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# “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”

*“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak...” James 1:19a*

Quite some time ago I learned an adage that has stood me in good stead many times and in many situations during my life: “Better to be silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.” The origin of the saying is unknown but has been attributed variously to Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain and Samuel Johnson. I wish I knew who to thank for so succinctly stating a principle that has saved me from embarrassment so many times over the years.

Long before Twain or Johnson or Lincoln, however, Solomon gave similar words of wisdom when he said there was a time for everything including “a time to be silent and a time to speak” (Eccles. 3:7b). What a different world this would be if everyone came to a realization of this truth! I bet that even at this moment, reading my words, you are thinking of someone who you know who speaks too much, or too often, or often talks about things they just don’t know. They are everywhere, those who speak because they like to hear themselves. We find a way to deal with them, but it’s even more important that we are not ‘them’ ourselves.

Today’s media, because they are accessible from the devices we hold in our hands and because they deliver our words instantly to anyone in the world who cares to tune them in, have fostered a frenetic pace of communication. Far from being “slow to speak” as James counsels, we hop on Facebook or Twitter and rant about the person who cut us off in traffic or muse about the cheese sandwich we are about to have for lunch. Any topic, any time seems to be the guiding principle behind the way some use words.

It seems to me that, even with digital media like Facebook and email, there is a way of speaking that does not show us to be foolish, that shows that we are listening and that reverses the hectic pace of communication these days. A focus on others and meeting their needs will go far in showing we are God’s people. Pausing to let them speak to us *without us rushing to respond* speaks far more than a hundred of the most creative words anyone has yet strung together. ■

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# EAST AFRICA DROUGHT

*The crisis unfolding in the horn of Africa, affecting more than 10 million individuals, is heart-wrenching and calls for immediate and long-term action. Mark Bowden, the UN's chief of humanitarian aid to Somalia, stated in a *Globe and Mail* article: "Somalia is facing its worst food-security crisis in the last 20 years." The "desperate situation requires urgent action to save lives," he said, warning that "it's likely that conditions will deteriorate further in six months."<sup>1</sup>*

ADRA Canada, in coordination with the ADRA network, is responding. The initial ADRA response is multi-faceted and complex. Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda will benefit, with an estimated 85,000 individuals receiving assistance in the first phase. We are ensuring that those most at risk—women, children, the disabled and elderly—are receiving emergency assistance. As more funds become available, ADRA will reassess our response and provide additional support.

ADRA Canada executive director, Ronald Kuhn, and staff have answered some common questions:

**Q: Why should we respond?**

**A:** "The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada established ADRA Canada to be their humanitarian arm, working transparently and partnering with local and foreign agencies and governments on behalf of the church. As a specialized organization focused specifically on development and emergency response, ADRA Canada has the unique opportunity to effectively respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters regardless of religion, colour, ethnic or cultural belief and in many cases with the support and/or cooperation of the Canadian and foreign governments. ADRA is the public face of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in disaster and development situations, showing the compassion of Christ through action and intervention."

**Q: How can we help?**

**A:** "There are many dying, and the

human toll will continue to climb as this situation worsens. Immediate action is required, and ADRA Canada has already committed funds to the network response, knowing that Canadians will want to exercise their compassion and values.

You can help by dedicating your prayers to the situation, to the agency, to the respondents and, most importantly, to the individuals directly affected who have lost their homes, livelihoods and humanity.

Become an advocate of ADRA. Be knowledgeable about the work that ADRA is doing. ... For instance, did you know that ADRA was in Ethiopia in 1984 when famine struck, and we have been there ever since working on numerous development projects?

Understand and appreciate that cash donations allow ADRA to respond quickly and appropriately. We are able to provide your donations to the local offices in a disaster to purchase and supply appropriate goods and services that are familiar and comforting to people in distress. We hope also to work with the Canadian government and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and will use your donations to maximize these opportunities."

**Q: Why doesn't ADRA Canada accept donations of goods?**

**A:** "There are several reasons. First, ADRA is able to make cash donations work immediately in a crisis, where time is of the utmost importance. Also, locally purchased goods help to re-establish the local economy and are generally cheaper

than the cost of shipping donated goods! Lastly, introducing new or foreign foods or goods could be unsettling to displaced persons whose bodies are already dealing with a lot of trauma. Introducing a new food could actually cause the body to deteriorate further and possibly be more detrimental to the individuals it was meant to help. If ever donated goods would be appropriate and needed, ADRA Canada would make an appropriate appeal."

**Q: How do we get the latest news about what ADRA Canada is doing?**

**A:** "ADRA Canada is working hard to share information in as timely a manner as possible. We have dedicated staff gathering and sorting information, composing stories, tweets and postings to help our constituency understand and stay informed on this situation. Check out our website, [www.adra.ca/hornofafricaresponse](http://www.adra.ca/hornofafricaresponse), subscribe to our eNews, follow us on Twitter @adracanada, or join our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/adra.canada](http://www.facebook.com/adra.canada). These resources are being utilized to keep you informed and show our accountability to our supporters. Seek us out if you are unsure of a situation, have concerns or questions. If you are uncomfortable online, reach for the phone or come into the office (if you are in the area) and speak to one of our staff who will gladly try to address inquiries." ■

*Alicia Sawyer works with the Donor Relations department of ADRA Canada.*

# Same Ol' Routine

*It is time we include in our prayers, "Thank you, God, for our routines."*

Routines usually get a bad rap. They are often seen as boring, common, unexciting and, as such, are taken for granted when, in reality, they have a dynamic potential of excitement. At the end of the day, many of us often catch up on the news of families driven from their homes by floods, fires, wars, tornados, earthquakes and tsunamis, and with a common breath we say to our spouse, "Well it's 10:30 p.m., time to go to bed." We are so fortunate; while we go to bed, literally thousands of families are sleeping in makeshift shelters or are anxious about missing loved ones. It is time we include in our prayers, "Thank you, God, for our routines."

My mom used to have a saying by the kitchen sink in our home: "Thank God for dirty dishes; they have a story to tell. While others are going hungry, we are eating very well." It is true that the routine of doing dishes takes on a whole new meaning when you think of the millions who did not have a quality meal today.

There are some downsides to routines, however. The most common is that we take one another for granted. Have you ever taken a moment to look at your spouse and said to yourself, "A time may come when death will separate us"? Or, to look at your children and think, "In a couple of years, they will be leaving for college or the workplace and all our home routines will be gone"? The impact of this thought thrills my heart to express more love and appreciation to my spouse and children today.

The call came from the hospital for mom and I to come quickly, as dad was dying. He held on to life until we arrived. It was a moment never to be forgotten as he reached out to Mom, gave her a hug and died. More than 60 years of marriage, with year after year of routines—including work, eating, loving, driving down to view the beauty of the ocean, raising their children, welcoming grandkids home,

and celebrating birthdays—now gone. Mom's reflection was, "I could have done more." Most of us can identify with that thought. Because we can, is it not an invitation to take advantage of the moment while our spouse and children are with us?

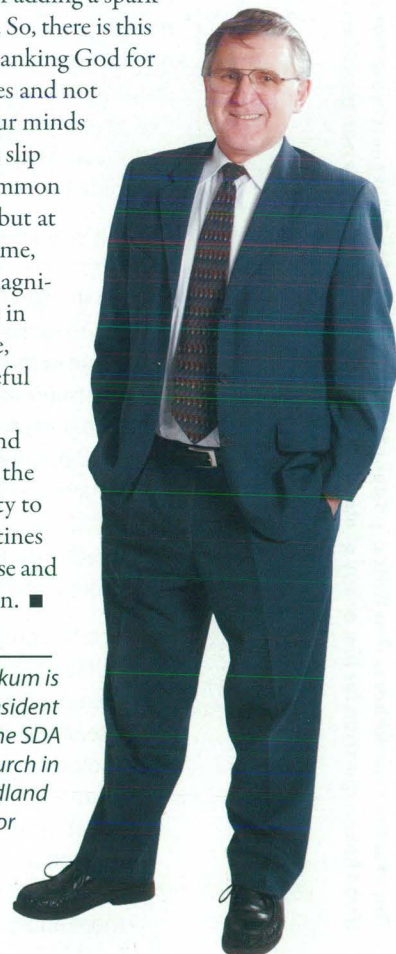
The second downside of routines is that we often forget that they will all eventually come to an end. Many of us enjoy our jobs, and although some cannot wait to hit retirement, some of us find great fulfillment in what we do and want to continue. Can you identify with me when, after giving most of my years to ministry in the Maritimes and most recently 12 years as president, I handed over the keys to the office and walked away? There was much joy in my heart to turn the leadership over to a capable leadership team, but nonetheless, I had to walk away. In my case, I was letting go in order to embrace my new opportunity to minister to the peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador. But unless you have trusted God with your life, you will find it difficult to walk away. However easy or difficult it will be for you to walk away, your worldview and mindset will impact how you come out on the other side.

