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*Joy*  
to the  
world

# Heart to Heart



**H**e is the picture of perfection. His dimpled cheeks, His little fingers and toes, His expression of purity, trust and innocence. The Star of Bethlehem has led us to the Baby Jesus.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

We dare not park by the manger

because the Baby cannot stay in the stall.

"And the child grew, and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." Luke 2:40 NIV

What incredible intelligence! We listen as this twelve-year-old inundates the intellectuals with questions for which they have no response. We conclude that He is a prodigy of His time. However, the star moves on. We must not park.

"... And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52.

He is now grown. We watch as He moves from village to village, home to home, person to person. We witness love in action. We see the burdens of guilt and shame, hopelessness and helplessness lifted as individuals realize God's plan for their lives. We stand in awe as events transpire. However, the star moves on. There is no parking here.

The crowd who had once praised Him, now "...with loud shouts they insistently demand that He be crucified." Luke 23:23. We witness an indescribable, heart-wrenching scene. This young Man of hope, fully endowed with health, wisdom and strength, with a history of purity, kindness and goodness, is now hung by nails on an instrument of torture.

Shock numbs our senses. Grief and anger course through our very being. It is time to mourn, to unscramble our feelings, to make sense of what is happening.

"For God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NIV. But it is getting dark, we dare not linger, for the star moves on.

Hours have passed since He has been laid in the tomb. We receive the shocking news that two men in shining clothes have declared that "He is not here, He has risen." Luke 24:6

NIV. A search reveals that He is walking with friends, talking with them, convincing them of His authenticity and pointing them in the direction of ministry. But, "While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." Luke 24:51 NIV.

Our road now seems like a dead end. We are worn and tired. We plead, "Can we now park here?"

"Since, then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1 NIV

Adrenaline flows, excitement is sparked, we see an extension to the highway, the signs indicate heaven is our destination. But the roadblocks!

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature." Colossians 3:5 NIV. The mud thickens and is sticking to the wheels. The steering is out of control. Our world is caving in.

"Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry." A reality check surfaces the truth. "You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these, anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3:7-10 NIV

Indignantly we question, Why this now? We toot our horns of benevolence, service, self-sacrifice, education, affluence and influence. Isn't that enough? We argue, rationalize, justify, excuse and deny. This definitely does not apply to us. We could not possibly be guilty of such.

A flashback occurs. We hear His voice, "For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,

greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly." Mark 7:21-22 NIV

Aha! Realization hits. Could it be that questionable popular songs, movies, videos, magazines and private conversations have been the food of our minds? Have we made these the objects of our entertainment? Thus keeping alive what God has asked us to put to death?

The roadblocks intensify. The wheels are stuck deep. Night is falling. Hope is fading.

But look, there is that star of hope; we dare not lose sight of it. "If my

people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV

This holiday season, when the comfortable tendency is to park by Bethlehem's stable, let us determinedly move on as we allow the Star of Bethlehem to guide us safely home.

Orville and Jean Parchment

## 13th Sabbath Offering Brings Health, Healing, and Hope

by Patricia Humphrey

Would you like to make a difference in someone's life this holiday season? On December 23, you'll have the perfect opportunity to do so. How? By giving generously to the 4th Quarter 13th Sabbath Overflow Offering, you will help to support life-changing health outreach and prison ministries projects, not only throughout North America, but here in the Canadian Union as well.

Funds gathered from this special offering will be used to develop an Adventist Health Network across North America in which pilot projects will be set up in 10 cities identified as having critical needs. These are cities having a high percentage of crime, homelessness, hunger, low income families, and very little Adventist presence.

In the Canadian Union, Calgary, Alberta, has been selected to serve as a pilot site to initiate the development of the Adventist Health Network. The eight Adventist churches in Calgary have only 2,000 members. About a third of the 700,000 residents of the area belong to either the Anglican Church or the United Church of Canada. Though the Adventist presence is small, the impact of an ongoing ADRA project and the city's community services van is great.

With your prayers and generous offering, you can help to increase the visibility and outreach of such min-

istries. In the spring of 1996, a cross-section of people from the Canadian Union, including community service workers, pastors, lay health and temperance people, doctors, nurses, conference workers and administrators, and other thought leaders will begin to create an overall vision for establishing a health network in this region. Through a series of strategic planning sessions, this visionary group is developing plans for reaching the cities with the Adventist health message—the entering wedge for the proclamation of the gospel. And the funds collected on 13th Sabbath will help make this vision a reality. Isn't that exciting?

"We want our teachers, preachers, health professionals, and church members to work together to bring health and healing to people in our communities across North America," says Dewitt Williams, director of Health and Temperance for the NAD.

But that's not all. Prison ministries will also use funds gathered from this offering to develop 200 prison ministry programs, strengthen existing programs, train pastors and church members in prison ministry, provide Bible studies and literature for prisoners, and minister to their families.

Won't you lend a helping hand? Please remember to give a generous offering this 13th Sabbath.

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# I Am NOT A Scrooge

Loney Ziakris

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The old adage “you can run, but you can’t hide!” has never seemed more true. That time of year is here again—shopping malls open late, cities and towns putting up lights and decorations, parking lots now the selling place of pudgy trees, and warm, fuzzy feelings thriving among the general populace. There is no escape—the Christmas season is here again.

If I were to stop here, one of three things may happen: (a) I might be labeled “Scrooge” and be launched into a series of television commercials; (b) the term “Grinch” may be applied and that’s just not very nice; or (c) my wife, who is an avowed Christmas softy might take offense and I end up sleeping on the couch. Bottom line—none of these options are very exciting, so I continue.

Every year it seems that the Christian community teeters on the brink of what I will term the Christmas dichotomy—Christmas dazzles our senses and our feelings but yet, we are told, we must not forget what Christmas REALLY means—our God giving us the greatest gift of all—His Son. Does the pomp and pageantry take us away



from the true meaning of this special time of year? It surely doesn’t have to, provided that certain things take place.

Do we attempt to make Christmas a meaningful experience to all around us? Do we show others the same kind of love God shows us? Do we share our joy with them, and in so-doing, impart this same joy to their lives? And most of all, when the season is over and the decorations have been put away, do we continue in the spirit of Christmas? Or do we have a sense of love and caring that operates on some kind of switch? We need to remember that often the most precious gifts we can give cost little

in terms of monetary value.

My wife has taught me much about the spirit of Christmas, though she likely has no idea that this is so. She, a teacher, works with some of the most difficult children that I have ever encountered (and I’ve seen a few in my time). She has come home from work in tears on more than one occasion, has been called every colourful adjective conceivable and has been threatened from time to time as well. It is a job that I could not and would not do. But she is the best. I have had the privilege of seeing her in action. To kids that receive no affection at home, she is a loving, caring parent. To those who are angry, she offers a calm sounding board. Some are hungry—she (as part of the school) feeds them. And best of all, she plants seeds of God’s love in them, that He has promised to nurture, in His time. That, friends, is what Christmas is about.

So break out the mistletoe (under strict supervision, of course), tinsel and bright lights. Just remember that the spirit of the season does not end on December 26, nor does it end in January or February. Rather, God calls on us to make it last for an eternal lifetime.

# The Revolving Fund



*Terrace S.D.A. Church, B.C.*

## "Tremendous Savings-An Excellent System"

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is one of the few denominations which ascribes to the idea of a pooled fund which churches and other church-related entities can look to for funding to assist in their building projects. Under the careful watch of the Revolving Fund committee, established by the Board of Directors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, application requests from conferences are considered, which when approved allow churches and schools to proceed with and complete their building projects without concern about the volatile financial markets and fluctuating interest rates.

This system of funding, of course, could not exist without the commitment of members who place their funds on deposit in the Revolving Fund thus allowing church entities to have access to the pooled fund for their projects.

How do churches feel about the availability of such a fund to assist them in their building projects? Pastor Jeff Potts from the Terrace, BC church writes that "without the loan received from the Revolving Fund it would not have been possible for us to build our church and school facility at this time. The low interest rate is a tremendous savings to us. In less than five years our loan will be paid off, and we will dedicate our facility debt-free to the Lord."

