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President's Perspective

D. I. Douglas Devnich

THERE IS SOMETHING very special going on in Canada, and I am finding that too few members of the Church in Canada know about it. May I tell you about it in this column?

Frequently we are impressed and thrilled by the reports of the way the work of the Church is advancing in some foreign fields. Our imaginations are stimulated when we hear and read the stories of conversions to Christ in foreign lands. Our generosity is enlarged and we give liberally to see the work of the Lord advance, far away in "heathen lands".

Yet, the same things are happening in our own country, and for some reason, we casually smile and say, "that's interesting".

Possibly the human spirit is quickened by the mystical. We respond best to mystery and intrigue. If the story is dramatic (and sometimes embellished), and comes from the other side of the globe, we somehow develop an identity with the events of the story. Then we love to tell it to others because we do like to be sensational. It's fun to overwhelm others who

listen, with surprised eyes popping, as we tell the melodrama of happenings far, far away. And, better yet, it is so powerful to be able to say, "I helped to make it happen."

My dear Canadian brothers and sisters, I must tell you of what is happening at home, in the Acadien-Quebecois sector of our great land of Canada. And there is a way by which you can "Help to make it happen".

In late 1988 and early 1989, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, with the assistance of the North American Division of the General Conference, created a special mission project to especially reach the approximately 7 million french-speaking Acadians and Quebecers of eastern Canada. It is called *Project Acadien-Quebecois*.

A variety of ministries were initiated to respond to the unusual receptivity to the Adventist message which became evident in this people-group of Canada.

In the 1960's and the 70's, under the influence of a kind of "20th century enlightenment", hundreds of thousands of these once

devoutly religious francophone people left their traditional religion and immersed themselves in the quiet political revolution, as Quebec asserted itself as a nation within a nation.

Then, in the 1980's, scores of these hardy, assertive, and venturesome people began to sense that something was missing in their lives. They wanted God in their lives, and they have determined to find Him in the context of a faith founded in the Word of God.

One of the most successful ventures within the Project Acadien-Quebecois is the Literature Ministry. In the first months of this special project there were only six or seven literature evangelists in the Acadien-Quebecois sector. Within a few more months the work force of literature evangelists grew to twenty-one or twenty-two. In fact, there were many more men and women applying to enter the literature ministry than could be accepted. Finances were not available to fund the worker benefits and training.

Recently I received a letter from Robert Fournier, the Project Acadien-Quebecois Literature Ministries Director. Here are some of the

things he wrote about:

(1) In the Quebec City area Mario Roy, in one week, met people in three homes asking for bible studies.

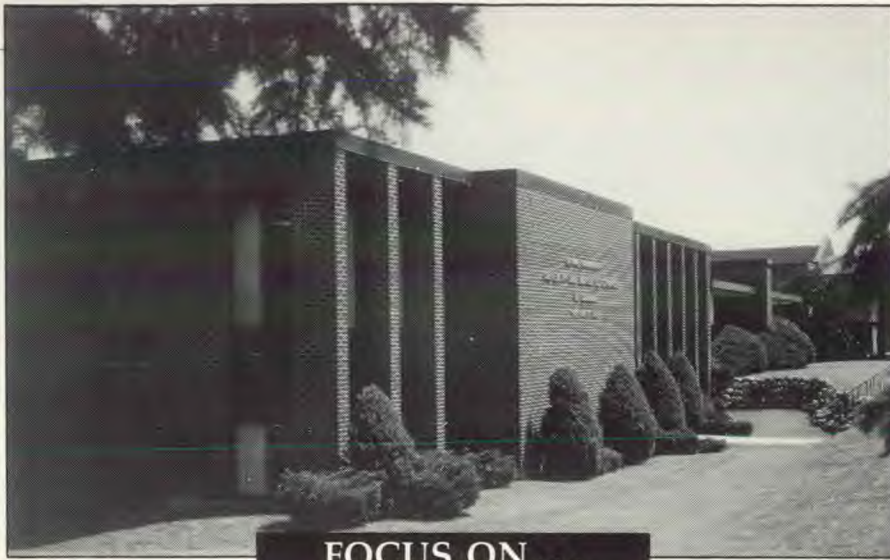
(2) Jean Douville was away from his territory for a few days. When he returned he found that three of his customers in Three Rivers were doing bible studies, and were going to church regularly.

(3) Raymond Giguere has 8 people going to church in Rimouski, which means since the previous month he has four more people studying with him. Raymond was responsible for three baptisms in one month.

(4) One day Daniel Vachon called his pastor to find out how things were going and he was told that 7 of his interested people are studying every week with the pastor. Six of them have now asked for baptism.

Recently I was with the pastors and literature evangelists in the Quebec Conference. I was introduced to Bibiane Parent. She, too, is a literature evangelist. However, she can only sell books part of the time because she is too busy giving bible studies to

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FOCUS ON...

Harvest 90 Victory Baptism

The Last Challenge

Carlos E. Aeschlimann

Harvest 90 Coordinator

HARVEST 90 will culminate with a special baptismal day on Sabbath, May 26, 1990. This will most likely be the biggest one-day baptism in the history of our church. It may seem like an unreachable goal; however, if our 30,000 churches would each baptize four persons, we would surpass this goal! We invite every Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world to hold a big baptism on this special occasion.

The Spirit of Prophecy makes the following promise: "The time is coming when there will be as many converted in a day as there were on the Day of Pentecost, after the disciples had received the Holy Spirit" (*Evangelism*, p. 692). We're encouraging union conferences/missions and local fields to make this come true by organizing mass baptisms of 3,000 or more candidates. We'd like each local church to organize a baptism and provide pastors to officiate in each church/congregation.

To make this great baptism possible, we recommend that on Sabbath, May 5, someone in each local church extend a call for baptismal decisions. We need to appeal to the children of Adventist families, to Pathfinders, to students in our schools, to baptismal class attendees, Revelation Seminar students, people taking Bible studies, and former Adventists. From May 6 to May 25, church members should visit those interested and confirm their decisions for baptism.

As Harvest 90 draws to an end, the whole world is experiencing a great evangelistic explosion. All the divisions are involved in evangelistic projects and expect extraordinary results.

During 1989 both the Eastern Africa and Inter-American divisions baptized more than 100,000 souls. Pastors and evangelists in Spain conducted the church's first national campaign in Europe. Brazil's national campaign produced 45,000 baptisms and the Philippine national campaign, 40,000. The Mega-Mexico Multiple Metropolitan Campaign resulted in 3,500 baptisms, an increase of 257 percent over the previous year. This campaign involved the participation of 650 lay preachers and 120 pastors.

The challenge for the last quarter of Harvest 90, called the 90 Days of Reaping, is to baptize an average of 2,000 souls per day. Then churches around the world will mark the end of Harvest 90 with the special victory baptism. Let's make Sabbath, May 26, a great spiritual festival and remind church members and visitors that on this Sabbath, people will be baptized all around the world.

The Harvest 90 program officially ends on Sabbath, June 30, 1990. Churches could plan a baptism for that day as well, but more than anything, it should be a day of thanksgiving and celebration for the victories the Lord has given us during this program. We appreciate all who have participated in the Harvest 90 program.

Let us conclude Harvest 90 by presenting a glorious harvest of souls to the Lord as an offering at our General Conference session.

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UP front

Pathfinder Pioneer Recognized

Fran Foldi, nee Rabuka, was a grade 7 student when she first took the progressive classwork that is the backbone of the Pathfinder organization.

Going through the various levels, Fran became a Master Guide as well as teacher. While teaching church school in Hamilton, Ontario, she organized that city's first Pathfinder club. Actively engaged in working for others, her club was often in the news.

Although she retired from teaching, Fran never retired from Pathfinding. Penticton had a small Pathfinder club, and she became its director until the last members grew too old or moved away, leaving the club non-existent.

When the club was resurrected after many years of dormancy, Fran was delighted and passed on to the new director the materials she had so carefully saved. Hearing that the Pathfinders were planning a Christmas party for the children who had attended Vacation Bible School, Fran baked a batch of cookies to help with the refreshments, then donned her old Pathfinder uniform to lend moral support.

During the program, she was recognized for her many years of dedication to the Pathfinder organization and its young people.

Fran Foldi, right, with current Pathfinder Leader.



College Park Elementary students display the loonie banks which they intend to fill for ADRA.

Loonies for ADRA

College Park Elementary School students have found an innovative method of collecting money for ADRA projects.

The idea of collecting Canadian dollars otherwise known as "loonies" in loon-shaped banks originated when elementary school teacher Ruth Satelmajer approached ADRA Canada Director John Howard wanting to donate money and supplies to communist countries such as Ethiopia, which suffers devastating famine conditions.

"After hearing about families in communist countries who received only one bar of soap and one roll of toilet paper per year, we decided that we would like to do something to help them," commented Satelmajer.

Howard suggested that money be collected, which the government would then match. He proposed making banks using as an example a wooden bank shaped like a loon.

A model was finally selected combining features from Howard's bank and one belonging to Ernie Mueller. The seventh-grade shop students, under teacher Curtis Chernipeski's direction,

used materials donated by Mueller and Halminen Homes to make the banks.

Fourteen banks were distributed; eight remained in the elementary school—one in each classroom; three went to surrounding area churches and two to Kingsway College. Two banks were allocated to the College Park Church, but one has been set up in the Adventist Book Centre located on the Kingsway campus.

According to Satelmajer, the collection will take place between March 23 and April 6. "We thought these banks were a good idea because it seems so many Canadians don't like loonies, and this is one way for people to get rid of them and help at the same time."

Collecting money for ADRA Canada also has another purpose, Satelmajer affirmed. "It's to help teach our children to care about others and the suffering in other countries and to show their love by sharing with those that don't have as much as they."

Kirsten Bissell
Field Trainer
ADRA Canada

Canadian Educational Institutions Raise \$645,427

Two Adventist educational institutions in Canada received a total of \$645,427 in voluntary support in 1988-89, reports Elder Charles E. Bradford, NAD President.

During the 1988-89 school year, Canadian Union college received \$326,499, and Kingsway College brought in \$318,928.*

Bradford said, "We are grateful to the thousands of community donors; to numerous challengers—Seventh-day Adventist business leaders and church entities; and to the administrators and development personnel—all of whom made this record possible. Your vision and work is making a difference."

Across the North American Division, Adventist institutions received a total \$45.7 million in voluntary support last year. That's \$181,000 every working day; \$3.8 million every month!

Within a few years the North American Division health and education systems could be raising \$1 million a week, predicts Milton Murray, Director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI).

** Significant gifts have been received by both schools during the latter part of 1989. These will be reported at the end of the next fiscal year.*



This is the logo for General Conference 1990, the 55th international session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, July 5-14 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

New MA Program for Laymen and Ministers

The first four intensives in the new **MA In Church Ministries** will be offered this summer on the campus of Andrews University.

The four courses have been scheduled just before and after the General Conference Session for the convenience of those travelling to the session.

Nearly two years in development, the new Masters Degree covers the full range of Church Ministries emphases. It has been developed for three groups: *lay people, ministers, and departmental directors*. Different and relevant course assignments are required of each group.

Under certain circumstances, the degree requirements could be completed in *three years coming to the Andrews campus for just the annual summer intensives*.

Course offerings and dates of this summer's offerings are:

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| 1. Spiritual Gifts Seminar | (2 credits) | June 11-15 |
| 2. Church Ministries Seminar | (2 credits) | July 16-20 |
| 3. Annual Family Life Workshop | (3 credits) | June 17-25 |
| 4. Spiritual Values in the Family | (2 credits) | June 25-29 |
| 5. Introduction to Religious Education | (4 credits) | July 23-Aug. 3 |

All of these courses are also available for undergraduate credit or audit.

