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Bad Words

"You brood of vipers! How can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." Matt. 12:34

In one of my more daring parenting moves, I long ago chose to teach my children that there is no such thing as a bad word. My friends and family do sometimes gape at me when I boast of that philosophy, but I stand by it nonetheless. Words are, of course, merely combinations of letters and have no power on their own, I reason. It is the way we use them that makes words good or bad. To put it more succinctly: words don't hurt people, people hurt people.

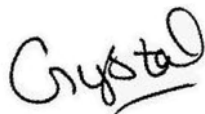
I have always liked Proverbs 25 verse 11: "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold settings of silver." I suppose I was first drawn to it simply because it speaks to the communicator in me of the beauty and value of words, but I keep coming back to it because I draw from it a lesson on the importance of matching words with their intended meaning.

To be "apt," according to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary, is to be appropriate and suitable, fitting. Notice that in this verse we are not advised, as I've heard many argue, to make our words beautiful. No, we are simply given a truism that focusses on meaning. We are told that by speaking that which we truly intend, by being authentic, our words, no matter what they are, are beautiful.

"But how can that be true?" we inwardly object. There are words that are just ugly. Curses. Slurs. Profanity. And I agree. There are words that make even me cringe and shudder when I hear them in use. When I reflect a while, however, I realize I am not objecting to the words spoken but to the attitude they convey.

By shunning particular words as a society, we've made it easy to pretend our biases and emotions away. For instance, there are many who would never dream of uttering the "n" word who are every bit as racist as those who dare to use it in its most demeaning way every day. There are those who would never say the "f" word but who are as angry and bitter as those whose every other word is an f-bomb.

I'm not saying that racists should begin using derogatory epithets nor angry people explosive curses, but I am advocating—not for the first time!—for authenticity in our communication. We need to quit hiding our bad attitudes behind "good" words simply because that is what society demands. We need instead, to address the real problem. If the words that come from our mouths are shocking, perhaps its our heart that needs to be examined, not our vocabulary. ■



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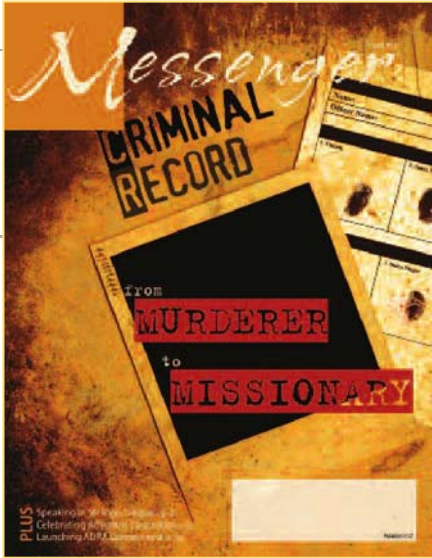
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Your Words

“... I still love and trust Jesus. But our church has become so irrelevant!”

RE: “The Word Was God,” editorial, Jan-Feb 2011

Congratulations for extolling the principle of humility in the January-February issue of the *Messenger*. I agree that it is one of the principle principles for a Christian to practice.

I look forward, through the *Messenger*, to hear what is happening in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

— G. Unger, Nampa, Idaho
[editor's response: LOL... "principle principles"... I hear you. Thanks for helping us make light of my favourite typo to date.]

RE: “Speaking in Strange Tongues,” editorial, March 2011

Wow. Yeah. Wow! Just read your “Speaking in Strange ‘Tongues’” editorial in the March *Messenger*. So very well put... and so very needed. Thanks, Crystal

— S. Vistaunet, asst. to the president/editor, Gleaner, via email

I read your editorial, and it saddened me. I felt frustration come back to me that our church is dying a not-so-slow death. Yes, we claim great advances in Asia and Africa, yet I watch as two come into our local church and four leave. We sit in board meetings and question each other and pray about what can be done. We split the church due to an unwillingness to see that we all have different needs and

... respond to Him in different ways. We sit in more meetings and question each other and pray asking Jesus, “What can we do?” “Evangelism! It worked before; let’s do it again! That will bring them in!” Two come in. Four more leave.