Claude Brousson, the head elder of the Rest Haven SDA Church in Sidney writes that "with a membership of under 200 members, combined with the high cost of land, construction materials and engineering expectations today, this project would seem impossible. However, with many dedicated individuals, along with the support of those in the larger community of saints who have placed funds in the Revolving Fund, we can now have a beau-



*Bramalea S.D.A. Church, Ontario.*



*Bronte S.D.A. Church, Ontario.*



*New Rest Haven Church, B.C.*



*Grandview Adventist Academy, Ontario.*

tiful house of worship. The Revolving Fund has been a major help in our being able to successfully complete such a large project."

Pastor Daquila from the Bramalea SDA Church writes "we would like to thank God and the services of the Revolving Fund for making it possible for us to have our own place of worship." And Pastor Paul Casey from Corner Brook, Newfoundland writes that "the low rate of interest charges allowed the church to be built and paid off quickly. May the

Revolving Fund continue to do the marvellous work it has done in the past."

Tom Waluga, Chairman of the Building Committee from the Bracebridge SDA Church states, "it was very reassuring to be able to arrange for a Revolving Fund loan at far better terms than through any other financial institution. Without your cooperation it would have seriously hampered our effort to raise our beautiful house of worship. We are grateful for the service provided in helping to make our dream come true."

"I don't know how the three churches I promoted and helped to build would have ever been completed without this church member fund," writes Glenn Hanson, pastor of the Caribou Central SDA Church in Williams Lake, BC. "It is an excellent system in creating a banking reserve for loaning to church and school construction projects below bank interest rates." Garry Proctor, Principal of the Grandview Adventist Academy in Mt. Hope, Ontario, writes "If it were not for the Revolving Fund, this dream of a new gymnasium may never have come to reality. We are so thankful for the many unselfish, caring donors who loan their money to the Revolving Fund. These caring Christians have made a big difference in our school. We, and our children thank you for your loving generosity."

Mrs. V. Sigurdson, elder of the Bronte SDA Church in Oakville, Ontario expresses her thankfulness "to the many church members all over Canada who invest their money in the Revolving Fund. May this fund continue to grow to assist many other new congregations."

How does the Revolving Fund work? Church members like you from across Canada loan funds to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Revolving Fund. Individuals are paid a rate of interest which is adjusted as needed to reflect as closely as possible current market trends. Loans are then made out to church and church-related entities who in repaying their loans, replenish the fund and provide the income to pay the depositors. Indeed as church members entrust their funds to the Revolving Fund to benefit all across Canada, they join others who have discovered a fabulous way of contributing to this aspect of our church's ministry.

If you wish more information on this ministry and how you can become involved, please contact your local conference trust services director or the Revolving Fund directly.

# ADRA CANADA

## Canadian Volunteers Teach Soup Kitchen Techniques in Latvia

Many former Soviet block countries struggle daily with poverty and unemployment, and the tiny nation of Latvia is no exception. Seventh-day Adventists in the region are eager to provide assistance to their neighbours in need to show people that Christian love means offering a helping hand.

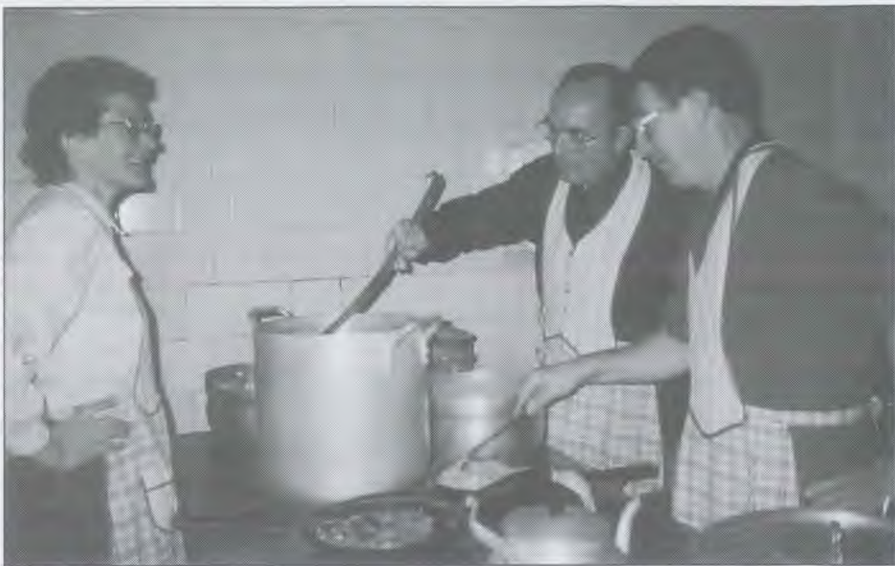
Pastor Valdis Zalgavis, president of the Baltic Union of SDA, heard about the successful community services programs operating in Canada, and invited a group of Seventh-day Adventists from Alberta, who operate the Calgary Van Ministry, and other food programs, to teach the local church members how to operate a soup kitchen.

Millie Snow, the Community Services Leader for the Alberta Conference, Dave and Peggy Griffin, staff members at the Calgary SDA Community Services Centre, and Leo Bablitz, a volunteer at the Edmonton and St. Albert soup kitchens, agreed to offer their services to the Latvian church members.

Together, the four volunteers raised money for airfare and in-country expenses. ADRA Canada agreed to pay for half of the cost of three airfares. Finally everything was arranged, and in October 1995, the Alberta volunteers arrived in Latvia, eager to share their experiences and to build new friendships with the Latvian people.

Dave and Peggy Griffin, members of the Calgary volunteer team, share their story:

Excited and jetlagged, our small group of Canadians arrived in Riga, Latvia, on October 13, 1995. The next day, we attended the Riga Central SDA Church where we listened to the mission story about the Calgary Van Ministry and the soup line. After church, we spoke with Pastor Zalgavis, the local ADRA director, Renolds Remeis, and our interpreter, Dace, who works at the local publishing office. The church members weren't exactly sure what to do with us; it seems our response to Pastor Zalgavis' invitation had taken everyone by surprise. The local church members were not sure what our



mission really was, or what to do with us now that we had arrived!

The local members were eager to start a soup ministry, but they had many reasons why it would be impossible to implement. The biggest obstacles were the lack of funds, no salary for a cook, the need to ensure health testing of the volunteers, and the fact that most local people were too poor to give donations to the cause. We retired that evening in discouragement; we felt that we wouldn't be able to accomplish anything in Latvia.

Monday morning, we met again with the ADRA director, and the principal of the school where ADRA has its headquarters. At this meeting, which included the school nurse, the cook, and the English teacher, we were informed that the group felt that nothing could be started without a start-up fund of \$25,000 US.

We learned that the Latvian government had provided the local church with the school building, rent free. The government also paid for all school salaries and utility bills. The only stipulation to this generosity was that the church members organize a community service program to feed the hungry. The school had already been in operation for two and half years, and no feeding program had been started. We suggested to the staff members that if they did not honour their commitment to the government, they might lose the

school.

We explained how each of our soup ministries in Alberta started without funds, and that we were feeding more and more people all the time. The Lord gives us ministries to implement, and once we step out in faith, He supplies the means.

After lengthy discussion, the committee decided to prepare and distribute soup to seniors in their homes on Thursday, if we could find a vehicle and a driver to take us. We also planned to serve soup to the people who came to ADRA for clothing distribution on Friday and Monday.

That evening, we approached Pastor Zalgavis and asked to use his van for the Thursday soup run to seniors and shut-ins. Although Pastor Zalgavis thought the Thursday soup run was a great idea, he didn't think that his van was reliable enough for the job, so we decided to postpone that project.

On Wednesday, October 18, we met with an Adventist social worker who took us to the Hare Krishna headquarters to investigate their social programs. Their leader told us that all of their programs are funded by donations from local people in the city of Riga. This reinforced our belief that people will donate to a worthy cause. We hoped that our Adventist guide would take this message back to the church members.

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# Cutbacks and Second Comings

*(a pastor's wife reflects on the Lord's Coming)*

I felt good as I pulled into my parking space that sunny evening in June. It would be a long night shift, but I enjoyed my job. As I walked briskly through the front door I was looking forward to the few minutes of light, almost party atmosphere that pervaded change of shift at my rural acute care hospital. Rounding the corner into the Nurses Station I stopped, frozen in my tracks. There was no party tonight!

It had happened! I heard it in the hushed voices of my coworkers. I read it on their anxious faces. My head felt light. Everything seemed unreal. The tote bag in my hand was suddenly too heavy to hold and I raised it mechanically to the counter top.

