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Grow Up, Would Ya'?

Childlike makes a great scientist. Childish produces tantrums.

Childlike brings fresh eyes to ...opportunities.

Childish rarely shows up as promised.

Childlike is fearless and powerful and willing to fail.

Childish is annoying.

Childlike inquires with a pure heart. Childish is merely ignored.

—Seth Godin, marketing guru

In Matthew, Jesus tells his friends, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 18:2). As Christians, we’ve taken that as a directive and repeated it in hundreds of articles and thousands of sermons to as many as will listen. To become “like little children,” according to the context of the verse, has to do with being humble, not striving for position or power, being content to sit in the presence of goodness without trying to take advantage. The concept is thrilling in its simplicity yet so difficult to master sometimes.

It is a completely different concept from the one that Paul is talking about in 1 Corinthians when he says that a man, “put[s] away childish things” (13:11). If you look at the context there, he is talking about the completeness that comes when we relate to each other with love rather than cold facts and scary prophecies. Children sometimes know a little but think they know a lot. My son, who just discovered the joy of NFL football this Autumn, likes to “teach” others all the finer points of the game, never thinking for a moment that he has something to learn. My daughter, who is learning about biographies in school, comes home to “teach” me about research and writing, not even pausing for breath when I remind her that I do these things for a living and actually have a master’s degree in it. No, their childish ego makes them sure they know best and compels them to enlighten those of us around them with their knowledge.

Two contrasting pictures of what it means to be a child. Attaining one is part of the kingdom of heaven, while being stuck in the other is . . . well, it’s just that, being stuck. The first is contentment; the second, immaturity. The first is childlike; the second, childish.

I can’t help but wonder if the church, while promoting childlike-ness and recognizing it as an ideal for individuals, hasn’t been a bit childish as an organization. We do tend to think we know an awful lot, don’t we? We call it “the Truth” and we’re sure we have it, never considering that we might have something to learn from others. We instruct those around us because of our abundance of knowledge, not because they asked us to teach them. We push our partial knowledge, never completing the transaction by relating with love. And really, when have we, as a church, spent any length of time not busily doing something? When have we been content to sit and be still, soaking up the presence of God? We wonder why we don’t attract more people to Christ? We wonder why most North Americans see religion as irrelevant?

Maturity is something that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has attained when it comes to structure and policy. I am anxious for the day when we attain it in attitude as well. The church I’d like to belong to chooses humility, goodness and love. It chooses to be childlike, never childish. Let’s all just grow up a little. ■

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Petit Goave was affected by the earthquake that occurred on January 12, 2010 in Haiti, but as it is not near the capital, it was being under-served by humanitarian organizations. ADRA decided to work in Petit Goave because needs there were not being met.



Haitian farmers building a tree fence

ADRA Canada Haiti Report

What's Happening Now?

In the West Province of Haiti, agriculture supplies a large portion of the food, but due to poor farming practices and unstable weather, food sources are insecure and food security has become more unstable since the earthquake. Farmers often do not have enough money to purchase food in addition to what they grow.

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti early this year, many people left the cities to stay with their farmer relatives in the countryside. With so many mouths to feed and not enough food available, the farmers were forced to give the visitors seeds to eat instead of saving them for the next planting season, creating a great shortage of seed to plant. Since agriculture is vital to long-term sustainable development, the first phase of the ADRA Agriculture project* was to distribute seed to supplement the farmers' meagre supplies.

In June, we completed the distribution of sorghum seed, which is the most widely used cereal in Haiti, and the farmers

have planted the seed. Two types of sorghum seed were distributed—a “short-term” and a “long-term” variety. Each has slightly different growth conditions, depending on the composition of soil and location of the farm.

In the second phase of the project, we are focusing on training community facilitators who will then spread what they learn throughout their communities. Ultimately, our direct beneficiaries will be 600 farming families. The community facilitators have already attended their first training session, which introduced them to the “Farmer Field School” methodology the project will use.

ADRA Canada is partnering with local farming organizations in each of the sections of Petit Goave in which we are working. Each organization has provided us with land on which to build a training farm that will include a training field and a training centre where beneficiaries will be able to learn in both classroom-like and practical settings. The farmers will be able to

practice and experiment with new techniques on the training field and compare them to the old techniques currently in use to see the improvement in crop growth and yield.

In early August, the local organizations finished fencing and clearing the fields. Each of the small trees that were cut to be used as fence posts will actually begin to grow again so the fence will eventually be a natural barrier of trees around the field.

Over the next two years, the farmers will be trained in topics such as seed saving, soil conservation and pest management. There will be an emphasis on organic farming so as not to create a dependency on expensive fertilizers.

Thank you for your continued support of ADRA Canada. YOU + ADRA = HOPE! ■

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Graffiti

On a highway overpass the other day, I noticed a spray-painted message. It said simply "I still love you Julie." I've seen it several times now, and I wish I knew the story behind those words. Does Julie, whoever she is, feel the same about the writer, or was this one last attempt on the part of the unknown writer to get a failed relationship back on track? Has the message in graffiti, the declaration of enduring love, made any difference in that relationship?

In fact, what is the difference that love brings to any relationship? We have so many relationships with all sorts of people. There are work relationships, school relationships, good and bad relationships with neighbors and relationships with our friends, to name a few. Some of the important relationships we have, however, are those with members of our family.

Within our homes, love should characterize our relationships. Unfortunately, in today's confused world, too often the emotion of love dies out in the home and we begin to inject a false and destructive form of love into relationships with each other. Real love mirrors and builds upon the principles of love as expressed by God for people on earth. Real love best expresses itself in giving. It is focused largely on what is best for someone else and not so much on what I think I'd like most.

Let's try to characterize God's love as we ponder our own relationships. First, proper love is given to meet a need. One of our favourite verses talks about that aspect of God's love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The great objective of Christ's life and death in this world was to make reconciliation possible between earth and heaven. Heavenly love can be painful at times. It certainly was for Christ and His Father. Yet, with all the magnificent intelligence of heaven at His disposal, God could find no other solution to the problem of sin than the life and death of Jesus.

On a contemporary, human level, how many of us would be willing to go to the length that God did to redeem a poor relationship? Our friends would tell us we're crazy! I can hear them saying, "you're being used, and there's nothing here to work with." Aren't you glad that God's heart is bigger than that? Where would we be without the redeeming love expressed at Calvary?