We have more meetings. “Why are they leaving?” And then I left.

I joined the church when I was 28. I am now 55. In that time, I have been a Sabbath school teacher for the youth (back when we had some.) I was an adult class facilitator, a deacon, an elder, the head elder, etc. I loved my church. For years, I questioned why they were all leaving faster than they are coming in. I sat in meetings and prayed and questioned. I should have asked those who had left. I will bet that, like me, they would have said that they just didn’t fit any more.

It has been more than a year since I’ve been in church, and the sad thing is that I don’t miss it. Don’t get me wrong: I still love and trust Jesus. But our church has become so irrelevant! Sooner or later someone better notice that change is the only way this church will survive.

— D. Ashe, via email

I have never written to the editor of *Messenger* before and perhaps never will again. Now, having unloaded that, I wish to let you know that during your tenure I have begun reading pretty well everything, including the editorial....For me at least,

much like the *Messenger* has been doing for some time now, the article “Speaking in Strange ‘Tongues’” had depth, provoked thought, and managed to hold my interest. I’m not sure what this might mean for you, since I am of the 70+ generation and therefore probably not symbolic of your mainstream readers.

Now, if I were to translate the above for you, Crystal, it simply says: “I, for one, appreciate the work you are doing, and I hope to continue the privilege of enjoying this quality output for the foreseeable future.”

— B. Lehmann, pastor, P.E.I.

Keep ‘em comin’!!

At the *Messenger*, we feel like it is our job to get Canadian Adventists talking about topics that are important to all of us. Judging by the recent lack of letters, we haven’t been doing our jobs!

Please let us hear from you about what you like and what you don’t like. Don’t let the “letters” page fade away! Send comments to *Messenger*, 1148 King St. E., Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8 or steeves.crystal@adventist.ca

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It's *aLL* ABOUT JESUS



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



I can't recall whether I was taken aback or whether I simply took it in stride. A visiting member from south of the border approached me after the service to thank me for the message. With a firm handshake, he expressed how it had been quite some time since he had heard "a good, old Seventh-day Adventist sermon." I suspect he approved of the message, but I can't be one hundred percent sure. It did, however, leave me wondering about just what exactly he had been listening to over the years.

It brings me back a few decades, I must say, when Janice and I were first introduced to the Advent message. Striking gold in the Yukon would not have compared to this! Those were exciting days! We felt as though we had fallen upon the best-kept secret in the entire universe! Believe me; we've had no desire to look back.

Now, they say that confession is good for the soul, so allow me to bare mine just a wee bit. I am guilty of preaching my share of generic messages. You know the type—sermons that could have been heard in just about any good, Christian congregation anywhere around the world. Please don't get me wrong: there is plenty of room for dissertations on the subject of love, forgiveness, faith, mercy, etc. All one has to do is read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to be reminded that these are vital components of the gospel.

So, what is it that you and I have been called of God to preach? In other words, when we're called upon to share from the pulpit, to our neighbours on our front lawns, to our coworkers in the workplace and to our classmates at school, what unique contribution have we been commissioned to share with every nation, kindred, tongue and people? Some astute readers will probably have caught on to the meaning of those last few words—nation, kindred, tongue and people. If you're familiar with our particular message, you'll know that phrase comes from Revelation, chapter 14.

Just recently, a prominent individual from the North American Division asked me what I wanted to see happen in the Maritime provinces in the next four years. This gentleman is heavy into strategic planning and quite familiar with the old adage "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." I have to admit, this kind of spontaneous challenge tends to make me draw a blank. But after thinking awhile, I told him what I thought was the sincere burden of my heart: More than anything else, I would love for our people to recapture the Three Angels' Messages in the context of righteousness by faith. I can't imagine any other purpose for our existence as a denomination than to proclaim Jesus' incredible love for humankind via the distinct message we have been given.