For further information write to: Religious Education Department, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.



Pastor Dan Bray, chaplain in the reserves.

Pastor Bray Completes Army Chaplaincy Training

Pastor Dan Bray, Weyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, found training as an army chaplain not only a rewarding experience, but also the fulfillment of a long-time desire to serve in the military.

The slogan on their regimental pins in Latin translates in English to "For God and country." "That summarizes the whole purpose of being a chaplain," says Pastor Bray. "Your major underlying motivation is both your duty to God and your patriotic duty to your country."

"The philosophy of any armed force is to be trained and equipped to destroy. A chaplain can be in that environment, not involved in the activities themselves, but he can serve as a catalyst to minister to the people involved."

Pastor Bray returned in February from a five-week stay at Fort Monmouth, N.J., a training centre and school for chaplains, ministers who work with people in the armed forces.

The ministers all entered the service as officers, and because of their status were entitled to privileges that basic recruits would not be accorded. However, they did have a taste of what a basic recruit would go through. "We felt sorry for them," said Pastor Bray.

There were 92 chaplains-in-training. Approximately one-third of these being Baptist and our pastor being the only Seventh-day Adventist. All of them were expected to be 100 per cent faithful to their church doctrines. If not, they may be asked to leave the military as the

army does not want its chaplains to compromise their religious beliefs.

Pastor Bray dealt with potential Sabbath conflicts with a letter requesting to be released from Sabbath duty. This was no problem as former SDA chaplains had paved the way. Before the request was sent Pastor Bray had been told "The school is just watching and waiting to see what you will do."

Active duty chaplain Steve Paine, who was a pastor in the Church of God, became convicted about the Sabbath and law of God. Before the training period was ended he was baptized in a nearby Seventh-day Adventist church.

Pastor Bray's roommate at the training centre told him, "You are probably worshipping on the right day. . . I never have understood why we worship on Sunday." Perhaps the Seed of Truth that has been planted will grow until he, too, is convicted and takes his stand for God.

In addition to taking part in the calisthenics and runs, the chaplains also spent five days in field training at Fort Dix, putting up tents and crawling on the ground in simulated battle conditions. "You have to learn how to function in those situations," Pastor Bray explained, "because chaplains go as close to the front as possible so they can minister on the spot."

The bulk of the time was spent in the classroom with more classes to be completed through correspondence, but Pastor Bray is now classified as a chaplain in the reserves.

Myrt O'Dell
Communications
Weyburn S.D.A. Church

Ninth Annual Retired Workers' Convocation For North America Loma Linda University (La Sierra Campus)

Riverside, California 92515
June 20-25, 1990

All former employees of the denomination—ministers, teachers, physicians, nurses, literature evangelists, hospital and institutional personnel, self-supporting retirees, etc., are invited to be present and enjoy this important continent-wide gathering of retirees. For registration blank and further information, please contact:

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Training For The Way

Victor S. Griffiths

Associate Director, General Conference Department of Education

IN RECENT MONTHS, Adventists have seen a concerted effort to remind those who no longer attend church regularly, or have become hurt and disillusioned with their formal church relationships, to reconsider and return to their spiritual home, for they are missed and loved.

The fact that we have gone public with our concern reveals the depth of hurting that we are experiencing because of the losses we have had. Would it not be more satisfying and worthwhile to avoid the losses, even if only temporary, when we think of the pain and hurt that

even a mild parting can cost?

In the region of Manaus, Brazil, are several large elementary schools that have large non-Seventh-day Adventist student populations. Recently, at one of these schools, a young fifth grade girl was diagnosed as having leukemia. Being from a well-to-do family, she was hospitalized and given the best of treatment. Unfortunately, she became worse. Not wishing to tell her of the inevitable, her parents sought to reassure her by suggesting that she come home to rest and be attended by loved ones.

But as is many times the case, persons having terminal illnesses can sense the truth even earlier than those around them. This young girl, aware of what would happen, made a final request: "Please, Mom, don't take me home. I am quite comfortable here. When I die, I want to leave from here to the Seventh-day Adventist church by my school. Please dress me in my school uniform, and let me be buried from there."

This positive attitude about her experience in a church school shows the powerful influence for good of a Christian environment even on persons not connected to our church. The recent Seltzer-Daley survey on Adventist Education possibilities (1986-87), conducted for the North American Division to document areas of need and potential for response by the church revealed, during its preliminary field testing, that those who have attended church school from the elementary to the upper years, though they may no longer attend church, retain a positive feeling toward their elementary experience. They are willing to consider sending their children to a Seventh-day Adventist church school, even if they do not plan to renew their fellowship with the church.

The principal of the Newbold Elementary School told me that when he was vice-principal at another of

our church schools, he had to work with a certain student, seeking to help him. Yet all his efforts proved futile. Finally he had to recommend that the child be expelled.

Several years passed. Then about six months ago, to his amazement, he received a visit from this young man, now married and the father of a little girl. He heard that his former teacher was the principal of this school near his home. He learned that the school has a backlog of applicants wanting to attend. So he had travelled some 30 miles to place his two-year-old daughter on the list to be sure that when she reached school age, she would have a place in the school where his teacher is now principal.

There is no question that for those who want to provide the best for their children, a Christian education will be one of their priorities. Christian education, and the work for the salvation of our children are one. Our teachers are partners with parents and the church in nurturing, encouraging, inspiring, and training our youth for effective living and joyous service for others and for their Lord.

We urge you to give of your time, resources, and effort this Education Sabbath, April 21, to make a Christian education available for more of our children.

Bernice Hafner (Principal) Medicine Hat S.D.A. School, Alberta doing her part in leading children to Christ.



Looking Back As We Look Forward

A Tribute to Canadian Teachers

Janice Saliba

Director of Education, SDA Church in Canada

AS WELL AS WE can document, the first Seventh-day Adventist school in Canada was established in Stukely Sud, Quebec in 1884. There were no opening ceremonies, no fanfare, no public announcement and no record of its establishment noted either by the church clerk in the church's minutes or by the Conference secretary in the Conference minutes.

It was three years later, in 1887, that its existence was alluded to by Conference personnel as they encouraged the membership to patronize the school. Today, this little white building still stands, unassumingly housing about 60 worshippers every Sabbath and enough children to operate a school, although none exists.

To stand on the spot where education began in Canada is awesome. Some say that the school was conducted downstairs where the sanctuary now is, and the teacher lived upstairs in what may well have been an apartment. Some say otherwise, but what was as important then, as it is now, is the curriculum. The Bible and service to the small local community was the backbone of our school's first curriculum and oh, that it should be the same today.

One lady, Mrs. Mildred Bowering, fondly referred to as "The Sunshine of South Stukely," who is still not a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, but a Christian anyway, verifies this.

Just as interestingly, students who completed studies at that humble school, returned to serve as teachers there. Before there were alumni associations to inspire and recruit, the spirit of service lived.

Today, there are 85 schools cross Canada, both elementary and secondary. There are close to 400 teachers who stand before approximately 3,000 students demonstrating in word and action, precept and example, that the product of Seventh-day Adven-

tist Christian education is people; you, dedicated to making the world a better place.

Teachers should rank in professional status with doctors and nurses who minister at the time of physical crisis, and with pastors who minister at times of emotional crisis, because they teach preventative crises, or at least, they help instill the stamina to cope appropriately with crises.

On April 21, 1990, The Day of the Seventh-day Adventist Teacher in Canada, honour your local teachers. From our earliest pioneer teachers—Mary Cushing, Edith Pierce, Eunice Molleur, Rowena Purdon and Walter Blake, to

those currently with us—Kathy Jacobson, Gary Dooks, Roy Pierce, Enid Myers, Kelly McCann, Jim Martins, Roxanne Reid, Susan Christison—TO CANADIAN TEACHERS EVERYWHERE:

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it;" for they that teach will "shine like the stars for ever and ever." Ps. 118:24 & Dan. 12:3.



The South Stukely Seventh-day Adventist church as it stands today in the eastern townships of Quebec. It is the site of the first church school in Canada.



Students from the first school—Mildred Bowering, centre with hat; Melicent (McElroy) Brock, third from left and Ina (McElroy) Marshall, fifth from left.



THE ADVENTIST COLLEGE IN CANADA . . .

New England Heritage in Fall Colour is the name of a tour which CUC is sponsoring, October 4-14. The ten day round trip from Toronto will include Adventist heritage sites such as the William Miller Farm, the original Washington New Hampshire SDA Church, and Ellen White's home territory in Maine. The tour will also take in several of New England's major attractions and places of historical interest. Tour participants may enrol for three semester credits in SDA History. Write to the Registrar at Canadian Union College for more information.

Renovations are under way at Canadian Union College. The men's dorm, Maple Hall, is getting a facelift. Through the generous donations of Mr. James Walkus of British Columbia, the dorm can finally be modernized. Every three rooms will be changed into two, with each middle room being converted into a bathroom and walk-in closet. There are also plans updating the existing circuitry to accommodate increased utility needs. While no firm dates have been set as yet, the entire project is scheduled to be completed by 1991.

The Loma Linda Olympians arrived at Canadian Union College on Friday March 16. The 20-member gymnastics tour group ranges from Grade 5 students all the way up to graduating seniors. Under the guidance of coach Roger McFarland, a member of the USSAF executive committee, the team consistently puts on excellent performances. Their womens' trio is currently rated as the best in the state of California.

First graduates—Two students, Jerrold Ritchey and Sharlene Adderley, will represent the first graduates from CUC's new four-year B.Sc. in Business Administration during graduation on April 22. Fifty-one students will receive their diplomas in a variety of disciplines including: Religious Studies, Biology, Behavioural Science and Education.

Summer School—The 1990 CUC Summer School sessions begin on May 7 with Summer Commencement occur-

ring on August 2. The class schedule will include courses in Religious Studies, Ethics, Biology, Speech, Nutrition, Computer, Education and Outward Pursuits. Write or call the Academic Administration office for class schedules and application forms.

Alumni Journal—If you would like to receive a copy of our Alumni Journal "Canadian Campus" please send your name and address to the Alumni Office at Canadian Union College and we will put you on our mailing list.

Community classes—The CUC Physical Education department community recreation program will enrol over 1000 community individuals in classes ranging from swimming, scuba, first aid, acrobatics, weight training, and racquetball. Approximately 45 different courses are offered in addition to the general recreation available through the entire day. Our pool and staff are used to teach swimming to more than 1000 Lacombe students.

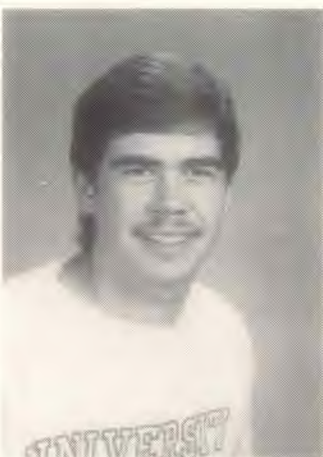
Outdoor Pursuits—Students learn aspects of outdoor education in survival, canoeing, navigation, tracking lost children, safety and first aid, physiology and health, mountaineering, stress reduction through nature, plus many other experimental areas.