Layoffs. Cutbacks. Down sizing. Displacements. No word is politically correct enough to take away the pain and fear of losing your job. I didn't have to ask to know that with my lack of seniority I was an endangered species. Feeling like I was in a slow motion world I leaned against

the counter listening to the conversation around me.

"How many positions?" "What are our options?" "I thought we were okay until March." "How soon?" "I need full time work."

I wanted to end this talk. I wanted to comfort myself with the familiar routines of work while the cold reality of losing my job sunk in. A statement of the known, the obvious, would bring closure to the conversation so I said, "It's not like this is a surprise. We all knew it was coming."

"Yes," Heather replied. "We knew it was coming. We just didn't expect it now."

There was something familiar sounding there, and in a flash my mind echoed it back: "The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (Matthew 24:44). For the second time that evening I was surprised. Talk of displacements dominated our conversations through the evening and night, but my mind kept coming back to an even more important topic.

How can an expected event happen when you do not expect it, I wondered. Yet, I had just seen it happen. Talk of cutbacks had been circulating for months. We knew it was coming, but we were surprised when it happened. The expected happened when it was unexpected. We thought we had a few more months of "job security." Now, the expected cutbacks left six of us unexpectedly facing displacement.

That sunny evening in June, as I straightened beds and gave out pills, my mind kept skipping back to a story Jesus told. Ten weary girls thought they had a few more minutes of "sleep security," but the expected, anticipated Bridegroom came when they didn't expect Him! And half were out of oil.

The Expected One will come unexpectedly. Even so, come Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)

*—Gladys Sukow, Vanderhoof, BC*

## Zapara Award Winners for the 94/95 School Year

*The recipients of the Zapara Awards are teachers who have demonstrated excellence in their teaching and are recognized by their colleagues and constituencies. Our heartiest congratulations!*

### Alberta



*Maureen Chernipeski accepts plaque from George Unger.*

### Newfoundland



*David Streifling presents award to Elsie Chhangte.*

### Maritime



*Les Bergey.*

### British Columbia

Corinne Mazier (no picture).

### Ontario

Carol Von Gunten (no picture).

## Awards and Accomplishments

Faculty Achievements: Dr. Larry Herr, Professor, Religious Studies, is the Director of Excavations Researching Tell el-Umeiri and is known as the best expert in ancient pottery. Herr's excavation records are the paradigm for the archaeological excavations in Jordan. William G. Dever, in an article in the *Biblical Archaeology Review* says that "Middle Eastern archaeology is in danger of dying in America...The major American project is the Madaba Plains Project, which has been running for nearly 25 years under the direction of a consortium of Seventh-day Adventist schools. I am full of admiration for this very progressive and productive project...Adventists have not only contributed generously to fieldwork out of their devotion to the Bible, but as a group they have been remarkably astute and single-minded in training and placing young people in their own network of educational institutions." Herr was a major director in this project.

Lois King, Director of the Department of Careers and Continuing Education at Canadian Union College, was one of several recipients of the Black Woman of the Year Award at the annual convention of Operation ReachBack, Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri. The award honoured King's work for motivating and encouraging young people to realize their goals. Involvement includes community educational programs that help to foster better family relations. Dr. Renate Krause, Associate Professor, English, was one of the organizers for the Break-Out sessions at a secondary teachers' inter-union conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee last August. Krause was chairperson of the English section and presented a seminar there entitled, "Teaching Readers to Enter Textual Spaces" stressing reading as a dynamic, interactive process between the text and the reader. Dr. Denise Herr, Professor, English, was published in the September 1995 issue of "English Language Notes," a professional journal published in Colorado. The title was "The Tophet at New Carthage: Setting in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

## CUC at Christmas

The highlight of the Christmas season at CUC is a very special vespers program put on by the CUC/PAA Singers. The Christmas vespers was started about 19 years ago as a ministry to the church family and to the community of Lacombe. Choir members handed out flyers inviting all those who would come. Since then, the program has become a great success. The church is always packed and you may not find a place to sit if you arrive late.

The choir begins rehearsing the music for the Christmas program around the second or third week of October. The church itself is decorated in accordance with the theme of the year. Decorations include handbells, candles, lights and props such as the stable, animals, and live characters. The cost of these decorations runs upward from \$1500 and is supplemented by a free-will offering taken during the performance. Mrs. Munroe tries to rotate the type of program each year presenting traditional as well as contemporary and creative programs.

This Christmas the CUC/PAA Singers presented a cantata entitled "Immanuel Has Come." Although they are experiencing some musical challenges, their enthusiasm is high. Help with the set and advertising came from the Campus Ministries department while several plays that were acted throughout the cantata were organized by Dr. Herr. The concert took place on Sabbath, December 2 at 4:00

PM as a benefit concert with a free-will offering to help support the Lacombe Hospital Auxiliary. The choir is hoping to take their concert off campus this year as well so that they will be able to share their message about the Christ of Christmas.

## Charity Auction

The College Development Department of CUC organized a charity auction in Red Deer, Alberta which grossed \$14,004 to help fund a student mission trip to assist an orphanage in Mexico.

The auction took place the evening of September 27, 1995. The evening's events included a live and silent auction as well as a buffet dinner. The Alberta Labour Minister, Stockwell Day, volunteered his time as auctioneer and made the evening enjoyable for all with his excellent sense of humour. Ken Fox, retired health care executive and newly appointed member of the Board of Trustees, was the master of ceremonies.

Items for the auction were primarily donated by merchants of the Red Deer and Lacombe communities.

Twenty students and four sponsors will travel to Obregon, Mexico over the Christmas holiday where they will assist the Hogar de Refugio Infantil—children's house of refuge—Villa Juarez.

The auction was organized by CUC alumni Gerald and Barbara Chipeur, Jolene Bell and CUC student Janet Crandall.

## The Winners



Jason Jeffery, Patrick Drought, Brian Bell, and Mandy Tetz—a saxophone quartet—won first prize in the recent Amateur Hour at Canadian Union College.



### A Pill, a Prayer, or Both

Just a few weeks ago a popular medical journal went to press with an article that led out with these words: "Religious affiliation has been recognized as a potential coping mechanism and has been associated with improved outcomes in patients with a variety of medical conditions." Let's pursue that venturesome idea.

Note these lines from a recent issue of *Family Practice Management*: "Since religion and spirituality provide meaning in life for so many people, we should not be surprised that severe emotional or physical distress could precipitate spiritual needs as patients question their priorities and purposes in life, their belief in God and the afterlife, and their loyalty to family and friends. Neither should we be surprised that prayer, faith, love, and worship provide tremendous strength and comfort to so many people."

Your Health-Wise columnist can recall hardly an occasion when a patient, intent on seeking healing, resented a parting "God bless you" or even an offer for a quiet prayer.

I can recall one occasion when an offer to request heaven's blessing for an elderly male patient really "bombed." As we were ready to wheel him into the operating room, I suggested a prayer. This prompted a demand for his clothes. He was soon dressed and calling a cab for home. His immediate notion must have been "If my doctor wants to pray for me, this must be serious. I think I had better get out of here."

So, sure, once in a while religion in the sickroom can create consternation rather than healing.

But not very often. Indeed, quite the opposite is true. Among the most honoured persons in the hospital setting is the

chaplain. That's not surprising when we recall that in centuries past, the healer was a priest-physician. Then, thanks to all our vaunted science, faith and hope gradually gave way to gleaming laboratories, X-ray tubes and scanners, all designed to probe deeply into the inner mysteries of the human body.

As it turned out, science took the lead over religion, and the priest-physician became a physician-scientist.

But faith is on the rebound. Religion is reappearing in the doctor's office, emergency department, and the critical-care unit. A case in point: Recently the *Southern Medical Journal* printed an article reporting on a study of almost 2,000 women who delivered their babies in a university medical centre. A perusal of their hospital records disclosed that 41 percent acknowledged no religious affiliation. The remainder were Baptists, Pentecostals, Methodists, and Catholics, along with many others who identified themselves as Christians.

Now, let's zero in: Mainline Christians boasted the lowest rates of obstetrical complications (only 11 percent). In contrast, the highest rates were found in those who declared "No religious preference" (21 percent).

Complications associated with childbirth were almost twice as likely in persons who admitted to no religious preference.

