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What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Time was I enjoyed writing these essays at the dawn of each new school year. Even when I hadn't had the most dynamic of holidays, I could always come up with two or three really good essay-worthy events to share. Then I grew up and lost my opportunit... Oh wait! I'm the editor of a magazine, and I've got 500 words per month that are all mine! So, are ya' ready? Here it comes.

This summer I went to camp-meeting! Okay, maybe you don't think that deserves a big build-up and an exclamation point, but I sure do. You see, I didn't just go to any campmeeting; for the first time in many long years, I used my summer vacation to return to the campmeeting of my childhood, the campmeeting that brought me immeasurable joy throughout my youth, the campmeeting that occupied my nostalgic moments in adulthood. Essentially, I returned home from a long, lonely exile.

I have to tell you, it was as great as I remembered it. Maybe better. I enjoyed every single second of my week there—the pounding rain on the tin roof of my cabin, the quietness of the beach in the mornings, the uproarious singing of campfire songs at night. I reconnected with friends I hadn't seen in years. I awoke before dawn and danced with my God over the sandbars as the sun came up. I sent my children to classes in the same buildings to which their grandparents sent me. We stayed in the same old cabin that'd been my home as a junior camper. (Good thing I'd scratched my name in the wall back then so my

memory could be jogged 20 years later!)

And, I attended meetings featuring speakers who partnered with God to challenge the finer points of my theology. The vast knowledge of Angel Rodriquez and the unending analysis of Clifford Goldstein were my domain throughout the week. Their messages were new to me, but the truths they spoke were the same ones I'd come to understand and accept when last I sat in those hardwood pews. God used them to take my homecoming to the next level—from the pleasantly reminiscent to the spiritually refreshing, from the merely geographical to the profoundly metaphysical.

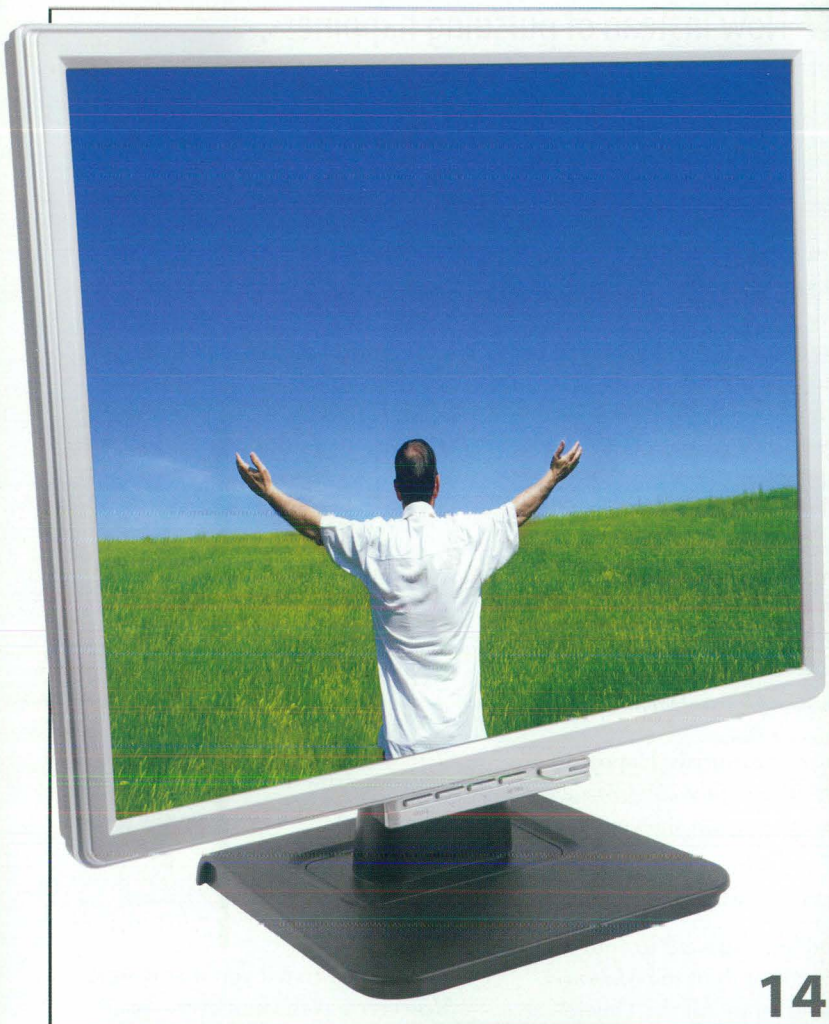
The conversion story of hundreds, possibly thousands, of Canadian Adventists includes a campmeeting. For others, there may be a mountain, a coffee shop, or a park that invokes the memory of your early experience. If there is a specific place that was important to your early awareness of God's love for you, let me encourage you to go there. But if there isn't, be assured that there *is* a spiritual home to which you can return, and I strongly encourage us all to return there. Our Father is a shelter that remains strong throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity... and, at the cross He scratched my name into His hands in case I ever needed to jog my memory. ■

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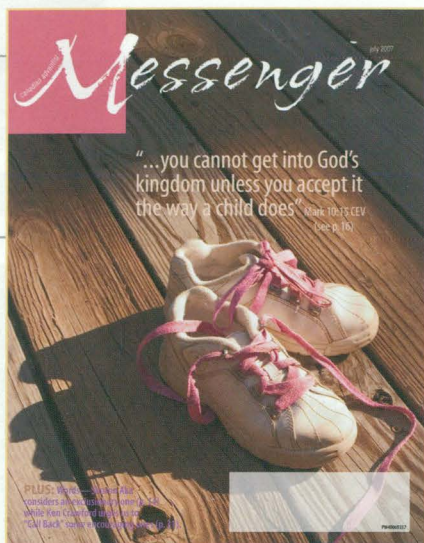
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Your Words

“Now instead of pursuing happiness, I pursue ‘Jesus-ness.’”

RE: “Happy All the Time,” Editorial, July 2007

I used to be a fierce advocate of smiling as a way of living the Christian life. However, after a few scars here and there, I’ve come to realize that ‘just smiling’ doesn’t make it as a lifestyle; it’s not realistic. I can’t be happy all the time! Now, instead of pursuing happiness, I pursue ‘Jesus-ness.’

—Josue, a youth pastor in the US who misses Canada terribly.

Just finished reading your article on “Happy all the Time??” I have to disagree with your logic. While certain circumstances cause us to have ‘a range of human emotions,’ do you not think we can feel more than one emotion at a time? For instance, if I love my family and home, and am happy (happy emotion), and for instance, if my best friend dies, I feel sad (sad emotion), do I then set aside my happy emotion for three days while I mourn the loss of my best friend? I think not!! I can still feel happy for my home and family, and I shall be sad for a long time for the loss of my friend. So which is it, should I feel happy, or should I feel sad? I conclude that I can feel both.

I don’t have to strive for happiness. It is an emotion which God placed within me to feel, when things or people make me happy. Of course Jesus wept; we all do when we are sad or upset. That

doesn’t mean that the emotion of happiness has disappeared.

I believe you should rethink some of your statements about people who “pretend to be happy all the time” or “people who have pasted a smile on top to keep them secure,” or people who stoically sing beautiful songs as if they mean nothing. I have a question for you: are you a prophet? How do you know how or what people are feeling?

Even though your article has disturbed me somewhat, I am still *happy*. “Happy all the Time??” I *do* think so!

—Daphne, via email

Kudos on your editorial, ‘Happy All the Time??’ in the July 2007 *Messenger*. An impressive essay on showing our feelings.

—Caesar, Ponoka, AB

I enjoy, and look forward to your column each month in the *Messenger*. Your latest, “Happy All the Time??” kind of struck a nerve with me. I understand the problem you suggested in our church. I have often thought the same thing—are all these church people really so good and nice? After you’ve been in the church for awhile you soon discover that we all wear masks, and some really go out of their way to make sure nobody peaks behind the masks. I have often wondered why.

Perhaps because we’re in a church environment where we are constantly being told what to do and not to do, and sinning takes top place on the agenda? And nobody really wants to admit we are sinners. So, to cover up this fact, we go through the motions, and this is why we don’t want people to get to close and discover the real me? It is no shock or surprise to Jesus. He certainly knows our hearts.

—Robert, Williams Lake, BC

Re: July issue

After perusing July’s issue of the *Messenger*, I wish to congratulate you and your team on the quality of this magazine. Thank you for your good work.