Private Colleges Accreditation Board

On June 6, 1983 the Government of Alberta received royal assent for an amendment to the Universities Act, which established a mechanism for private colleges in Alberta to grant degrees. To facilitate this development the Act provides for a body known as the Private Colleges Accreditation Board. The Minister of Advanced Education appoints the Board to review and judge applications from private colleges interested in obtaining the authority to grant specific degree programs and to submit its recommendations regarding such applications to the Minister. The Board consists of a chairman, four members nominated by the Universities Co-ordinating Council,

four members nominated by the presidents of the private colleges, and four members of the public. Currently, the Private Colleges Accreditation Board is assessing the formal application from Canadian Union College to offer the Bachelor Arts (Three-Year) degree in English, music and religious studies.

By Warren C. Trenchard
Vice President for Academic Administration
Canadian Union College



Myron Jamieson
1970-1990

Myron Jamieson, son of Pastor Roy and June (Lewis) Jamieson and student at Canadian Union College, died following a tragic car accident in Alberta on February 22, 1990.

There are times in everyone's life when heaven should be delayed. Life is exciting, challenging and there are so many reasons to live. Then there are days when we plead for the small black cloud to appear in the eastern sky.

February 22 was one of these days. Myron was gone. A cloud of blackness crept over the campus almost imperceptively at first then grew larger and more ominous. Disbelief, tears, rage, guilt and grief were experienced by the dozens of friends and teachers who loved him as he had loved them.

Everyone who had known Myron wanted to talk about him. "Myron was easy to love," said one of his teachers, Lorraine Popik. "His ever-present smile and easy-going nature were endearing qualities."

Wendy Reece, a physical education teacher, commented, "He was cooperative and helpful yet full of life and humour. His quality of character stands as a tribute to a Christian home and a Christian education."

"I always found Myron to be quiet and unassuming, and yet he managed to brighten someone's day with his smile," testified college student Ron Maitland. "He knew so much about hockey, both in his mind and on the ice. I'll never forget him."

Myron was one of the youngest students to be a part of the Youth Missionary Outreach Team. At age 14 he went to the Dominican Republic on a Maranatha Flight International to help build a church. In 1986 he went to Mexico on a second project to assist in the building of a furniture factory.

During the memorial service held at the College, Reo Ganson, President of Canadian Union College, expressed the feelings of students and faculty alike. "We have been deeply moved by this sudden tragedy in your lives and ours. Myron demonstrated in his life a commitment to a mission set forth by his Lord and Saviour."

What a son! What a friend!

Myron's father, Roy Jamieson graduated from Canadian Union College twice—once from high school in 1959 and then from college with a Theology degree in 1967. June (Lewis), Myron's mother, graduated from high school in 1962 and from college in 1964. Three boys were born to Roy and June. Rod is the eldest and is a Communications major in his second year at CUC. Myron was the second son and was pursuing a Business major. Eldon is the youngest and is a senior at Parkview Adventist Academy.

A memorial fund has been established by the family and the college so that Myron's dedication will live on through the lives of other students.

Myron worked on the CUC farm during the time he was a student and paid for almost all of his school expenses. He especially enjoyed harvest and trucking. Contributions to this fund will provide a scholarship to students who become farm workers.

Qualifications will include enthusiasm, promptness, cooperation, and ability. The physical education department will use donations for equipment in memory of Myron's commitment to good sportsmanship and involvement.

You may contribute by sending your donation to:

Department of Development
Canadian Union College
Box 430
College Heights, Alberta
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Walk with me

A CALL FROM GOD AND THE POOR.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we have two invitations to go walking.

The first is from God: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8 NIV)

But God's call to act justly and love mercy points us toward a second call — a call from the poor.

"Understand and share our struggle for life," they cry. "Walk with us, and together we will seek the justice and mercy of God."

The invitations are compelling, from the Lord and from the poor. Let's walk with them both.



TRY WALKING IN THESE SHOES.

"Walk a mile in my shoes..." says the song.

But that's easier said than done when it comes to understanding what life is like for the 800 million people in our world who live in absolute poverty.

Here's a glimpse of the shocking gap that separates us from them.

- In Canada, we can expect to live to 76 years of age; life expectancy in Sierra Leone is 38.
- The odds that a Canadian baby will die before its first birthday are 1 in 100; the odds for a baby born in Mali are 1 in 3.
- Each of us shares a doctor with about 500 other Canadians; in Ethiopia, there's one doctor for every 76,500 people.
- In Canada, 19 out of every 20 adults we meet are able to read; in Angola, only 1 in 20 can.
- We're usually no more than 30 seconds away from an unlimited supply of clean water; in parts of Somalia during the dry season, women must walk four hours to the nearest water — and that's often contaminated.

Sources: World Bank; UNICEF

Nigeria: Ladi

A DAY WITH THE HARD REALITIES OF POVERTY.

The sun won't rise for another two hours, but I have to get up and start the fire.

There's not much corn meal left — such a poor harvest, the last one. (Maybe my husband will send money soon, if he's found more work in the city.) The children eat, but they're not satisfied. There's never enough.

Now it's time to head for the fields. My five-year-old girl takes the baby. He has diarrhea, and I hate to leave him, but there's work to do.

I spend the morning bent over my hoe, breaking the earth. It's dry, lifeless. Unless there's rain soon, another crop will fail.

When the sun is high, I set out for firewood: an hour's walk to the nearest stand of trees, and an hour back. The bundle of sticks is heavy. My back creaks, and hunger picks at my stomach.

Now, water. The nearest stream is two hours away, and I have to wait in line for another thirty minutes when I get there. But that's alright; it's good to catch up on the news. I don't mind the time to rest and talk.

Now it's my turn. The water level is low, and it's a dirty brown. Who knows what's in it? But there's no other choice.

I return just in time to make supper: corn meal porridge again, with some greens. I'm so hungry!

The children eat and I have what's left. After a hard day's work, it's not enough.

The baby cries and cries. He takes milk, but he can't hold it. Will he die like the other two?

At last, though, he sleeps in the darkness, still hungry, but too tired to cry.

Like me.



THE AGONY OF AFRICA

Ladi's story is repeated over and over, every day, in the lives of millions of Africans.

Here are the hard realities of their world:

Hunger. One African adult in every four can't get enough food to sustain active work. The average child in rural Africa gets only 830 calories of nourishment a day; the minimum requirement for healthy development is about 2,300.

Poverty. Ladi simply doesn't have the means to improve her life — no money, no education, no political clout and limited natural resources. She feels powerless to change her situation.

Contaminated water. Only 30 percent of the population living in rural Nigeria have access to safe drinking water. In Mozambique and Uganda, that number slips to 7 percent.

Deforestation and desertification. Because of daily demands for firewood and shelter, 29 trees are cut down in Africa for every one planted. The resulting environmental damage is reducing soil productivity, fueling drought and creating deserts.

Urbanization. Ladi's husband, like millions of other Africans, has gone to the city to find work. As one measure to keep the urban poor content, some governments artificially depress the selling price of food, adding to the hardships of the rural poor who grow it.

The plight of women. Women are often treated as beasts of burden in Africa. They do 80 percent of the agricultural work, yet are often ignored in the search for solutions to poverty.

Sources: World Bank; Christian Aid; UNICEF; Development Forum

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

Ladi's story stirs many feelings in us: sadness, sympathy, anger.

But the important question is not "What should we feel?" but "What does God require us to do?" And through His prophet Micah, He gives the answer.

We are to act justly and love mercy. (6:8 NIV)

Mercy is a matter of the heart. To love mercy is to have a sacrificial spirit that leads us to share our resources with the poor.

Justice, on the other hand, is concerned not so much with our emotions as with God's Word. To act justly is to live up to the standard God has set in the Bible for our relationships with the poor.

A FOCUS ON AFRICA

The situations and issues in this educational resource on overseas development ministries are drawn from Africa. But they represent the plight of the poor around the world — and some of the steps Christians in Canada are taking to act justly, love mercy and walk with God and the poor.

REMEMBER EGYPT!

The Old Testament Covenant and the Poor

When the people of Israel saw the poor, God wanted them to remember the story of their own poverty.

"Be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land...Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you."

(Deuteronomy 15:11b,15 NIV)

The mighty acts of God had enabled the people of Israel to leave their bondage in Egypt behind forever. In His covenant with them most of the commandments concerning the poor had a parallel aim: to free the poor permanently from the bondage of poverty. No interest was to be charged on loans. (Exodus 22:21-27) Debts were to be forgiven after six years. (Deuteronomy 15:1,2) And not only were slaves to be set free after six years of service; they were also to be given the livestock and other resources necessary for self-sufficiency. (Deuteronomy 15:12-15)

Such commandments, although they address issues in an ancient and foreign culture, still carry a message for us today: we must go beyond charity in our walk with the poor to seek just and long-term solutions to poverty.

Even the call to "remember Egypt" (Deuteronomy 5:15) has a lesson to teach. Lest we feel superior to those in the bondage of poverty, these verses remind us that we, too, are simply redeemed slaves. In Jesus Christ, we have been freed from the bondage of sin.

Therefore, as we seek release for Ladi from the bondage of poverty, we should do so in a spirit of humility and gratitude for our own redemption.



Ethiopia: Negussie

THE SEEDS OF HOPE TAKE ROOT.

"Alrigh, that's enough for today," I shout to my crew.

The men have been singing, but now the work song stops, and the picks, hoes and shovels fall silent. For a moment we look at what we've accomplished. Below us, 10 kilometres of terraces criss-cross the side of the mountain.

SOIL CONSERVATION. As part of a development program in Negussie's area, terraces — low ridges of dirt and stone — are being built across hillsides to prevent soil erosion.

Beyond them, I can see my farm. And I realize that, without the terraces, the rains could wash that farm away.

LOCAL PARTICIPATION. Local farmers take an

active role in the program because they're aware of the long-term implications.

Augichu, the project manager, walks with me down the path from the mountain. He's an educated man, an expert, but he never forgets he's an Ethiopian like the rest of us.

LOCAL LEADERSHIP. While the program is funded by a Canadian missionary organization, Ethiopian development specialists are partners in planning and administration.

"Why do you do this, Augichu?" I ask him. "You could get a good job in the city, maybe even in North America. Why are you out here with us poor farmers?"

He thinks for a moment.

"Because I love my people, and I love God."

It's a good answer. Everyone knows Augichu is a religious man, and that he practices what he preaches.

A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION. Augichu actively combines Christian witness with his agricultural work, understanding that one is incomplete without the other.

We pass the wood lot at the foot of the mountain. Some children are playing tag between the young trees.

"Hey," I yell at them, "that wood's going to cook your supper



some day." Some of these seedlings I planted with my own hands, and now they're stamping them into the ground.

REFORESTATION. As part of the same program, local farmers are planting seedlings in woodlots and on hillsides. The fast-growing trees will provide firewood and fruit, and will combat soil erosion.

At home, my wife has just come back from the well and is making supper.



WATER PROJECTS. Wells, drilled as part of the local program, now provide Negussie and his family with clean water for the first time in their lives.

On a mat in the corner, the baby is crying again.

"Can I give him the drink, mama?" begs my eight-year-old daughter. And soon she's on the floor beside him, mixing something in a glass. She's singing a song she learned from the "health lady" in our village. "A glass of water, a teaspoon of sugar, a pinch of salt..."

COMMUNITY HEALTH. The "health lady" is a volunteer from the area who has been trained in providing health education and basic treatment. A community health program is a major component in the development effort. The song contains the formula for oral rehydration solution, a life-saving treatment for diarrhea.

My wife is singing too as she makes the meal, a Christian song she learned at the health clinic.

I sit back and smile. It's good that, at least somewhere, a few people are singing again in Ethiopia.

A BATTLE ON MANY FRONTS

Negussie's story reveals a lot about the battle being fought against physical and spiritual poverty.