The third and final downside I will mention is the belief that selfish or unhealthful routines cannot change. Changing habits is not easy, but most advances in life require intentional choices and a willingness to include or exclude things in life. Just because we have done it doesn't make it right or good for us. The Holy Spirit is very patient with our routines. He gently urges us to put more of God first in our lives and to include personal and family devotions. He addresses our lifestyles, nudging us toward better eating habits, more exercise and weight control for better health. That's a tough mouthful, and because certain habits feel so good,

taste so good, they are hard to give up and so we keep on doing the same thing. But wait! Because I love God, I will allow His principles to become mine. A new, positive life routine may actually give me a better quality and quantity of life.

Whatever your age, from youth to senior, you can find excitement in trying something new. One has said, "Once you are unwilling to try something new, you have become old." There must be a balance between the predictability of routine and the adventure and excitement of trying something new. New does not always equal better, but neither does it have to equal something inferior. Appreciate your routines in your job, marriage partner, a moment with your child—each has the potential of adding a spark to your life. So, there is this tension: thanking God for our routines and not allowing our minds to let these slip away as common or boring, but at the same time, with the magnitude of life in perspective, being grateful for each moment and embracing the opportunity to enrich routines with surprise and anticipation. ■

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by Ken Corkum

not an event, a journey

# T33nTa1k

## When did God first become real for you and what was it like?

It was a cold, wintry Sabbath morning. My dad tried to start the car a few times, but the battery died. He announced we wouldn't be able to go to church, but in my little, five-year-old mind, it was simple: God wanted us to go to church and God can do anything. I urged my dad to try one more time. He started to protest but did it anyway, and the engine came to life. I'll never forget that, and my dad, who has spent his life working on cars, has never forgotten that miracle boost either.

drove by and splashed water all over me. I was pretty much screaming at God in my mind about everything. Finally, I saw headlights cutting through the mist, and I cried out, "God, if you @#^\$&%\* exist, that better be my mother, and if it isn't I'm done with You!" Of course, it was her, and I'd love to be able to tell you that His proving Himself to me all over again was all it took to answer all my questions, but of course, it wasn't. It did, however, show me that despite all the things I couldn't understand, He was still undeniably there.

When I was 15, my good friend Remy, who loved God and lived his faith, was clipped by a van mirror while riding his bike; he was thrown into a ditch, hit his head on a culvert and died instantly. My idealistic picture of God was severely shaken. I became angry at my God who could do anything but who didn't show up.

When I was five, I knew He was real. When I was 16, I knew He was real. It has been many years since, and I have learned a lot about God: that knowing He is is much different from knowing Him; that Remy's death saved my life, not my physical life, but my walk with God; that life is unfair but that Remy will live again; that because of the tragedy of sin, God has to make some tough decisions in order to save us, many of which we'll never understand until the war of this world is over; that I initially want to resist most of the things God wants me to do, but afterwards I find that following Him not only is right but also brings even more joy and meaning to my life; and that finding God is not an event but a journey. ■

About a year later, I was riding the bus home from band practice. Remy used to be in the band and now his younger sister, who looked much like him, sat beside me in the band and played the same instrument he once did. Being around her made me think of him. I still could not understand why God would have allowed Remy to die so

needlessly. I wasn't even sure anymore that there was a God.

The bus dropped me off in my hometown, and I called my mother from the pay phone to pick me up. My sister answered and said Mom was already on her way. I waited the five minutes it should have taken, and no one came. Twenty minutes later, she was still nowhere to be seen, so I started walking. Soon, the dark clouds opened and rain started. Thinking about Remy and how unfair it was, I was getting more and more angry. To add insult to my plight, a car



# Creation Corner For Kids



“Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.” Proverbs 17:28

## Budgerigar

The budgerigar, also called a parakeet or budgie, is actually a small Australian parrot. In their natural habitat, these seed-eating birds sometimes gather in large flocks where there is enough food and water available. They are favoured as pets for their social behaviour, bright colours, cheerful chatter and affordability.

Budgerigars like to talk and, like other parrots, especially males, they are good at copying the sounds they hear. In fact, the world record for the largest vocabulary of any bird is held by a budgerigar. Puck could say 1,728 words!

## Think about it.

If you listen to a parrot, it won't take you long to realize that he's really just making noise for his own enjoyment. Sometimes it's that way with people, too. People who talk a lot don't usually have many friends, because they talk mostly about themselves or what interests them. That kind of talking can be rather selfish.

## Do it!

If you forget to include others in your conversation, practice talking less and asking questions more. What do these verses say about listening? Proverbs 8: 33, 18: 13, 19: 20; Mark 4: 23, 24. Ask God, who listens better than anyone, to help you to be a better listener.





## CUC Graduates, Our Next ...

Earlier this year, a new group of graduating students joined the Canadian University College alumni family. Years of hard work, sacrifice and prayer led them to one of the great accomplishments of a lifetime: university graduation! As the graduates posed for pictures with family, friends and professors, it was inspiring to imagine the potential of each individual CUC graduate. Posing on the hill beside the administration building are a group of students from the Biology department—our next great doctors. Just in front of the sundial are the graduates from the school of Education—our next inspiring teachers. A group of students pose with the administration building in the background—our next set of businessmen and businesswomen, counselors, musicians and pastors.

For most, their answer to a single question led them on the path to today's event: why Canadian University College? Cassandra Belonio, a BEd in Elementary Education graduate, was already planning

on going to another university a little closer to home until she felt CUC pulling her. "I wasn't even planning on going to CUC. I was supposed to go to another University, but felt CUC kind of chose me. They offered a very good education program so I decided to go to CUC. I felt God wanted me to go there," says Cassandra.

Some have the added incentive of scholarships and familiarity with the campus and professors to base their decision on. For Colton Greenlaw, a BEd in Secondary Education graduate, his decision was influenced by the scholarships he was offered and the understanding he gained about the CUC experience from his time at Parkview Adventist Academy. "...I had made my decision to be a Christian at PAA and felt like CUC would be a great place where I could continue to grow in my relationship with Him (Which I did)," states Colton.

As you listen to stories of how students come to be at CUC, the theme of God

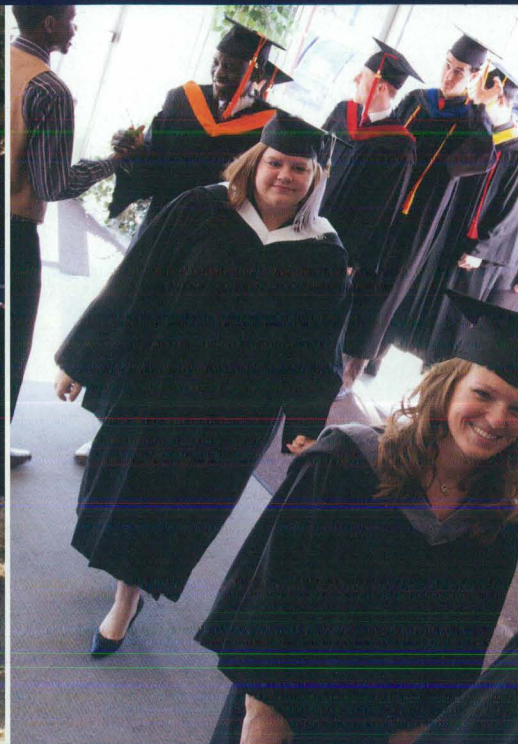
leading is evident. For Sherri Mitchell, a BA in English graduate, a very personal loss led her to examine her journey, eventually leading her to CUC. "My father died after my first year (at another university) and I was not sure what I should be doing. I was seriously considering going as a Student Missionary but only wanted to go if that was what God wanted for me. A former CUC student encouraged me to consider CUC. After much prayer, I decided to ask God for a sign so I did my own version of Gideon's fleece. To make a long story short, God answered my fleece, clearly showing me that CUC was the place for me. He has always been with me in my journey at this school and I have never once questioned my (and God's) decision," say Sherri.

