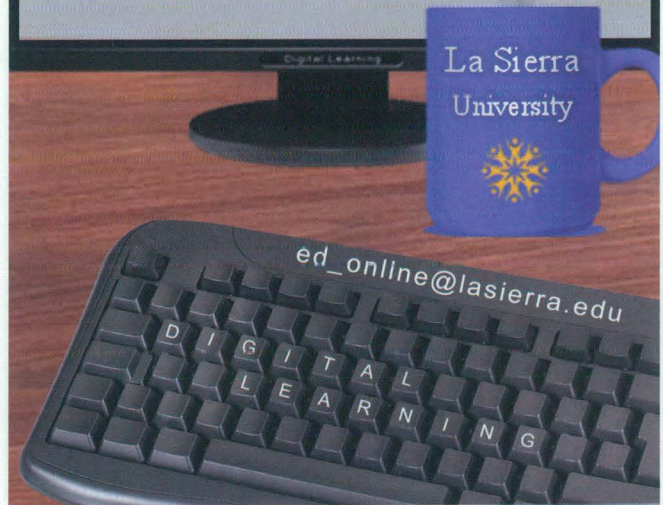


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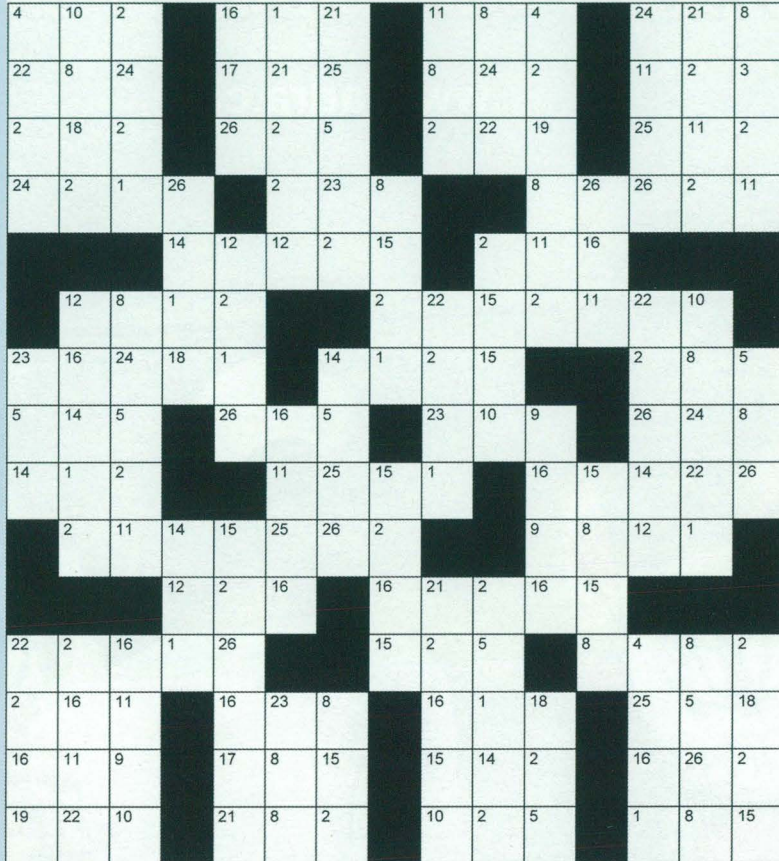
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How to Solve a Clueless Crossword Puzzle

Think of a Clueless Crossword as a mix between a regular crossword puzzle and a cryptogram. Only common, everyday English -language words may be used—no abbreviations or other special “crossword” spellings are allowed. Each square in the grid is numbered 1 through 26, and each number corresponds to one (and only one) letter in the alphabet. Completely fill in the crossword grid by gradually uncovering the letter that belongs to each number. We’ve given you three “giveaway” combinations—fill those into the solution grid and into any corresponding boxes in the crossword to get started. It helps to cross out each letter in alphabet as you use it in the grid, since no letter can be used more than once. Note that not all letters of the alphabet may be used. If a number isn’t used in the puzzle, it is greyed out in the solution grid. Good luck!