Why should this be? While no single response is adequate, undoubtedly the Christians used less tobacco and probably far less alcohol. Possibly they had better social supports, like family and friends. Or perhaps simple faith (sometimes called "blind") fortified the soon-to-be mother when doubt, fear, or pain intruded.

### Kingsway Aerials to be Featured

The Kingsway College Aerials will be featured in a television show to be aired on Rogers Cable Video (channel 10) in the Durham region. The 30 minute show is called "Youth Salute" and features young people who are having a positive influence in their community. Rogers will be interviewing students on what their goals are as Aerials members and why they do the things they do.

The Aerials have accomplished much in their 12 year history and are certainly deserving of a "youth salute" as they use their physical talents to the glory of their Saviour.

### Busy Christmas Season

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is never lost on Kingsway, but neither is the true meaning of Christmas.

*Our Christmas schedule includes:*

*December 16- Band/Choir Concert  
7:30 p.m. A.E. King Fitness Complex  
December 17- Kingsway Band/Choir  
Christmas Concert on the Road  
Look for announcements*

*December 19- AYBL Christmas Play  
"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"  
7:30 p.m. Kingsway Old Gymnasium*

### 2nd Semester Reminder

Now is the time to send in your application for enrollment in our second semester. The semester begins on January 29 and we want you to be a part of it. We invite you to open the door to academic, social, and spiritual opportunities that will make for a secure future. Come to Kingsway College and see the difference for yourself. There are so many good things happening! We can help. Call or Write:

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Phone 905-433-1144 or Fax 905-433-1156  
1200 Leland Road  
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## Scholarship Awarded to PAA Students

Congratulations to Janelle Steinke and Mandy Tetz, both graduates of Parkview Adventist Academy, who were awarded scholarships for academic achievement from the Parkland Savings and Credit Union. Since 1978, the Parkland Savings and Credit Union have been awarding \$3,000.00 in scholarships to graduating Grade 12 students who qualify for the



*Janelle Steinke receiving Scholarship Trophy from Dave Weidner, president of Parkland Savings & Credit Union Ltd. (\$1,000.00), September 1995.*



*Mandy Tetz receiving Scholarship Trophy from Dave Weidner, president of Parkland Savings & Credit Union Ltd. (\$500.00), September 1995.*

Advanced Diploma Program and who achieve the highest average final marks in English 30, Socials 30, Math 30, and one of Biology 30, Chemistry 30, or Physics 30.

At assembly for the Academy, Janelle Steinke received a cheque for the \$1,000.00 Ernie Reed Memorial Scholarship. Mandy Tetz received her award of \$500.00. Both students were presented with a large trophy, which is proudly on display in the school trophy case, as well as a smaller one for them to keep as a reminder of the commitment to discipline which it took to achieve such an award.

Both girls are continuing their education at Canadian Union College. Congratulations girls on this achievement.

For more information on how we can help you to achieve academic success please contact Warren Kay at 1-800-661-8129.

## ADRA Soup Techniques

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to show them that they did not have to have \$25,000 before beginning their program.

On Friday, we prepared and served soup to approximately 30 people when they arrived to pick up clothing from the ADRA office. They were very grateful and thanked us many times. Friday afternoon, Mr. Remeis sent a fax to the German Conference, sharing the news of what we were doing. Immediately, ADRA Latvia received a return fax promising funds to support the program—proof that God does help those who step out in faith.

For the first few days that we were in Latvia, the idea of a soup ministry in Riga seemed doomed before it began. However, stepping out in faith proved to be the answer! We are convinced that this soup ministry will continue. Several church members are really enthused and motivated. After our return to Canada, we received a telephone call informing us that the soup ministry as a regular program was officially started on November 15, and will be serving people in need five days a week.

We thank God for the opportunity of working with our Latvian brothers and sisters in Christ, and for proving that God will provide when we follow His leading.

## A New Look for Kids

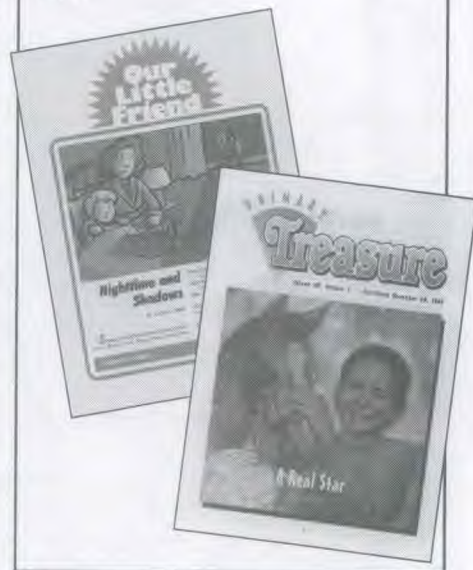
Pacific Press is excited to announce that *Primary Treasure* and *Our Little Friend* will be produced in full colour, starting with the December 30 issue.

Primary boys and girls can find out how to join the Shoebox Kids' Club and discover all kinds of fun ways to live for Jesus. Their *Primary Treasure* is filled with stories, activities, and projects enhanced by colour illustrations. Primaries are old enough to study their own lesson, and each child will be thrilled to have his or her own Sabbath School paper.

Beginner and kindergarten children will be delighted with the new look of *Our Little Friend*. The added colour will hold their attention as they listen to stories about the beautiful stars God made, telling lies, and being afraid. Separate lessons for beginners and kindergartners are written especially for them, with a Bible story, puzzles, pictures to colour, and questions about the lesson.

*Primary Treasure* and *Our Little Friend* will not change in price. With improved technology, we are able to produce a full-colour magazine for our children and pass the savings on to our customers. The two magazines can be ordered through the local Adventist Book Center (1-800-765-6955).

For more information regarding *Primary Treasure*, *Our Little Friend*, or any other publication by Pacific Press, please contact the Public Relations office at (208) 465-2518 or (800) 447-7377.



# Miracles Happen for Those Who Dare to Let Them

by Byard Parks

Special Assistant to the Director of NAD Youth Ministries

**C**ould you use a miracle? God may be waiting for you to simply stop and listen. On January 18, 1996 thousands of Advent believers will begin a ten day fast. Not a fast from food, but a fast from noise! God has challenged, "Be STILL and know that I AM God." You are invited to take up this challenge by taking a ten day "vacation from distraction."

On the brink of the second millennium life is noisy. Television, radio, and magazines keep splashy red and yellow logos flashing across the mind's eye. Jingles sing in our ears and laugh tracks chortle endlessly. Modern life is filled with distraction. The North American Division Youth Ministries department is asking for Adventists everywhere to turn off the tube, put down the paper, log off the system, and for ten days just listen to God.

Pentecost came at the end of ten days of prayer. Would you live ten days without the "noise of the world" for such a miracle? If so then join this national holiday from distraction and discover peace and focus in your life. Listen to Scripture, nature, your family and the whisper of God and let Him work a miracle in your life.

The reason for the occasion? NAD Youth Ministries is praying for a sequel to the first century Pentecost to happen among the churches of North America. Pentecost was much more than just speaking in many lan-

guages, it was the launch of the greatest mission endeavor of all time.

Once again it will be PRAYER that ushers in the same Spirit of sacrifice and service. This January, the "Adventist Youth Service Network" (a.k.a. YouthNet) will come to life. It is an organized response to the youth mission movement already sweeping our church. Through the local church, ADRA, Maranatha, Student Missions and others, youth have proved they are eager to get their hands dirty for God. YouthNet has been designed to magnify the youth service movement

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by: 1) Engineering thousands of new on-ramps to mission service (including mission work in North America.) 2) Equipping youth with servant training that is spiritual and practical. 3) Providing an overarching identity for all Adventist youth in service.

Could you use a miracle? YouthNet and the youth of North America invite you to commit January 18-27 to make room for the Holy Spirit to go to work.

## How to make the most of your personal holiday from noise.

1. Seek God's guidance. Turning off and tuning out all entertainment may be one of the most refreshing decisions you have ever made. Ask the Holy Spirit for power to maintain the boundaries you set together.

2. Mark Your Calendar. January 18 through January 27, 1996. (Cut this box out and put it on your fridge as a reminder!)

3. Form a team. Recruit family, friends, and work associates that will join and encourage you as you share the joy of new insights and answered prayer.

4. Do something significant! Set some goals for your new-found time during the 10 days. Volunteer. Memorize scripture. Cheer a friend. Tell someone about Jesus. Read the Psalms. Take walks. Read Pilgrim's Progress. Bake someone bread. Sing in your car. Enjoy God!