—Antonio, Executive Secretary, Ontario Conference of SDAs

I am writing to tell you that your last *Messenger* was the best ever—your editorial, Jim Gaull’s article, and “The ‘Non’-Word” by Sharon Aka were refreshing articles by people who can think out of the box. Most of us use jargon that is not understood by believers who are not of our faith. We need to be more accepting of believers who are part of the family of God!

—Lawton, McBride, B.C.

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CHAOS

by John Ramsay

Chaos is defined as “a condition or place of great disorder or confusion.” Doesn’t that sound like Earth? Sin has caused chaos. But God controls it, and it will be temporary.

The prime responsibility and source of most of the world’s chaos no doubt comes from Satan and his demons who are busily engaged in arranging all the trouble they are allowed. The Book of Job details a demonstration of that. More chaos results from harmful decisions we humans make because of our fallen natures.

Other chaotic events occur simply because of the nature of the activities in which we choose to engage. For instance, many people enjoy motorcycles into old age, but four people vacationing in Florida don’t enjoy them anymore. In October 2005, two cars plowed into four motorcyclists stopped at an accident scene—their own accident. Three of the bikers died at the scene just before midnight on Oct. 19 and the fourth died eight hours later at the hospital. All of the bikers had been kneeling or lying in the southbound lane of State Road 415 after crashing into a shaggy black dog and each other. Police stated that the bikers could not be seen in the middle of the dark roadway and there was no time for the oncoming car drivers to react.

Amid the abundant blessings of life, examples of chaos abound. The last century witnessed chaotic wars on a global scale. But personal chaos is equally devastating to the individuals involved. I think of a young lady who attended It Is Written meetings in

Saskatoon a few years after suffering a terrible personal disaster. With lit cigarette in hand, she, at 23 years old, had entered the garage where her then-husband had been using gasoline. Flames vaulted toward her, enveloping her as she staggered, startled and screaming into the yard. When police arrived she was lying on her front lawn with flames burning and melting her skin, muscles and tissue. During recovery, she went into a depression and was intensely angry at the world. She wanted to die. Seven years of surgeries and therapy later, she’s just coming to terms with her loss. Christ’s second coming and the “twinkling of an eye transformation” hold special meaning for her.

Unfortunate children sicken and die from disease, while some elderly seniors might welcome death that refuses to come. Starvation stalks the other side of the world while we die from diseases brought on by abundance. Bombs and bullets plague parts of the world, while we enjoy baseball and BMWs. Humans face such completely divergent experiences depending on where they are born, who their parents are, and which is their gender.

Yes, much of life appears to fit the category of chaos. But the good news is that this unfairness and chaos is temporary. In fact, we preach that it will soon come to an end! The Adventist message includes the truth that the judgement in heaven began in 1844, one hundred and sixty-three years ago! God is right now working to bring earth’s suffering to an end. As He did in the prophesied events of history, in

the fullness of time, God will intervene completely.

We have also been given the assurance that our eternal destiny is assured. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NKJV). The death of Jesus and the harassment and abuse He suffered throughout His 33 years on earth were extremely unfair to Him. But His life and death ensured a secure future for the universe. There are also good indications that the sufferings we are called to bear here, by the grace of God, will prove to have some eternal positive value.

The concept of eternity leads us to ponder some extremely large numbers—imagine 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 years without chaos! God is willing to vastly overpay us for the few short chaotic years we live on this troubled orb.

Let’s be encouraged by these famous words from the apostle Paul in Hebrews 12:1 & 2: “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” ■

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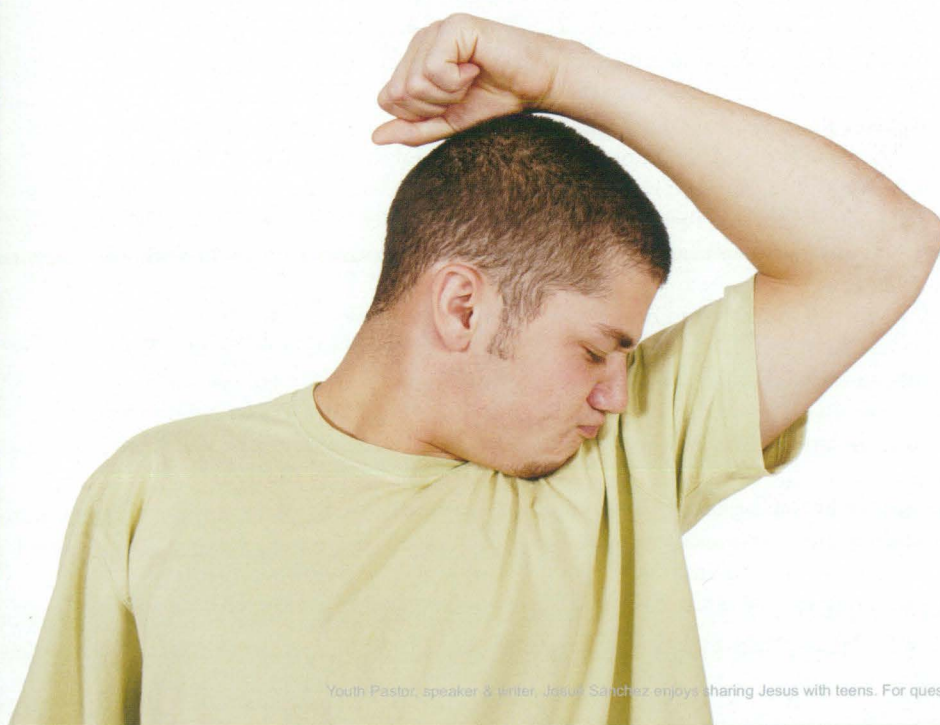
You Stink!

This is not really a question, but here goes: I'm really offended by the lack of respect that many of my church friends have for the Sabbath. I mean, I know what they do during the week, how they cheat in school and go to parties after youth group. How do they dare to come to church on Sabbath? They are a bunch of hypocrites.

Wow. That's quite a statement, man. And, if the editor doesn't intervene, here comes my big reply: "you stink!" Yes, you do. I do too, as well as the hypocrites at your church. You see, we ALL stink badly. We all have fallen short. We all are sinners.

God hates sin. Sin made Jesus die! But wait, He didn't just die for the "big" sins, those which you seem to have identified in your church friends. Even the smallest sin that you may commit at any time of the day caused Jesus' death. So, think twice before pointing your finger at anyone; all of us are desperately in need of help from God! "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" (1 Cor. 10.12)

Let me put it this way: imagine you accidentally cut your finger with a rusty pair of scissors. The wound is quite bad, and it gets infected rapidly. You grab a needle and some old fishing line and try to sew your open wound. Since the result looks quite messy, you apply some makeup to your finger. Only then do you feel ready to go to the doctor. Does that make sense? Of course not! You go to the emergency room right away! Who cares about the blood and messy wound? You need medical help and the doctors are there to gladly provide it. Well, exactly the same thing applies to your friends in church. The messier their life is, the more they need Jesus! And the church is the perfect place to be exposed to Jesus' grace.



Creation Corner for Kids

"I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears..."
Psalm 34:4 (NKJV)

Think about it

Fear is disabling. Sometimes we are so fearful of something that it causes us to behave in unreasonable ways. We may worry and even lose sleep over something we are fearful of. Fear is the opposite of faith.

Grizzly Bear

Hiking in the mountains along a narrow trail, I worried about meeting a bear in this remote area. There were many signs that bears were using the trail. Suddenly, as we came around a bend, a surprised grizzly dashed across the trail and careened down the steep mountainside, disappearing in the thick vegetation.

Against all the evidence, I fretted the rest of the day about ferocious, starving grizzlies. I was so relieved when we arrived at the rustic cabin (with sturdy windows and doors!) where we would spend the night.

Then the horror began. In the blackness of the night, I was startled awake by a scraping and scratching outside the cabin. In my terror, sleep fled from me. I was sure that before morning the dreadful gnawing "grizzly" would have broken into the cabin and had us for breakfast!