Next, godly love is long-lasting. Jeremiah talks

about it. "The Lord has come from afar to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore, with loving-kindness have I drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3 NASB). The prophet is saying this as God's representative at a time when things had not been going well for Israel. Despite their familiarity with God and His intervention for them as His people, Israel had adopted the habits and beliefs of those who surrounded them. Sacred history records that they adopted incredible perversions and the most deviant forms of immorality. They turned their backs on God and chose to worship pagan deities who had no power and in whom there was no glory. Amazingly, despite all that, God did not give up on them.

When was the last time someone treated you as Israel treated God? Did you respond as God did? Most of us still have a great deal of growth ahead of us to discover how to love people in the everlasting way that God does.

Finally, God's love is reassuring love. After God destroyed the world by a flood because of the incredible wickedness of the time, He immediately chose to set the minds of all at ease regarding the relationship between heaven and earth. In Genesis 9:13, 14, we read, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud." When you stop to think of it, the rainbow is a little bit like the graffiti on the overpass, isn't it? It says, "I still love you, I won't hurt you, we belong together."

Real love and relationships can be very fragile. That's why when we look at what the Bible says, we discover that its pages contain all that is necessary to let us know that all of us are of incredible value in the eyes of God. He wants us to return that love and build deeper relationships with Him and with others than we have ever experienced before. Why not make today the beginning of that deeper relationship? ■

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God's Will or Mine?

T33nTalk

How do I know what God's plan is for my life?

That's a big question, isn't it? It's especially relevant and pressing if you have just transitioned from high school to whatever comes after. For a person who has no regard for God, it's a matter of finding what they enjoy doing that will provide a reasonable income. However, if you desire to honour God with your life, the answer to the question of what you will do with your life changes completely.

Some Christians make their own plans and ask God to bless them. This is a mistake. Our responsibility is to follow God where He leads. That sounds all churchy and nice, but what does it look like? Consider this: Peter met Jesus at church, as far as we're told in Scripture. He then invited Jesus to his home and asked Him to help his sick mother-in-law. Jesus came to Peter's home and healed her. Not long after, Jesus found Peter working at his job of fishing. Peter had worked all night and caught nothing. Jesus told him to go out and fish some more. It made no sense to Peter, but he did it because he believed trusting Jesus was a good idea. Peter caught fish, lots of fish. Amazed, he came running to Jesus on the beach and fell at His feet. Jesus invited Peter to come and follow Him, and Peter did—a radical life-changing decision.

Now let's recap. Peter met Jesus in church. Had Peter not gone to church that Sabbath, would he have met Jesus? Secondly, Peter invited Jesus home. This was a bold and courageous thing to do, but Peter did it. He also asked for Jesus' help with his sick mother-in-law, and Jesus healed her. Let me make it as simple and practical as I know how:

Peter knew he should be in church, and he was there. Peter felt impressed to invite Jesus home and ask for His help. Peter obeyed when Jesus sent him back fishing. Peter followed when Jesus invited him to. The bottom line is to be as faithful to Jesus as you know how and go wherever He leads, no matter how simple, small or seemingly crazy His instructions may be. God has a plan for you that is glorious, but every journey begins with the first step. Take the little steps, be faithful to what you know and be ready for the ride of your life! If you follow, He will lead.



Creation Corner for Kids

“Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me.” Daniel 9:21

Peregrine Falcon

Because of our use of pesticides, peregrine falcons were once in danger of becoming extinct. Their numbers went into sharp decline as pairs of the falcons failed to hatch new chicks. Chemicals in the birds' food had made their egg shells brittle, causing them to break. It wasn't until breeding programs were started that peregrine falcons began to make a comeback.

Peregrine falcons are the fastest animals in the world. When they fold their wings and dive, their streamlined bodies slip through the air at speeds of around 320 kilometres per hour (200 miles per hour). Even at such high speed, peregrines are deadly accurate, striking their target with perfect precision.

Think about it.

Unless you've been skydiving, it can be difficult to imagine what it would be like to drop down through space at peregrine speed. Try to imagine, then, what it would be like to travel at angel-speed. Isn't it comforting to know that God's messages to us are sent at angel-speed? God delights in comforting His children and can send His messengers on errands of mercy when they are needed most.



Do it!

Cut out a falcon silhouette (you can find one at www.stfranciswildlife.org/bird.saver.silhouette.html), colour one side black and attach it to a window. It will help to prevent birds from hitting the glass. On the room-facing side of the silhouette, write your favourite verse about angels. You can look up Psalm 68:17; 91: 11; 103:20 and 104:4, for starters. Praise God for His great concern for you! National Geographic has a video on a high-speed peregrine dive at www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3mTPEuFcWk.

It was Thursday night around 6:30 p.m., and there I was sitting beside my driver, Alalide. I was anxious and excited at the same time to see the place where I would be sharing Jesus night after night for 19 days. The ride was long, and it started to get dark. Finally, the truck slowed down, and we left the paved road and started winding down a one-way mud trail full of holes. The driver kept his eyes on the road and quietly said, "I can't believe that they send you to preach in Barial [Honduras]. Do you mind preaching in this place, Amélie?" I wasn't sure what he meant, but as the truck made its way up the mountain, I realized that I would be preaching right in the slums. I had never been in such a poor and rundown area in my life. I turned towards Alalide and said, "This is the place where God placed me. I don't mind preaching here at all. I'm looking forward to see God's glory shine on the mountain!"

God's Presence Shining in the Slums



The truck finally stopped at the top of the mountain at the local community centre where I would be preaching. As I stepped out of the truck, I was suddenly surrounded by children curious to meet the white girl from the far away country called Canada. I instantly fell in love with them! From that moment on, the kids and I became inseparable. They would follow me everywhere! They were God's little angels sent to help me make it through my time there.

At first, not many people came to the meetings. But then one night, the community centre was being used by another group, so I was forced to preach outdoors using speakers to reach the audience. Night after night, more and more people came and we soon ran out of chairs. With so many people in attendance, we decided to continue preaching outside for the rest of the meetings.