The specifics of the program — soil conservation, water projects, reforestation and community health — are the building blocks of development ministries all across Africa. A commitment to local involvement and leadership makes those ministries effective. And a strong Christian foundation provides a powerful vision.

Coupled with ministries that address spiritual needs, the development program in Negussie's area presents a clear witness to God's offer of hope at every level of human life.

Walk In My Statutes:

TAKE UP THE TOWEL!

Jesus and the Poor

Jesus combined the spiritual and the physical in his ministry.

The leaders of one Kenyan denomination active in development as well as evangelism often put it this way: He came among us holding out the word of life in one hand and the towel of service in the other.

The picture of the towel comes from the portrait of Christ as servant in John 13:1-5. Here, during the Passover meal, Jesus does an extraordinary thing. He lays aside his outer clothing, takes up a towel, and then bows to wash and dry the feet of His disciples.

The account has an interesting parallel in Philippians 2:5-8. Here, too, Jesus is portrayed as laying aside His prerogatives as the Son of God (vs. 6), taking up the role of a servant (vs. 7), and humbling Himself for our sakes (vs. 8). The Lord of all creation exchanged the royal garments of privilege for the towel of service.

"I have set you an example," Jesus says after He has finished His act of humility, "that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:15 NIV) And the example applies to us in a special way. For in a material sense, we who live in the industrialized West enjoy "royal" privileges, consuming 80 percent of the world's resources. Are we willing to follow the Lord, set our privileges aside and walk with the poor?

We're comfortable carrying the word of life. Are we ready to carry the towel of service, too?

Kenya: Joseph

FACING THE FORCES OF INJUSTICE.

Dawn at last. The sky grows light over the eastern rim of the valley.

I'm nearly frozen; this sweater has too many holes. It's cold work being a guard, but I have to take my turn, like every other man in the co-op. The important thing is that the grain in the silo behind me is safe.

When I think of what could have happened during this long night, I whisper a prayer of thanks. There have been plenty of threats and troubles since the church began the co-op here.

When the co-op farmers started growing a second crop per year with better seed, some of the merchants who buy our grain were angry. They saw that we would no longer run out of grain for our own use. And that meant they could no longer sell it back to us when we were hungry at twice what we were paid for it.

That was when our fields began to catch fire.
And when we built the storage silo, the merchants

were angry again. Because now we don't have to sell our grain at harvest. We can wait for the best price and bargain with a big buyer in the city. My uncle was beaten the day after we took our first load in. And there were threats to burn the silo.

Now we're talking about a small co-op mill and a



bakery, maybe even a savings bank, and it makes me afraid sometimes to think of how they'll try to stop us. But as the sun comes up this morning, I hear the co-op women singing in the yard outside the church. The words drift across to me through the morning mist.
"Together, we are strong; together, we are strong,

Strong in the Lord and strong in each other.
Together we are strong, we are strong."

The song reminds me of how far we've come. We are stronger. We're meeting our own needs now, standing on our own feet. And I realize that when we stand together, hope is more powerful than fear.



PRINCIPALITIES, POWERS AND MUSTARD SEEDS:

Toward a just society.

Agricultural and health programs are crucial to helping the poor escape the bondage of poverty.

But really effective ministries of development need to go further, to address the root causes of poverty. And all too often, those causes involve injustice.

In Joseph's area, for instance, it was in the economic interest of some local grain merchants to keep farmers poor and hungry. With very little surplus production, and no ability to store a surplus in any case, the farmers had little choice but to accept whatever price the merchants would offer.

Local moneylenders also benefited, often loaning farmers the money they needed to buy food back when their own meagre supplies were exhausted.

The injustice Joseph describes is deliberate and malicious. But larger forces are also at work that tend to keep him and millions of other Africans poor. Those forces may be more impersonal and more complex, but they're no less destructive.

International debt. By 1987, Africa owed a total of \$137.8 billion to Western banks. The crushing pressure of compounding interest is forcing African governments to make heavy spending cuts, often in already minimal health, education and other public programs — cuts which hit the poor hardest. When subsidies for school fees were reduced in a rural Nigerian province, for example, enrolment dropped by one-third.

Cash-cropping. In order to generate the income they so desperately need to pay their debts, developing countries use much of their land to grow crops for export instead of food for local consumption.

Dropping commodity prices. Western control of trade, and demand for cheap raw materials in North America and Europe, have pushed prices down. As a result, developing countries had to export 20 times as much in 1985 than they did in 1980 to generate the same income.

Such forces, both global and local, tend to keep people like Joseph poor, hungry and without the access to services and resources that could help them turn their situations around.

In response to such injustice, some have turned to violence in their frustration and anger. But others are seeking alternative means for the poor to break free from the powers that threaten to crush them. The church-sponsored co-op in Joseph's area is one response; others include interest-free loans to improve farm production, training programs in trades, and grants to start small businesses.

Of course, co-ops won't solve the really big problems like international debt and inequities in trade. (See *Exercise your democratic rights*, on the back page for some things we can do.)

Jesus, however, said that faith as small as a mustard seed could move mountains. (Matthew 7:20) And the little group of farmers in Joseph's village represents such a mustard seed of hope for a just world — a world where the poor are treated according to God's standards.

Source: UNICEF

Walk in My Statutes:

WORSHIP WITH JUSTICE!

Amos and the Poor

The prophet Amos would have recognized Joseph's world right away. He was very familiar with the inequities that existed between rich and poor in his day.

God condemned those injustices through Amos in no uncertain terms. Israel had "sold the needy for a pair of sandals," and "trampled on the heads of the poor," God charged (Amos 2:6,7 NIV).

But then He made a disquieting connection.

"I hate, I despise your religious feasts, I cannot stand your assemblies... Away with the noise of your songs... But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-ending stream." (Amos 5:21-24 NIV)

The people of God, it seems, could not please Him in their worship unless they pleased Him with just and fair behaviour toward the poor. Israel was deaf to the cries of the destitute, and as a consequence, God was deaf to the hymns of the devout.

Although it's been 2700 years since Amos prophesied, we've no reason to believe God has changed his point of view. The message of the prophet endures: no matter how correct our theology is, or how spirited our worship, it won't bring pleasure to the Lord unless our devotion is accompanied by a deep commitment to justice for the poor.

Taking Steps

We've walked for a few kilometres (at least in our imaginations) with Ladi, Negussie and Joseph.

Now let's consider some very real steps we can take to continue our walk with them, and with the God who loves them.

• **Listen for the voice of the poor.** Be informed. If you support a mission or missionary working in development ministries, carefully read what they send you. Read whatever you can about the developing world, too.

This poem was written by a Christian who lives and works among the poor in the developing world.

WALK WITH US

*Help us to discover our own riches; don't judge us poor because we lack what you have.

*Help us discover our chains; don't judge us slaves by the type of shackles you wear.

*Be patient with us as a people; don't judge us backward simply because we don't follow your stride.

*Be patient with our pace; don't judge us lazy simply because we don't follow your tempo.

*Be with us, and be open to what you can give.

*Be with us, as a companion who walks with us — neither behind nor in front — in our search for life and, ultimately, for God!

And as you watch television and read the paper, ask yourself if the news accurately reflects the situation of the needy in our world.

• **Share what you learn.** Help raise the awareness of others in your church, your workplace and your circle of friends concerning the developing world. Some Canadians base their views on inadequate information. Be an agent of truth and understanding.

• **Pray for the poor and for those who work with them.** Support development missionaries actively and specifically in your prayers. And when you pray for the poor, go beyond asking God to "bless those who are less fortunate." Ask him for justice.

• **Financially support development ministries.** If your denomination has a relief and development program, back it with some of your mission giving. If not, give your support to an independent Christian organization involved in development. Look for:

- ministries that effectively integrate evangelism and development
- ministries that employ people from the developing world to plan and run development programs
- ministries that reflect some understanding of the larger issues discussed on pages 6 and 7

• **Change your lifestyle for the poor.** Consider some meaningful sacrifices you could make in order to free more of your resources for ministries of development and evangelism. (A very useful and practical book is

Living More With Less by Doris Janzen Longacre.)

• **Exercise your democratic rights.** Write letters to your local paper when you see the plight of the poor distorted. Support and vote for politicians who best reflect God's standards of justice when it comes to Canada's dealings with the poor in the developing world, and choose your investments in the same way. Pay particular attention to questions of international trade and debt, and government policies on refugees and on foreign aid.

It won't be easy walking with the poor and with God. Sometimes, you'll feel like you're marching to a very different drummer. Sometimes, the trail will get very complicated and hard to follow. And sometimes, it will take real sacrifice to keep up.

But you'll always have the best of company for the journey.

FOR FURTHER READING

If you'd like to read more about the gospel, justice and development ministries, here are some key books,

An Evangelical Commitment to a Simple Life-style, Lausanne Occasional Paper No. 20, Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, Wheaton, Illinois, 1980

Ronald Sider, *Rich Christians In An Age of Hunger*, InterVarsity Press, Downer's Grove, Illinois. Second edition, 1984.

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In Memory of Gail Ruth Mohns

On April 20, 1970, Gail Ruth Mohns was strangled to death. Her assailant, though apprehended, received a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity. This followed days of speculation, sometimes fueled by unkind media reporting. However, following an autopsy and intense investigation, the news media used the word "Martyred." She had won the battle but lost her life.

Today, after twenty years, our hearts still cry out, "What a senseless tragedy."

It is true that time is a great healer. And yet, as anyone who has lost an arm or a leg will testify, the absence of the missing member never loses its reality. How much greater, then, is our sense of loss. We can testify, however, that gradually these feelings have been relieved by the legacy of her Christian loveliness.

As one tries to search the mind of God in times like these one seems helpless to grasp the thought that "all things are open to His survey." We have been comforted by the echo of Him who cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" We have reminisced about Jesus as He uttered these words. Jesus, the sinless Son of God—yet betrayed, sold for thirty pieces of silver, condemned to death and dying on the cross.

We have remembered John the Baptist, languishing in jail, wondering why Jesus whom he had baptized and introduced as the Lamb of God had apparently deserted him and left him to die by the headsman's axe. These stories have brought comfort and have taught us to trust even what we cannot understand.

From this distance in time, reviewing the circumstances surrounding our daughter's tragedy we consider with gratitude the multitude of beautiful thoughts expressed about her life and influence by those who knew and loved her. A large loose-leaf binder preserves hundreds of these testimonies which bring us not only great comfort, but also the

assurance that her sacrifice has not been without blessing.

Someone remarked "Murder is so terrible! How much better it would have been if she had been killed in an auto accident!" In our first agony we might have had these feelings. But now we look at it differently. Our daughter was martyred. Just as we cannot conceive that Jesus could have died from pneumonia or that John the Baptist could have died of leprosy, so we do not feel that some more natural circumstance would have made the death of our daughter as powerful an influence and testimony to the ultimate glory of the Divine wisdom.

In *Desire of Ages*, p. 225, are these words: "And of all the gifts that Heaven can bestow upon men, fellowship with Christ in His sufferings is the most weighty trust and the highest honour."

Although certain that we deserve no special blessing or honour, we are grateful for the lessons these twenty years have taught. We perceive far more clearly the meaning of the Great Controversy and Satan's vicious and determined attacks against God's people.

Many of you will recall that following Gail's death "The Gail Ruth Mohns Student Aid Memorial Fund" was created. We greatly appreciate the gifts so many of you have made for this important program. Through the years many students have told us how thankful they are for the financial assistance they have received.

Recently several of our friends have suggested that this memorial occasion would be a good time for further augmenting this fund. We have decided to make a further substantial gift in memory of our daughter. Perhaps God will impress many of you to participate also.