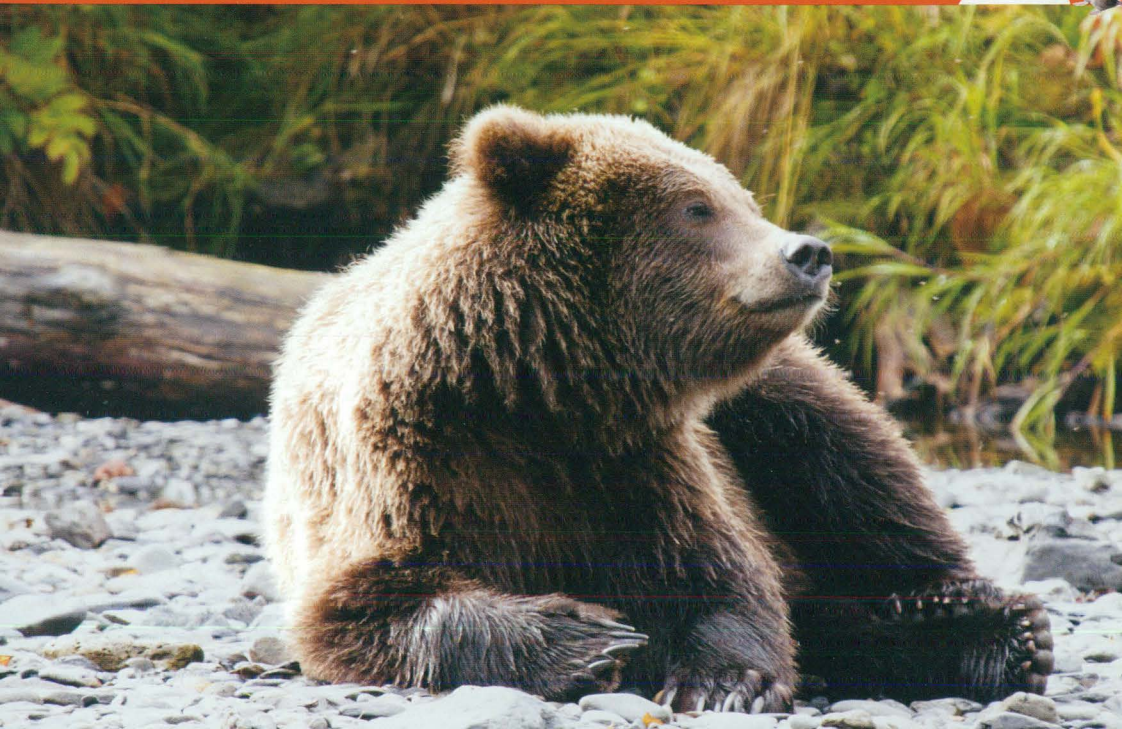
Morning however, revealed the embarrassing truth. Some midnight-munching rodent had satisfied its appetite for treated wood on the cabin's floor boards!



Do it.

If fear is disabling you, ask Christian friends and family members about fears that they have conquered with Jesus' help. Listen. Learn. Ask them to pray for you!

—Tammie Burak writes from
Cherry Grove, Alta., where she
enjoys studying nature with her
husband, Randolph, and their three
children, Samuel, Emily, and Joshua.



ON BEING scammed

The reality is that if something seems too good to be true, it often is. We simply cannot get something for nothing; there is always a cost.

by Barry W. Bussey

There are few feelings that can compare to what one experiences after being scammed. It seems like every day the telephone presents me with a telemarketer offering me a trip or a cruise or some other temptation, always at an incredible price that just simply cannot be refused. Those who have most to lose are often the ones most vulnerable to such unscrupulous shysters.

When I was in law school, money was tight. I worked hard doing whatever extra work I could find—from painting houses to cleaning windows. Having a young family and studying law full time was not easy. Unlike my classmates who had time to play sports or be involved in extracurricular programs at the school, I was busy providing for my little clan who needed me. My spare time included only work; it was a matter of survival. One day I got a phone call:

“Congratulations Mr Bussey! You have just won a brand new 1990 Pontiac!”

“Really?” I said. At first all I could think about was a new car—desperately needed. I was driving around in an old Datsun station wagon from the early ‘80s. It was a rust bucket that went through clutches like some go through socks. Perhaps this was a call sent by the Lord—an answer to our prayers!

“Yes, sir. I want to send you your keys right now!” the voice on the line crackled. “I just need your credit card number, and . . .” As the lady babbled on about some legal requirement that I make a payment for some pens in order for her to send me the keys, I quickly came to the conclusion that there was nothing in this for me except a headache. I promptly told her “thanks, but no thanks” and hung up the phone.

Two minutes later she called again saying that she did not want me to miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime. I hung up the phone.

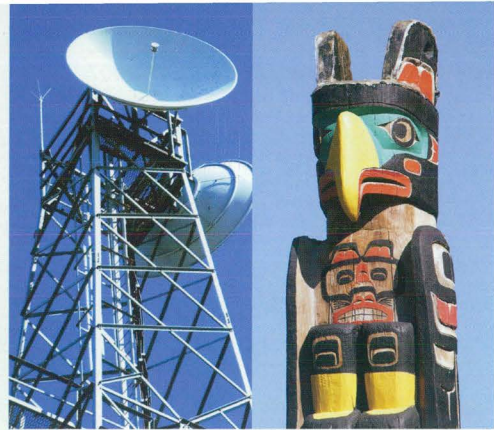
Justice Carol Cohen of the Superior Court in Quebec recently ruled that Time, Inc. had to pay a Quebec man \$101,000.00 in punitive damages for its mailing to him that stated, “Our sweepstakes results are now final: Mr. Jean Marc Richard has won a cash prize of \$833,337.00!” Richard, who was not fluent in English, was duped into signing up for a subscription in order to get the award. Problem was there was no award at all, just a lot of fine print on the document stating that he had not, in fact, won anything but rather was invited to enter the sweepstakes. Richard was irate enough to sue Time, Inc. over the advertisement, and Justice Cohen was not at all pleased with it either.

The judge wrote, “It is patently obvious to any reader that the mailing from Time was not only false and incomplete, it was specifically designed to be misleading, both in the words chosen, the size of the conditions or disclaimers and their ambiguity, especially to a person who is not reading in his or her mother tongue.” Time plans an appeal.

There is a common question used in the practice of law: “Does it pass the smell test?” The reality is that if something seems too good to be true, it often is. We simply cannot get something for nothing; there is always a cost. It is so easy for us to get caught up with the “what ifs” of this world, to get busy always reaching for more. The constant reaching seems a part of our very nature. But, the Lord has given us counsel to avoid the lure of this world. He reminds us that it does not give satisfaction. We ought to follow the wisdom of David who wrote, “My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my refuge I will never be shaken” (Psalm 62:1,2). ■

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Reasons to Celebrate

VOICE OF PROPHECY is so excited about what is happening in Canada we can hardly stand it! The new advances with VOAR and its potential to reach into every hamlet, town and small city throughout the ten provinces, Nunavut, Yukon and the Northwest Territories defies imagination. The prophet Habakkuk said it well: "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told" (Habakkuk 1:5).

Who would have believed that VOAR would be exempt from Canada's regulations against religious radio stations simply because it was already operating in Newfoundland when that province joined Confederation? Who would have believed that the station would go satellite? Who would believe the CRTC's regulations would have a "gray zone" clause which would make it possible for every part of Canada to hear Christian broadcasts from VOAR at very little cost? Who would believe every person in Canada could potentially hear Voice

of Prophecy? Who would believe they could hear other Adventist programs as well?

Well, we are celebrating! At Alberta's campmeeting this summer, I was thrilled to share the wonderful news of VOAR and other developments in radio as well as the brand new First Nation's Bible correspondence course, "Native New Day," that is now available to every tribe, reservation and Native culture. Who would have believed this brand-new course would be designed by First Nations people themselves? Who would believe we are the very first denomination ever to provide First Nations people with a set of correspondence lessons with Native artwork and lore tracing back to the Great Spirit and Native traditions? Who would believe that we have now discovered that some of the Bible truths regarding the Sabbath and creation story were already imbedded in First Nation tradition tracing back nearly 500 years? Who would believe these lessons could so profoundly impact Native North Americans and First Nations peoples throughout the United States and Canada that within just two years we have already baptized

nine chiefs! Who would have believed that there were only 33 First Nations people at North American Division campmeetings just two years ago, but, because of these new lessons, whole reservations are becoming Seventh-day Adventist, and this year—just two years later—nearly 6,000 are baptized. Who would have believed 11 churches have already been turned over to the Conferences by First Nation/Native American tribal leaders, and these are now full-fledged Seventh-day Adventist churches?

It's too good to be true! Yet it is true! Because we are a people of prophecy, and these are the last days in which Habakkuk reminds us to look out upon the fields ready harvest and see what marvelous things God is doing—sometimes in spite of our feeble efforts!