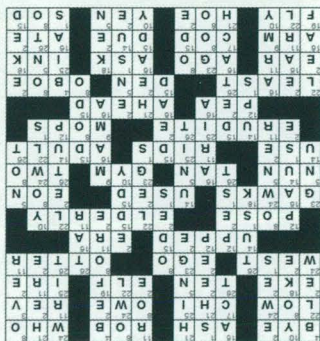
Solution Grid:

7	N/A	14		
6	N/A	13	N/A	21
5		12	19	26
4		11	18	25
3		10	17	24
2	9	16	23	
1	8	15	22	

Giveaways:

- #22 = L
- #24 = W
- #16 = A

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

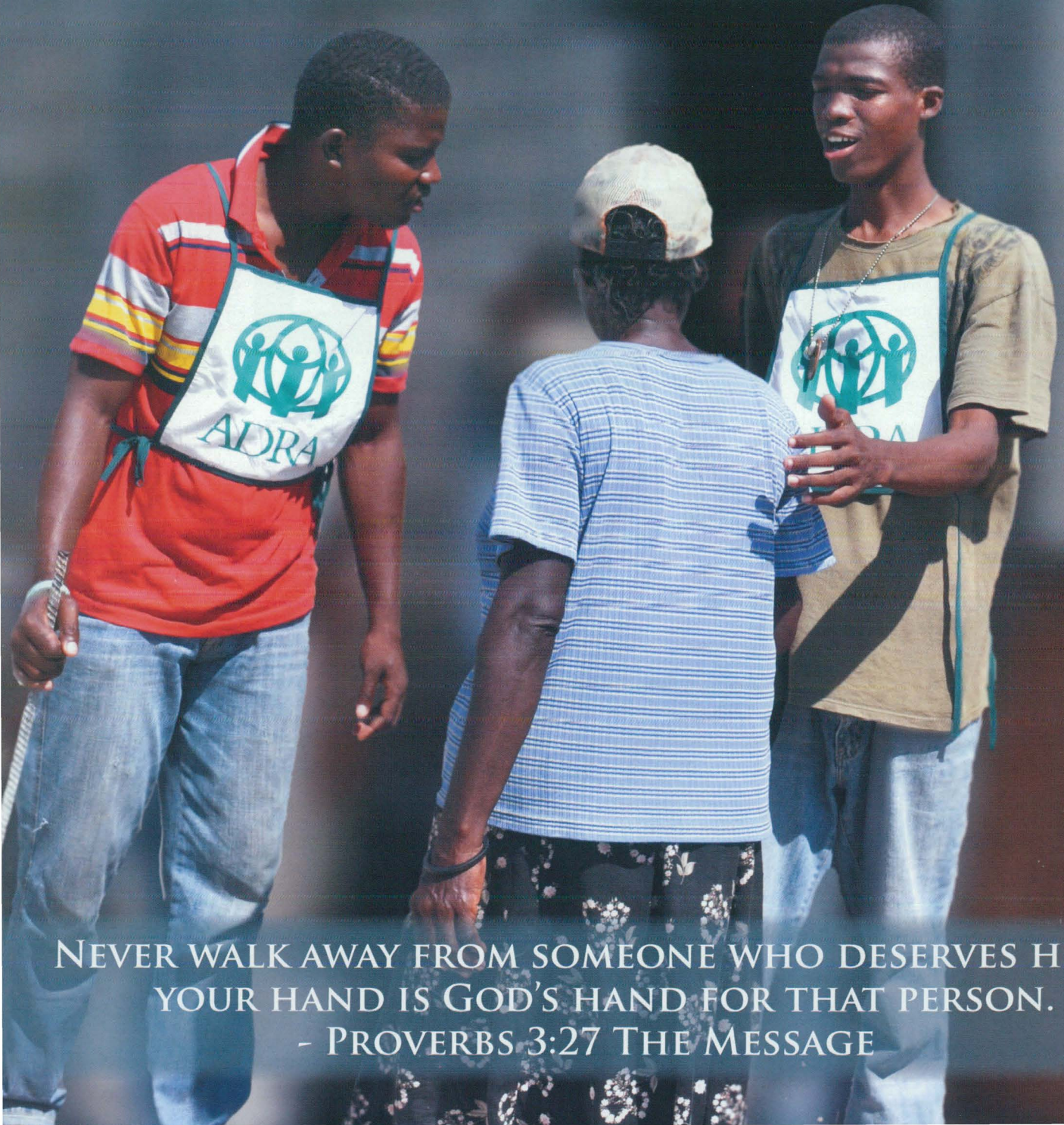


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- PROVERBS 3:27 THE MESSAGE