5. Share the blessing. Let God work a miracle in someone else's life through your prayers. Pray for friends and strangers who need Jesus in their life. Here are a few specific youth needs to put on your miracle list:

- Pray for the youth who will be the first Student Missionaries to North America in the Young Pioneer plan.

- Pray for youth teams who will be working in cities across the continent doing evangelism for Net '96.

- Pray for youth leadership across the division to have unlimited vision for helping reach out to their communities.

- Pray for the YouthNet movement, for teens and young adults to be fired with a mission zeal that ushers in the second coming of Christ!

# A Dream Come True

## *Pineridge Church Feeds Calgary's Homeless.*

A dream can be a very beautiful thing, but will remain only a dream until it is acted upon. In the fall of 1992 a small group of 4 or 5 individuals met together to discuss the idea of purchasing from New York Van Ministry one of their retired vehicles. A dream of the Calgary Pineridge S.D.A. Church in Alberta, was to work with the hungry and homeless; we saw this as a door opening before us. After a couple of days of prayer, we presented this idea to the congregation Sabbath morning, explaining what we wanted to do, and our need of \$5,000.00 to make the purchase, plus expense money to bring it home. We knew it would be a sacrifice on the part of all who would contribute, but praise be to God we realized \$6,000.00 that morning. Our dream like a fledgling was beginning to spread its wings in preparation for flight.

November 1992, four individuals set off by car, in cold blustery weather for New York and the prayers of the church went with them. We had all anticipated our new acquisition arriving in about 2 weeks. God had other plans. Our new vehicle broke down several times and was finally left at the Billings church in Montana. We understood God's reason for the delay in January 1993 when we were able to bring the van across the border. Our van was now 15 years old and did not require a safety inspection, or emission controls, and the duty was also dropped. Does God know what He is doing or what? The job of refurbishing was undertaken in all earnestness by members from a number of Calgary S.D.A. churches. Once that was completed we faced the dilemma of food supplies and equipment, and a place from which to serve. As usual God was in control. A parking lot was found, bread and vegetables were donated. The first pots and cooking utensils were obtained from a garage sale and we were eager to get started.

As we set out that first Sunday, June 20, 1993, to feed the homeless and hungry a feeling of apprehension crept over our group, but knowing God was with us we

went forward in faith. We fed only 20 that day, but we felt exhilarated. At present we feed an average of 250 persons each Sunday, with a record feeding of 403. Clothing is also distributed as needed. Just recently we received a donation of 220 winter coats. Does God know how to supply abundantly? You bet He does.

This ministry has seen many evidences of God's miraculous ways. One bitterly

as many ask for literature, Bibles and prayer. We also have working with us a number from the community in whom seeds are being planted. Praise the Lord!

God has truly blessed the Calgary S.A.C.H.S. (Seventh-day Adventist Community Health Services) ministry and all those who have worked with it. This ministry now has three vehicles; the original one for clothing, a converted bus



*Soup, salads, sandwiches, juice and milk - all part of the meals served, 16,800 so far.*

cold evening as we served hot dogs and the people kept coming we realized we did not have enough weiners, so we prayed. Of course God had already made provision. We ran out of buns plus three loaves of bread and yet there still remained two weiners. These of course did not go to waste. As we were packing up another man came along and we gave him the two remaining weiners. Another time as we were running low on food a man appeared asking if we could use some food left over from a Mother's Day party. We accepted his offer and he provided four large trays of sandwiches and goodies. Once again there was sufficient for our needs. On one occasion when we served beef and beans, we realized we had not soaked enough beans so once again we prayed. To our astonishment the beans were multiplied filling both pots. God was not through yet. This would normally feed up to 310 persons but this day we were to feed 403, and yet at day's end there remained food in the bottom of the pot.

It is not only physically that we are able to feed the people but spiritually also,



*Preparing sandwiches in the Calgary Pineridge Church basement.*

for a dining room and a small van for transporting food and gathering donations. We give thanks to God for this opportunity to serve others and for making our dream come true.

Our new dream is of a building out of which to work, so as to enable the expansion of this ministry, and to be inside out of the cold weather as at times the temperature drops to -30 and -40 degrees in the winter. We now keep this dream before God in prayer knowing that if it is His will it shall become reality. To God be the glory!

# New Personnel Join Alberta Workforce



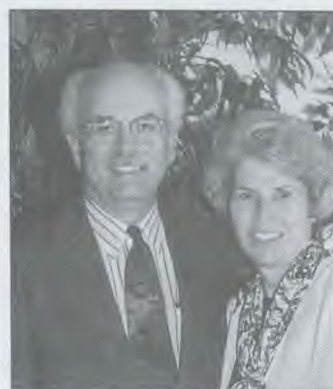
*Todd and Kathy Miller*



*Denise and Brian Bechthold*



*Laurie and Joyce DeWitt*



*Les and Juanita Neal*

Todd and Kathy Miller have joined our Conference heading up the Youth Ministry. They come from Kelowna, B.C. where Todd was youth pastor. Youth ministry has played a big part in the Miller's lives and they are excited about the possibilities for the youth of this Conference. They have two sons, Grady and Corwin.

We welcome Brian and Denise Bechthold back to Alberta. After leaving Beiseker-Drumheller district for Zaire, Africa, they returned to Canada where they pastored in British Columbia. They look forward to their new ministry in the Vegreville-Beauvallon district. They have two daughters, Jenifer and Tara.

From northern Idaho we welcome Dennis and Marla Crabbe and family. After Dennis studied at Andrews, he returned to the northwest where he used ventriloquism to teach the gospel to young people. Their three teenage children are part of the team as the family begin their ministry in the Edson, Hinton and Warburg district. They also have one married daughter.

Now serving the pastoral ministry in Lethbridge, Laurie and Joyce DeWitt come to us from Texas. They met while attending nursing school and Laurie uses his medical experience in health outreach. They have two children, Ashton and Nicci and two grandchildren.

The Neals return to Alberta. On September 1 Elder Neal assumed his responsibilities as pastor of the Edmonton Central Church. He was formerly Youth Director from 1977-1983. Since then they have worked in Ontario and in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Neal continues to pursue her teaching career. They have four adult children and are excited about being back in Alberta.



*Dennis and Marla Crabbe and family*

## Time To Be Drug Free- Youth 2 Youth

The sixty five energetic high school students arrived at Foothills camp, from places as distant as Winnipeg and Port Hardy, a bit unsure of what a Y2Y conference really involved. Before we knew it we were just that involved and having the time of our lives.

The theme of this Western Canadian Youth to Youth conference was "Time To Be Drug Free." Guest speakers and workshop presenters arrived throughout the

four days to inform, motivate, educate and inspire us to take care of ourselves, and stay free of drugs. Dan Clark challenged us to choose not just to be drug free but to reach out to other youth, and really make a difference.

Participants were involved in activities which enabled us to get acquainted and have fun with people who quickly become new friends. The core experience of the conference was probably the family group. "Our family group was so close, it was just the best," says Sheri Dean, a senior at Parkview Adventist Academy.

Sheri summarizes her Y2Y experience this way. "Youth 2 Youth was an amazing experience. Words cannot begin to describe everything that happened there. We met lots of new friends, and most importantly, learned how to have fun without the use of drugs. I'd be very disappointed if I didn't have the opportunity to go again."

There are many people we thank: Debbie Bogdon, who coordinated the event, Don Corkum and the Alberta Conference, for the use of the Camp facility, and most of all, Claude Sabot.



*Steve Little leading song service with some help from guests and participants.*

# How Does A Little Church Grow?

by Frank A. Campbell

Mary, Mary, quite contrary  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells and cockle shells  
And pretty maids all in a row.

I learned the words of this nursery rhyme as a young child at primary school in Guyana. In real life, I watched gardens grow—not with silver bells, of course, but with flowers and vegetables.

I was also aware of my own growing up and of growth within my family. Recently, I became conscious of experiencing this process yet again. I am a relatively newly baptized Christian in fellowship with a relatively new Seventh-day Adventist congregation. It is fascinating the way my church family and I are growing up together.

Ottawa East Seventh-day Adventist Church, like any dynamic congregation, undergoes the growth process in several ways. One is through the baptism of persons who, for the first time, share the experience of being born again.