These are exciting times. These are thrilling times. All of us know something is about to happen. So, keep looking up, ever going forward in faith! ■

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Revenue Canada and Voice of Prophecy Back on Track

AFTER AN UNFORESEEN fumble of the political football, Voice of Prophecy is back in good graces with Revenue Canada. "We apologize for the problem that arose last year," says Director-Speaker Lonnie Melashenko.

During a transition of Manager-Treasurer leadership at broadcast headquarters, someone overlooked the necessity of refileing with Revenue Canada for tax-exempt status and the ability to generate tax-deductible

charitable contributions. This created a problem. Voice of Prophecy had to return all cheques and donations until the problem was rectified. Leaders at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada helped repair the problem.

"But we're back in business *big* time," says Melashenko. "Elder Dan Jackson, union President, together with key leaders helped restore and repair the problem. Roy Hunt, new Manager-Treasurer for operations, is now working very closely

with leadership in Oshawa to assure ongoing service to Canada together with a smooth reception of donations, speedy response to donors and appropriate legal tax receipts."

"We need to encourage Canadians to give a little extra to help catch up to the revenue we lost during that unfortunate time," says Hunt. "Thank you, Canada, for helping us to keep looking up, ever going forward in faith!"



Esta Escrito *Ministry* to many

It all started on May 13, 1953 when a group of people, full of hope and searching for a better future, disembarked on an unknown land, eager for a chance to change their lives. They were a group of 85 who landed at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. They were the first Portuguese people to move to this rich country, the first of many who would come to this nation and impact it in a powerful way.

It was 20 years later that It Is Written Canada experienced its own interesting beginnings. The first program, aired in 1973, was a live broadcast only five minutes in length. Pastor Henry Feyerabend was the speaker, and the program was entirely in Portuguese. Manuel Pereira worked for the program, gathering resources. When asked about the impact of those first programs, he says, “they were very important.” And he’s quite right. Among the many Portuguese who were attracted to the program in their native tongue was the Santos family. Today’s It Is Written Canada speaker/director Bill Santos and his parents were baptized as a result of that first program.

But why is the Portuguese ministry of It Is Written Canada so important? The sheer size of the audience is one reason. Ana Julia from the General Consulate of Portugal, comments that there are close to half a billion Portuguese people in Ontario alone! That is an extremely large group, and many of them, through God’s grace, are being, and will continue to be, touched by the Portuguese program.

There are three major Portuguese-speaking churches in Ontario, and a few other small groups. Pastor Guerlying Martins of the Toronto Portuguese Church reports that at least 60% of his church members are there as a direct result of the Portuguese telecast, *Esta Escrito*.

The It Is Written team regularly holds events to reach this community. One such was held in Toronto in the month of June. Doctor Viriato Emanuel Ferreira, originally from Angola and now residing in Portugal, taught some valuable lessons about food, health and well-being. This event attracted approximately 100 Portuguese-speaking people to the health message. You can watch Dr. Viriato in the new television season that will start in October. You will learn valuable lessons for your health and your life.

And, of course, there are Portuguese communities not only in Ontario but also all around Canada. In the province of Quebec, there are an estimated 49,000 Portuguese people, approximately 30,000 more in British Columbia, 10,000 in Winnipeg, and, in Alberta, there are about 7,000 Portuguese-speaking Canadians in Edmonton alone. Our goal is to take the message of eternal hope to all of them. We need you to help us show God’s grace. We need you to help us shout to the corners of the Earth in all possible languages. We need you to broadcast that Christ is King.

The Portuguese people came to Canada looking for a better life, and there is no such thing without Christ. They need to know Jesus as their Savior, the Great Hope. We can give them what they came looking for in the first place. We can offer them a life-changing experience, an eternal answer for their problems. It is up to us to “Tell Canada”—including our Portuguese communities—that Jesus is returning very, very soon. ■

Rebeca Pereira is responsible for communications at It Is Written Canada.

Call to Action—Pray for Tracy Bravo, IIW Canada’s music coordinator, and her family. Visit our web site at www.iiw.ca.

Earth Talk

► Paper or Plastic?

Governments are growing more aware of the negative impact that shopping bags are having on our environment. In 2002, Ireland introduced a charge to be assessed upon the use of each plastic bag. In that same year, Bangladesh banned polyethylene bags due to drainage systems being clogged by plastic bag littering. Closer to home, in March, 2007, Ontario launched a voluntary program aimed at reducing the use of shopping bags. And just last month, news spread about Quebec's pending decision to tax plastic grocery bags.

Plastic grocery bags, used mostly for convenience rather than by choice, are very hazardous to the environment. Plastic grocery bags take up to 400 years to decompose, causing them to pile up in landfills. The "plastax," as the proposed tax on bags has been called, would be a 20-cent tax per bag—hopefully enough to encourage shoppers to consider other options. But why wait until the plastax becomes reality in your province? Now is the time to consider your options when it comes to bagging your goods. Here are some things to consider as you make your decision:



Plastic Bags

Made of polyethylene (crude oil and natural gas), a non-renewable resource. Four out of five grocery bags are plastic. Only 1% are recycled.

Pros: Durable, inexpensive, and water resistant. Require less energy to produce than paper bags, and production produces fewer atmospheric emissions.

Cons: Made up of petrochemicals, a non-renewable resource. Frequently littered and rarely recycled leading to excessive resource consumption, degradability issues, and aesthetical issues in cities (where littering is more frequent). The average lifespan of a plastic bag is a mere twenty minutes.

The Lowdown: Less harmful to the environment than paper bags if—and only if—they are recycled.



Paper Bags

Made from wood-pulp, a renewable resource, they are taking a toll on the environment due to the amount of resources used to manufacture them. In 1999, 14 million trees were cut down in order to produce the 10 billion paper bags that were used in the United States that year.

Pros: Stronger than plastic bags and created from renewable resources. Recycled more frequently than other bags, with a 20% recycle rate, as well as a high reuse rate.

Cons: It takes four times the energy to manufacture a paper bag compared to a plastic one.

The Lowdown: The high recycling rates and renewability of paper bags make them attractive. However, the energy needed to manufacture them is reason to worry.



Reusable Bags

Becoming a popular alternative to the paper and plastic bags offered at the till. Made from materials including hemp, cotton, and recycled plastics.

Pros: Sturdy and long lasting. Very minor environmental impact. May include features (padded handles, shoulder straps, separate pockets) not available in paper or plastic bags offered at the till.

Cons: If not kept clean, they may present a health hazard. Need to carry your own bags to the grocery store. May cost \$5 and \$15 for initial purchase.

The Lowdown: Environmentally conscious individuals will give the extra effort and money involved in order to play a role in the Earth's sustainability by using reusable bags. ■

Butoke: making a difference in the Congo

Butoke is a locally based non-government organization supporting development work in Western Kasai province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Like much of DRC, Western Kasai province has been devastated by 10 years of war. About 30% of the population of the province consists of refugees from other parts of the Congo or from neighbouring countries. Butoke, which means 'light,' strives to support the population in their efforts to re-establish normal lives and satisfy their most basic needs. ADRA Canada has contributed generously to the nutrition program of Butoke since its inception in November 2005. We care for 100 or more children each month.



Malnourished children come to eat at the Centre three times a day. They eat their way to better health. Besides feeding, we offer all severely malnourished children care for infections, malaria, and intestinal parasites as most diseases remain symptom-less. Finally the mothers receive training in child raising, nutrition and hygiene.

Earlier this year we were under assault because of growing hunger in the population. Children of five-15 years old kept turning up with very severe stunting and wasting. (The stunting is an expression of months, sometimes years, of hunger; the wasting is often due to a combination of deepening hunger and added infection.) Currently, we have 12 resident children and 71 additional children coming thrice a day for meals. We also feed 12 destitute elderly people. Without the support of groups like ADRA Canada, Butoke would not be able to meet the needs of these children of God.

There is no doubt that the Nutrition Centre plays a great role in the survival of children and elderly and assists them in regaining and maintaining health. Miracles of the nutrition rehabilitation have been recounted many times so children keep coming from a radius of more than a 100 km; one child even came from 550 km away. I thank ADRA Canada for their support in helping us change many lives, including these:

The Ntumba family

On a wet and dark day in October I saw them for the first time. The oldest, a little five-year-old girl, was swollen with kwashiorkor—silent, standing apart from the family, misery written all over her face as if death would be a relief. Her little two-year-old sister was standing alone also, her face tired and indifferent. Her face and legs were also swollen with kwashiorkor. The young mother carried 10-month-old twins. I could see at once that their hair was discoloured and their skin looked unhealthy. The father appeared distant from it all.