As the meeting went on, I realized that not everything was going to run smoothly. Satan was not happy with what was happening, and so he put obstacles in the way. On the evening with the highest attendance, a heavy rain and strong wind started to blow. I stopped preaching and asked everyone to stand up for a special prayer. I prayed out loud from the bottom of my heart and asked God to stop the rain. A few moments after the "Amen," the rain stopped falling and the wind disappeared, and all around was calm. I almost couldn't believe what just happened! God's presence was felt, and it strongly impressed the hearts of those in attendance.

During another meeting, a woman approached me and asked me to come to her house to pray for her dying son. I quickly followed the woman to her home and found her 18-year-old son looking weak, shaking and sweating. I took him in my arms and began praying for healing and for God to be a presence in his life. As I left, I let the young man know that I, as well as many other people, would continue to pray for him. The following night, to my surprise, I saw the young man sitting there in the front row with a big smile on his face. I walked over to him and learned that the doctor was amazed at his recovery. It was, "a real miracle," the young man said. He was feeling better and had even gone to school that morning. Again I was amazed at what God had done!

As the meetings came to an end, I praised God for the 15 people who decided to give their lives to Him and be baptized. There were also many more who expressed interest in learning more about Jesus, and only God knows all the seeds that were planted in other people's hearts. I told them that I wished from the bottom of my heart to see them all in heaven one day.



Amélie and the children of Barial



The CUC Honduras ministry team

This trip to Honduras was a life-changing experience for me. God's presence shone not only in the slums but also in my own life. It made me realize that I love a God who is real and that nothing is impossible for Him! All he asked of me was to trust Him fully and let Him take control, and He would do the rest. Only after giving Him control of my life could I truly see His mighty hand at work. ■

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Slander Between Siblings, Biological and Spiritual

Tracing Patterns with
Perpetrators and Victims



BY DAVID W. T. BRAITTON



country lawyer frequently writes letters on behalf of clients who feel they have been slandered by someone.

All such letters are the same: they accuse the recipient of making defamatory comments about the client, deny the truth of the allegations, and threaten court action if the recipient repeats them to anyone, ever. The letters never ask for a retraction or apology, the lawyer knowing that human pride is such that no one will ever do so.

Not even a court will order an apology. I once even had another lawyer write such letters on my behalf when I believed that I had been libelled by the Bar Society; it was lawyer against lawyer, and you will read more about it near the end of this article.

Having written many such letters myself, I noticed a pattern in situations where a person is accused of slandering another, a pattern in the relationships between slanderers and their victims. I believed this pattern of relationships to be peculiar to my own practice until I compared notes with a lawyer two counties away. The patterns were identical: slander cases most commonly involve brothers and sisters; the second largest category is between members of the same church congregation.

Psychologists might explain the first pattern as sibling rivalry, but what about church members? The other lawyer and I dealt with members of traditional mainline denominations, not those groups where everyone enthusiastically regards fellow members as brothers and sisters. However, there is a common element that may underlie both types of relationships, which will be considered later in this article.

Traditional Christian Teaching

One would think that Christians would never engage in defamation. Our holy book takes a dim view of it, beginning with “You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people” (Leviticus 19:16, RSV). Psalm 27:2 and 140:11 group slanderers with “evildoers.” Psalm 50:20 says God will punish anybody who slanders his natural brother; in 101:5, it is David himself who will destroy whoever defames his or her neighbour. Proverbs 10:18 opines, “he who slanders is a fool.” Jesus in Matthew 15:19, 20 and Mark 7:20–23 denounces slander as evil and defiling to the slanderer. Romans 1:29, 30, 1 Timothy 6:4 and 2 Timothy 3:3 discountenance it, while Ephesians 4:31, Colossians

3:8 and 1 Peter 2:1 exhort believers to put away slander along with other sins. Christian women, in particular, must not be slanderers (1 Timothy 3:11; Titus 2:3). James 1:26 counsels bridling the tongue, which could include refraining from defamation.

The thrust of the last paragraph above is not merely one possible biblical interpretation among many, one I concocted two millennia after the Scriptures were written, but was shared by post-biblical Christian authors before the middle of the third century. There is much value in consulting these early authors: (1) they demonstrate how the biblical teachings were understood by their first, immediate audiences (people who lived within the same culture and adopted the same worldview as them) and hence give the best idea of how the Bible authors intended themselves to be understood; (2) they or Christians not too long before them still had a fresh memory of the oral teachings of Christ and the apostles before these teachings could become corrupted; and (3) they indicate how the earliest recipients of grace through Christ responded to these teachings under the supervision and unwritten examples of the apostles and other early disciples who were inspired by God.

The First Epistle of Clement (included in some early editions of the New Testament), written by the first-century apostolic father Saint Clement, discountenances the defamation of one’s neighbour much like Psalm 50:20 (1 Clement 35:8).

In the late first or early second century, slander was disapproved of in extra-biblical writings, such as the Old Testament pseudepigraphal sources *Ascension of Isaiah* (3:26) and *3 Baruch* (8:5; 13:4), as well as the Gnostic text *Second Book of Jeu* (43; 46). In A.D. 203, slander received negative treatment in Hippolytus’ *Commentary on Daniel* (1:19). Hippolytus was a prominent pastor-bishop and ecclesiastical author in central Italy who was later elected a rival bishop of Rome. A work so useful and influential that it was included in some early editions of the New Testament, the *Shepherd of Hermas* (Mand. 8:3; Sim. 9:26:7) gave slander similar treatment in the first half or middle of the second century. The same is true of the *Epistle to the Apostles* (35; 49), written in Asia Minor or Egypt between A.D. 140 and 160, about the same time as *To the Philippians* (5:2) by Polycarp, pastor-bishop of Smyrna and a disciple of the Apostle John. Polycarp wrote that deacons, in particular, should not slander.