On May 4-6, 1990, Kingsway Spring Alumni Weekend will also honour the class of 1970, and will feature a brief memorial tribute to Gail. Please accept our expression of thankfulness and rejoicing at this fitting recognition to be given to Kingsway College's own youthful martyr.

In memory of Gail Ruth Mohns.
With love,

Les and Ruth Mohns

KCs'

Korner

• Spring break (March 9-18) is the time for tours and this spring was a busy one for Kingsway's three groups. The Kingsway Symphonic Choir under the direction of Sharon Foreman set out for Florida touring through Kentucky and Tennessee and as far south as Tampa. The singers enjoyed the warmth of both the weather and the hospitality of the south. It was obvious their concerts were appreciated and they returned safely, exhausted but happy.

• The K.C. Concert Band toured Eastern Ontario, Quebec, and on to Boston and New York City. On their return they also had concerts at Hamilton, Brantford and Windsor. This successful tour was directed by Kevin Schafer.

• The Aerials, K.C.'s gymnastic team performed at several centres in Ontario as well as at Union Springs Academy in New York state. Their director is Pierre Chartier.

• Kingsway College and the community have been blessed recently by several musical concerts. Andrews University's Men's Chorus and Ladies' Chorus presented their programs and on March 24 weekend the Atlantic Union College Choir joined the New England Youth Ensemble in three programs, both sacred and secular. Their directors are James Bingham (formerly of Kingsway College music department) and Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse.

• **College Days**—Students interested in attending Kingsway for grades 9-12 are invited to attend the College Days' activities April 29 and 30. Come and see for yourself what Kingsway is all about. Contact your pastor or call Oliver Lofton-Brook at (416) 433-1144.

• **Alumni Homecoming** weekend is May 4 to 6. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Honoured classes are: 1980, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1950 and 1940.

Attention All Alumni and friends of Kingsway College! If you have moved or are not receiving our quarterly newsletter please write or call:
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Gary DeBoer, treasurer of the S.D.A. Church in Canada accompanies Elinor Caplan, Minister of Health for Ontario who officially opened the new facilities at Branson Hospital.



The ribbon cutting ceremony, left to right (foreground): Administrator of Branson Hospital, Jim Bruce; Vice-president of Nursing, Annette Stanwick; MPP for Wilson Heights, Monte Kwinter, with scalpel; MP for Willowdale, James Peterson, and Chief of staff, Dr. Frank Johnson.

Minister of Health Opens Branson Hospital Expansion

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The new surgical suite.

Minister of Health Elinor Caplan officially opened North York Branson Hospital's new surgical suite and renovated labour/delivery suites and nursery on Friday, March 30.

The opening program took place at 10 a.m., followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony. Other dignitaries to attend included James Peterson, MP for Willowdale; Monte Kwinter, MPP for Wilson Heights; Councillor Norman Gardner from the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; and Councillor Irving Chapley from the City of North York.

The Ministry of Health provided a grant of \$5.1 million to cover approximately two thirds of the project cost, and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto provided an additional \$237,384.

The major expansion and renovation project will enable



the hospital to meet the healthcare needs of its rapidly-growing community by providing additional operating rooms and centralized obstetrical services. The population of the hospital's catchment area has increased more than 40 percent in the last ten years, due in large part to the development

of Vaughan.

The surgical facilities encompass seven operating theatres and two cystoscopy rooms, a post-anesthetic care unit equipped with a sophisticated monitoring system, and an expanded surgical day care unit. Day surgery, which allows patients to return home shortly

after minor surgery, is a growing trend in health care.

The labour/delivery suites, located adjacent to the new surgical suite, have been reorganized around the birthing room concept. Individual birthing rooms give mothers the privacy and convenience of completing the labour and delivery process in one room, rather than being transferred at different stages.

The nursery and maternity unit are implementing the concept of combined care, in which infants spend most of the day in their mothers' rooms, increasing early bonding. Both mother and child are attended by the same nurse, creating continuity of care; the nurse also serves as an education/resource person for the mother.

The new facilities were open to the public, with staff providing tours and displays.



UNCONDITIONAL Love For Victims of AIDS

by Mabel Norcross

MY HUSBAND AND I have been helping people with AIDS for three years. We spend approximately twenty hours a week doing volunteer work. During this time we have learned what caring really means.

I always thought that caring was an attitude of the strong toward the weak, of the powerful toward the powerless, of the haves toward the have-nots. However, I have since discovered that the basic meaning of caring is to enter into someone's pain, to experience his sorrow, to grieve with him.

As Christians, we often run from painful situations or try to change the person as soon as possible. We become preoccupied with quick changes and consequently become unwilling to share another's burden. We become the advisors, the controllers, and the manipulators.

Through ministry to Vancouver's gay community, my husband and I have learned the meaning of unconditional love. This community, which we often shut out, has been patient with us, allowing us to share their pain, and they, in turn, have shared ours. They have taught us to cry, to support each other when hurting, and to share real feelings of anger, hurt and rejection. Finally, they have helped us realize that we cannot help people know God unless we are willing to allow Him to use

our hearts, hands, and tears to love one another. God loves all His children and he feels their pain.

The AIDS epidemic is offering a challenge to the Christian Adventist community. Are we going to punish those who suffer, compounding their suffering by condemnation? Will we quote passages from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah or will we be willing to hold their hands and cradle them in our arms when they are crying? As Christians, we ought to be followers of Jesus who loved and healed the unclean. Are we willing to follow His teachings? Jesus was the man who touched the lepers and refused to condemn the woman taken in adultery. The Gospels are clear in this teaching: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:36-38)

It is easy to be selective in our understanding of the Gospels, to get hung up on sexual morality and lose sight of the message of compassion and forgiveness. It is also easy to feel this is someone else's problem, so we find ourselves hurrying by on the other side of the road.

The Vancouver Central Seventh-day Adventist Church has been helping the Vancouver Persons with AIDS Association (PWA) with donations of furniture. Approximately fifteen men have been helped since September. Several of these men were sleeping on the floor and did not even have dishes. David Gale, from Vancouver Central, has been helping by locating furniture. Mrs. Gwen Snowdon and women from the Chilliwack Church have been helping with clothing. Eleanor Wyness, Assistant Director for the BC Community Services has helped with bedding, furniture and clothing. However, this still did not solve the problem of caring for our brothers and sisters with AIDS who are in the church or who have left the church.

Vancouver Central Church started the project of making teddy bears for the Adventists who have AIDS and by the end of November nineteen teddy bears had been made or donated. Teddy bears give the message of love to the receiver. It also gives comfort to the dying during long, painful, lonely and sleepless nights. We are hoping that this message of unconditional love will encourage all Seventh-day Adventists with AIDS to come home to their church family. We want to care for them during their illness.

An AIDS quilt was made by Hal Jobe. It was made as a memorial to

Seventh-day Adventists who have died from AIDS. Each piece has been sewn with love. Its message of compassion allows us to share our loss and hope that these losses will end.

Our prayer is for SDA members to welcome AIDS victims and their friends to fellowship with us. They need to feel God's love through us. Be willing to listen to their troubles, as well as enter into their happiness. Touch them, hug them, or squeeze their hand. Share your life with them. Give them unconditional love. Be a friend!

As you draw close to them you will learn to be compassionate and honest. You will discover your faith growing deeper. God will help you in your spiritual journey by giving you courage to face the pain of life and death.

The love that we pour out to the dying, and the AIDS patient, says many things. It is an expression of our need to serve and love. To the

patient, it is this gesture of love that makes the pain bearable, and life worth living. All of God's people are precious. Caring for these people declares that people are important because God loves them just as they are, not just because they are lovely.

One young sick child gave us a tremendous lesson in caring. She does not have enough strength to fight the infections and she received treatment every week. Although she is in a lot of pain, she is always smiling and giving love to those around her. She donated one of her favourite teddy bears to our project. Included was a note:

"Dear Special Person! My bear's name is 'Precious Ben'. I am now giving him to you. And he has something to say!

TEARS

Tears are made of Love and water
Tears come from Mother and Father
Tears are happy,
And Tears are sad,

We all have Tears
We all have Fears
But dry those Tears
For Love is here
For years and years!

Luv Always, DD. This is straight from my heart. PS: Ben is a GREAT listener! PPS: Ben and I both agree that we are one of God's children and are loved. Because we are loved we have lots of love to go around. And we love you too!"

I hope that we will all be able to learn to love and care like "DD".

Just before Christmas, on behalf of SDA's with AIDS, Robert Peterson received the nineteen teddy bears for distribution. We still need more teddy bears. If you are willing to donate or make a teddy bear, please write: Jon and Mabel Norcross, #134-8460 Lansdowne Road., Richmond, BC V6X 3G8 or phone (604) 270-9992.

Christian Lifestyle Magazine—A Focus on Caring

Since FAITH FOR TODAY developed a new program in the format of CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE, viewers have been in touch with real life. They see hurting people being genuinely helped. As Dan Matthews, Producer, and Jim Wood, Field Director for CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE, focus on people with such caring attitudes, television viewers realize life is worth living.

Such was the reaction of a live audience at a CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE rally in Vancouver March 3. Don Ferris, a United Church Minister and author of TROJAN HORSE, works with homosexuals in the City of Vancouver. Although he rejects the homosexual ideology and lifestyle, he claims there is help for them if they want it. "Are homosexuals welcome in the church?" "Yes", he answers, "as welcome as any repentant sinner."

Geraldine Fordyce, a Salvation

Army worker, explains the heartache alcohol addiction causes for women. "Because of women's unique role in childbearing, we are finding many more babies born with fetal alcohol syndrome", she explains. "These babies are born with multiple defects in mind and body."

Geraldine explains that her work is complicated because many women are hidden drinkers. No one knows they even have an addiction. To help these people, the Salvation Army has established a 31-unit-capacity mother/child facility where addicted mothers can receive therapy, spiritual counselling and nutritional instruction.

Teddy bears have become the symbol of tender loving care in the ministry Mabel Norcross and her husband, Jon, have established for AIDS victims. The Norcrosses have learned of the physical and emotional pain these sufferers experience and have pledged themselves to loving these

patients with compassionate hands and hearts. Each patient, besides being welcomed into their home, receives a teddy bear as a symbol of love and warmth.

Wally Hasselbrack testifies that physical handicaps need not be a deterrent to living a fulfilled life. Although he has cerebral palsy, and walks and talks with a degree of difficulty, Wally has, through hard work and determination, received his physical therapist licence and operates a private practice. He is married, has a 13-year-old daughter and lives a normal lifestyle. He attributes his success to his parents' caring attitude toward him in his childhood.

The world is full of pain and hurt but in it there are also the Dons, the Geraldines, the Mabels, the Jons and Wallys, who can make life a little easier for others. CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE has committed itself to searching out these people. Are you one of them?

Teacher Feature

The **TEACHER FEATURE** is an attempt by the SDA Church in Canada's Department of Education to recognize our teachers and let them know that we appreciate them.

May God bless these teachers for their concern and dedication to our young people.



Karla Boyce

Karla is teaching grades 2 and 3 as well as teaching French in grades 5-8 at our school in Windsor. Her first two years of teaching were in Corner Brook, Nfld. where she taught a wide age range of students. she and her students have a motto that works for them—"Live to love, love to live, love to learn, and above all, love God." Karla has fun with her students as they learn together, and she wants to be more involved in community projects.



Jon Gustavsen

Jon teaches Physical & Outdoor Education and History at Crawford Adventist Academy and keeps the students busy there. His message to parents and teachers is: Do you plan and structure your child's play and recreational activities in order to develop mental, physical and emotional discipline? If you won't, don't or can't, who will? If a child's most lasting social and emotional learning comes during their play, do you care enough to participate in it?