We discussed the crisis with the parents. Even the twins showed signs of malnutrition. The father denied there was any problem with the twins but admitted the older children were ill. As we would discover, the family was convinced that the children were witches. We tried and tried again to get them to eat. Finally, a threat of judicial intervention managed to get them to participate faithfully. In less than three months all had recovered fully.

The father became very proud of them all and has been announcing to all who will listen that the belief in witchcraft as a cause of kwashiorkor is false, that in truth it is malnutrition. Several months later they all continue in good health.

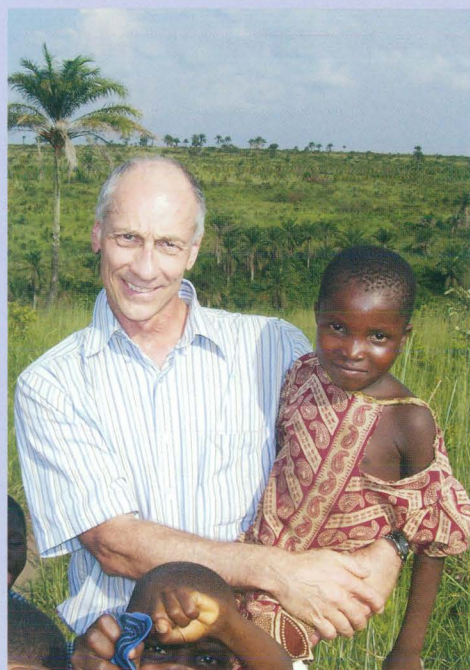
Biuma

His Dad arrived in rags and carried him like a baby, but he was seven years old and weighed less than seven kg (15 lb). He could no longer sit or stand as all muscles had gone. Every bone outline was visible. His legs were swollen with oedema, and his face was anxious, almost angry. His father had a long story of betrayal, grinding poverty and the loss of all his possessions when his hut burned down. Both father and son were at the end of their ropes.

We set ourselves to help them with the prayer that they might live and prosper. Within one week, Biuma could sit, stand, and slowly walk a short distance. What a triumph! After 11 days, he had lost all his oedema and still weighed 7.8 kg (17 lb). Within three weeks he was up to 9.6 kg (21 lb) and had started to play.

Six months after his arrival he has reached 13.4 kg (30 lb). He is still around the area because his father now works for us as a maintenance man. He also orients newcomers to our community. Biuma has become living proof to newcomers of what is possible. Next year he wants to go to school. ■

Cécile DeSweemer is a consultant for Butoke in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Réal Lavergne, a CIDA officer who does volunteer work for Butoke, visited the Centre recently and took photos while he was there. He shared the following lines in an email:

"The few days I spent with the children of Butoke's Nutrition Centre were among the most memorable of my life. I had a digital camera with me, along with a laptop, so I could take pictures and share them almost instantly with the children, who liked nothing better than to have their pictures taken. What a joy those children were to be with! At one point, we brought a number of the mothers in with their children, one at a time, to tell their stories. Cécile and Jean explained to me that by the time a child starts to ask for food actively, she or he is well on the road to recovery; Kabeya was one of those, and when we brought him in with his mother, he refused to leave unless we gave him some bread first!

What struck me as remarkable about Butoke's work—aside from the tremendous dedication and competence of all concerned—is the way that they are combining ways of helping those who are in immediate need with longer term development efforts. The situation is an extremely difficult one, and Butoke staff are under constant pressure to minister to the neediest. However, they are also pursuing longer-term efforts to help small farmers to expand and diversify their crops, to change nutritional habits and beliefs, and to help people to organize themselves. There is much to be done, and a lot of tough choices to make, due to the overall scarcity of resources."

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FACEBOOK

IF YOU AREN'T PART OF THE SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE FACEBOOK, you are quickly becoming a technological relic. In fact, since January of this year, 150 000 new users have signed up on Facebook every day! And Canadians have been among the most avid, active users of the site—second only to the Americans who brought it to us. With more than 5 000 000 active users (defined as people who've logged in to the system within the past 30 days), approximately 15% of our national population are Facebookers. And half of that number logs in every single day.

S OUR FUTURE



So just what is this phenomenon that has so many of us glued to our computer keyboards? Simply stated, Facebook is an online community—or a way to experience your community online. Everyone has friends or family whom they do not get to see as often as they'd like for some reason. With Facebook, users can stay in touch with those individuals, sharing the important events of their lives—or the minutiae—as they see fit. Or they can make new friends by joining groups or joining in discussion threads. They share photos and videos and write emails. By adding any of the 200+ applications, they can dedicate songs, instant message, send virtual gifts, share calendars, make (or take) quizzes, poke (tickle, hug, defencstrate, etc.) people, and even throw virtual food at each other!

You're thinking, "So? Why do I want to waste my time on a frivolous thing like that?" Well, any moral and ethical thing that has the rapt attention of 15% of our population is a thing that, as Christians, we can't afford to ignore. Our pioneers have never been backward about utilizing emerging technologies to spread the gospel, but more recently we've stalled the innovative spirit and relied upon one or two tired strategies for our evangelism. Yes, we've offered up a myriad of excuses; Facebook makes them all obsolete. It is free. It couldn't be simpler to use. It is populated with people seeking community. It is crying out for Christian content. And some of our brothers and sisters are already answering the call.

Aaron Ayow's P.U.S.H.y Prayer Group

Seventeen-year-old Aaron Ayow is one such visionary. A fairly typical teenager, Aaron hangs out with his friends, takes a keen interest in the newest and coolest technological gadgets, and performs pretty decently in school where sciences are his preferred subjects. His plans for after high school (he just started grade 12) include moving to Texas or Australia and studying psychology. "Most of my friends ask me for help and want me to listen to their problems," he laughs.

Like many Facebook users, Aaron signed up on the site because he received multiple email invitations. He used it for a while, and then got inspired to make it a tool for rebuilding something that was missing in his life. "I wasn't going to church for a while," he says quietly. "So I was sitting at home on Saturday and I looked down at my bracelet..." He gestures to the vivid plastic band around his wrist stamped with the letters P-U-S-H. "And I said to myself 'I need to get reconnected with God.' And I said 'I like this P.U.S.H. idea—praying until there were results—so maybe I should make it into a group and share it with other people. And hopefully they'll get reconnected with God, too.'"



Aaron Ayow is one of the few Canadian Adventists using Facebook to share his faith.

[P.U.S.H.]—Pray Until Something Happens is a place where anyone can enter a prayer request and know that people will join in praying for that concern until...well, until something happens. It is hoped that those users will come back in the future and leave a message telling about the answers they received and how God moved in that situation. Some already have shared their stories of answered prayers on the site, stories that encourage other pray-ers to keep going in faith and hope.

It's a formula that seems to be working for many. At the time of writing, P.U.S.H. has 669 members. They come from different religious backgrounds and from no religious background at all. They come from Canada and the U.S. and from as far away as Australia and Africa. They come with concerns for themselves, for loved ones, and for people they've never even met—about their physical health, their spiritual health, about jobs and the lack of jobs. They care for their countries and for the whole planet. And they unite in the group to pray.

Other Adventist Groups

Aaron's P.U.S.H. group is really something that we should be proud of, but it is not alone in taking Christianity, even specifically Adventism, to the masses on Facebook. *Insight*, the Church's long-running youth magazine, has a group as does *Guide*. But individuals, not organizations, are the force behind most groups. Katie Crews of Vancouver, B.C. and Olivia Toumazos-Smith of North Sydney, N.S. are co-administrators of the group Random Acts of Kindness which has 291 members encouraged to do specific tasks weekly. Sharon Murphy, formerly of Bayside, N.S. but now residing in Ireland, created a

group simply called Canadian Seventh-day Adventists so Church members from this country could have a place to simply chat and get acquainted. And others have started groups relating to almost every organization that is meaningful to us—favourite campmeeting grounds, elementary and high schools, CUC, etc.

An interesting use of Facebook's group feature is as a sort of extended church bulletin board. Pastor Cam Page started such a group for his congregation at the New Life church in Oshawa. During the week, members may pop in to ask a question (or answer one!), see what events are coming up, or just see what their friends are doing between Sabbaths. It is just one more way to keep in touch and build community.

What it Could Mean for our Church

And that is what Facebook is all about. Come to think of it, isn't that kind of what evangelism is all about, too? Building community, that is. We claim to be active in building communities of believers to the glory of God. But we've spent a lot of time waiting for those who want to be included to come to us, to our meetings in churches and rented auditoriums. But those who want and need to be included in Christ's community are already assembled together, on Facebook and other such sites, a waiting audience. It takes so little to reach them, but we sit in our pews and wait.