Cassandra, Colton and Sherri are just a small sample of the stories of the CUC graduates of 2011. Different paths have brought these students to the campus but it is clear that it is God who has led them to CUC, Canada's Seventh-day Adventist university. ■

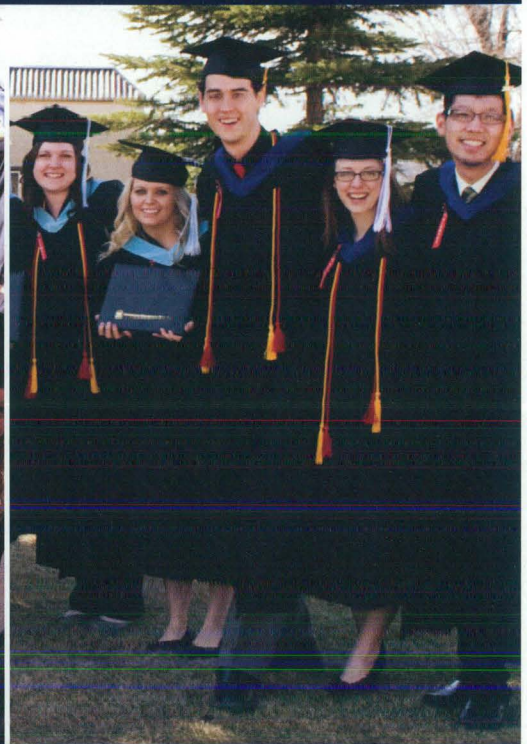




Cassandra, fourth from right.



Sherri, centre, waiting to march.



School of Education graduates, Colton, centre.

## BIG CHANGES in the lives of students at Canada's Seventh-day Adventist University

"When the International Studies major was approved last summer, I knew it was right for me."

—Alison Bottomley, class of 2012, International Studies major, English minor

When Alison Bottomley, the daughter of CUC faculty members, decided to attend CUC, the International Studies major did not exist. Alison, however, knew two things: 1) She wanted an education that would travel well, and 2) CUC professors deliver that kind of education.

"Because I grew up here, I knew what amazing people CUC's professors are, and I wanted the opportunity to learn from them," says Alison. "I thought about what I wanted to be doing when I was 40. I wanted to help people, travel, make the world a better place." Like many young people, Alison thought medicine was the way to do that, but she couldn't see herself in that field, and decided to focus on her strength in the humanities.

"I really loved my English major," says Alison. "It was so empowering to learn how to think critically, so switching

majors wasn't an easy decision." But when the International Studies major was approved, Alison reviewed her long-range goals. The new interdisciplinary curriculum proposed and coordinated by Marc Froese (professor of History and Political Science) includes 15 professors representing seven of CUC's majors. Though the World Cultures and Societies track looked fascinating, the Global Health Studies track fit her interests to a T.

A year later, Alison's sure she made the right decision. "I love Adventist families, how supportive they are, and how they care about what goes on around the world," says Alison. With that model in mind, Alison quietly co-ordinated CUC's Volunteer Service Day 2010, and organized placement of donation containers at local businesses to help Japan's disaster victims. As part of her program, this summer Alison went to Peru and Mexico on a

CUC study tour.

Upon graduating, Alison looks forward to graduate school and writing the Canadian civil service exam. "I'd love to work anywhere in Africa, but especially Rwanda. I'd like to help repair the damage of genocide," says Alison, whose career options include working as a diplomat, as well as working in non-governmental organizations like ADRA and A Better World—two Adventist organizations she admires.

"I like the idea of helping to prevent wars and make the world better," says Alison, noting how the locally-based A Better World, which involves CUC students, illustrates the practicality of what she's learning in the classroom. "Empowering communities," reflects Alison, "that's truly inspirational." ■

by Lynn McDowell

# il est écrit



*From left to right: Sylvan Duval, Bible worker; Rémy Ballais, pastor; José Elysée, host; Carmin Bellerose, distribution; and Lydia Matveev, secretary, pose for a picture at the Il Est Écrit studio. Not pictured: Gwen Desjardins, assistant secretary, and Daniel Vuillaume, studio manager.*

## *Il Est Écrit is more than just a television program . . .*

Il Est Écrit is more than just a television program for Carmin Bellerose; it may very well have saved his life. In 1999, he was sitting in his apartment, beer bottle in hand, when the French language Seventh-day Adventist program came on TV. Bellerose was battling addictions, AIDS wracked his body, and doctors had given him four or five years to live. After years of living what he calls a very worldly life, Bellerose was at the end of the line.

As he listened to Pastor Josée Elysée, speaker and director of Il Est Écrit, Bellerose thought to himself, here is a man who can really explain the Bible. He was impressed by Elysée's deep knowledge of the Scriptures and the gentle way in which he presented the truths of God's word. He was not aware at the time that Elysée was a pastor. At the end of the program, viewers were invited to call the Il Est Écrit hotline, where volunteers were ready to take their orders for any literature that had been offered on the program or to answer any questions they might have.

Bellerose picked up the phone and made the call. The person on the other end told him that the Il Est Écrit evangelistic centre was not open yet, but that they were planning a seminar and would he like to attend. Bellerose said yes, and he hasn't looked back since.

That was twelve years ago. A year before, the Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists decided it was time to establish an It Is Written program in Quebec that could reach out to the Francophone population, particularly the Quebecois of French origin, the so-called "pure-wool," living outside of Montreal. The Quebec conference faces many problems in their efforts to reach out to this group. They tend to be very suspicious of Christianity, due in part to the province's turbulent history with the Catholic Church, and want nothing to do with organized religion. They also tend to live in remote communities far

from the main city centres of Montreal and Quebec City.

The Adventist churches in Quebec are very spread out. Given the shortage of pastors, most of whom are already covering three or four churches of their own, there is no one the conference can spare to send to remote communities. Pastor Elysée tells of a town called Sept-Îles, which is eight hours from the closest Adventist church. "If they want to come to the church, they need to leave on Friday morning, come to church on Sabbath, and then go back on Sunday," says Elysée, and that's just in the summer when the roads are good; in winter, it's worse.

When Nilton Amorim, then president of the Quebec conference, asked Josée Elysée to start Il Est Écrit in 1998, he told Elysée that they only had the funds for one year of programming. Elysée, who had been pastoring in France for many years, accepted the challenge, and the fledgling program began in the basement of the Quebec conference office in Montreal. Without a television studio of their own, Il Est Écrit was forced to make a long trip to Burlington, Ontario, to film their programs, a trip they made about once a year. Recording the show so far from their home city meant that they had to bring with them all their musical guests and the people giving testimonies and to pay for their transportation and hotel expenses as well. Filming the show only once a year meant that if Elysée wanted to comment on any current events, by the time the program aired, the news was months out of date.

A year later, Il Est Écrit was able to move into its own building with a generous gift from Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI). "We received \$15,000 from ASI and they wanted that money to be used to have [an] evangelistic campaign for the Quebecois on the island of Montreal," says Elysée. Instead of using the money they had received from ASI to rent a big hall in which to



host evangelistic meetings, they rented a small space where they could seat about 80 people, and they began having meetings three times a week, on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Thus the Il Est Écrit evangelistic centre was born.

The evangelistic centre works hand in hand with the Il Est Écrit program. When viewers call in asking for Bible studies or just seeking answers, Bible worker Sylvan Duval and Remy Ballais, who pastors the church adjacent to the Il Est Écrit office, make contact with them and conduct follow-up visits. They also work with groups they call Carrefour Il Est Écrit. "Carrefour means a place—a crossroad—where you can meet people," says Elysée, "A Carrefour Il Est Écrit is something that is less threatening than a church." These groups are usually made up of a few Adventist church members who commit to a weekly meeting where they play a DVD of the Il Est Écrit program for a gathering of neighbours and friends.