This happened as recently as Sabbath, September 30. On that day our pastor, Dr. Vaudré Jacques, baptized Rick Brennan, his wife Debra Brennan and his friend and business partner Michael J. Chuchryk.

Through this baptism, our congregation shared with the celestial throngs, and with friends and relatives of these candidates, the culmination of ten years of workplace witnessing. Ten years. That's how long Head Elder Jean Theriault of the neighbouring Ottawa French SDA Church has laboured to share the gospel with his business partners Rick and Mike.

The evening also saw the baptism of Mde. L'Omega Bah. She is now a member of the French Church, also pastored by Dr. Jacques.

Also entering the waters of baptism was Patrick Jacques, the pastor's 13-year-old son. A second form of church growth is the affirmation, by children, of the faith of their Adventist parents.

The baptism of a child of the church is perhaps one of the most moving moments in the life of that church.

The baptism was memorable for

another reason. Between them, Sister Bah and the Brennans brought another ten charming children into the fold of the remnant church.

A number of persons became members of the church family on transfer from other SDA churches. I have also seen the church grow by receiving a number of persons into membership on profession of faith. Some were persons previously baptized but carrying out their stewardship and fellowship in non-SDA churches. Others were Adventists for whom the transfer of membership proved difficult.

A number of former Adventists subscribed to the baptismal vows and were re-baptized. On November 20, 1993, I became one of those taking that step. In so doing, I was testifying that, after more than 20 years of straying from my mother's teaching, I no longer wished to languish in the spiritual wilderness while my Father's house has "bread enough and to spare" (Luke 15:17).

For a couple years before that, with Elder Jacques' help, I carefully studied the Word. During that period, I was a mere spectator to the admission of new mem-

bers. Now, I feel a part of the angelic joy which, we are told by the Saviour, is shared "over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

In other words, with my baptism, I became part of the process of church growth at Ottawa East. I also began a journey of my own toward spiritual growth.

I have watched my little church grow. The church has been watching me too. Of course, I still have much growing to do. So does my church.

In fact, Ottawa East is just about to buy a plot of land and to raise funds to erect its own building. This will be only the second Seventh-day Adventist lighthouse in the nation's capital.

At Ottawa East Seventh-day Adventist Church, the "garden" continues to grow. Not like Mary's garden, but in accordance with well-known tenets of church development and through the undeniable leadership of the Holy Spirit.

*(Frank Campbell, a former Guyanese Ambassador, is a writer, communications consultant and motivational speaker. He is also Communications Secretary for his church.)*



*Pastor Jacques (third from left) poses with a few of the members baptized into the remnant church in recent times. From left to right are his son Patrick, L'Omega Bah (now a member of the Ottawa French SDA Church), Hirut Ytbarek, Escarlet Guerrero, "Mike" Chuchryk, Jean Theriault (Head Elder of the Ottawa French Church), Debra Brennan and her husband Rick.*

# Adventist Singles Ministries-Thanksgiving Retreat



At Camp Frenda on Lake Rosseau surrounded by the colours of autumn the seventh annual Adventist Singles Ministries thanksgiving retreat came together. Singles came from Ontario, Quebec and West Virginia. Our speaker, Rosemary Tyrrell from Boston, Massachusetts, inspired us with knowledge of God's grace. To highlight the weekend, we enjoyed a four-hour boat cruise on

Muskoka Lake followed by Thanksgiving dinner at a beautiful restaurant in Bracebridge. The weekend was filled with many blessings. We left with renewed and happy spirits and our blue ribbons of "Who I am Makes a Difference." We look forward to meeting again.

Elaine Evans,  
Secretary/Treasurer  
for AMS in Eastern Canada

## New Pastor



New Pastor Andrew Marttinen holds his son Andrew Jr., 3-1/2, and his wife Mia Marttinen, holds daughter Anya, 2, at the Sudbury Church's flea market held Sunday and Monday at Alex and Maimo Veedler's home in Walden. A year of donations were sold at the flea market which raised over \$1500.00 for the Sudbury church. The Marttinen family is originally from Ontario. They will be working with the Sudbury and North Shore churches.

## Two Join Hamilton Mountain Fellowship



At the Hamilton Mountain Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath September 30, 1995, Joshua Hinks was baptized by Pastor Joe Duchesne, and Barbara Stidham was baptized by Pastor Adam Bujak. Left to right: Pastor Joe Duchesne, Joshua Hinks, Pastor Adam Bujak, Barbara Stidham.

## Barrie Baptism



On September 9, at the Barrie S.D.A. Church, Pastor Richard Parent had the privilege of baptizing three individuals and receiving one by profession of faith. Shown in the photo are from left to right, Joe Watson, his wife Charmaine Watson, Pelagia Lerias, and Nhi Phan. What a joy it is to see the work of God in the lives of these three precious gems!

## Newfoundland

### Marystown Church Dedication

On September 16, 1995 a noteworthy event took place when the Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated to the Lord.

Guest speaker for this occasion was Elder Orville Parchment, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. In attendance from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland and Labrador was Elder David Crook, President; and Elder Jacob Hiebert, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Hiebert. Also visiting were Pastor and Mrs. Gary Hodder and family from St. John's, and Deputy Mayor Mary Hodder of Marystown, plus other friends. Total attendance was approximately seventy people. The lovely flowers that decorated the church were donated by Dennis Rogers.

Invitations to this special dedication service were sent to all missing members, former pastors and to the members of the Maranatha Group who helped build the church. A fellowship dinner and sing-along followed the service.

# Up from the Ashes

We all remember that an arsonist's fire destroyed the Westminster Church on September 30, 1992—what we didn't realize as we watched the dying embers was the way God would work to replace our church home. How two years later He would revitalize us with many new souls and rekindle our own souls!

But God's people were not left without a place to worship Him. The Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, a few blocks away, quickly offered their facility for our church family's use. Their Christian care was very apparent and we felt immense gratitude for the kindness they showed to us.

Our church members worked very hard to find a solution and quickly formed a building committee. Along with insurance adjusters and contractors, it wasn't long before we were building on the foundation of the former church. The twenty-four months of planning and construction seemed swift from a groundbreaking ceremony to watching the final touches being put on our beautiful new facility. God's hand was visibly involved with the decisions and labour that went forward so smoothly.

## Opening Day

October 7, 1994 was a high day—a day of praise and celebration as over 500 people joined us on the first Sabbath in our new facility. Participating in the service were BC Conference president, Elder Ron Watts, Pastor David Ellis and First Elder, John Eitel. The sanctuary was most impressive with the wonderful use of space and light. The design also took a careful account for acoustics (hearing the voices in the choir and lovely instruments was truly uplifting!) Little did we know our journey had just begun.

## Westminster Evangelism

January 28 to March 4, 1995 was an exciting time as Evangelist Leo Schreven



*South view of the Westminster Church.*

shared the Three Angels messages with the New Westminster community beginning at Massey Theatre.

An average of 300 non-members attended nightly. It was exciting seeing lives being transformed by God's Spirit. Three weeks later the meetings were moved to the new church facility and excitement escalated as the church was filled beyond capacity with souls eager to learn more about God's will for their lives. Testimonies revealed that none were there by accident but by divine appointment. Sharing in a mission like this brings real revival to any church, and ours was no exception. We celebrated as more than 50 new souls were baptized and still remain in our congregation. In addition, adding to the spirit of revival, a number decided to re-dedicate their lives in rebaptism revealing the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer. Approximately 30 continue in Bible study, with more interests created through friends and family.

We've had many changes to support our new growth: adding a Children's church, following up with the Net '95 video series, vegetarian cooking classes, a very large pastor's Sabbath School class, and studies in Daniel. Our young adult attendance accounts for approximately one-third of church attendance. One of our local elders, Layne Chitan was chosen as an interim associate pastor to assist David Ellis in ministering to the needs of our congregation.

## Dedication Day

God has blessed us with faithful members in giving and careful negotiations with insurance adjusters find us already debt-free!

Sabbath, October 7, 1995 was a high day as we enjoyed a service of dedication to God with members, friends and family. The day began with Sabbath School Study given by former interim pastor and evangelist, Elder Brad Thorp. Elder David Ellis, our present pastor, officiated in the sanctuary service. Participating in the service was former Westminster Pastor Harold Reimche; Hope Jacobson, a charter member; and Elder Bill Olson, Conference Treasurer.