For your practical approach to Christianity, in and out of the classroom, and your dedication to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education, we thank you.

Adventist World Radio: Talking to the world in their language and their radio medium

by Kermit Netteburg
and Pudge Forrester

Walk down the street in Amman, Jordan, or Gdansk, Poland. Stop to peer in the shops. Notice a few radios for sale. Then notice that the radios are different than those sold in North America.

The radios have several shortwave bands.

That's because shortwave is the common radio medium for most of the world, including eastern Europe and the Middle East.

And that's why the Adventist Church plans to build a shortwave radio station in Italy, one capable of broadcasting to all of eastern Europe and throughout the Moslem countries of the Middle East.

Some Adventists question the wisdom of building a shortwave radio station. In North America, especially in the United States, shortwave radio broadcasting is often confused with amateur radio. But they are very different services.

Around the world, more than 1,800 radio transmitters of 35,000 watts or more use shortwave bands to broadcast in the same way our AM broadcasting services do. The major difference is that the broadcasting is directed to other countries.

During the evening in North America, a person

can receive more than 100 foreign stations broadcasting in English. All that's needed is a small transistor-type shortwave radio with an 18-inch whip antenna.

Listen to Radio Moscow, British Broadcasting Corporation, Radio Canada International, Radio Finland, Radio Spain International, Radio Australia, Radio Havana Cuba and Israel, just to name a few.

Many governments hold an absolute monopoly over the electronic media, refusing to grant any time to religious organizations. Citizens within those countries turn to shortwave to find out what is going elsewhere in the world. Other countries are so poor that effective radio services do not exist.

Because of these facts, citizens of third world countries and those within countries that are very restrictive buy shortwave radios. About one-half of all radios purchased within the Soviet Union, the Middle East, and Africa, have shortwave capability.

Worldwide, more than 350 million shortwave radio receivers are listened to by 1.25 billion people in the world regularly for news and information.

All of the major powers use shortwave. The Soviets lead with about 200 transmitters, followed by

the United States with 135 and the British with 86.

Religious entities also use short-wave extensively. Trans-World Radio, a liberal evangelical organization, has 20 high power transmitters around the world. Far East Broadcasting Company, a conservative evangelical organization, has 17. Family Radio operates 14 transmitters in Florida but beamed to the rest of the world, and the small 250,000-member Christian Scientists recently added two more very powerful 500,000 watt transmitters to make a total of five for their short-wave radio service.

The question arises: "What about the Seventh-Day Adventist church's Adventist World Radio? A quick check reveals that its present facilities can reliably reach only about 15 percent of those estimated 350 million shortwave receivers!

Adventist church leaders, concerned about the gaps existing in AWR's world-wide coverage, propose to increase the size of existing AWR stations in Guam and Costa Rica, and add two new powerful shortwave stations in Italy and Africa.

The first of these powerful stations is planned to have three transmitters (one 250,000 watt and two 100,000 watt). The initial budget for this Italy station is set at \$7.3 million dollars. Two offerings, one taken March 10 and the other planned for May 19, will raise the money.

When installed and operating, AWR-Europe will reach a population area of more than one billion people. More than 400 million of them will listen to shortwave radio during any given week!

This will be a tremendous evangelistic tool of the church, but only if you make it happen! Support the special offering for this station on May 19 by giving a generous offering at church.

Kermit Netteburg is communication director of the Columbia Union Conference. Pudge Forrester is an independent consultant in Hagerstown Maryland, who reviews proposals for shortwave radio stations.

Health-Wise

by Raymond O. West, M.D.

Lyme Disease

HAVE YOU HEARD of any new diseases lately? Almost immediately, of course, you answer, "Yes! At least two—Legionnaires Disease and AIDS." Now you can add another. It is called "Lyme Disease." And as diseases go, it's a mere infant, for it was first discovered in 1975. It gets its name from Lyme, a town in Connecticut.

Legionnaires and AIDS are both caused by an infectious agent, a bacterium and virus respectively. Lyme Disease is caused by a spirochete, the same general family of organisms that cause syphilis.

But I hasten to add that the transmission of Lyme Disease is not a sexual one—as of course syphilis is.

Lyme disease travels from person to person by a vector, a tick. Indeed, it has become the most common tick-borne disease reported in the United States. It is more widespread than Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, another relatively common tick-borne disease.

The wiry little spirochete that causes Lyme Disease has the unlikely name of *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Seen under the microscope, this organism has the almost unbelievable shape of a corkscrew.

And what about the symptoms of Lyme Disease? How would you know if you had it? Well, for one thing, there's a rash that seems to travel over the surface of the skin. And tiresome aches in the joints—a kind of arthritis.

Other common symptoms are tiredness, chills and fever, headache and stiff neck, backache, sore throat, even nausea and vomiting.

The heart can be temporarily fatigued, and its rhythm disturbed. Not even the nervous system is spared entirely, for some patients develop inflammation of nerves, and even dreaded meningitis.



Any illness that has so many symptoms can be confusing to both the patient and physician alike. It would be easy for a doctor to settle on a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis in adults, or even rheumatic fever in children.

When a physician arrives at a diagnosis—and if you live in Lyme, Connecticut, the physician will certainly think of it early on—then there's the matter of treatment. This is simple, inexpensive, and effective, for Lyme Disease responds well to a variety of antibiotics. That's encouraging!

Lyme Disease is a problem, however, of increasing concern. People everywhere need to learn about the existence of Lyme Disease and the importance of avoiding bites by infected ticks.

Lyme Disease has appeared in more than half of the United States, especially along the northeastern coast from Massachusetts to Maryland. California and Oregon are not spared and Wyoming has its share. It has begun to appear in other parts of the world.

Most patients are children and young adults. That is simply because they are more likely to play or work in wooded areas where the ticks love to live.

This column is available for your local newspaper.

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Northern Camp Meeting

The churches and pastors in Northern British Columbia are making plans for a "Northern BC Camp Meeting" to be held June 29 to July 1, 1990. The Circle J Ranch, near Prince George, has again been reserved for this weekend event.

Mark Laws, Chaplain of the Sherwood Park Nursing Home in Alberta, and Dale Kongorski, Personal Ministries Director for the BC Conference will be the featured speakers.

Circle J Ranch can be reached by travelling three miles west of Prince George on Highway 16 and 13 miles south on Blackwater Road. Reservations can be made by contacting Pastor Dan Wells at Box 428, Prince George, BC V2L 4S6.

FRASER VALLEY ACADEMY ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The annual FVAA Alumni Homecoming has been scheduled for August 4, 1990.

The event will commence with an Alumni potluck following the main worship service at Hope Camp Meeting.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends and making new ones. See you there.

Williams Lake Baptism

On December 23 the Williams Lake Church celebrated with a very special baptismal service. Jan Hanson presented excellent thoughts for meditation. *Love Found a Pardon*, beautifully sung by Barbara & Norman Semograd, preceded the sermonette by Pastor Hanson. Pastor Ken Lebel, associate pastor, led the candidates in repeating the baptismal vows.

Baptized were Rob and Dabry Dean. Now all the children of William and Mildred Dean have publicly confessed their allegiance to the King of Kings.

The baptism of Cindy and Regan Kiefiuk meant that all the Kiefiuk family have chosen to serve the Lord.

Jordy Lebel, son of Ken and Kim Lebel, was baptised and joined the Williams Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church as did the other candidates. Truly, this was a Sabbath long to be recalled and cherished.

Victoria—First in Learning to Care

The Victoria SDA Church was the first to hold a Learning to Care Seminar for their membership. Pastor Les Anderson invited Charles Brown and Dale Kongorski from the Conference office to teach the seminar which trains members in the principles of ministering to the inactive and former members. Fifty-five leaders attended the leadership seminar and twenty-five took additional training in visitation skills in two successive weekends.

The "Learning to Care Seminar" is a combined effort of the Evangelism and Personal Ministries Departments of the Conference to address the problem of apostasy from the Church. Other churches which have applied for the seminar are Vancouver Central, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Penticton, Surrey, Williams Lake, and Cariboo Central.

Nanaimo Homecoming

Nanaimo SDA Church is launching a Homecoming emphasis for inactive members in Qualicum, Parksville, Nanoose, Lantzville, Nanaimo, Cedar and Ladysmith, BC. We would appreciate names and addresses of inactive church friends, relatives or previous members you may know in these areas.

Contact:

Pastor Edwin Sukow
633 Rushton Ave.
Parksville, BC
V0P 1C3

Filipino Church Organized in Vancouver

The fondest dream of the Filipino Adventist members in the Vancouver SDA Central Church was realized when they were organized and recommended for acceptance into the sisterhood of churches in B.C. on January 27, 1990 at Deer Lake SDA School in Burnaby, B.C. Greater Vancouver Filipino Canadian SDA Church is chosen as the official name of the organization.

To the 58 strong members and many friends who attended, it was a high day indeed. Pastor N.C. Sorensen, the B.C. Conference president was the speaker. Assisting in the organization was Pastor Everett Tetz, the Conference treasurer, Pastor Dirk Zinner, former assistant pastor of Vancouver Church and Pastor Lynn Baerg, the pastor of both Filipino and Hispanic groups. The local elders, Levi Labro, Andy Alcaide, Ben Berto and Peter Peralta also assisted.

To visiting Filipino Adventists and friends we welcome you to all our services at Deer Lake SDA School, 5550 Gilpin St., Gilpin, Burnaby, B.C.

Surrey Baptisms

Ever since the new sanctuary in the Surrey Church opened three months ago, there has been church growth by baptisms. Two individuals joined by profession of faith and baptism on the opening day, December 30, 1989. Two weeks later, on January 13, 1990, three more were baptized, and then on January 27 another precious soul was baptized.

The "It Is Written" crusade, conducted by Evangelist, Ron Johnson, resulted in several more baptisms by February 24.



Surrey baptism—left to right: Pastor Colin Griffiths, Trina Hegedus, Charles Doo, Mila Doo, Starlet Pulido, Deanna Pulido, Heather Goudey, Pastor Arthur Spens. Not pictured are Don and Anna Ritchey, Jeremy Vandeboer, Duette Bennett, Vivian Cox, Rod Weisner, Robert and Cheryl Watson and son John.

QUEBEC

Church Organized at St-Georges

The province of Quebec is eighty-five percent Roman Catholic. A huge cathedral has been erected in every small village. Usually built on the tallest hill of the town, crowned with breath-taking steeples, they can be seen from miles. Most of the social and economic life of these towns and villages revolves around the priest of the church. People are steeped in traditions and superstitions of many kinds. These are every bit as spurious as if they came from the darkest parts of any mission field. Yet the Seventh-day Adventist Church has conquered the challenge of this mission field. Quebec has now been officially organized into a Conference under the leadership of President R.O.A. Samms. It is the last frontier in North America to be organized as such.

The heartlands of the settlements that started and now thrive in this province began in a valley called "The Beauce", named after the group of French settlers who homesteaded here in the mid 1600's. A river named "La Chaudière" which translates "The Bucket", flows from the U.S.A., cuts through the valley and empties into the St-Lawrence Seaway at the foot of the old Quebec City. The old, massive stone fort built by the British



The St-Georges Church group with Pastor Hermans at the right and Pastor St-Germain at the left.

complete with canons, towers, and placements, form an important part of Old Quebec.