In the first half of the third century, defamation was viewed as a sin by the east Syrian *Acts of Thomas*

(56; 58) and in the following sermons of Origen: *Homilies on Genesis* (3:5), *Homilies on Exodus* (3:2), *Homilies on Leviticus* (9:7; 14:2:4), *Homilies on Numbers* (27:8), *Homilies on Joshua* (5:2; 8:6; 10:3; 14:1), *Homilies on Psalm 36* (3:12; 4:4), *Homilies on Psalm 37* (2:23), *Homilies on Psalm 38* (1:4), and *Homilies on Jeremiah* (1:14:3, 4; 5:11:1), as well as his *Dialogue with Heraclides* (9:8–10:13), *Commentary on Romans* (6:4:2; 9:17) and *Commentary on Ephesians* (4:31). In *Commentary on Romans* 9:1:7, he warned that slanderous speech cancels out virginity and continence. Origen was the most outstanding Christian Bible scholar and preacher of his age and remained influential for centuries afterwards. He may be considered the most representative Christian writer and preacher of his day, for he traveled widely as a consultant to pastor-bishops throughout the eastern Mediterranean.

Other opposition to defamation was expressed before A.D. 250 in *Testimonies Against the Jews* (3:107) (probably Tunisia) and the interpolations into the *Sibylline Oracles* (1:24; 2:143, 144; 2:258; 8:187).

Already we are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses even without examining the restatements in early Christian literature of “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour” (Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20) or the literature’s strictures against evil-speaking.

Another Pattern: Slander and Envy

In my research for this article, I noticed another pattern: “envy” often appears in lists of sins where “slander” is also condemned. Origen’s *Homilies on Joshua* discountenances “slanders and envious detractions” (10:3). In the Bible, the two appear near each other in Mark 7:22, Romans 1:19, 20, 1 Timothy 6:4 and 1 Peter 2:1. In Origen’s works, the two words appear near each other in *Homilies on Joshua* 8:6 and 10:3 (again), *Homilies on Psalm 36* 4:4, *Homilies on Jeremiah* 5:11:1 and *Sibylline Oracles* 2:143, 144. Envy and slander are also close to each other in the exhortations in the mid-second-century 2 *Clement* (4:3), the oldest surviving Christian sermon outside the New Testament. Written sometime between A.D. 192 and 202, they appear together in the *Eclogae Propheticae* (chapter 30) of Clement of Alexandria, the greatest Christian intellectual of his day and Origen’s predecessor as dean of the world’s foremost Christian educational institution. Perhaps the ancients linked envy and slander because people often utter derogatory remarks in an attempt to discredit their victims’ achievements, achievements that the slanderers want for themselves but have not attained due to lack of talent, good fortune or self-discipline.

This brings us to the time I had another lawyer

threaten libel proceedings against the Law Society. I was sitting on a court that adjudicated disputes over lawyers’ fees. One lawyer questioned whether such court should continue to exist and had himself appointed to a Bar Society committee to look into the matter. (Either he was the most prominent member or it was a committee of one.) I admit that there were deficiencies in the court’s procedures and internal communications as then constituted, but his report did not question these procedures so much as it attacked the characters and competence of its judges, including me. The Society reproduced and circulated his report. I considered that it libelled me in my trade, profession or calling. As is the law, I believed that my remaining silent in the face of such allegations would be deemed an admission to the truth of them and hence lead to my dismissal or being passed over for promotion to a higher court. I contacted the top libel lawyer in the jurisdiction, who then sent letters—similar to those described in the first paragraph of this article—to the committee member and the Law Society. My demands were modest: I did not request money, only a retraction and correction of the report’s negative comments about me and that it circulate this rectification to the same persons who received the original report. The Law Society did so; my objections were satisfied; my reputation was restored. Striving to overcome someone else’s pride is futile in most cases, so I did not ask for an apology.

Points to Ponder

All of the above raises a number of questions. Did the slandering lawyer prove the link many early Christian authors made between envy and defamation? In churches and families, why are people defamed by those who should love them most? Why are Christian congregations such fertile grounds for statements that prompt their victims to seek legal counsel? Could it be that the equality between members of an established group—the fact that people of any given group are one another’s peers and are on the same level—naturally facilitates jealousy? In other words, could the mutually assumed equality between brothers and sisters, between all church members, and between all lawyers create an urge to demean or discredit a fellow sibling’s, member’s, or colleague’s achievements? Achievements that the slanderers themselves would like to have accomplished but lack the talent, divine favour or work ethic to attain? ■

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Throughout history, the communication of information has always been very important.

An online source states, “The history of communication is mankind’s search for ways to improve upon shouting.”¹ Understandably, the lack of communication has often caused loss of money and lives.

“People crave news out of basic instinct.” “Knowledge of the unknown gives them security; it allows them to plan and negotiate their lives.”²

Communication technology has come a long way since Morse sent the first telegraph in 1844 from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, a distance of 40 miles—a message that said, “What hath God wrought.”

With so many communication technology inventions in our past, I want to mention just a few. We have seen the invention of the telephone in 1876, the beginning of radio communication in 1896, the introduction of the television with moving pictures and sound in 1936, the internet which was launched and made available to everyone in 1983, satellites, cell phones, text messaging, email, and more recently, in

2006, the launch of a social media application called Twitter.

According to the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, Twitter has been called the “SMS of the internet” (SMS means “text messaging”). Since its creation and launch in 2006, Twitter has gained popularity with approximately 100 million users worldwide.

The communication technology of Twitter “enables its users to send and read other users’ messages, called tweets.” In short, Twitter allows information up to 140 characters to be instantly sent and then received by other users (followers), making the knowledge of current news available by the second.

I was very interested to know if and how Twitter was used during the 59th General Conference Session held in June of this year. I made a few inquiries and was put in connection with Megan Brauner, Media Relations assistant for the General Conference.

In my conversation with Megan, she told me that the General Conference communication department used two Twitter accounts during this year’s session, @AdventistNews (currently with approximately 2,000 followers) and @gcsession.

Regarding the @gcsession account, Megan said, “I spent more than half of my time answering questions on Twitter. People didn’t want to know just the dry facts. They wanted to know what it was like to be there, or what I was seeing and experiencing.”

She continued to say, “A lot of my followers came to Atlanta for only one or two days or weren’t able to come at all, so they appreciated knowing behind-the-scenes details and getting the inside scoop.”

The use of Twitter during the 11 days of the GC session provided approximately 2,500 hits to the news.adventist.org website as people clicked on Twitter links to the full story on the news website. “It was important to be as timely as possible.” Megan said, “I tried to tweet elections the minute they happened, not hours or days later.”

Megan tells me that the comments from the Twitter followers were very positive, expressing appreciation of the news and information shared with them. Several people were from isolated areas of the world, and the use of Twitter was for them the best way to keep informed of the latest GC news.