The intent of the message, you might say, is multifaceted. First of all, it's a message of salvation. "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. . . . and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:35–37, KJV) Second, it is a serious warning for what lies ahead and a call to prepare for what will obviously be the greatest event in our world's history. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12, KJV). And finally, it is a revelation of who God really is and what He is really like demonstrated by the lives we live, the words we speak, and the manner in which we treat people. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:7, 8, KJV).

I don't know about you, but the events that are happening in places like Haiti, the uprisings in the Middle East and the disaster in Japan tell me that time is quickly running out. If ever Jesus needed to be introduced to our families and friends, now is that time. Will you join me in this awesome privilege and responsibility? It's all about Jesus. This is what our message is really all about. ■



John Fournier is the president of the Maritime conference.

Deploying Technology in the Battle Against Poverty

Did you know that approximately 925 million people will go to bed hungry tonight?

And that every day almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes? That's one child every five seconds!

Instead of merely talking about poverty, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is hard at work combatting its deadly effects on our society. The worldwide agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for humanitarian outreach, relief and development has been around since shortly after World War II, initially having operated under the name SAWS—Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Service and, later, Seventh-day Adventist World Service. James Astleford, Donor Relations director for ADRA Canada, tells me that in the early 1980s the Adventist church realized they needed to do more than just hand out “fish to the hungry”; they needed to be teaching people how to “fish so that they could feed themselves for a lifetime.” This concept led not only to a name change in 1984 but also to a philosophy change focussed on helping people beyond the immediate needs.

The ADRA mission is to “work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action.” In its day-to-day operations, ADRA Canada uses many types of technology to connect and share with people the needs of a world in poverty:

For the past 22 years, ADRA Canada has been sending out video presentations to every church in the Canadian union. Originally, these were sent out on VHS tapes, and currently are sent out on DVD, two to three times a year. These video presentations are an excellent tool for educating each congregation to the life-

changing stories of ADRA's development and relief efforts. Besides being available on DVD, the video presentations are also made available online through YouTube and the ADRA Canada website at www.adra.ca. Astleford tells me that ADRA Canada is working on integrating a dedicated video platform with their current website that will allow for HD content and an overall enhanced video viewing experience.

Also, in utilizing the technology of video, It is Written Canada recently aired three programs with interviews of Pastor Ronald Kuhn, executive director for ADRA Canada and Pastor James Astleford. And, to aid awareness of the work of ADRA Canada, a short video clip was regularly aired on CTV during the Japan disaster.

Alicia Sawyer, Donor Relations assistant for ADRA Canada, said that ADRA Canada is currently connecting with people through the online technology of social media including Facebook (ADRA Canada) and Twitter (@adra canada). “Social media are great ways to get immediate information and inspirational stories out to people,” says Alicia, who is hoping for many new connections to build a greater awareness of ADRA Canada.

ADRA Canada's eNews (email newsletter) generates many responses from the approximately 6,000 subscribers. James Astleford says, “people are quick to respond to requests for immediate financial aid from the eNews stories relating to current disasters such as the Japan earthquake.” A growing number of ADRA Canada's supporters are now



donating online rather than through their local church. (Provided donors identify their membership, such contributions still count toward the local church goal.)

As ADRA Canada continues to stay on the cutting edge of technology, it is currently exploring some exciting technological initiatives for the future. I am told that text donations may soon be an option and the idea of mobile apps is being explored for iPhone and Android devices.

For those who want to learn first-hand how ADRA Canada is transforming lives, ADRA Canada has launched a new initiative called ADRA Connections that Astleford describes as “putting Canadians in direct touch with the activities of ADRA Canada.” Elizabeth Horniachek, ADRA Connections coordinator, tells me that people are positive about the program and are very excited about getting “hands-on” with ADRA Canada.