Elizabeth Slater, our head deaconess shared a brief historical overview of Westminster's early days beginning 1958 to 1995. The Slater family has been with Westminster Church for more than 37 years.

First Elder and Building Committee Chair, John Eitel enlightened us with his accounts of the events surrounding reconstruction, much of which was nothing short of one miracle after another.

Councilman Doug Evans, representing the Mayor of the City of Burnaby, brought greetings from the Mayor's office and applauded our resolve and accomplishments.

Conference president, Elder Ron Watts delivered the dedicatory address—Building on the Sure Foundation.



Leo Schreven campaign—new members baptized.

Soon after we gathered in our Fellowship Hall for a bountiful agape feast, with mountains of fruit and fresh breads. The afternoon continued with a Praise and Thanksgiving musical program. Highlights included our aspiring church choir, also a score of special guests that came from far and near. Val O'Connor directed this outstanding event.

### Conclusion

We've seen God's hand at work, from the smouldering ashes of a destroyed church as a result of an arsonist's fire, to a beautiful new tabernacle filled with souls rejoicing in all these wonderful blessings. Still, it is our prayer to see the work finished. In spite of our joy, it has been nothing compared to eternity with our Lord Jesus. Let us all work to hasten that great day!

-Terry and Brenda\* Albrecht  
\*Communications Secretary



New member-Nick Ditomaso.

### Baptism-Golden Church



Fern Holdal was baptized in a lake near Golden, September 16, 1995 by Pastor D. Belonio. She has rededicated her life and is an active younger member. We are proud of her!

### Baptism-Terrace Church



On Sabbath, September 9 Len Webber was baptized by Pastor Jeff Potts. Len attended Mark Finley's Discoveries in Prophecy video series which the Terrace Church hosted in April and May, 1995. Pictured in the photo are Len (left) and Lay Pastor Rob Blue whose friendship has encouraged Len in his walk with Christ.

### Ratcliffe Takes Medals at Transplant Games



Congratulations to Judy Ratcliffe!

Accompanied by her daughter, Nelda Gill and friend, Dorothy Levelton, Judy travelled to Manchester, England where she competed in the International World Transplant Games winning a bronze medal in cycling and another in badminton.

The picture of health and vitality, Judy, of Bella Coola, B.C., is a testimony to the incredible advances made in transplanting organs that give a new lease on life.

The purpose of the games is to raise awareness of the success of transplanted organs and to encourage the signing of donor cards.

Judy won the silver medal in cycling two years ago in Vancouver and plans to participate in 1997 when the World Transplant Games will be held in Sydney, Australia. Way to go, Judy!

### Missing Members-North Shore Church

Do you know the whereabouts of: Joseph Bulath, Michelle Korelius, Mary Roper, Shamiram Ibbitt? Contact Donna at 1-604-853-5451 or write to Box 1000, Abbotsford, BC V2S 4P5.

## New Life In Christ Crusade — 41 Baptized At LaSalle

The LaSalle Church held the "New Life In Christ" crusade conducted in September by renowned speaker, Dr. Andrews L. Ewoo. This was followed by a two-week series of meetings specifically for the Ghanaian Company.

On September 30 and on October 21, members and friends rejoiced as 41 precious souls dedicated their lives to Christ in baptism.

This wonderful occasion concluded with an "Agape Feast" during which everyone fellowshiped together to welcome our newly baptized members.



*New members of the LaSalle church.*

## Camp Meeting Baptism



James Mason was baptized in the Gulf Shore waters bordering Camp Pugwash on August 26. Because of high winds, Elder Carl Neill and Mr. Mason had to be assisted by two young men.

James Mason is a devoted father. He and his wife Barbara have five children, all members of the church. Their daughter, Sally organized a dinner following the baptism. Approximately sixty people attended including present and former pastors, Elder Dible and Elder Couty. This group warmly welcomed Mr. Mason into church fellowship.

## Acadian Peninsula Baptisms



Pastor Caleb Bru baptized Nadège Cormier on October 7. She and her parents were searching for truth and her parents united with the S.D.A. Company two years ago. The teen's Bible class appealed to Nadège and after a year of Bible studies, she committed her life to God. She is blessed with artistic abilities and is already assisting in the children's Sabbath School.



Laureen Robichaud joined the church after studying the Bible with Linda and Lionel Basque. Laureen is studying at the Centre Universitaire de Shippagan presently and would like to be a missionary. She was baptized by Roger Robichaud.

## Canadian Union Conference Camp Meeting Schedule

<b>Alberta</b>	<b>June 5-13</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>July 26-August 3</b>
<b>Manitoba-Saskatchewan</b>	<b>June 28-July 6</b>
<b>Maritime</b>	<b>July 26-Aug. 3</b>
<b>Newfoundland Mission</b>	<b>July 22-27</b>
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>July 18-20</b>
<b>Quebec</b>	<b>July 17-20</b>

# BULLETIN BOARD

## David Lawson Retires



David Lawson, president of Maracle Press Ltd., has announced his retirement at the end of 1995. He began his employment in graphic arts in 1946 at Maracle and has enjoyed his career in the printing industry with several years at Pacific Press, College Press, the Queen's Printer and returning to Maracle Press in 1986. Mr. Lawson was nominated and published in 1995 in International Who's Who.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary this July, Maracle Press is now a privately owned company employing 70 people.

## Maracle Press Announces New President and General Manager



Joining the firm in 1993 as vice president of sales, Ronald G. Taylor has been invited by the Board of Directors to assume the role of president and general manager. Ron was born in Oshawa and graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic University with a course in graphic arts management. His career includes over 30 years at Alger Press. He is past chairman of the Canadian Book Manufacturer's Association and past director and executive member of the Canadian Printing Industries Association.

Ron and his wife Sharon have three children, Rhonda, Craig and Steven. His interests include golf, curling and softball.

## FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

BILL AND GLADYS ARMOUR



The Victoria Church membership congratulated Bill and Gladys Armour on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary on October 28, 1995.

In 1940 Bill joined the Westminster Regiment and was shipped overseas in November, 1941. He served in England, North Africa, Italy, Belgium and Holland.

During this time Bill and Gladys exchanged many letters until September 1945 when the war was over and Bill returned home.

They were married in Vancouver October 31, 1945. A happy ending to the long weary years of war and separation.

Many of their children and grandchildren were in attendance at the church service.

LOWELL AND MERLO BOCK



In a testimony to enduring love, Lowell and Merlo Bock renewed their wedding vows on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on May 21, 1995. Now retired in sunny California, the Bocks spent 20 years working for the SDA Church in Canada, from 1946 to 1966, including the three years that Lowell served as the president of the Ontario-Quebec Conference. The Bocks remember their time in Canada fondly, and send their best wishes to all their Canadian friends.

REUBEN AND MARIE BUHLER



Fifty years have passed since Reuben and Marie (nee Widen) Buhler exchanged marriage vows in the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S.D.A. Church on June 3, 1945.

At the time Marie was secretary in the Man-Sask. Conference and Reuben was teaching. During the ensuing years they have served in many capacities influencing numerous lives in the process. Professionally, Reuben has served as a teacher and as the C.U.C. librarian; Marie as the College Heights postmistress while simultaneously being an agent for Abstainers' Insurance Company. They retired at College Heights, Alberta, in 1980.

On August 6, Marie and Reuben, attended by members of their original wedding party, provided the happy occasion for family and friends to come together to reminisce and to pay tribute to a fine Christian couple who reached this important milestone on life's journey.

Between dinner and the buffet reception in the beautifully decorated College dining room, their children-Lester, Ronald, Patricia and James, assisted by family members (nine grandchildren included) and others, presented a delightful program with Dr. Gordon Buhler, Reuben's brother, as Master of Ceremonies.

JOHN AND VERA HENKES



John and Vera (Wyles) Henkes were married on October 17, 1945, but friends and family couldn't wait to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

With son Dale sending out invitations from Knoxville, Tennessee; cousin Lilac Nilson of Summerland, BC taking care of food; and Lily Comm of Spokane, Washington, looking after decorations; the celebration took place on July 16, so all the grandchildren and one great-grandchild could attend.

Although son Larry of Fort St. James was unable to be there, his wife Rita and children attended, as did also Dale and family from Tennessee and Bob and family from Wenatchee, Washington.