When, as a Church, we have gone out to find unbelievers, we've gone far afield to build churches and conduct Vacation Bible Schools on mission trips and outings. It is only now starting to slowly, and I do mean sllloooooowwwly, occur to us that the internet is the largest mission field we could hope to find, and it is totally and completely unexplored. The darkest of the so-called "dark regions." Where are the Bible workers who will go there? Where is the administrative support—the funding—to pay these front line pastors?

It's been almost two years since economist and commentator Thomas Friedman analyzed globalization in the light of emerging technologies and declared in his book title that *The World is Flat*. The internet has become the great leveller, allowing users to simultaneously upload questions and download answers with little more than the click of a keyboard key. If we are not there to share Him who is the Answer to all our questions, we have no one to blame but ourselves when so many of our planet go off track. ■

Crystal Holloway, editor, is passionate about communication of all kinds and fascinated by the opportunities afforded by Facebook, in particular.

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Type: Common Interest-Religion & Spirituality



Seventh-day Adventists

Size: 5,412 Members
Type: Common Interest-Religion & Spirituality



"Oh We Are the Pathfinders Strong ..."

Size: 360 Members
Type: Organizations-Community Organizations



SDAs on Facebook

Size: 2,316 Members
Type: Common Interest-Religion & Spirituality



Random Acts of Kindness

Size: 291 Members
Type: Just for Fun-Totally Random



Canadian University College

Size: 450 Members
Type: Student Groups-General



New Lifers

Size: 21 Members
Type: OrganizationsReligious Organizations

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The fireworks show at the Alumni Centennial Homecoming Weekend closed out CUC's first century and welcomed in a new beginning.

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS



Graduates from CUC's Centennial year

Did you watch any recordings of the celebrations as the world recognized the start of the 21st century? Midnight was approached with some trepidation. Would the millennium bug strike causing multiple catastrophes as computers crashed? The hype had been high; in reality none of the dire warnings became realities. Instead, the world swung into high celebratory mode, and parties and fireworks defined that moment more than anything else.

Most of us revel in beginnings. Yes, there is some anxiety, but usually anticipation, hope, and possibilities far outweigh our fears. Ironically, endings also can be positive. There is closure, an opportunity to look back, remember, understand, and learn. This is the chance to leave what “could have been” behind and focus on “what may be.”

As I write this article, Canadian University College is posed for several new beginnings: the arrival of new students; the start of a new year; the start, in fact, of a new one hundred years! Our centenary celebrations in June 2007 were a great ending. We reflected, we remembered, we celebrated how God had led and His many blessings on the individuals who are the heritage of this campus. Now we look to the excitement of multiple beginnings!

Have you noticed how God also likes new beginnings? You only have to turn the pages of the gospels to see the pattern of Jesus’ ministry. Nicodemus: it is time to be born again. The woman of Samaria: it is time to move beyond the life she had lived and be a witness. The woman caught in adultery: she is not condemned and is to go and sin no more. The disciples: time to leave their fishing nets and have a new beginning with Christ. Peter: time to move past his heartbreaking denial and be the leader of the church in Acts.

Jesus also recognized the power of endings. His total ministry was focused on preparing his disciples for the ending of that ministry for He knew that it was only from a distance that they and the entire early church would be able to understand. Jesus’ teachings, miracles, and reproofs all were preparing the disciples for a very difficult and joyous ending—a cruel crucifixion and a glorious resurrection and ascension. Now the disciples were ready for their new beginning—leaders of the newly established Christian Church. What a powerful beginning it proved to be!

What has this to do with CUC as it starts its 2007-08 academic year, its 101st year? We have celebrated; we have remembered; we have tried to listen and learn. Now we look ahead to what may be. Our hopes include new buildings and a renewed campus, new opportunities for young people to gain an education and commit to service through increased program offerings, a broader scholarship base, more options for involvement in mission and service—and much more. We want to be a campus that “wows” the local community and the church community, not because of excellence (although we do plan to be known for that) but because we are a Christian community of committed educators who are vibrant because of our faith, purposeful because we are convinced of God’s leading, and inviting because we want to share our countless blessings with others. ■

Dr. Andrea Luxton is the President of Canadian University College.



Fun Fest '07

Join us for Fun Fest 2007 presented by Canadian University College, Parkview Adventist Academy and the Alumni Association. Festivities take place on November 23–26, 2007. Enjoy a weekend filled with uplifting worship and sporting events. Tournaments scheduled for Fun Fest '07 include, men’s hockey, women’s hockey, old timer’s hockey, and soccer. To register for a sports tournament, contact Jennifer at 1.800.661.8129 ext. 8 or email at alumni@auc.ca.



2006 soccer tournament champions

>> Watch this space! CUC is announcing its intention to enter this new beginning, in a reversal of the words of T.S. Eliot with a “bang,” not a “whimper.”

British Columbia



The Aviss family of Aldergrove, the recipients of this year's home repair project.



Some of AOK's volunteers gather to welcome the Aviss family back home.

AOK Extreme Home Repair

This year launched the fourth annual Aldergrove-AOK extreme home repair project. The recipients this year were the Aviss family of Aldergrove Mobile Park.

Following much planning and decision making, the hands-on work began on May 18 and finished May 27. During the week, the furnace that gave out three years ago was replaced, windows that were causing water leakage were replaced, a leaky roof was resealed, the bathroom was gutted and redone, new flooring was installed throughout, the whole house was dry-walled and repainted, and a top-of-the-line air conditioning system was installed. The three children's rooms were completely redone with very specific themes that catered to the children's interests. All the bedrooms, including the parents', received new beds and little extras. New furniture, a dishwasher, a stove, and refinished cabinetry furnished the newly transformed home. Mikasa donated \$600 of dinnerware and a "welcome home" cake for the family and volunteers. The outside of the home was transformed by newly-laid sod and a gorgeous playground for the kids. In all, the cost of this extreme home repair was \$46,000 of which AOK paid \$15,000 and is grateful to 38 local businesses and ADRA who covered the remaining costs. Without these partnerships, this makeover could not have become a reality.

On the last day, a cheering group of volunteers welcomed the Aviss family back as they returned from spending four relaxing days at Whistler. ■

Trail CHIPpers

Trail church members held their third CHIP program this spring with results that saw a fourfold increase from their previous two efforts. Sixteen enthusiastic people attended the four week course and celebrated their renewed good health at awards night. Fifteen of the 16 participants dropped their total cholesterol by an average of 13%. One person had a 30% drop and another a 28% drop. Weight loss throughout averaged between 3.2-4.5 kg (7-10 lbs), the highest being 10 kgs (23 lbs). The average blood pressure also dropped. Collectively, the group walked about 2575 km (1600 miles).

By God's blessing, this year's successful program was recommended by an area physician, Dr. Blair Stanley, who had attended a church vegetarian cooking class and reviewed the CHIP program. "I'm telling my patients to take this," he said. He was impressed by the amount of evidence from scientists, physicians, and nutritionists to back up the program. He was also impressed that it was not



A few of the Trail CHIPpers taking in one of this year's meetings.

profit oriented. The program was also given front page coverage by the local newspaper.

Volunteers are planning for another CHIP in the fall. Seats are expected to fill quickly given the recommendations

from this year's graduates and other doctors who are getting on board. Your prayers for the efforts in Trail will be appreciated. ■

Manitoba - Saskatchewan

New Organ Dedicated at Henderson Hwy SDA Church in Winnipeg

After fund raising since 2000, our church was finally able to replace its very old Baldwin organ in March, 2005. Organist and music professor Dr. Wendy Markosky from CUC played a wonderful inaugural recital on Sep. 18, 2005, to an audience of 120 local SDAs and others from the community. When our fund-raising goal of \$58,000 was finally reached in 2007, we dedicated our new instrument during the church service led by Pastor Jeff Potts on Feb. 3, 2007. A dedication concert was held later the same Sabbath. Music was performed on organ, piano and voice



Rex Sokolies, head organist at Henderson Highway church, with other church musicians who will appreciate the impressive new organ.

by some of our church's own musicians: Rex Sokolies, Gaetano Stellacci, Bret Dobbin, Chiara Stellacci and tenor

Durant George.