I look forward to the day Jesus talked about in Revelation 7, “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore... and God will wipe every tear from their eyes” (NASB). Please continue to do your part in the battle against poverty so that Jesus can say, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40, NIV). Help ADRA Canada save lives. ■

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

“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.” Proverbs 6:6

Creation Corner **for** Kids

Wood Ant

Walking amongst the willows in the lowlands along a river one day, we came across an area that had many ant hills. The ant hills had all been ripped apart and the dirt scattered around. A bear had been foraging on the wood ants that built the mounds. Although small, ants are an important food source not only for pileated woodpeckers, but for bears, too.

There are almost 600 different species of ants in North America, including the wood ant. Many types of wood ants build large mounds where they live. A colony of ants is usually made up of one mother ant and all her children. If you watch for a while, you'll see that just like bees, ants are busy.

Think about it.

One thing to consider is that every ant is busy and responsible for some job. Ants' jobs include child care, housekeeping, building and repairs, food gathering and guarding. And although the mother ant is always present, she doesn't go around telling her children what to do all day. It seems that the ants are all of one mind and share the same goal—the health and happiness of all the ants in the colony. What would home be like if we each learned a lesson from the ants?

Do it!

Next time you see a job that needs doing at home, do it without being asked. Put the goals of the family ahead of your own (playtime, eating, being with friends) for a day and see how it affects your “colony.”



A Wood Ant's anthill



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The Long Road Home

CUC'S CHAPLAIN MAKES CAMPUS MINISTRIES A POSITIVE JOURNEY

CUC's chaplain, Paul Antunes, knows what it means to come a long way. As a young boy, he emigrated with his family from Portugal and witnessed his father's struggle with language and search for Bible truths. His father's reading of the Bible—four times through—and Henry Feyerabend's witness on *It Is Written* drew Paul's family out of whatever familiar comforts their Catholic Portuguese community in Richmond, B.C., afforded them and into the Abbotsford SDA church.

Like many immigrant children, Paul was quick to embrace things he believed would help him fit in. Being a gifted musician, the gregarious, energetic 11-year-old became an ardent devotee of rock and roll—until he heard Steve Green's "God and God Alone" on his walkman at age 14. That's when the really exciting journey began. At Mountain View Summer Camp in Hope, B.C., as a 17-year-old counselor, Paul turned his life over to God and decided to become a youth pastor.

At his parents' urging, Paul agreed to attend the Adventist college in Brazil for one semester to re-learn Portuguese, vowing that he would stay no longer and would never date a Brazilian. Five and a half years, two Christian music CDs in Portuguese (19,000+ sold) and hundreds of concerts later, Paul returned to Canada with his Brazilian bride, Raquel. He joined the Canadian *It Is Written* team and later served as a pastor before the chaplaincy door at CUC unexpectedly opened.

Paul loves helping young adults be bold in their faith. This past year, CUC students got involved in eight distinct ministries overseen by the Chaplain's Office. But "overseeing" doesn't mean "running" the ministries; student leaders shoulder direct responsibility for small groups, mission trips, prayer groups, Sabbath School, vespers, worships, and evangelism and service outreaches.

Paul often refers to John 15 and Jeremiah 29:12–14 as he encourages students like Liza Imanzi (story at right) to make God the centre of their lives. "The only way we can find out true purpose in life," he says, "is to seek the Lord with all our hearts.

"When you take that leap of faith," Paul explains, reflecting on his own journey, "that's when God throws open the windows." ■

In Brief

2011 CUC Graduates Celebrate Distinction as 20th Class to receive Accredited Degrees—More than 60 seniors crossed the commencement platform this May—the 20th class to collect CUC degrees recognized by the Alberta government and key academic accrediting bodies, such as the Private Colleges Accreditation Board. The graduates, who represent all 24 of CUC's accredited degree programs, join the nearly 1,000 graduates whose CUC degrees opened the doors to Canada's most highly regarded graduate schools, medical schools and other professional programs, as well as rewarding careers in the Church and the world at large. ■



To hear one of Paul's recorded songs in English or Portuguese, and for more on Campus Ministries opportunities from student directors, visit www.cauc.org

Big Changes

Liza Imanzi, Pre-Med, Montreal, Que.