In this heartland of the French culture here in Canada, many people, nicknamed Québécois, are being changed by the gospel presented by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. About ten years ago, some of these Quebecois started their own church in St. Henri, a small town north-west of the Beauce Valley. The mission helped to build their church by supplying the materials and purchasing the land. The labour was donated by the new members. Many years later, as this church grew, a group started to worship in St-Georges, a town further south in the Beauce. The two towns are fifty miles apart.

The group of St-Georges was recently organized into a full-fledged church with Pastor Georges Hermans, of the French "IT IS WRITTEN" telecast officiating at the ceremonies. More than twelve people are studying to become members of the St-Georges Church. The pastor has even given Bible studies to local Roman Catholic priests, one of which is his cousin.

Many names could be listed as those responsible for helping to bring all these miracles about. But, suffice it to say that the Spirit of God is graciously moving here in the heartland of old, traditional Quebec.

Pastor Marcel St-Germaine

NEWFOUNDLAND

Day of the Adventist Teacher Celebrated in Botwood

On Sabbath, March 10, teachers at Exploits Valley Adventist Academy were honoured at a special Worship Service at the Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church. The occasion was the Day of the Adventist Teacher.

General Mews, Chairman of the Seventh-day Adventist School Board in Newfoundland, presented awards to Lois Gill for 14 years and to Lee Richards for 3 years of dedicated Christian teaching at Exploits Valley Adventist Academy.

Three substitute teachers at EVAA were also recognized: Florence Miller,



Front Row: left to right—Gerald Mews, Chairman SDA School Board in Newfoundland, Lois Gill and Lee Richards, teachers EVAA in Botwood. Back row: left to right—Florence Miller, Violet Mews, Shirley Johnston, past and present substitute teachers.

Violet Mews and Shirley Johnston. Florence Miller, a retired teacher and poetess living in Botwood wrote the following poem especially for this the Day of the Adventist Teacher.

Christian Teachers

Teachers are caring, teachers are kind,
Teachers encourage, improving your mind.

Encouraging growth, they teach to create,

Scorning mistrust, they refuse to hate.

Christ is their pattern, He is their kind,
He keeps their great needs ever in mind.
He looks not at clothes, or status or sin,
But at their heart's need, salvation to win.

Their secret success, a relation with Christ,

They teach Bible readings and give good advice.

At the end of their term, they'll shine as a star,

Dedicated teachers from near and afar.

Kingsway Pioneer Apartments

Corporation Meeting
March, 1990

By. A. George Rodgers, Consultant
Healthcare Institutions

With the president of the Ontario Conference Elder Rick Bacchus presiding, the annual meeting of the corporation was called to order. Elder George Clarke, manager of our Kingsway Apartments under whose dedicated direction the facility operates, provided members with pertinent data relating to this blessed sanctuary from the storm—this God-ordained retreat for those seeking a continuing association with those of "like-precious faith."

It was interesting to learn that 80 units constitute this "home from home", whilst 20 are partially funded by the Provincial government under a rent geared to income programme.

As is typical of Adventist institutions across Canada, there are no vacancies and already the administration is concerned with the fact that there are 60 applications in abeyance. Hindsight sustains us in the realization that we might well have built more adequately to respond to the ever-increasing needs of those seeking peace of mind and shelter and contentment in their advancing years. To respond to such pleas is to identify with the philosophy of the Advent church.

The very capable "keeper of the purse", Conference Treasurer Brian Christenson, presented a forthright statement free of ambiguity and, subsequent upon a question and answer period, the instrument was accorded unanimity.

The Chair graciously recognized a number of speakers from the floor and Willard Gray an untiring and earnest protagonist for the providing of a nursing home to complement the existing facilities, as a director articulated his urgent accentuation of this unquestionably valid concern.

We are fortunate and greatly blessed by the administrative trio responsible for the successful conduct of the Pioneer Apartments. Your consultant, under the compulsion of necessity, felt it incumbent to thank the chairman and his dedicated lieutenants for their faithful adherence to the task so confidently entrusted to their care.

Peace of Mind Crusade Concludes with Large Baptism

A series of 21 meetings launched the winter evangelistic crusade at the Filipino Canadian SDA church. Efenito Adap, church pastor and Barry Hubley, conference evangelist conducted the nightly meetings from January 27 to February 24.

Efenito Adap would conduct the nightly quizzes and award the first timers who received "The Almost Forgotten Day", "The Lucifer Files" or "Bible Answers" and a big family Bible to one name from the quiz envelopes.

Barry Hubley utilized personal experiences and clear cut explanations for the various topics.

One strategy to encourage non-believers to attend was a \$150.00 paid evaluation exercise. Nineteen individuals were baptized and more than a hundred Bibles were awarded to persons who attended at least 18 nightly meetings.

The baptized candidates at the end of the Crusade are Monette Harvey, Lorianne Alconcel, Leidamae Solijon, Stephanie Stewart, Reynaldo Cabal, Mildred Octavio, Loreta Macabio, Ramon Jaraba, Leonor Jaraba, The Barrientos, Maylynn Castillo, Paul Pangilinan, Angela Wu, Monolito Razon, Tessie Razon, Maria Consuelo Razon, Emily Bagawisan, Guadalupe Aldovar.



Ontario Conference evangelist Barry Hubley conducted the crusade at the Filipino Canadian S.D.A. Church.



Some of the baptismal candidates being prepared by Pastor Efenito Adap.

Announcing Simcoe Camp Meeting 1990

Date:

Friday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.
Sabbath, May 12, 9:30; 11:00 a.m.;
1:30; 3:30; 7:30 p.m.

Location:

Simcoe Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 56 South Dr. (beside Simcoe Fairgrounds)

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Agatha Thrash, M.D., World Renowned Author and Lecturer: Elder and Mrs. James Fox, will be presenting our Sabbath School to the adult and children's divisions; Elder Lee Patterson, will conduct the Divine Worship and Sabbath School for the Youth.

*****Special Music*****

Please bring your own lunch.
All are cordially invited to attend

Toronto Jr. Academy/ Crawford Academy Announces Alumni Weekend

You are invited to come and celebrate with us 35 years of "Commitment to Excellence". Crawford is holding its Second Annual Alumni Weekend May 11-13, 1990. Honoured classes this year are the classes of 1980 and 1960. Come and rekindle friendships with students and teachers at this very special 35th anniversary.

For more information call: C.A.A. (416) 633-0090, Enid Myers.

Youth Weekend at Frenda

February 23-25 was a fun weekend for senior youth. About seventy showed up and indulged in making the weekend fantastic for everyone. There was spiritual food brought to us by Elder Eddie Johnson, physical food from Mrs. Bussey, and social food from Pastor Lee Patterson. The words "solidarity and culture" have a much more spiritual meaning after such a weekend.



Eddie Johnson and Lee Patterson in the dining hall at the Youth Weekend at Camp Frenda.

Witnessing Opportunity in Sudbury

The Sudbury S.D.A. Church presented its witnessing ministry in a different format on Sabbath, January 13, 1990 when its members played host to a group of students from one of the local Catholic educational institutions.

Three young men from St. Charles College presented themselves at the church armed with a video recorder and lots of questions to gather information about our church for their research on a comparative religious course they have been taking at their school. Different groups of students from their class were assigned to a specific denomination in the Sudbury area.

After taping the song service, Sabbath School program and most of the worship service, the students asked questions on the birth of Christ, the Sabbath, Baptism and the Communion Service. All these questions gave the members the opportunity to explain Bible truths.

On departing the students were presented with a copy of the book "Seventh-day Adventists Believe... 27 Fundamental Doctrines" for their school library.

The Heralds in Gospel Concert

Music for the Whole Family

The internationally acclaimed HERALDS QUARTET will be sharing their unique music at College Park Church on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.



Records, tapes, and compact disks of music by the group will be available for purchase. Tickets are available by calling the College Park Church office, 725-1121 or at the Adventist Book Centre. Adults \$6.00, seniors and students, \$4.00. Pre-school children free.

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President's Perspective

interested people she finds in the homes. In 1989 Bibiane made it possible for 9 people to be baptized.

In Moncton, New Brunswick, the Project has sponsored Michel Allard to help the newly established french church there. Currently, he has eight bible studies going every week, and some of those students are attending church regularly.

My Canadian friends, the harvest is truly ripe in the Acadian and Quebecois sectors of Canada. The opportunity for evangelism through Project Acadien-Quebecois is limitless, but, we are trying to do it with limited funds. We must sponsor at least ten evangelistic crusades in 1990. We want to take on more literature evangelists, but, we cannot because of not enough money to fund the support programs. At this very moment, the television ministry to reach the french people in Quebec, Northern Ontario, and New Brunswick is in jeopardy. We need thousands of dollars to produce new programs.

Please accept this as a mission story from a "far off land". I hope you have been intrigued by it.

College Park Students Winners in Poster Contest

The Oshawa This Week received lots of very original and creative entries from students in Oshawa and Whitby for the Non-Smoking Week Poster contest, making the decision to pick just three winners a hard one.

After all the votes were in, College Park Elementary Students from Oshawa ranked in every category.

In the Grade 1, 2 and 3 category, **Gregory Carby**, a Grade 2 student was the winner with his poster "It's Not Wise to Smoke". **Robby Charbonneau**, also a Grade 2 student received honourable mention in this category.

Grade 4, 5, and 6 students had the biggest category. **Jonathan Carby** a Grade 6 student was awarded an honourable mention.

College Park Elementary School dominated the entries in Grade 7 and 8 category. **Angie Mash**, a Grade 7 student was the winner of the contest with her poster "Don't Follow the Cloud, Don't Smoke." Honourable mentions went to students **Tehnai Burnett** and **Mark Burrell**.



Left to right: Angie Mash, Gregory Carby and Robby Charbonneau; back: Jonathan Carby, Mark Burrell and Tehnai Burnett.

Spring Bookmobile Schedule

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| April | 25 | Ottawa | 3:30-7:30 pm |
| May | 10 | St. Catharines | 6-8 pm |
| | 12 | Simcoe | 1/2 hr. after sunset |
| | 13 | Brantford | 10-12 noon |
| | 13 | Kitchener | 6-8 pm |
| | 14 | Windsor | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 15 | Chatham | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 16 | Sarnia | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 17 | London | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 22 | South River | 12 noon-2 p.m. |
| | 22 | North Bay | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 23 | Sudbury | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 24 | Parry Sound | 6-8 p.m. |
| | 26 | Hamilton | 1/4 hr. after sunset |
| | 27 | Heritage Green | 10-12 noon |
| | 30 | Ottawa | 3:30-7:30 p.m. |

Weddings

DEVNICH - METHOT

On the evening of December 23, 1989, Nicole Diane, daughter of Mrs. Alta Methot of Oshawa, Ontario, and Paul Wesley, son of Douglas and Rene Devnich, also of Oshawa, were married in a lovely yuletide ambience in the Bowmanville Seventh-day Adventist church. Paul and Nicole now reside in Toronto.

RUSK - RIVARD

On February 18, 1990 Patricia Rivard and Garry Rusk were united in marriage at Canwood, Saskatchewan with Elder Victor A. Gill officiating. Patricia's parents, Adeline and Jacob Bergen, and Garry's parents, Mary and David Rusk, were present to witness the union. Patricia and Garry will be living in Prince Albert for a short while before settling permanently in Stump Lake, Saskatchewan.

TRIEBWASSER - ULM

Sylvia Ulm, daughter of Catherine and Irvine Ulm, and Donald Triebwasser, son of Bonnie and Vernon Triebwasser, united their lives in marriage on December 31, 1989, starting the new year as husband and wife. The lovely evening ceremony was held at the Calgary Central Church with Pastor Larry Couture officiating. The new family will be making their home in Calgary.