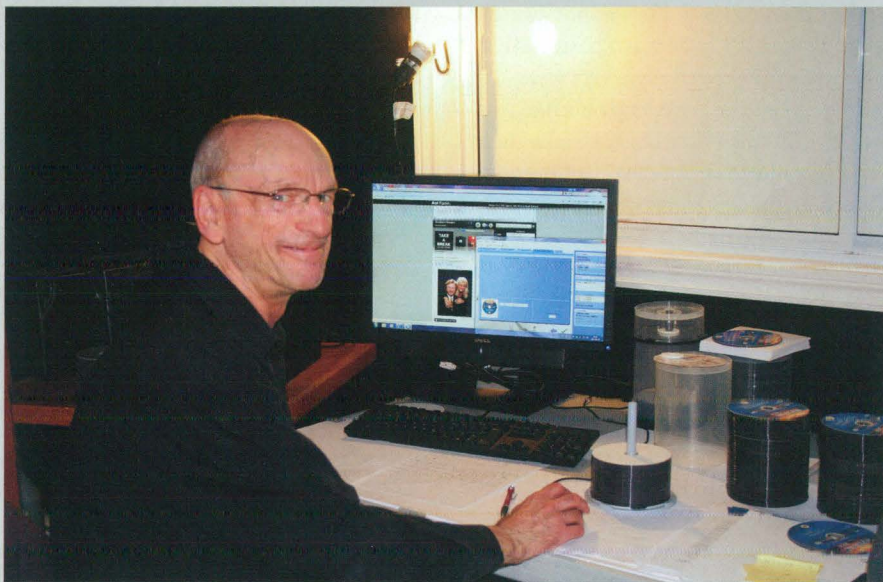
After they watch the program, they discuss the subject that has been explored, have a Bible study and socialize. "It's called friendship evangelism," says Duval with a grin. He hopes that some day these groups will grow into established churches, but for now they are distant evangelistic outposts of the Adventist Church.

Thirteen years later, *Il Est Écrit* has moved to a new location, about two miles from the place where they initially rented. New equipment and a studio has been constructed so that they can begin filming on location rather than making the long trip out to Burlington. The evangelistic centre is busy and expanding, sending out hundreds of books, Bible studies and DVDs to their viewers far and wide. Pastor Elysée is ever looking to the future, devising better strategies to reach more viewers, to connect with more Francophones, not just in within Quebec but in Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and the Maritimes where scattered French-speaking communities exist. The Hope Channel has offered to launch a twenty-four-hour all French channel with *Il Est Écrit* if they can produce six hours of programming a day. Elysée hopes that one day, they will be able to install 1,000 satellites in the province of Quebec to allow their viewers to receive the channel no matter how far from the city they are. Already there are groups of Adventists scattered around the province who get together every week to watch *Il Est Écrit* to socialize with and evangelize their neighbors. Slowly but surely, *Il Est Écrit* is sowing seeds of truth and looking forward to a bountiful harvest. "We are a small conference, but we dream more than we should," Elysée says with a laugh.

Carmin Bellerose, too, is busy. Twelve years after he first saw the *Il Est Écrit* program on his television, he has defied his doctors' predictions, and he credits his renewed health to his newfound lifestyle. He began volunteering at the evangelistic centre soon after his baptism in July 1999, and now he works there part-time, handling, shipping and burning DVDs and CDs of *Il Est Écrit* and other



**José Elysée, host of the *Il Est Écrit* program, hopes to one day have 1,000 satellites installed in homes across Quebec so that viewers outside the city can tune in.**



**Carmin Bellerose records *Il est écrit* programs to discs that will be sent to viewers all across Quebec and beyond.**

programs and seminars. He's living proof that *Il Est Écrit* is having a tangible effect on the province of Quebec. In many ways, the province is like a brand-new mission field, and the television program is serving as a virtual missionary, reaching out to those who are searching for a Saviour. There is still so much to do, so

much ground to cover, but pioneers of this unique television ministry are always dreaming big. ■

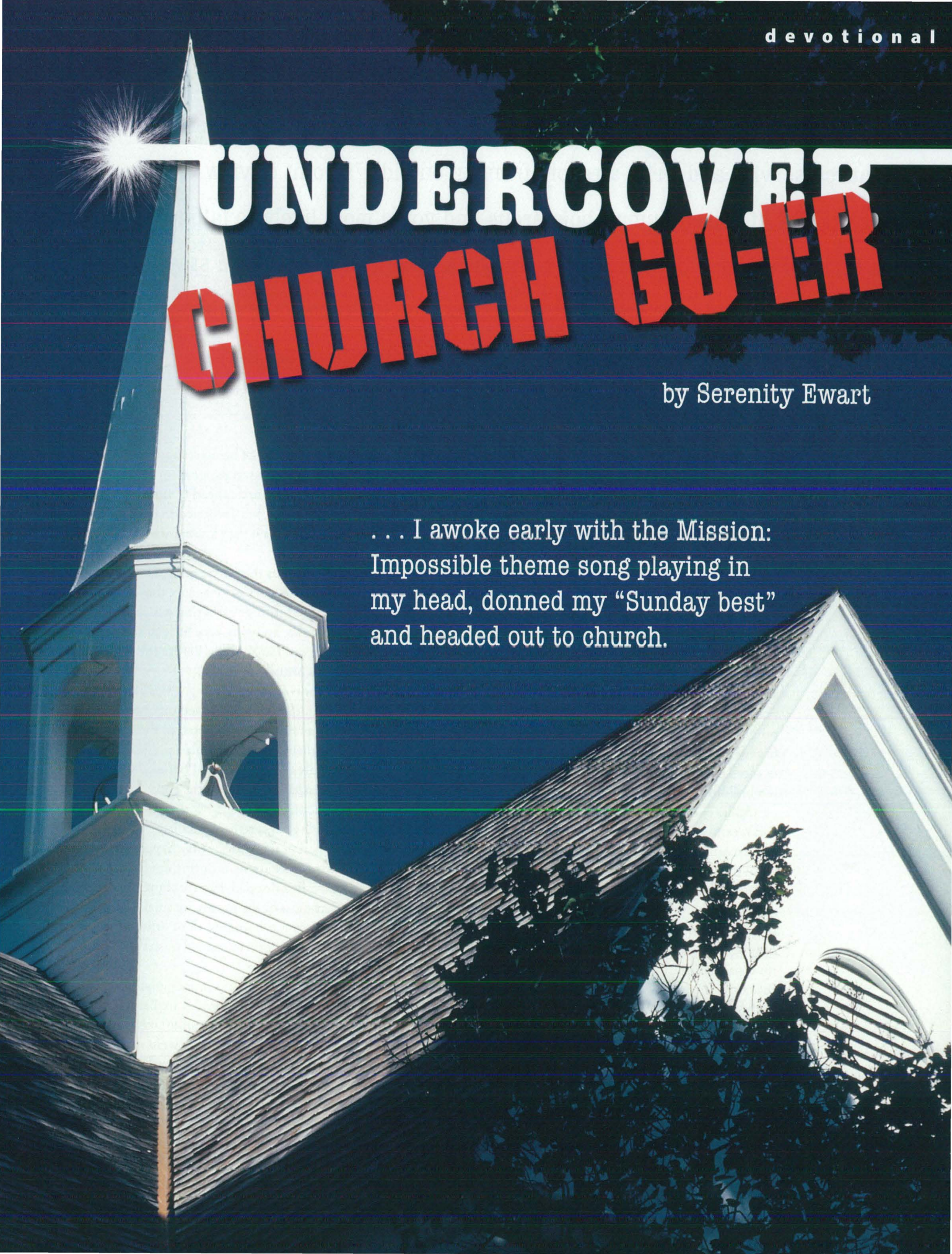
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# UNDERCOVER CHURCH GO-ER

by Serenity Ewart

... I awoke early with the Mission:  
Impossible theme song playing in  
my head, donned my "Sunday best"  
and headed out to church.



**My assignment?** To attend a Seventh-day Adventist church service and write a report from an outsider's point of view. I, the unlikeliest of spies! Clumsy, boisterous and voted most likely to fall down a flight of stairs, I prayed for two things: a large venue so I could stay inconspicuously at the back, and no stairs. Who knew that the things I wished for would become the two catalysts for change in my life?

I guess you could describe me as a lapsed church go-er. Weddings and funerals are pretty much the extent of my "relationship with God" these days, and so long as it's not my own funeral I'm showing up for, I still think I'm getting the better end of the deal. I used to go to church sometimes, and my memories of it involve being wedged between my grandparents in a small country congregation when I spent my summers there. I didn't understand most of what was being said and didn't know if I agreed with what I did understand. Voluntarily attending a service for this assignment made me more than a little nervous. In my mind, church meant getting dressed up, staying quiet and not making God—or my grandmother—angry in any way. Failure on any of these points surely meant that hell was imminent. Many friends joked that I should carry along a fire extinguisher in case I spontaneously burst into flames upon entering the building.

Oddly enough, I knew where the church was. I had recently moved to a new city with my fiancé, and one evening, after getting ourselves a bit lost, we ended up in the church parking lot to turn around. Mindful of my looming mission, I made note of the service dates and times. However, when it comes to doing something that makes me uncomfortable, I have a way of procrastinating. I avoided returning to the church for quite a while...even though it was literally around the corner from my new home.