Both Adventists when they were married in Pentiction 50 years ago, John and Vera have also lived in Calgary, Alberta; Gold Beach, Oregon, Oliver, Keremeos, a Canoe River logging camp, and Princeton. About 25 years ago they moved to Kaleden, which still is home.

More than 100 guests helped the family celebrate the momentous milestone in the fellowship hall of the Pentiction Seventh-day Adventist church, where a book of memories was presented to the couple.

Both semi-retired, John and Vera are still very active members of the Pentiction church.

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HILLMEN AND JEAN HOLM



Exactly 50 years after they first exchanged marriage vows, Hillmen and Jean (nee Mills) Holm were honoured by more than 100 friends and relatives as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Married in Calgary, Alberta, on February 26, 1945, Hillmen and Jean spent 35 years in Saskatchewan, where Hillmen was Soil Conservationist for the province. After this they permanently retired to Penticon, BC, where they are active members of the Penticon Seventh-day Adventist church.

At the February 26, 1995 celebration in the fellowship hall of the Penticon church, daughter Marjorie Wright was Master of Ceremonies as friends and family gathered to pay tribute to this special couple.

Four months earlier, on October 30, 1994, a daughter Myrene Kartik and family hosted a pre-50th celebration at their home in Hamilton, Ontario. This was attended by their best man, one of Hillmen's RCAF buddies, and a University of Saskatchewan friend, together with their wives.

Hillmen and Jean's marriage have been blessed with three children-Marjorie (John) Wright of Kelowna, BC; Myrene (John) Kartik of Hamilton, Ontario; and Clifford (Mazel) Holm of Battleford, Saskatchewan. Ten grandchildren and as many "adopted" grandchildren add much happiness to their lives.

We wish them God's continued blessings and many more years together.

JOHN AND IRENE POPOWICH



On September 24 the fellowship room of the Creston SDA Church was the scene of a special celebration. Over 70 friends gathered to honour Pastor John and Irene Popowich. They were married in Vancouver, BC October 4, 1945.

A program followed the lovely buffet supper and they were presented with a hand-crafted golden album containing greetings from friends, former co-workers, church leaders and government officials.

John and Irene have served as a pastoral and evangelistic team across Canada. They also spent six years in India. Although retired they continue to serve wherever they are needed, visiting churches in the Kootenays, Northern Idaho, and Washington.

## WEDDINGS

### BUSSEY - BRAVO

Rodney William Bussey, son of Winston and Gladys Bussey of Port Carling, Ontario and Delise Rose de Oliveira Bravo, daughter of David and Ivelise Bravo of Toronto, Ontario, were married at the Toronto Portuguese Church, on Sunday, July 30, 1995. The beautiful ceremony was performed by Delise's father, Pastor David Bravo. Rod and Delise have made their home in Abbotsford, B.C.

### CUMMINGS - SMITH

On Sunday, October 8, 1995, the Barnesville Seventh-day Adventist Church, New Brunswick, was the scene of a beautiful wedding uniting Gary Brian Cummings, son of Brian and Rita Cummings, and Sharla Dawn Smith, youngest daughter of Edward and Betty Smith. Elder David Crook performed the ceremony. Gary and Sharla live in Titusville, NB.

### FOLLETT - LAW

On Sunday, July 2, 1995 Kristine Law and Kalvin Follett were married at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Whitehorse, Yukon with the groom's father, Pastor Jan Follett, officiating. Following their honeymoon in Alaska the happy couple are spending a year in Costa Rica where Kalvin is working with Adventist World Radio.

sister Margaret Dutton. Steve was brought up in an Adventist home and after coming to Saskatchewan, he was baptized. Funeral service was conducted by Elders G. Clarke, O. Orpana and R. Parent in Orangeville, Ontario.

BURGHARDT-Mathias Burghardt was born in Romania on October 13, 1911 and fell asleep in Jesus on September 8, 1995. He was married to Barbara Kolb in 1937. This marriage was blessed with a son, Hans. After the passing of his wife Barbara in 1941, Mathias came to Canada. He married Katherine Weber in 1951. This marriage was blessed with two children, Frederick and Ruth. Katherine and Mathias spent a number of years in service at New Frenda Youth Camp. The funeral service was conducted by Elder Jacob Hiebert and assisted by Brian Lee at the College Park Church in Oshawa. Mathias was laid to rest beside his loving wife Katherine, at the Atwood Cemetery. Left to mourn his passing are three children: Hans, Fred and Ruth with their spouses; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one brother and one sister and a host of friends.

DOROSH-Lucy Grace Dorosh was born June 25, 1922 in Beauvallon, Alberta and died on October 26, 1995 in Boyle, Alberta. She was an active member of the Boyle SDA Church and will be sadly missed by family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Mike; 4 sons, Larry, David, Ernie and Norman; five grandchildren; one brother and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted in Boyle with Pastor Ian Cotton officiating.

JOHNSON-Ivy Mae (Morey) was born October 14, 1903, on Turtle River Island, USA and died at Mission, BC, September 15, 1995.

The family moved to Twin Lakes, Idaho, where they stayed a short while before moving to Rathdrum and then to Melfort, Saskatchewan. She started working on the farm at a very young age. When she was 15, her mother died.

She married John Johnson on December 6, 1922 and went to live at Laird, Saskatchewan. They had ten children four of whom predeceased her.

Aldergrove, B.C. was home for a few years, then Ivy moved to Mission where she was a member of the Mission SDA Church.

She leaves behind pleasant memories for her surviving children: Shane, Alma, Norma, Arthur, Leslie and Lois; 21 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; three half sisters in Saskatchewan, one half brother in Winfield, BC.

Pastor Terrence Davin conducted the funeral services at the Mission SDA church. Interment was at the Hatzie Cemetery.

LACZO-(Annie) Ellen was born on October 19, 1909, and passed to her rest on August 10, 1995. She is survived by Louis, her husband of 54 years; daughter Myrna Zapotichny; sons Wayne Hanson and Frank. Also surviving are three brothers and one sister; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Lawton Lowe at the Penticon Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 15.

MILOVANOV-Milorad was born in Yugoslavia, March 18, 1920 and passed away October 15, 1995 in Hamilton, Ontario. He was a long-time member of the Toronto Yugoslavian S.D.A. Church.

Like other Europeans he experienced many hardships including a few years in a Russian prisoner of war camp. After the war he befriended Katka whom he married in 1946. In 1957 he fled to Italy, from whence he brought his family to Canada in 1960.

He was baptized by his good friend, Pastor Ned Maletin in 1976.

His memory is cherished by his wife Katka; children Angela, Zivko and George and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at the Hamilton Mountain S.D.A. Church on October 18, 1995 by Pastors Milovan Bogomirovic, Adam Bujak, Andrew Kapusi, Ned Maletin. Interment was at the Eastlawn Cemetery.

SIMPSON-Lillian Marie Repp was born January 28, 1891, in Russia, and came to Canada with her family in 1901. In 1911 she married Gordon Simpson. Frontier farming, generous home nursing, benevolent midwifery, and frequent gifts of quilts and garments characterized her life. Her husband and her elder son, Alvin, predeceased her. She passed peacefully to her rest in Oliver, BC on July 20, 1995, at the age of 104. Surviving are her son, Sherman; two daughters, Mildred Grunzensky, and Gertrude Machan, thirteen grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a host of loved ones and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Osyoos SDA Church, with Elder Harold Reimche officiating, assisted by Pastor Leonard Andrews. Interment followed in the Lakeview Cemetery.

SMITH-Katherine Lavina Smith was born at Canmore, Alberta, April 3, 1906 and passed away at Calgary, Alberta, October 30, 1995. Katherine accepted the Seventh-day Adventist message at the age of 12 years. Katherine was predeceased by her husband in 1992, and four brothers and sisters. She leaves to mourn three children and their families: Hugh, Gwendoline Ries, and Donald; four brothers and sisters; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted at the Rocky View Cemetery by Ken Wiebe and Brian Wahl.

TETZ-Blanche Isabell, beloved wife of the late Mr. Albert Tetz of Lacombe, Alberta, passed away on August 9, 1995, at the age of 94 years. She was the loving mother of three sons, Wilford, Emmett and Bob; two daughters, Alberta Martin and Lou Ann Manzuik. She was grandmother to seventeen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held on Monday, August 14, at the College Heights, Seventh-day Adventist Church, with interment in the Fairview Cemetery, Lacombe-until Jesus comes!

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