Megan said she enjoyed using this new communication technology because “it’s very rewarding to feel like you’re truly part of a global community. . . . It felt good to do my bit,” she said, “a process many Adventists may never get to experience.”

The official Twitter account of the world church is @AdventistChurch and can be found at <http://twitter.com/adventistchurch>. ■

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

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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Office of Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada takes great pride in the recipients of this year's Excellence in Teaching and Administration awards. These are truly outstanding individuals.

ADMINISTRATION



Corinne Faye Mazier

Corinne Mazier graduated in 1981 from Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) with a B.Sc. in Elementary Education. She is the mother of two children, JayDee and Aleisha, and lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Her hobbies include

baking, cooking, sewing, playing piano, cross stitching, knitting, reading, photography and walking.

Corinne began her teaching career at Hazelton S.D.A. School in British Columbia (1981–1999) serving as teacher and teaching principal. In September 1999, she accepted a position at the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in Saskatoon, where she currently serves as the teaching principal. She is also the chairperson for Mount Royal Collegiate Community School council, a position she has held since 2007.

Corinne decided to become a teacher because of the encouragement she got from Clifford Sorenson, president of Walla Walla College at the time. She has had many memorable experiences as a result of that decision. She fondly recalls how she felt a year ago when a former student told her that she was returning to school to become a teacher because of the great impression Corinne had made on her as a teacher.

Corinne chooses to teach in an Adventist school because of the opportunities it affords her to share her love of Jesus with her students. "Watching them grow spiritually and academically is rewarding . . . but the most rewarding is watching students whom I have taught take their stand for Jesus and be baptized," she said.

TEACHING



Michael Berdan

Michael Berdan graduated with a B.Ed. from Canadian University College in 2002. He is married to Karla Berdan and has a son named Ethan. Michael enjoys reading, playing hockey, baseball and travelling.

Michael began his teaching career at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy and then moved to Parkview Adventist Academy. During his 10 years of teaching, Michael has had many memorable teaching experiences, but he says that there is nothing like going to a tournament with

his sports teams and getting to know his students outside of the classroom. "It is hard to beat loading up a van and driving to British Columbia with a dozen students and arriving back after a long weekend with the championship trophy," he said. Michael is innovative and always looks for opportunities to integrate faith with learning.

Michael's mission in life is to help lead his students to Christ. Teaching in an Adventist school gives him the opportunity to talk to his students about God and to pray with them. "When I started my teaching career, it was not my intention to work in the Adventist system. Through God's leading, I found my way to an Adventist school and now I could not even think of being anywhere else," he said.



Gail Wilton

Gail Wilton graduated from Canadian University College in 2004 with a B.Ed. She is married to Larry Wilton, and they have three sons: Andrew, Matthew and Trevor. Her hobbies are camping, scrapbooking and travelling.

Gail began her teaching career as a grade 6/7 teacher at Mamawi Atosketan Native School. From there she went to College Heights Christian School before returning to Mamawi, where she is currently the teaching principal.

One of her memorable teaching experiences was a three-day camping trip she took with her students to Foothills Camp (Alberta) and sleeping in the cabins at Sherwood Forest. "Spending an extended period of time in nature was an awesome bonding experience that provided many opportunities to grow and share spiritually," she said.

Gail chose to become a teacher in the Adventist school system because of the encouragement she got from teachers while working as a teaching assistant. In that role, she was given many opportunities to interact with students and become involved in classroom work. She knew that teaching was her calling because of the excitement it brought to her life. Once she made the decision to become a teacher, she said "there was no turning back!"

Guiding students to have a closer relationship with Christ and exposing them to opportunities to serve others are the reasons she gave for deciding to teach in an Adventist school. "I grew up in the Adventist school system, and therefore, it was a priority for my children to do the same. I just can't imagine teaching in today's society without being able to offer hope through the promises of Christ," she said.

ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

pleasure in announcing the winners
standing educators:



Juana Galdamez

Juana Galdamez graduated with a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta in 1999. She enjoys gardening, travelling and spending time with family. Juana has taught at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy for the past 10 years. Her subject areas are Mathematics, Religious

Studies, Spanish and Art.

Juana reported an incident she had with a student in her first year of teaching that taught her to never judge a student, but to give him or her the benefit of the doubt. The incident she reports in her own words is as follows:

“There was a student who was struggling with math. He was hard to motivate and was usually unprepared for class. He loved wasting time by going to his locker to get ‘forgotten materials.’ One day when he came for math help at lunch time, I was shocked. He told me that he did not have his books and pencil so he had to go back to his locker. I asked him if he ate his lunch and he said no.

I could not help but think: This is going to take forever! By the time he comes back, lunch time will be long over and if I wait for him I won't have time for my lunch! So I started to say, ‘I think we will have to leave it for tomorrow,’ when suddenly I saw him pulling out his sandwich from his pant pocket, and I heard him say, ‘Maybe we can use your book, I just need help with one question.’ I smiled and we worked through the math problem. From that point on, I learned to give my students the benefit of the doubt; they are not always trying to waste time.”

Juana chose teaching as a career because she enjoys working with children. “I teach in an Adventist school because I have the opportunity to talk about Jesus to my students,” she said.

We have just read about four remarkable educators in the Adventist school system. They have demonstrated excellence, not only in the performance of their duties but also in developing bonding relationships with their students and leading them to Christ. More important than book knowledge and the socializing that goes on in an excellent school is the character development that takes place in each child due to the influence of dedicated, God-fearing and caring teachers. We salute our award winners for their accomplishments. ■

Dennis Marshall is the director of Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

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Ontario

Hungarian Bible Conference at Kingsway College!



They came from everywhere and were welcomed with open arms by members of the Toronto Hungarian Seventh-day Adventist church organizing committee. It was July 16th and the start of the 42nd annual North American Hungarian Bible Conference that so many Hungarians throughout North America look forward to. For many, it is the highlight of the year—a three-day event they have not missed for 10, 20 or 30+ years.

This year, Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont., provided the retreat setting and spiritual atmosphere for the almost 200 participants who attended. As they gathered from far and near to enjoy a spirit-filled fellowship weekend, many were blessed and able to recommit their lives to their soon-coming Lord and Saviour.