WATERMAN - MULLEN

Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends gathered at the Westminster SDA Church on December 17, 1989 to witness the marriage of Dorothy Tressa Mullen and Roy Randolph Waterman. Dorothy and Roy are making their home in Abbotsford, BC.

Milestones



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

John and Eleanor Hodgins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a small reception on July 6, 1989 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, hosted by their children and grandchildren. John and Eleanor were married near Tillsonburg, Ontario on May 6, 1939. We wish them God's richest blessings and many more happy years together.

Obituaries

ABRAMOFF—George was born in Russia in 1904 and passed to his rest on March 15, 1990 in Oshawa. In 1910 his family immigrated to Canada. They homesteaded in Alberta and then in Saskatchewan where he married Sarah Kalachoff in 1928. In 1943 they and their three children moved to Oshawa where George set up a building and plastering business. Two years after Sarah's death in 1965, he married Marie Corkum.

Left to cherish the precious memory of his life are his wife, Marie; three children, Leonard, Ben and Esther Wood; twelve grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers and many friends.

Funeral services were held by Pastors Satalmajer and Kay with interment at Union Cemetery.

BEFUS—Esther Lenora was born to Amelia and Adam Roth in Medina, North Dakota on November 6, 1907. She passed away in Vernon on November 1, 1989.

On July 27, 1936 Esther married John Befus. She is survived by her husband as well as her son Gayland of Toronto, Ontario.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ed Teranski. Esther awaits the fulfilment of the promise of a sure and certain resurrection.

BIRNEY—Hester Mary Pearl, born in Stanley, North Dakota on June 9, 1904, fell asleep in Christ at the Lacombe Hospital, February 22, 1990. She was a well-loved member of the Stettler Church. Mrs. Birney leaves to mourn two sons—Lester and Lloyd; one daughter—Pearl Schmidt; one brother and two sisters, 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held at the Stettler Church, officiated by Elders William Kennedy, Larry Couture, Frank Johnson, and Don Johnson. Interment was at the Lake View Cemetery in Stettler.

BURGE MASTER—Alfred was born at Inglis, Manitoba on February 12, 1901 and passed away on January 20, 1990 at Vernon, BC.

On February 1, 1928 he married Lydia Eckert. Alfred is survived by his wife, his two sons Raymond and Harold, three daughters, Bernice Goertzen, Marion Carlson, and Donald Hull.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ed Teranski. Brother Burgemaster was laid to rest in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery where he awaits the call of the Lifegiver whom he served and whom he loved.

GRUENER—Viola Louise was born in Hamilton, January 15, 1905 and passed to her death March 5, 1990 at the Heritage Green Senior Centre. She is survived by one nephew and niece.

The funeral service held at the Marlatt Memorial Chapel was conducted by Pastors Eric and Brian Juriansz. She awaits her Lord's call in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton.

Viola was a faithful member of the Heritage Green S.D.A. Church and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

JAMIESON—Myron Neal, second son of Pastor Roy and June Jamieson, passed away suddenly on Thursday afternoon, February 22nd, as a result of a tragic car accident. He was 19 years of age.

Services were held at Canadian Union College where Myron had been a student and at Rosthern, Saskatchewan. His body was laid to rest in the Lehmann family cemetery at Rosthern.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Myron's parents, Roy and June Jamieson of Vegreville, Alberta; his brothers Rodney and Eldon of College Heights, Alberta; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jamieson; his grandmother, Mrs. Evelyn Lewis and other relatives and friends.

The comfort we offer centres in the coming of Jesus. It should not be long now and this precious life will be restored.

JORNADA—Rodolfo Caravana was born March 17, 1943 in the Philippines, and passed away February 7 at North York Branson Hospital.

Rudy was educated in the Philippines and he married Rosemary Duarte, March 13, 1968. In 1973 Rudy and Rose immigrated to Canada. A year ago he became ill.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Rose; mother Felipa; two sisters and many relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Gerhard Christiansen, Benito Mary and Efenito Adap. He was interred in Westminster Cemetery where he awaits our Lord's return.

LEASON—Kelly Gene was born July 1, 1959 in Stettler, Alberta. He lived with his parents until he was eight years old, at which time he became a resident of Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw for the handicapped.

Kelly died at the age of 30 on January 30, 1990 at the Valley View Centre, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The funeral service was conducted at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan with Pastor Andrew V. Martinen officiating. Interment was at the Hudson Bay Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Carl and Gladys Leason of Hudson Bay; grandmother Catherine Leason; 3 brothers, Gerald, Lorne and Kevin; 4 sisters, Fern Woyciehouski, Deanna Budnick, Laurie Lozinski, and Karla Leason; 17 nieces and nephews and several aunts and uncles.

MacLEAN—Edward Archibald MacLean was born December 29, 1903 at Lexington, Mass. and grew up at Afton, Nova Scotia. On March 5, 1943 he married Dorothy Gay. Archie passed away suddenly on February 8, 1990 cherishing the Blessed Hope. Left to mourn are his loving wife Dot, daughter Mary, son Donald and 4 grandchildren.

Pastor David Crook conducted the funeral services at the United Church in Bedford, NS. Interment was in Brookside Cemetery at Bedford, NS.

MOERKE—Annemarie Moerke, beloved wife of Mr. Fred Moerke of Calgary, passed away at the Rockyview General Hospital on February 25, 1990, at the age of 65 years. Besides her loving husband, Annemarie is survived by one daughter, Brigitte Kellerman and one daughter-in-law Geraldine Moerke, both of Calgary and four grandchildren. She is also survived by four sisters and one brother.

Annemarie was born in East Germany. In 1951 Annemarie and Fred and family immigrated to Canada.

Funeral services were held at Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, with Pastor Ron Gudwer and Pastor Jim Burgess. Interment was at Mountain View Memorial Gardens.

PENSON—Brother Magno Penson, a member of the newly organized Greater Vancouver Filipino Canadian SDA Church passed to his rest on January 31, 1990. Pastor Lynn Baerg, preached his funeral sermon at the Ocean View Memorial Park where he was buried. He waits for the Lord's return.

He is survived by his wife, Angelina and his children, Elsa, Violeta, Grace, Myrna, Manrico, Siegfredo, Dennis and Jasmin. Brother Magno was born on November 12, 1920 in Manila, Philippines, became Seventh-day Adventist through the influence of his wife, Angelina. They came to Canada in 1980.

SIMINGTON—Mrs. Grace A. Beal (Mitchell) was born in Brantford, Ontario, September 17, 1906, and died in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on February 23, 1990. She will be sadly missed by her four daughters and their families: Winnie Busch, Kathleen Miller, Alma Sparling and Mildred Stock; two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mervin Kempert and she was buried in Resthaven Gardens in Moose Jaw where she is at rest.

WHATLEY—Reynold Elmer Josiah was born on November 23, 1929 in Kelwood, Manitoba and passed away December 10, 1989 while in flight to a hospital in Spokane, Washington. He is survived by his wife; three daughters—Brenda Clifton, Belinda Schlund, and Barbara Whatley; three sisters, one brother and two grandchildren.

WHITE—Ethel Frances was born on August 26, 1891 in Chicago, Illinois. At the age of two the family returned to London, England, and then at 14 came to Canada, settling on a homestead near what is now Parkside, Saskatchewan, forty miles from Prince Albert. In 1940 she and her family moved to Victoria, BC.

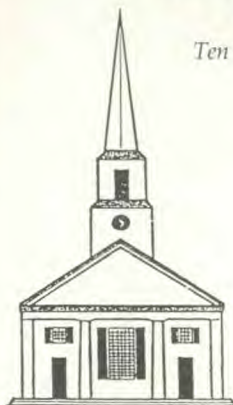
God granted Ethel almost 99 years of good health. She fell asleep in Jesus quietly on February 19, 1990, in Abbotsford, BC. She will be greatly missed by her children, Robert, Frank, Bill, Beatrice, Harry, Arnold, and Wilson and a great host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Ken Wright, a grandson-in-law, assisted by Pastors Dirk Zinner and Everett Tetz. Ethel now rests in the Oddfellows Cemetery in Chilliwack, awaiting the glorious call of her Lord to life everlasting.

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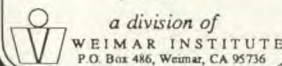
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TITHE

| Conference | Membership | 1989 | 1988 | Increase (Decrease) | Per Capita | |
|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|--------|
| | | (25 Weeks) | (26 Weeks) | | 1989 | 1988 |
| Alberta | 6,991 | 3,169,023.07 | 2,857,586.63 | 311,436.44 | 453.30 | 411.51 |
| B.C. | 8,346 | 4,072,556.37 | 3,623,149.13 | 449,407.24 | 487.97 | 443.25 |
| Man./Sask. | 3,079 | 1,084,180.42 | 1,103,202.07 | (8,387.33) | 352.12 | 358.53 |
| Maritime | 1,679 | 649,535.42 | 605,580.57 | 43,954.85 | 386.86 | 352.70 |
| Newfoundland | 672 | 624,501.18 | 243,582.84 | 34,385.70 | 311.31 | 358.74 |
| Ontario | 14,087 | 711,803.76 | 6,004,564.89 | 1,113,503.87 | 505.29 | 450.14 |
| Quebec | 2,581 | 2,199,598.89 | 750,454.51 | 210,685.18 | 372.38 | 326.56 |
| Union | 37,435 | 17,263,660.87 | 15,188,050.64 | 2,075,610.23 | 461.16 | 419.23 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| Alberta | 251,125.47 | 236,585.56 | 14,539.91 | .185 | .207 |
| B.C. | 432,531.48 | 449,843.24 | (17,311.76) | .269 | .417 |
| Man./Sask. | 72,214.89 | 65,414.21 | 6,800.68 | .153 | .12 |
| Maritime | 49,235.09 | 46,507.83 | 2,727.26 | .159 | .149 |
| Newfoundland | 10,725.75 | 12,206.40 | (981.47) | .007 | .66 |
| Ontario | 355,554.79 | 318,922.11 | 36,632.68 | .152 | .128 |
| Quebec | 41,754.96 | 38,684.29 | (30,070.67) | .08 | .044 |
| Union | 1,213,141.43 | 1,168,163.65 | (652,637.73) | .177 | .202 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TOTAL MISSION OFFERINGS

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------|------|
| Alberta | 283,522.17 | 264,831.31 | 18,690.86 | .256 | .271 |
| B.C. | 1,076,520.63 | 498,043.71 | (25,489.94) | .337 | .501 |
| Man./Sask. | 86,697.53 | 86,588.64 | (108.89) | .202 | .167 |
| Maritime | 54,358.95 | 52,054.35 | 2,304.61 | .207 | .195 |
| Newfoundland | 12,103.39 | 13,069.35 | (1,426.48) | .043 | .115 |
| Ontario | 400,415.27 | 365,522.39 | 34,892.88 | .201 | .182 |
| Quebec | 44,287.16 | 40,335.85 | (1,826.71) | .084 | .045 |
| Union | 1,353,938.25 | 1,321,445.60 | 32,492.65 | .231 | .261 |

RESOLUTION

DECLARING 1989-1990 YEAR OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST TEACHER

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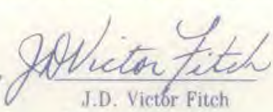
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Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada
Board of Education Action #88:03


J.W. Wilson
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RESOLUTION

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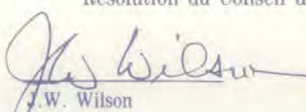
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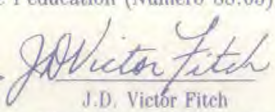
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Résolution du Conseil de l'éducation (Numéro 88:03)


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