Henderson Highway is an active, multi-ethnic congregation with many ministries and several recent church plants in Winnipeg. We have had a church choir for many years and more recently added a handbell choir. Our past organists have included Georgia Neithercut, Donna Rose, Rose Kwon, Shirley Freed, Anne Wall, Robert Ramsay and currently, Susan Burnett, Bret Dobbin and Rex Sokolies.

Our congregation sings more lustily now accompanied by this instrument that is a joy to play and hear. We praise and thank God for this musical blessing. ■

Ontario

Series Brings 21 to Christ

After weeks of giving Bible studies, distributing handbills and praying, Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church went into full evangelistic series mode with the "Words of Life: God's Answers for an Anxious World" series that took place from May 26 to June 16, 2007.

During the three-week series, Kingsview Village's associate pastor, Mathew Feeley, poured out his heart to the congregation. In a message titled "The Gospel According to Mathew," Pastor Feeley opened up about his rebellious past, which included many self-destructive habits, and how the saving grace of Jesus Christ transformed his life. After the sermon, he pleaded with others to follow his example and

surrender to God.

For five nights each week, along with day-time Sabbath services, Pastor Feeley presented messages that revealed new truths to visitors, while giving members a fresh perspective on well-known biblical doctrines. In addition to the sermons, there were interactive quizzes, special gifts and prizes, and beautiful songs performed by singing evangelist, Pretha Radlein.

On the Sabbaths of June 9 and 16, the church saw the results of the Lord's work as 21 people signified their com-



Pastor Matthew Feeley who led the successful series, with Pretha Radlein, musical guest.

mitment to Jesus Christ through baptism. The Kingsview Village pastoral team is eagerly following up with others who would like to learn more about the Bible after attending this evangelistic series. ■

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

College Woodwork Hires New COO



After a comprehensive and thoughtful search, the Kingsway College Board of Trustees has hired Roland Kielbasiewicz as the Chief Operating Office for College Woodwork. Roland is a Kingsway alumnus, having graduated in 1986. A local boy who grew up in Mitchells Corner close to campus, Roland has had an entrepreneurial spirit since childhood, running various businesses and consulting since his days at Kingsway. He also currently owns a sports store franchise. Roland holds a BBA degree from Andrews University.

Roland takes over the reins of College Woodwork from George Sittlinger, who has expertly managed the business for

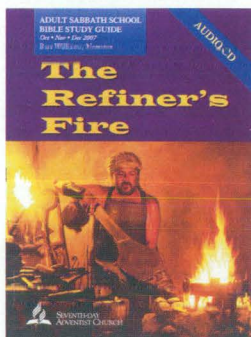
the past twelve years and helped steer the company through the major challenges brought on by the advent of a global economy.

Roland is married to Jackie (Kemperle), also a KC alumnus. Outside of work hours, they enjoy winter sports like skiing and snowmobiling, as well as mountain biking. He and Jackie have just welcomed their first child into the world this summer. Congratulations!

Welcome aboard, Roland! We wish you the best as you bring your special blend of vision, experience, and entrepreneurship to the management of College Woodwork and its partnership with Kingsway. ■

North American Division

Sabbath School Quarterly Now Available on Audio CD



Pacific Press Publishing and Christian Record Services for the Blind have partnered to make the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide available on audio compact disc. "In today's fast-paced society, where so many people listen to books on CD and download podcasts, it is important to make the Sabbath School lesson more accessible," says Warren Riter, director of periodicals at Pacific Press®. Now church members can study the weekly Sabbath School lesson in the car while commuting to work or while working out at the gym or even while cleaning the house.

The audio version of the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide,

narrated by Bert Williams (an editor at Christian Record Services) will be available on CD beginning with the fourth quarter of the 2007 curriculum. It will include five discs per quarter that follow the weekly Sabbath School lesson. Each lesson will be approximately 4 minutes long and will include Bible texts from the New King James Bible.

The audio version of the Adult Sabbath Study Guide will be available through your local Adventist Book Center® or online at www.AdventistBookCenter.com. For more information, email Warren Riter at warrit@pacificpress.com. ■

Q&A

Why is the news in the *Messenger* always so old? And why are the deadlines two months ahead of the printing date?

To get this magazine to your home, we rely upon Canada Post. They take two or three weeks to deliver coast to coast. (We check; it's closer to three.) Our printer, Maracle Press, is extremely good to us, but they ask for two weeks to do their thing and we still hope to give them that sometime! That leaves us just three weeks to gather material (including announcements and ads), read, edit, fact check, design pages, find illustrations, clean up photos, choose colours and cover art, and package the job for the press. Now, with only two of us—yes, that's right I said only two of us—to do all of that, we really can't do it any faster.

Something that adds to the problem of old news is that submitters tend to wait until time has passed after an event to write a story and send it in. Add our production time to that delay, and you wind up with April's news in September's issue!

Keep in mind that a monthly magazine will never be able to provide breaking news; it helps us to think of what we print as 'reports' rather than 'news.' You might want to try that.

As a publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, the *Messenger* answers to you, the members. If you have questions or suggestions, please send them to us at cholloway@sdacc.org



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CHER International Canada

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting for CHER International Canada will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007 at Kingsway Pioneer Homes located at 1250 King St. E., Oshawa, Ont. The meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. and will include a complimentary dinner as well as a presentation by a guest speaker.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers and board members for the coming year, to appoint an auditor, to consider possible changes to the constitution and by-laws, and to transact any other business that may properly come before the Board. All members (sponsors or general donors) are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling 905/434-7474 or 888/520-7474.

■ Births

Richmond Joseph Rooney Berard was born Jan. 12, 2006 in St. Albert, Alta. to Aaron and Julie (Rooney) Berard.

■ Weddings

Tina Astleford and **Ken Cooke** were married on July 7, 2007 in Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C. and are making their home in Langley, B.C.

■ Anniversaries

Leslie and **Juanita Neal** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5, 2007 in Vernon, B.C. The occasion was celebrated by family and friends at a reception hosted by the Neal's four children at the Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Neals have served in various ministerial and educational capacities from 1961-2001, working in three states and three provinces. They are now retired and living in Vernon.

Darol and **Phyllis (O'Lennick) Rick**, of Hope B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11, 2007. Darol was the B.C. Conference Transportation Director for more than 30 years after a long career as a logging contractor in Northern B.C. Darol and Phyllis were perhaps better known throughout B.C. as being synonymous with the ABC Bookmobile. Since retirement they have been helping with local church activities and ministry. Darol also



has taken on the responsibility for Hope Channel/3ABN satellite installations in the lower mainland area. The Ricks have two daughters: Sherry (Arlen) Davis, and Bonnie (Patrick) Anderson. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

■ Obituaries

Gloria (Goertzen) Benjamin was born Dec. 28, 1946 in Saskatoon, Sask. and died July 8, 2007 in Regina, Sask. She was predeceased by her husband, Les. Surviving: son Martin Belanger of Florida; stepsons Jim Benjamin of Edmonton, Alta., and Mike (Crystal) Benjamin of Regina; daughters Cathy (David) Pockett of Warman, Sask., and Serina (Kirby) Mullett of Surrey, B.C.; stepdaughter Carmen Benjamin of New Westminster, B.C.; brother David Butterfield of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Doreen Alberta (Brown) Garner was born Mar. 9, 1928 in Iron Springs, Alta. and died May 3, 2007 in Penticton, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel. Doreen faithfully served her church for many years as church treasurer for the Trail Adventist church. Surviving: sons Neil (Carol) of Lacombe, Alta. and Alan of Penticton, B.C.; daughters Gail (Victor) Bell of Vernon, B.C., and Colleen (Don) Ashe of Penticton; brother Gerald Brown of Lethbridge, Alta.; sister Joyce West of Calgary, Alta.; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

James Franklin Hirschhorn was born Oct. 29, 1934 in Armstrong, B.C. and died July 1, 2007 in Didsbury, Alta. Jim worked for 36 years in Adventist education, and two years and many summers at the Adventist Book Centre—including work at Hope campmeeting and Adventist camps. He also served his church as an elder, a Sabbath School teacher, and by volunteering many hours for ADRA, school and various community services. Jim faithfully contributed to the Voice of Prophecy,

worthy student funds, REACH, and other church missions. Surviving: wife Dolores (Goertzen); daughters Gaylene (Miguel) Molina of Glendale, Calif., Anita Johnson of Saskatoon, Sask., Lori-Jeanne Wigley of Milton-Freewater of Oregon, and Maureen (Kevin) Hoffman of Didsbury; brother LeRoy (Georgia) Hirschhorn; sisters Patricia (John) Tataryn, Beverly Gramms, and Rita Hirschhorn; and six grandchildren.