The opening service was led by Tamas

Ocsai, president of the Hungarian Union who attended with his family. Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division shared God's word on Sabbath morning, preaching the soon coming of our Lord and the importance of living a life that is pleasing to Him while we are in this world. He was joined by his wife, Donna, also. Various children served in song, instrumental music and skits. The youth joined those with those of many years of service in every aspect of the program - God's presence was felt and enjoyed in every event.

This year's motto "For me, to live is Christ" and the theme song "Happiness is the Lord" served as gentle reminders of our high calling in life and that there is great joy in knowing and serving Christ. The bilingual event was a chance for members to enjoy an opportunity to fellowship with others from their native

land, to be of encouragement and support to fellow brothers and sisters.

The program was uplifting, gym night was refreshing, the food was remarkable, and Kingsway College staff helped make this year's gathering one to remember for a very long time! Many thanks to members of the Toronto Hungarian Organizing Committee and a few very special individuals who have made it financially possible to get together.

Hungarian Bible Conferences are held each July at a different location every year by various Hungarian churches throughout North America. Facebook and www.torontoadventistak.com will have all the details. See you all next year in Cleveland, Ohio! ■

—Katalin Kis, communication secretary, Toronto Hungarian SDA Church

Alberta

Seven-Year Old Makes a Difference in Afghanistan



Kalista Ziakris, a seven-year-old grade two student at College Heights Christian School in Lacombe, AB., recently raised \$600 to buy 60 canes for the children at the Kabul Blind School in Afghanistan. She did this by baking and selling cupcakes and stuffed animals.

Her mother, who is a supporter of A Better World (ABW), says, "She asked Eric [Rajah, ABW director] for project ideas and when he told her that canes for the blind in Afghanistan were a need, she was excited." She used her allowance to buy the ingredients. The Lacombe Co-Op manager donated containers for the cupcakes. Kalista then made the cupcakes and sold them at her school garage sale. She even donated her own stuffed animals to be sold.

Raising money to help make a better world is not new to Kalista. Last year she organized a project to buy shoes for children in Kenya for Christmas. This

time, her enthusiasm caught on and Mom, Auntie, and Grandma joined her in her efforts to make and ice the cupcakes.

Kalista's efforts have not only inspired those closest to her. Now, others are doing their part to bring much needed supplies to the Kabul Blind School. Along with Kalista's 60 canes, 100 slates (Braille notebooks), 200 stylus, 85 more canes, and five boxes of Braille thermoform paper also will be shipped to the blind school. Azalea Lehndorff, of Freedom Run 5000, is collaborating with the Canadian Embassy and the Canadian Military Police in Kabul to arrange the shipment of these goods.

When asked what she would like to say to other kids her own age, Kalista says, "I would say to ask Eric about a project and then figure out a way to get money for that project. They could also give something of their own." ■

Adventist Farm Family Receives Alberta Century Award

At a presentation on June 14, 2010 in Consort, Alta., the Sankey family were among others who received plaques recognizing the holding of an original homestead within the family for 100 years.

On April 2, 1910, Dimitrious Sankey filed to homestead on a quarter of land in what is now known as the Hemaruka area in east central Alberta. Of particular significance is that it was within the Palliser Triangle, an area of typically very low moisture in south-eastern Alberta. When significant numbers of settlers abandoned their holdings in the 1930's due to extreme drought, and local government was not possible, the area came under the jurisdiction of the provincial government and became known as the Special Areas.

Dimitrious and Sophia became Seventh-day Adventist Christians in 1914 and helped establish a church in the area. There has been an Adventist presence (Loyalist Church) in the community ever since.

Despite extreme hardship, Dimitrious and Sophia persevered on the land and, with hard work, raised eight children



(l-r) Elaine, Murray, Steven and Margaret Sankey

and increased their land base. They and their descendants have contributed in their churches and communities locally, provincially, in the United States and in mission service.

That the Sankey family has been in agriculture in the area for 100 years is a

testament to that same perseverance and partnership with God shown by previous generations. The land is currently owned by the son, grandson and great grandson of Dimitrious—Steven, Murray and Scott Sankey. ■



Church Treasurer Honoured for Sixty Years of Continuous Service

First Timothy 5:17 says, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." Irene Schafer has not served as an elder, but she has served well and long and is deserving of this "double honour!"

The Warburg Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta met recently to show their appreciation for Irene's 60 years of service as church treasurer. She was presented with a bouquet of sixty roses and a plaque in appreciation for her godly service. Friends, family, former members, and the Alberta conference treasury representative, Keith Richter, paid tribute to Irene for her many years of untiring and dedicated service. Schafer has also served this congregation as its organist for many years and continues to serve in this capacity. ■

—John W. Gilbert, pastor

British Columbia

Making a Difference in Sooke

The mission of the Juan de Fuca Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sooke, B.C., is to reach the community with Jesus' love. That is exactly what several members did at the community health fair on Canada Day. With the help of two computers and seven enthusiastic volunteers, the church-run Health Age Assessment booth was a huge success.

More than 100 people stopped to answer some health-related questions. The answers were entered into a computer using Don Hall's Wellsource program (<http://www.wellsource.com>), and participants were given a computer printout with tips to improve their health age. Two health counsellors were on hand to discuss specific health recommendations such as "try to eat breakfast in the morning" or "get more exercise."

Participants were also surveyed to find out what programs they would like to see offered in the community. Three common areas of interest were identified: how to handle stress, the secrets of health



Volunteers Connie McKay, Brent Straughan, Shirley Ehrlich and Gerry LeGault.

and five love languages for kids.

Church members had two goals in mind on Canada Day: to help people realize that their age is determined by lifestyle choices, not "Mother Nature," and to discover what the needs of the community are. Both goals were met

and so was the mission of the Juan de Fuca church. When we help people achieve physical, mental and emotional health, the doors for spiritual health are opened as well. ■

—Linda Wilkinson, member

Health Expo in Duncan



Volunteer Marg Rooke managing the Health Screening table

The Duncan Seventh-day Adventist Church is blessed with a large facility and a core group of dedicated members who want to show Jesus' love to people in the community. Reaching out is not always easy, though, because of a lack of interest. On June 6 we decided to use a different approach and hosted a Health Expo to find out what programs people are most interested in. We set up displays on several tables to highlight programs such as CHIP, Depression Recovery, Financial Management, Breathe-Free, Discovery Bible studies, Health Eating Club and Vegetarian Cooking classes. In addition, there were opportunities to enter a draw for health books, check blood pressure and BMI, and taste vegan food samples. The Community Services Thrift Store, which raises money to support programs operated by the church, was also open and bustling with activity.