Eventually, I gathered my courage. It's never been said of me that I am not up for a new experience. And besides, your editor is my very good friend and I promised her I'd go. So one very cold morning in January, I awoke early with the Mission: Impossible theme song playing in my head, donned my "Sunday best" and headed out to church.

Since I knew virtually no one in this new city, I

knew that my chance of being recognized was slim... Perfect for an undercover assignment. Crystal had offered to call the church ahead of time to let them know I was coming, but I worried that I wouldn't get a true feel for things if they knew I was researching for an article.

I knew, too, that the prayer groups customarily meet prior to the service. I was sure that would entail a smaller, more intimate gathering which I wanted to avoid at all costs, knowing very little of religion. So, I showed up just a few minutes before the actual service was about to begin.

When I entered the building, I was glad to see that it was large and mostly contained on one main floor. There were a few people gathered in the foyer also waiting for the service, so I smiled politely and listened to the friendly chit-chat while I perused some literature that had been left on a table in the entryway and checked out the bulletin board hung overhead.

As I tried my best to look inconspicuous, I spotted a notice taped to the door to the chapel: "Services are being held in the basement during the winter months." My stomach flip-flopped. I knew church basements. I knew that most of the rooms are small and that an unfamiliar face was bound to draw attention. Wish number one, inconspicuousness, wasn't going to come true.

After several minutes, as more people arrived, a second thought hit me: "services are being held in the basement..." Basement! I was going to have to navigate at least one flight of stairs. There went wish number two. I held my breath and, with trepidation, made it down all 12 or 15 steps in one piece. No broken bones, no curse words, and no skirt over my head; maybe things would be okay.

I followed the others, who were clearly more familiar

with the building than I, to an area where chairs had been set up in a semi-circular fashion around a podium with a microphone. The room was almost full of people who, I imagined, had stayed from the prayer group. I sneaked in (unnoticed, I hoped), took a seat in the furthest back corner and settled in for an hour or so of learning and observing. But then I felt everyone noticing my presence, and a couple of people approached me before the service began. They simply introduced themselves and welcomed me, but that was enough to dash my hopes of being unnoticed.

In this tiny venue, way out of my comfort zone, I began to wish that I'd responded differently when the "if you choose to accept it" part of the mission briefing had taken place. I frantically searched for something to say to these people that wouldn't reveal my mission but also wouldn't be a lie. I settled on, "I'm new to the area and a friend suggested I check out the service." I didn't want anyone to feel that I was there to judge them, but, in truth, that is exactly what I was there to do—to judge, as an outsider, if this was the kind of place I'd go frequently if I was looking to get involved in the whole church thing. I wished I could call it off and escape, but things were starting.

The first thing that struck me was the informality. Children were sitting on the floor, colouring; one toddler milled about the rows of seats, clutching her dolly; and some people were even in jeans. The gentleman who began the service came up to the microphone and began to talk and strum on a guitar. If I understood things correctly, this congregation was without a pastor and everyone was doing their fair share to fill in. As I watched, an overwhelming sense of community and inclusion dawned on me. This was just one big extended family that I had dropped in on. The readings and hymns seemed typical church fare; I learned more from watching the interaction of the people. I learned about commitment... to religion, to friends, to ideals.

Looking back now, the things that stick out in my mind



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the most are not the Scripture verses nor my imagined threat of hell but the safety and unconditional acceptance I felt... Me, an outsider who might as well have just wandered in off of the street. I listened to their plans for a bake and yard sale and the work that was being put into that, the prayers for others who were ill or enduring difficulties, and each person who got up and spoke addressed people in the room by name.

## As I watched, an overwhelming sense of community and inclusion dawned on me.

When the service was over, numerous people approached me and welcomed me, introducing themselves and asking polite questions. I felt awkward, knowing that I probably would not be returning and that the invitations to future meetings would probably go unanswered. And yet, as I left, I felt reluctant to do so, not wanting to lose that warm feeling of easiness and community that seem to be so lacking in my everyday life.

We push through our harried and hectic lives with our heads down, not knowing our neighbour or the person in the cubicle next to us. We don't want to move outside our comfort zones and close ourselves off from real relationships because we are too busy or have been conditioned to mind our own business. In this place, basement or not, a real sense of community and involvement prevailed and helped me understand the desire to find reasons to be with like-minded individuals who understand and actually care about your life. They are actively living and have been provided with the means to do so through the church and their religion. What an amazing world it would be if we all lived that way, even just once a week.

The experience stayed with me for a long time afterwards, forcing me to look at areas of my own life that could use improvement and to make a few changes, albeit small ones, to begin. I try to live outside my comfort zone whenever I possibly can, and whether it's stairs or small crowded rooms, I try to be involved in my own life and my community without fear, welcome new experiences and be present for each and every moment. ■

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# Leading the Way in Wichita



*"God has used  
technology  
in the past;  
I've seen it.  
And He will  
continue to use  
it in the future."*

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has always been on the cutting edge of technology. When radio began in the early 1900s, the Adventist church was there producing religious programming with H.M.S. Richards on the *Voice of Prophecy*. When TV began in the 1940s, the Adventist church was there producing the first religious programming in colour with William Fagal on *Faith for Today*. Back during the Millerite movement, Joshua Himes used technology in the form of charts and print media so effectively that people began calling him "the Napoleon of the press."

While attending campmeeting this July in the B.C. conference, I had the privilege of talking with a pastor who, just like Joshua V. Himes, is on the cutting edge of technology. Michael Campbell, senior pastor of the Wichita South Seventh-day Adventist Church, uses many forms of technology to communicate, share and interact with his congregation on a daily basis. He describes technology as a tool that multiplies his efforts to build community.

"I made a commitment to the church on my first Sabbath to communicate," says Campbell, and he is aggressively following through with that commitment. On that first Sabbath, he asked members for their name, phone number and email address. Within a month, he collected approximately 90 percent of the congregation's emails. With that newly created list of emails, Campbell started sending out a weekly email newsletter that he describes as "one of the easiest, simplest ways to communicate."

Campbell says one of the challenges he faces is how to meet the needs of the younger generation. He found that one of the best ways to do that is to engage them through another technology: texting. He regularly sends out text messages to individuals he did not see in church telling them that he missed them and hopes everything is going well. "It makes people feel more connected," says Campbell.

During a sermon about Zacchaeus, he asked the congregation, "What would you do if Jesus came to your house today?" He put his cell phone number up on the screen and asked people to respond by texting their answer. He received about 30 responses including one from a 13-year-old who said he would clean up his room and then bring Jesus in, make a root beer float and sit down to talk with Jesus about his spiritual life. On the way out of church, he gave Campbell a high five.

"It was amazing to see people sitting forward, engaged and listening intently because they had contributed something to the sermon," says Campbell.

Another cutting-edge technology that Campbell has used during his sermon is a live poll. He displayed a question with multiple answers on the screen and had people text in their votes. "Texting provides a dynamic environment to engage the congregation with the church service," he says.

The Wichita South church actively uses social media. In fact, they have a church position called Facebook Coordinator. Campbell says Facebook is a communication tool that his church regularly uses to send out notices of events and invites. He says it serves as a gentle reminder of what is going on and gives people an opportunity to respond to the invitation. Also, it gives you an idea of how many people are planning to attend the event. "We also use Facebook to post sermon topics, ask a question or get feedback from people," he says.

The Wichita South church also uses the social medium called Foursquare for members to check in at church. It acts as an online attendance tracker. People can check at the kiosk in the lobby or on a mobile phone. The names of those who took the time to check in go into a draw for a prize at the end of the service.

Campbell tells me they are currently working on a new design for the church website as well as an iPhone app in the near future. "God has used technology in the past; I've seen it. And He will continue to use it in the future," says Campbell.

For more information about the Wichita South Seventh-day Adventist Church or to contact Pastor Campbell, visit their website at [www.WichitaAdventist.org](http://www.WichitaAdventist.org). ■

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



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## Quebec

### Nine Injured at Quebec Campmeeting

On the evening of Sunday, July 17, a storm rocked the Quebec campmeeting in Lachute and injured nine people just as the main meeting was coming to a close. SDACC Vice President Dragan Stojanovic was conducting the meeting and reports his experience for the *Messenger*:

*Around 8:30, it started raining with strong winds near the end of my presentation. It was very difficult for the participants to hear my voice with the noise of the rain falling on the tent.*

*Just a few minutes after the meeting was over, when the majority of our members had already left the big tent, a great wind came and shook the tent violently. Everything started to move. I saw several pastors trying to hold down the metal beams of the tent, so I did the same, but a sudden gust of wind raised the tent along with the metal beams well above our heads. At that moment, the wind pushed the tent down and in the direction of the east. I am sure you can imagine that people were yelling, and they were trying to avoid getting hit*

*by flying objects, especially the beams.*

Quebec conference leadership reports that nine members were injured as a result of the storm. Six people were treated on-site while the other three were taken to the hospital. All have since been released.