Orville Stanley Matthews died Apr. 21, 2007 in Belleville, Ont. in his 95th year. Orville was a lay pastor with the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church for over 50 years. He was predeceased by his wife Sylvia, daughter Viobelle Jeanne Matthews, brothers Eardley and Carleton Matthews, and sister Marjorie Juriansz. Surviving: sons Wilmer (Fay) of Barry's Bay, Ont., and Robert (Penny) of Bloomington, Ill.; brother Neville Matthews of Oshawa, Ont.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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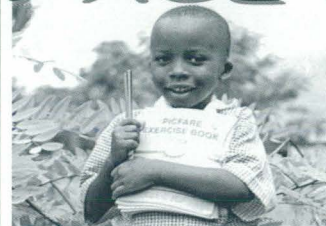



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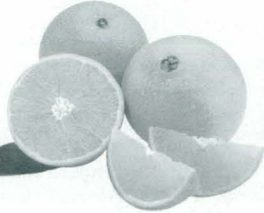
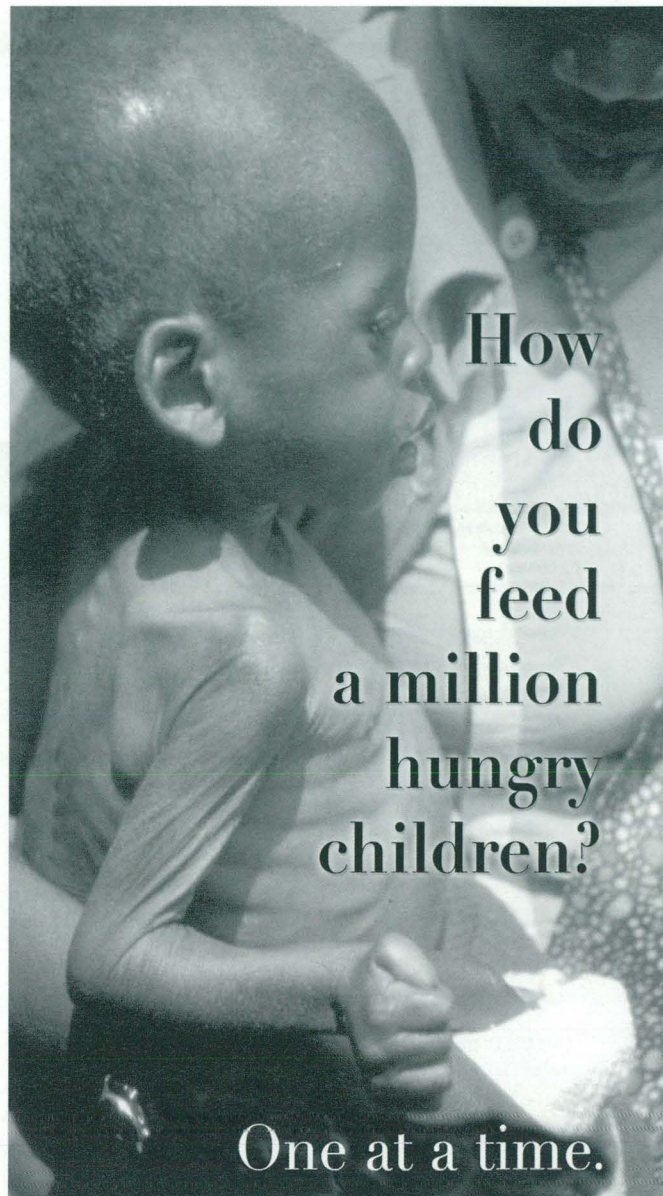
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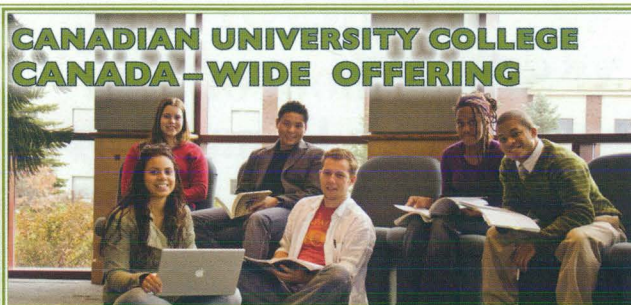
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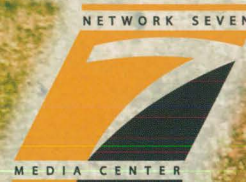


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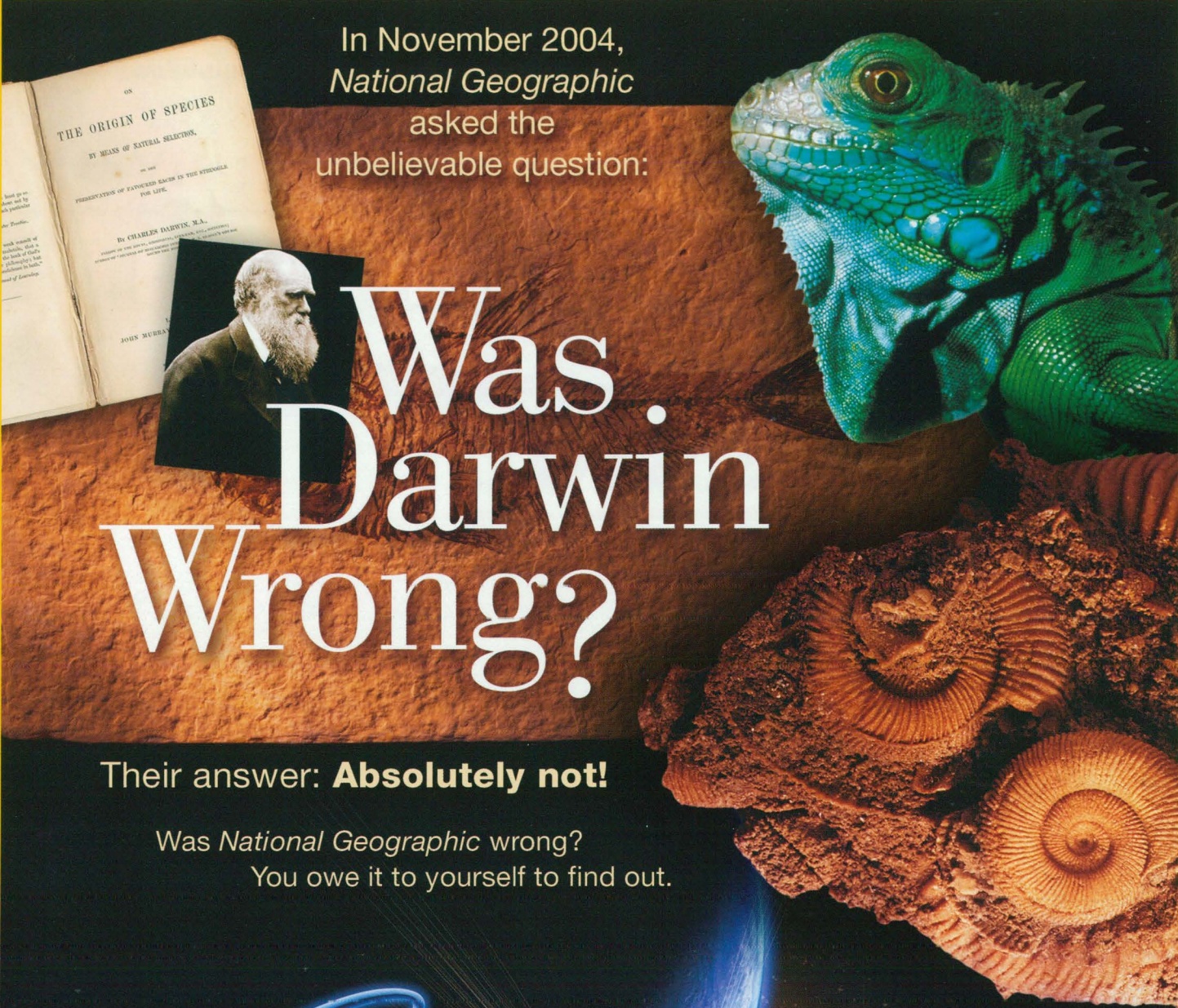
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You've got stuff on Your
Mind
(please?)

I can't stand listening to You
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Melting and oozing
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I would say 'glory'
But my tongue fell
out about 20
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You got
here.

I can't touch You
(I don't want to)
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