In the end, we discovered that the majority of people were interested in complimentary individual financial planning sessions offered by retired financial planner Maggie Simms. Other areas of interest are vegetarian cooking classes and a healthy eating club. Many attendees enjoyed sitting and visiting with members while sampling Verona

Boylan's delicious food samples such as vegan corn chowder, carrot cake and homemade bread. One visitor even expressed an interest in attending our church! And another regular shopper at the Community Services Thrift Store came early to see if she could help us set up the displays.

The Health Expo was a wonderful

opportunity for church members to work together as a team and let residents in the community know that their health—physical, emotional, mental and spiritual—is important to the members of the Duncan Seventh-day Adventist Church. ■

—Linda Wilkinson, member

SDA Church in Canada

ADRA Annual Appeal

It's time to give thanks and share in the work of ADRA Canada! ADRA Canada is YOUR Christian compassion at work and your support provides the means to reach across boundaries to empower those around the world who are at-risk; creating just and positive change in lives and society.

ADRA Canada works with people in poverty and distress with absolutely no strings attached. Because of this, ADRA is able to work in countries that are closed to traditional evangelistic approaches. By expressing our compassion through action, we are following Jesus' example and bringing hope to thousands who don't know Him.

ADRA Canada is the official humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church in Canada, so your support is very important. For over a hundred years, members of the church have participated in "Ingathering" to raise funds for this work. Over the years, security concerns and changes in lifestyle made the idea of door-to-door solicitation less popular with some. We have prepared and made available on request, the "Fundraising Powerkit", a booklet full of fundraising ideas designed to spark the imagination and make it easier for members to raise their annual "goal".

We invite each Seventh-day Adventist member to raise \$100.00 per year to help provide hope and a brighter future to those in distress and poverty. When you consider that this amount is only \$8.33 per month, it's obvious what a

good investment it is.

In consultation with conference/mission administration, each conference/mission goal has been calculated based on the following formula: # of baptized members in conference/mission x \$100 = annual ADRA Canada Goal.

As this issue goes to press, the percentage of each 2010 conference/mission goal received to date, is:

Newfoundland Labrador Mission:	67%
Maritime Conference:	53%
Quebec Conference:	17%
Ontario Conference:	29%
Man.-Sask. Conference:	63%
Alberta Conference:	78%
British Columbia Conference:	66%

North American Division



Dowell Chow

New President for AWR

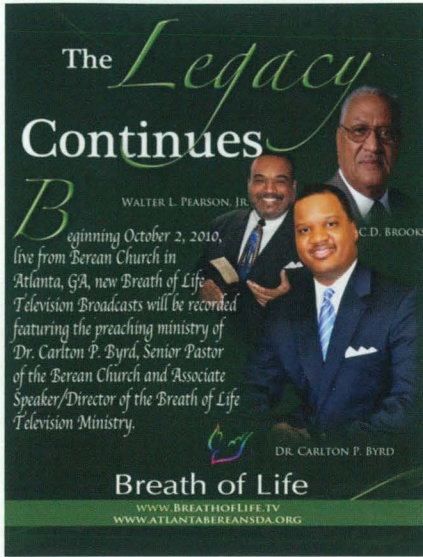
The Adventist "World Radio (AWR) Board of Directors has elected Elder Dowell Chow as the new president of AWR, replacing Dr. Benjamin Schoun, who has served as president for the past eight years.

Chow has filled the role of AWR vice president for finance since 2005. Chow says, "While working at AWR during the past several years, I have come to learn what a unique, passionate, exciting ministry it is. I relish the excitement of

developing new projects, and my aim is to build on what Ben has done in the field and keep moving ahead. AWR has diversified its offerings, such as a much greater FM radio presences and incredibly extensive podcasting, and we need to pursue that even further."

At the recent General Conference session, Schoun was elected as one of the general vice presidents of the General Conference, where his portfolio includes becoming new chair of AWR's board. ■

Breath of Life Ministries Begins Recording New Programming



Breath of Life Ministries began recording new programming for its television broadcast on October 2, 2010. The new programming, being recorded at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Ga., will feature Carlton P. Byrd, D.Min., senior pastor of the Berean congregation and

associate speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries. “We know that Dr. Byrd will be able to reach the postmodern generation with his unique approach to evangelism through television ministries,” said Elder Alvin M. Kibble, Breath of Life Ministries executive committee chairman and a vice-president for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Dr. Byrd, an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is a graduate of Oakwood University (formerly Oakwood College) in Huntsville, Ala., with dual degrees, a bachelor of arts in theology and a bachelor of science in business management. He is also a graduate of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn., where he earned a master of business administration, and a graduate of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., where he earned both the master of divinity and the doctor of ministry with an emphasis in African American religious studies. In 2008, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King

Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. While serving as the senior pastor of the Atlanta Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church, Dr. Byrd has baptized more than 1,200 people and launched a television ministry that currently airs weekly on two Atlanta television stations. Under his leadership, the church was awarded a \$5.2 million grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to construct a senior citizens’ housing facility. In October 2009, the Atlanta Berean Church was named the North American Division’s 2009 Innovative Church of the Year. Personnel from the Adventist Media Center located in Simi Valley, Calif., will assist with the initial recordings. Recordings are set to be aired on national television networks including Church Channel, Word Network, Hope Channel, and 3ABN, beginning in January 2011. For more information, please visit www.breathoflife.tv or www.atlantabereansda.org. ■

About Breath of Life Ministries: Breath of Life Ministries is dedicated to sharing the healing gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14. This is done through the production and distribution of Christ-centred quality television and media programs and support materials that are intellectually stimulating, Bible-based, and designed to help people choose a quality of life found only in following Christ.

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Births

Hudson Earl Allen was born July 7, 2010, to Denise (McGill) and Darren Allen of Langley, B.C.

Jose Ricardo Gamero was born July 5, 2010, to Andrea and Ricardo Gamero of New Westminster, B.C.