Campmeeting in Quebec continued in spite of the disruption. Meetings were moved to a smaller tent during the week, and a new large tent was erected by the closing weekend, when many attended to hear featured speaker GC President Ted Wilson. ■

## Newfoundland and Labrador

### The Future Is Now—Corner Brook Youth Rally 2011

On March 18-21, the Corner Brook church hosted the "Future Is Now" youth rally. The sound of 48 youth, plus 20 individuals who are still young at heart, blending their voices made beautiful music as Pastor John Burshett and a number of the youth shared their talents with guitars and piano. Hearing the Sandy Lake Academy choir, the Marystown group and the quartet sing individually was a real treat as well. You could feel the pure joy and happiness that radiated from this group as they sang. The singing spilled over in the halls and remained in the sanctuary even after the meetings.

Richard Williams preached the sermon on Sabbath. I thought he was talking about a hypothetical situation at first. What fundraising volunteer takes the

time to go to a house where it is obvious that no donation will be given? How could such a simple act do so much good? It turned out to be his own story of how God used someone to reach his mom, to reach him.

God can use me like that.

I thought the discussion panel on Sabbath was going to be boring, that we would just be sitting around listening to a bunch of pastors give pat answers. But I couldn't believe they let us text them the questions! That really took the pressure off. No one had to worry about looking foolish or asking a dumb question. We asked some pretty tough questions, too! And the panellists didn't dodge them! You could tell they cared about us and the choices that we make. Pastor Bob just

about cried when he talked about the importance of staying connected to God so that we can maintain our ability to witness to those we love. Even extending the session to two hours didn't seem long enough.

A full day of skiing with new friends and old—what a way to end the weekend! Marble Mountain with its world-class ski runs and the sun shining. Who could ask for more? For those who didn't want to ski, there were even games in the chalet.

Was it worth the long car ride and a ferry crossing for our Nova Scotia friends and up to seven or eight hours of driving for some of the others? Absolutely. I can't wait for the Youth Summit in Newfoundland in 2012! ■

## SDA Church in Canada

# First Connections Trip Puts Travellers On Top of the World



In early May, 16 Canadians travelled from various parts of this country to Cuzco, Peru on the first ever ADRA Connections trip. True to the Connections objective of creating a closer relationship between participants, ADRA Canada, and those whom ADRA serves, this trip provided the group, whose members ranged in age from 16-70, the opportunity to travel with purpose.

“It was an interesting trip,” said one

participant. “[We] were given a taste of South America and the conditions the people endure on a daily basis. I feel that NGOs (non-governmental organizations) have a real challenge serving the people, earning their trust, and yet not making them feel like they are constantly receiving handouts.”

Connections trips allow interested volunteers to travel to active ADRA projects where they can personally observe,

experience, and assist in humanitarian work and meet the people whose lives have been changed by Canadians who care. In this case, the trip focussed on the construction of a dormitory at ADRA Peru’s Integral Training Center (ITC). The ITC provides training in agricultural techniques, nutrition, and sanitation to Peruvians who travel there and then return to their rural communities to teach others what they have learned. To assist in the construction, the Connections group performed manual labour that included carrying and leveling dirt and rock in preparation for pouring the concrete floor, chiseling holes through concrete walls so plumbing pipes could be laid, pulling nails out of boards, cleaning up construction waste, and forming a human chain to transport buckets of cement. Members of the group also helped lay irrigation hose in the fields and did landscape maintenance.

The group enjoyed visiting a local school where they distributed school supplies to the children. The two nurses in the group worked alongside local healthcare providers at a maternal and child health care clinic for several days.

Tours of renowned Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, Cuzco City, and various Incan ruins; hiking Montana Del Pulso, shopping at community markets, hearing local musicians perform, and conversing with new friends around campfires by the river provided many memorable moments.

Friendships were created that will, in many cases, last a lifetime. More importantly, though, trip participants learned of the challenges faced by impoverished Peruvians and gained an appreciation of a culture unlike their own. “Most of all, I enjoyed the interaction with local Peruvians,” exclaimed one volunteer. “That interaction is what makes this kind of trip stand apart from a typical tour.”

“I know that I will support ADRA projects throughout my life.” ■

>> FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ADRA CONNECTIONS AND TO VIEW UPCOMING TRIPS, GO TO [WWW.ADRA.CA/CONNECTIONS](http://WWW.ADRA.CA/CONNECTIONS)

# SOMETHING *M*ISSING?

JUST FOR FUN, WE'VE HIDDEN OUR MESSENGER "M" SOMEWHERE IN THE PAGES OF THIS MAGAZINE. Carefully search each page, find its hiding spot, and then head to [www.adventistmessenger.ca](http://www.adventistmessenger.ca) to tell us where it is. Comment on the news story called "Something *M*issing in September" (giving us your name and contact information), and you will be entered into a random draw for a prize furnished by the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center.

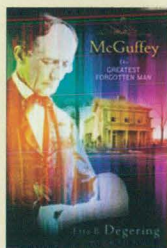
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**WE HAVE A WINNER!** The *Messenger* would like to congratulate Jan Heitsma of Abbotsford, B.C., our contest winner for July and Glenn Hawthorn of Edmonton, Alta., our contest winner for August. Each of them will receive a book from the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center and a small package from the *Messenger*.

In the May/June issue, the *M* was on page 10 in the campmeeting tent picture, set in place to look like part of the last row of chairs.

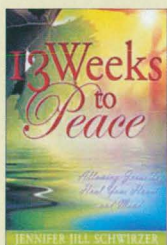
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This book illustrates that the Bible contains a more accurate, comprehensive, and effective system of psychology than can be found anywhere else. 13 Weeks to Peace offers mental and emotional healing with principles from God's Word. Learn how to deal with subjects such as the power of forgiveness.

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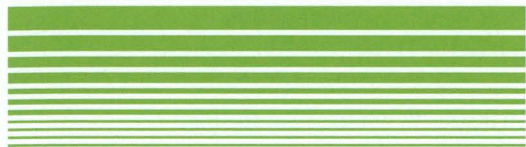
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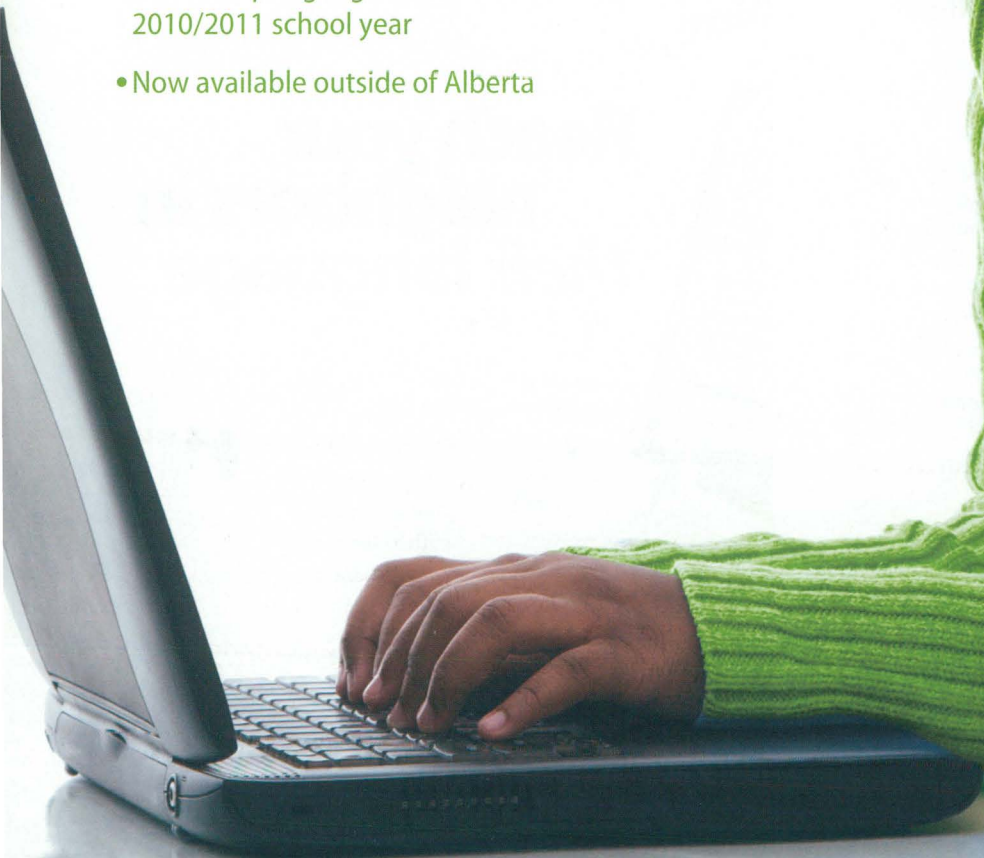


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the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada will be held in Oshawa, Ontario, from Friday, September 23, 2011, to Sunday, September 25, 2011. The first meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2011.

The Meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the past five years, the election of officers, directors and associate/assistant directors of departments, the election of the Board of Directors, consideration of proposed changes in the Bylaws that may be recommended, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting at that time.

Each local conference or mission shall be entitled to two (2) delegates without regard to conference membership and one (1) additional delegate for each five hundred (500) church members or major fraction thereof who shall be chosen by their respective Conference or Mission board.

*Mark Johnson, President  
Dragan Stojanovic,  
VP for Administration*

■ **New Members**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Frieda Pollock** was accepted into the church on profession of faith on March 19, 2011, in Abbotsford, B.C. She is now a member of the Abbotsford church.

**ALBERTA**

**Ken Smith** was baptized on April 10, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta., by Ian Bramble. He is now a member of the Edmonton South church.

**Emanoil Jorza** was baptized on May 1, 2011, in Edmonton, Alta., by John Murley. He is now a member of the Edmonton South church.

**Michael and Tracy Yaceyko** were baptized on October 30, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta., by John Murley. They are now members of the Edmonton South church.

**Erin Magee** was baptized on November 6, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta., by Ian Bramble. She is now a member of the Edmonton South church.

**Tatiana Masalytina** was baptized on December 4, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta., by John Murley. She is now a member of the Edmonton South church.

**Ming Heilesen** was baptized on December 25, 2010, Christmas day, in Edmonton, Alta., by John Murley. Ming is now a member of the

Edmonton South church.

**Shem Nyambego and Rose Ogoti** were rebaptized on May 22, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta., by John Murley. They are now members of the Edmonton South church.

**Sther Mudasebany, Etienne Mugisha, Ellen Mwiza and Odette Uwamahoro** were accepted into the church on profession of faith on October 2, 2010, in Edmonton, Alta. They are now members of the Edmonton South church.

**ONTARIO**

**Favid Gist and Kamlesh Ray** were baptized on December 11, 2010, in Toronto, Ont., by Rick Bacchus and Larry Milliken. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

**Satabdi Sug and Sangma Peau** were baptized on December 18, 2010, in Toronto, Ont., by Larry Milliken. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

**Briia Comilang, Norman Belen and Susan Sun** were baptized on January 29, 2011, in Toronto, Ont., by Rick Bacchus. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

**Gem Ayupan** was baptized on May 14, 2011, in Toronto, Ont., by Larry Milliken. She is now a member of the Willowdale church.

**Jingle Carolino Ayupan** was accepted into the church on profession of faith on May 14, 2011, in Toronto, Ont. She is now a member of the Willowdale church.

**Roy and Celiza Ocampo Villasor** were baptized on May 14, 2011, in Toronto, Ont., by Rick Bacchus. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

■ **Birth**

**Abigail Elizabeth Dahl Chin** was born on December 1, 2010, to Brent Chin and Eileen Dahl of Orangeville, Ont.

**Jasmin Serena Ram** was born on January 5, 2011, to Alvin and Marsha Bacchus Ram of Whitby, Ont.

**Kinston Marcel Palafox Cudandin** was born on February 8, 2011, to Alden and Meredith Cudandin of Thornhill, Ont.

■ **Obituaries**

**Carmen Alvarez** was born May 14, 1909, in Santiago, Cuba, and died

March 11, 2011, in Edmonton, Alta., at the age of 101. Carmen was predeceased by her son, Juan Garcia. Surviving: daughter, Carmen Garcia of Sherbrooke, Que., five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Sadie Brown** was born Dec. 11, 1919, in Macrorie, Sask., and died Jan. 10, 2011, in Oshawa, Ont. Sadie served her local church faithfully as an organist, a Vacation Bible School volunteer, and as part of the Sabbath School division. She was a leader at the Adventist Community Services centre for many years and volunteered at the local soup kitchen for three years. She is predeceased by her husband Reuben. Surviving: daughters, Myrna of Courtice, Ont., and Delma (Dave) Lomax of Bancroft, Ont.; brother Clifford Patterson of Peterborough, Ont.; sister Bonnie Willinger of McBride, B.C.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Mary (née Basaraba) Donesky** was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Arran, Sask., and died March 23, 2011, in Lacombe, Alta. Mary served her local church as a deaconess for many years. She is predeceased by her parents, Fred and Pearl Basaraba; her brother Bill, her sisters, Emily Husulak, Annie Basaraba and Minnie Basaraba. Surviving: husband, Steven Donesky; son, Barry (Nancy) of McDonald, Tenn.; daughter, Dorothy Donesky of Colton, Calif.; brothers John and Walter; and six grandchildren.

**Lloyd Edstrom** was born Sept. 28, 1919, in North Battleford, Sask., and died April 3, 2011, in Surrey, B.C. Lloyd had a passion for young people and for serving his fellow man. He is predeceased by his son Calvin; his parents, E.A. and Necoline; his brothers, Edward, Earl, James, Orville and Milton; and his sister, Emily Tucker. Surviving: wife, Sylvia; sons David of Nanaimo, B.C., and Ken of Puyallup, Wash.; daughters, Betty Horvath of Williams Lake, B.C., Gaylene Bolton of Williams Lake, Karen Kilba of Vancouver, B.C., and Kerry Desautels-Shultz of Smithers, B.C.; and 11 grandchildren.

**Sadiq M. Isaac** was born Oct. 29, 1933, in Punjab, India, and died April 26, 2011, in Oshawa, Ont. Sadiq pastored and worked in literature evangelism in India and North America. He is survived by his wife, Saroj; his son, Lyndon (Janet) of Oshawa; his daughters, Rita (Ken) Gray of Meaford, Ont., Anita (Gary) Moore of Bradford, Ont., and Renu (Don) Ellis of Roswell, N.M.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Natalie "Dolly" (née Pydde)**

■ **Announcements**

**Branson Hospital grads and staff 1963–1974.** A reunion is being planned for Alumni Weekend (May 2013 at Kingsway College) celebrating 50 years from the first graduates of Branson Hospital School of Nursing, including all graduates and staff from 1963–1974. Start getting your classmates' addresses, phone numbers and emails and send to Marilyn Jerome at [Marilyn.jerome@sympatico.ca](mailto:Marilyn.jerome@sympatico.ca) or request friendship on Facebook at the Branson Reunion site (private security). Class contacts are listed on the site. Two classes graduated in 1963 and 1974; a total of 14 classes.

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**Johnson** was born Jan. 8, 1922, in Danielowic, Poland, and died April 16, 2011, in Red Deer, Alta. Dolly was a member of the College Heights church for close to 70 years. She is predeceased by her husband, Wilfred, and her son, Arley. Surviving: daughters, Glenda (Clarence) Datema of Lacombe, Alta., and Dawna (John) Beausoleil of Englehart, Ont.

**Nick Koleada** was born Sept. 24, 1921, in Perdue, Sask., and died March 26, 2011, in Saskatoon, Sask. Nick was a devoted member of the Saskatoon Central church. Nick is predeceased by his daughter Brenda Patchett; his parents, Peter and Lena (née Rabuka) Koleada; his brothers John, Peter, Paul, Henry and Mike; and his sisters Kate Krowchenko, Olive Tkachuk and Annie Melashenko. Surviving: wife, Helen; daughter Heather (John) Piper; sister Vera Donesley; brother George; and four grandchildren.

**Walter Vernon Koronko** was born Feb. 16, 1922, in Perdue Sask., and died April 13, 2011, in Revelstoke, B.C. Walter served as a Sabbath School superintendent in the years before his death. He is predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy (née MacQuarrie); his second wife, Vera; his daughter, Kellie; his parents, Daniel and Katherine; his brothers Richard, Bill, Nick and Peter; and his sisters, Marie Rakochuk and Anne Kurash. Surviving: son, Dan; and brother George.