There have been a lot of changes in Liza Imanzi's life. Coming from Rwanda to Montreal in 2007 with her family was just the beginning. Raised by loving Catholic parents who encouraged Liza's interest in reaching out to help people, Liza soon found the local hospital and brought her own brand of cheer to patients, chatting and listening to their stories as she had done in Rwanda. Then came her Adventist summer, spent with her Adventist aunt, which ended with Liza attending Greaves Adventist Academy.

"The Adventist teachings are more real and meaningful," reflects Liza, who began bringing her little sister to church and helping in the children's divisions. But while Liza liked what she heard, she was not attracted by what she perceived as a gap between teaching and practice. It wasn't until she attended a series of meetings that Liza realized that she needed to change her focus.

"My parents have always let us go our own way with church," says Liza. Her parents had always encouraged their children to follow what they believed was right, so when Liza told her mother she wanted to be baptized as an Adventist, she was surprised at the response.

"Do you want to be my child?" Liza's mother asked. "If you're baptized, you're pretty much finished here."

The choice was clear-cut. Liza knew that if she was to follow her conscience, she would need a supportive, like-minded community as she pursued her college education. Liza was baptized at the CUC church at the February 11, 2011, vespers by Chaplain Paul Antunes.

"I can laugh at myself," Liza smiles, recalling how she scrutinized others' actions. "I check myself—to see what I'm becoming. I need to focus on God, not criticize and feel superior." CUC's Campus Ministries provides a way for her to keep focused on serving God and others through hospital visitation, which she discovered at Community Service Day, soon upon arriving at CUC. Liza wants to share her enthusiasm and hospital volunteer experience on two continents as a leader in the Sunshine Band ministry this coming year.

There will be a difficult conversation with her mother this summer, and Liza hopes for her parents' blessing, but the outcome is in God's hands. "By God's grace," Liza says, "I will continue my hobby [of hospital visitation] at CUC. I like to make people happy." ■



Campmeeting Schedule 2011

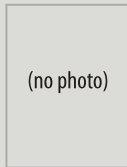
University representatives will also be at your local campmeeting. Stop by and see what's happening at CUC—Canada's Seventh-day Adventist University. Make sure to look for Proclaim, CUC's 2011 summer music ministry team.

May 27–29	Okanagan Regional Campmeeting, Kelowna, B.C.	Mark Haynal, president; Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement; Proclaim
May 27–29	Vancouver Island Campmeeting, Nanoose Bay, B.C.	Tennyson Samraj, faculty; Paul Antunes, chaplain
June 3–5	Northern B.C. Regional Campmeeting, Terrace, B.C.	Tennyson Samraj, faculty
June 11	Southern Ontario Campmeeting, Simcoe, ON	Proclaim
July 1–3	Manitoba/Saskatchewan Campmeeting, Theodore, SK	Mark Haynal, president; Proclaim
July 9	Ontario Campmeeting, Toronto, ON	Mark Haynal, president; Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement; Proclaim
July 15, 16	Alberta Campmeeting, Bowden, AB	Mark Haynal, president; Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement; Proclaim
July 17–19	Newfoundland Campmeeting, Woody Acres Camp, NL	Mark Haynal, president; Proclaim
July 20, 21	Quebec Campmeeting, La Chute, QC	Mark Haynal, president; Proclaim
July 22–25	Maritime Campmeeting, Pugwash, NS	Mark Haynal, president; Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement; Proclaim
July 28–30	British Columbia Campmeeting, Hope, B.C.	Mark Haynal, president; Jerrold Ritchey, VP for Advancement; Tennyson Samraj, Faculty; Proclaim

CAMPMEETING 2011



Revival for Mission **Quebec Campmeeting** July 15-23 at Camp Lachute, Lachute, Quebec



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All In! **Ontario Campmeeting**

July 9 at the International Centre, Mississauga, Ontario



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Remnant British Columbia Campmeeting

July 22 to July 30 at Camp Hope, Hope, British Columbia



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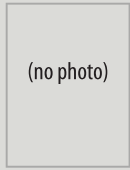
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Promise of the Father Manitoba/Saskatchewan Campmeeting