Weddings

Brigitte Rebsomen and Johnny de Beurs were married on March 7, 2010, in Daysland, Alta., where they are also making their home. Brigitte is the daughter of Daniel and Sandra Rebsomen and Johnny is the son of Martin and Elizabeth de Beurs.

Sandra Assman and David Koenig were married July 18, 2010, in Redding, Calif., and are making their home in Los Angeles, Calif. Sandra is the daughter of Arlene and Bruce Assman, and David is the son of Dorothy Koenig.

Angela Mikul and Justin McQueen were married July 15, 2010, in Cape Breton, N.S., and are making their home in New Westminster, B.C. Angela is the daughter of Steven and Esther Mikul, and Justin is the son of Philip and Dale McQueen.

Sharayah Allen and Jamison Will were married Aug. 1, 2010, in Battleground, Wash., and are making their home in Portland, Ore. Sharayah is the daughter of Gerald Allen and Barbara Hessel. Jamison is the son of Carlene and Brian Will.

Anniversaries

Isabel and Mike Topolinski of Two Hills, Alta., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2010. Their children Don and Marlene and their families helped celebrate. The Topolinskis have three grandchildren.

Obituaries

Leonie (Goddard) Bispham was born Feb. 8, 1912, in St. Philip, Barbados, and died July 5, 2010, in Surrey, B.C. Leonie served as Dorcas leader, Sabbath School teacher, community service worker and prayer warrior. She is predeceased by her husband, Charles, and her daughter, Hazel. Surviving: daughters, Francina (Livingstone) Beckles of Markham, Ont., and Arvil (Jozsef) Hunyadi of Surrey, B.C.

George Dyck was born Dec. 21, 1917, in Russia, and died July 2, 2010, in Vermilion, Alta. George is predeceased by his wife, Martha, five brothers and four sisters. Surviving: daughters, Sharon (Michael) Matei of Edmonton, Alta., and Darlene (Dale) McQuid of Vermilion, Alta.; brother, Isaac of Steinbach, Alta.; sister-in-law Archy Dyck of LaBroquerie, Man.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pearl (Bronstein) Godfrey was born June 8, 1931, in Weyburn, Sask., and died April 15, 2010, in Mission, B.C. She is predeceased by her husband, Joe. Surviving: sons, Sheldon of Abbotsford, B.C., and Ken of New Westminster, B.C.; daughter, Minda Paquette of Mission; brothers, Perry and Sam, both of

Okanagan, B.C.; sister, Adele Marks of Toronto, Ont.; and three grandchildren.

Margret (English) Jarvis was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Paisley, Scotland, and died April 20, 2010, in Qualicum Beach, B.C. Surviving: brothers, George and Tom.

Frederick Kwan was born April 19, 1944, in Shanghai, China, and died July 9, 2010, in Lordsburg, N.M. Fred assisted in building the Owen Sound church. Surviving: wife, Linda; sons, Peter (Ashley) and David (Kristin); brothers, Ben and Leo (Grace); and sister, Peggy.

George Widdicombe was born Jan. 2, 1917, in Foxwarren, Man., and died Aug. 4, 2009, in Whitecourt, Alta. George served as elder, Sabbath School teacher, and personal ministries leader. He is predeceased by his brothers, Sam, Ted, Wesley, James, Roland and Dan, and his sisters, Violet, Alice and June. Surviving: wife, Evelyn; sons, Harold (Linda) of Salmon Arm, B.C., Neil (Dianne) and John (Cheryl), both of Chetwynd, B.C., and Bill (Melinda) of Grand Ledge, Mich.; daughters, Leslie (Don) Price of Whitecourt, Alta., and Laurell Crocker of Quesnel, B.C.; brother, Jack; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Ruth Mildred Wirtz was born March 27, 1929, in Antigo, Wisc., and died July 7, 2010, in Kelowna, B.C. Ruth served as a Pathfinder counsellor, VBS leader, Investment leader and Sabbath School superintendent. She is predeceased by her sister Muriel Brown. Surviving: husband, Fritz; sons, Fritz Jr. (Dianne) and David (Bev), both of Kelowna, and Kenneth (Sandi) of Spokane, Wash.; daughter, Marleen (Milton) Hathaway of Kelowna; brothers, Floyd Petersen and David Wing; sisters Kathyleen Oliver and Marcia Corrales; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Tribute

Karen (Powell) Barrett was born on Oct. 1, 1953, in Toronto, Ont., and went to sleep in Jesus on May 27, 2009, in Burnaby, B.C. Karen was a member of the Burnaby Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship, where she is greatly missed. She was predeceased by both her parents. Karen is survived by her husband, Arthur; sons, David (Cheryl) of Victoria, and Jonathan attending CUC; brother, Ken (Vera) Powell; sisters, Kim (John) Snider and Kollen McCaugan; one aunt and several nieces and nephews. Karen is peace-

fully awaiting the coming of her Best Friend and Saviour.

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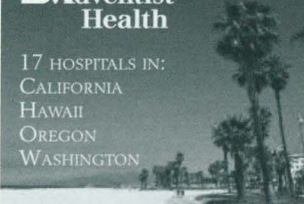
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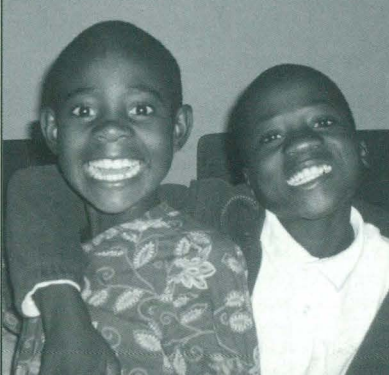


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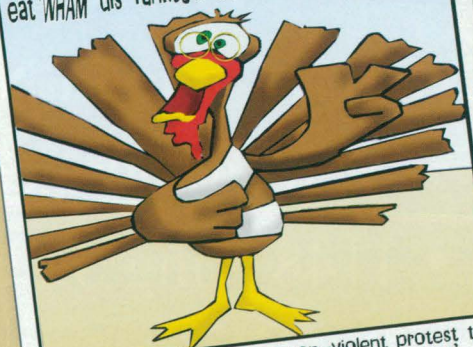
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