**Fred Lysiuk** was born Oct. 2, 1921, in Welhore, Poland, and died April 25, 2011, in St. Thomas, Ont. Fred served his local church as an elder, deacon, Sabbath School teacher, and through grounds and building maintenance. His skills as a carpenter and a builder played a major role in the construction of the St. Thomas church in 1991. Fred is predeceased by his parents, Zotick and Tina, and his brother, Bill. Surviving: wife, Annie (née Hawryskewich); sons, Larry (JoEllen) of Delhi, Ont., and Lynn (Debra) of St. Thomas; daughter, Lorena (Terry) Heisler of St. Thomas; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Alice (née Gallan) Matchett** was born Nov. 14, 1930, in Newcastle, N.B., and died April 7, 2011, in Cranbrook, B.C. Alice joined the Cranbrook church nine years ago and served there as a deaconess. She is predeceased by husband, Eldon, and her parents, George and Grace Gallan. Surviving: son, Eldon Jr. (Diane); daughter, Virginia (Boyd) McNamar; sisters, Velma and Georgina; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Arnold Monteith** was born Aug. 27, 1933, in Hamilton, Ont., and died Sept. 7, 2010, in Owen Sound, Ont. Arnold is predeceased by his parents and survived by his wife, Jane (née Sealy); his son, John of Los Angeles, Calif.; his daughter, Kathryn Teixeira of Brampton, Ont.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Doug Patt** was born May 21, 1947, in Los Angeles, Calif., and died Feb. 14, 2011, in Quito, Ecuador. Doug was a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and practiced in Calgary, Alta. An accomplished pianist, he served the church as an accompanist and performer. Doug is predeceased by his parents, Albert and Donna Patt. Surviving: son, M. David (Katie) of Calgary, Alta.; daughter, Debra (Nathan) Schultz of Cochrane, Alta.; brothers, Steven (Susan) of Arizona and Greg (Faye) of Marshville, N.C.; and sister, Jacqui Patt.

**Gregory Pelletier** was born May 8, 1958, and died March 29, 2011, in Powell River, B.C. He is survived by his guardian-parents, Ernest and Donna Dunning. Greg was a treasured member of the Powell River church family and will be greatly missed.

**Gladys (née Vaters) Russell** was born March 23, 1915, in Victoria, N.L., and died Jan. 27, 2011, in Halifax, N.S. Gladys was the head deaconess of the Bay Roberts church and was involved with the Dorcas Society for many years. She is predeceased her husband, A. Chesley Russell; her daughter Linda; her parents, James Vaters and Mary Ada Sommers-Vaters; her brothers George, Mark, Reuben and Albert; and her sister, Sadie Noel. Surviving: daughters Yvonne (David) Crook, Millee (Claude) Sartorio, and Barbara (Alex) Reuther; brother Fred; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Margaret (née Davies) Sandness** was born May 13, 1928, in Tsingtao, China, and died March 19, 2011, in Chetwynd, B.C. Margaret was a Sabbath School leader for twenty-five years and taught Home Economics for 12 years at Island Pacific Adventist School and four years at Peace Christian School. She is survived by her husband, Glenn, her daughters, Glenda (Evan) Pye of Chetwynd, B.C., and Marilyn (Wayne) McAdams of Lafayette, Ore., and her eight grandchildren.

**Dorothy (née Braun) Schultz** was born Jan. 7, 1923, in Westfalen, Germany, and died March 21, 2011, in McBride, B.C. Dorothy was employed at Rest Haven hospital in the 1950s. She is predeceased by

her husband, Aaron, and survived by her son, Barry; her daughters, Dianne and Frene; her brother, Bill Braun; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Dorothy (née Stansal) Smith** was born Aug. 11, 1925, in Spinny Hill, Sask., and died Jan. 17, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. Through her financial support, Dorothy made it possible for her grandchildren to receive a Christian education and contributed to the ministry of The Voice of Prophecy and The Quiet Hour. Dorothy is predeceased by her parents and her sisters Mona May and Verna Rose. Surviving: brother, Clifford Stansal; son, Wilfred Nelson; sisters Pearl Nickel, Lorraine Munson and Marjorie Morwick; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Audrey (née Weis) Teranski** was born March 3, 1936, in Leader, Sask., and died April 13, 2011, in Vernon, B.C. Audrey was an integral part of her husband's ministry for 50 years while he pastored in the Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia conferences. She served as an organist and pianist at the various churches and in the children's Sabbath School division. Audrey is predeceased by her father, Ben Weis. Surviving: husband, Edward; sons, Randall Arthur and Ronald Edward; daughters, Donalee Fleck and Loralee Toop; mother, Lydia Weiss; sisters, Darlyn McGinnis and Yvonne McKendry; and seven grandchildren.

**John Wyness** was born March 27, 1925, in Leochel-Cushnie, Scotland, and died Feb. 25, 2011, in Chilliwack, B.C. From 1986 to 1998, John volunteered with ADRA Canada, at Camp Hope in B.C., packing and loading clothes and other goods into shipping containers to be sent to developing countries. He is predeceased by his stepson, Robert; his daughter Ellen; his parents, George and Jean; and his brother, William. Surviving: wife, Eleanor (née Quirt); sons Ian (Pat) of Chilliwack, B.C., and William (Karen) of Chilliwack; daughter Heather Crawford of Chilliwack; stepdaughter, Pamela (Gordon) Leslie of Que.; 15 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## ■ Tribute

**John Jeider** was born in Yugoslavia on March 29, 1932, and passed away in Creston, B.C., May 6, 2011. During World War II, John and his family fled the country and settled in Austria. Then, in 1953, they immigrated to Canada. John was an active ham radio operator and over the years held

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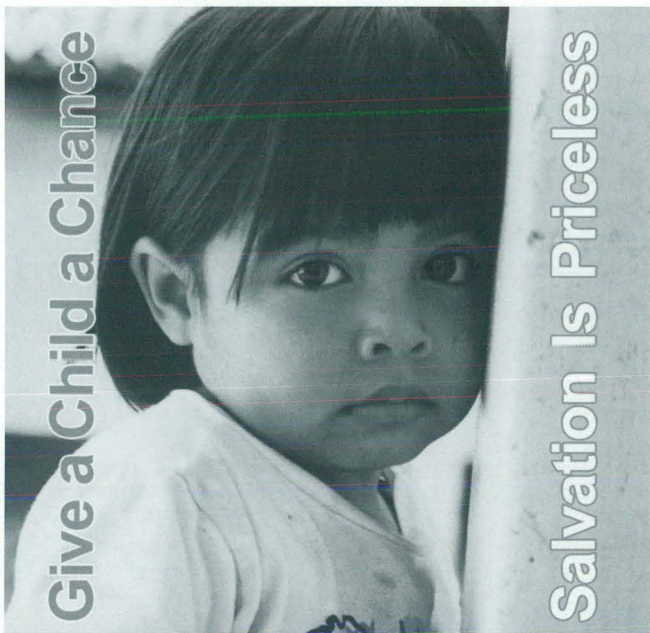
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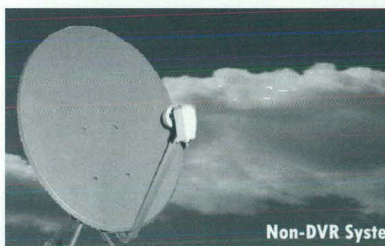
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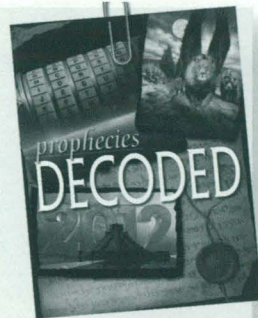
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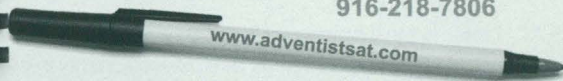
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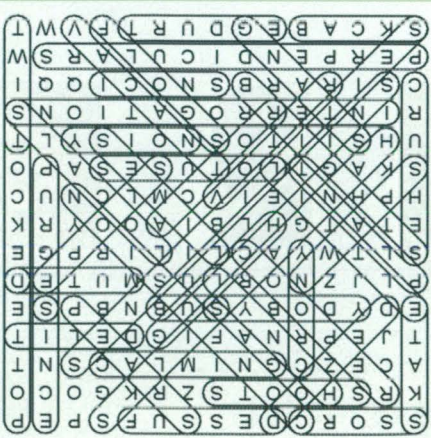


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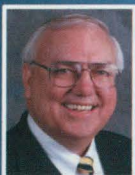
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