July 1 to July 9 at Camp Whitesand, Theodore, Saskatchewan



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Revive Us Again **Alberta Campmeeting**

July 8 to July 16 at Foothills Camp, Bowden, Alberta



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Reaching Out for Jesus **Maritime Campmeeting**

July 22 to July 30 at Camp Pugwash, Pugwash, Nova Scotia



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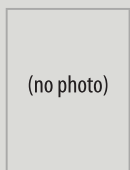
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Jesus is Still the Answer Filipino Campmeeting—Alberta

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SDA Church,
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Loma Linda
School of Nursing



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Pastor,
Filipino Canadian
SDA Church,
North York, Ontario

Young Enough to Serve Southern Ontario Regional Campmeeting

June 10-11 at Norfolk County Fairgrounds, Simcoe, Ontario



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What I Stand For Newfoundland Campmeeting

July 15 to July 23 at Camp Woody Acres, Southwest Pond, Newfoundland



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ADRA Canada



Rudy & Jeanie Davis
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Bayside Health
Center



Jamie Jorge
Concert Violinist



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Ministries



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JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

THE DISASTER

“I feel so happy because I am alive and I have a house to live in. There are so many people in harsher conditions. ADRA providing food, twice, even once a day, makes us feel so grateful and happy,” said a woman recovering at ADRA’s soup kitchen in Sendai, one of the earthquake-affected areas in Japan.



The Tohoku earthquake struck in the early afternoon on Friday, March 11, 2011. The devastating 9.0-magnitude earthquake produced scenes of horror along the country’s northeast coast. “The quake caused a rift 15 miles below the sea floor” and, according to reports, brought Japan a full 13 feet closer to Canada!¹ The quake (the fourth-largest recorded since 1900) was caused when the Pacific tectonic plate moved under the North American plate, causing Japan to sink downward by about two feet. “As Japan’s eastern coastline sunk, the tsunami’s waves rolled in.”² The destructive tsunami waves of up to 23 metres swept across eastern coastal regions and, in some cases, travelled up to 10 kilometres inland. Flames engulfed buildings after the quake. The tsunami also swept away numerous houses and left over 125,000 buildings damaged or destroyed. Many roads were damaged or destroyed.

As of the end of March, almost 30,000 people have been reported dead or missing. About a quarter of a million people have had to find refuge in evacuation centres, while thousands more struggled to remain in their homes without power, water or access to basic supplies. The capital city, Tokyo, was also affected. Throughout the region, gasoline and other fuels have been in short supply in the first days after the disaster.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan stated, “In the 65 years since the end of World War II, this is the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan.”³ With initial estimates placing the cost of the disaster at over \$300 billion, this is the world’s most expensive natural disaster on record.⁴

The increasing pressure from the threat of a nuclear leak has hampered relief efforts. The government has created an exclusion zone, and if this has to be expanded, pressure on relief efforts will increase.

There are more than 20 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the region, and they have survived. A junior academy is located about 100 kilometres south of the nuclear plant; however, all the students had gone home before the tsunami. A fallen roof and cracked walls will need major repairs. The academy’s church is also damaged.

1 Liz Goodwin, “Japan’s Earthquake Shifted Balance of the Planet,” Yahoo! News, March 14, 2011, http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_thelookout/20110314/ts_yblog_thelookout/japans-earthquake-shifted-balance-of-the-planet.

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4 Bo Zhang, “Top 5 Most Expensive Natural Disasters in History,” AccuWeather.com, March 30, 2011, www.accuweather.com/blogs/news/story/47459/top-5-most-expensive-natural-d.asp.



ADRA RESPONDS

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is often one of the first organizations to deliver relief work when disasters strike, including the deadly 2004 India Ocean tsunami, as well as earthquakes in Haiti and Chile last year. Even when ADRA is not amongst the very first responders, more importantly, it is engaged in relief efforts long after the news cameras have moved on.

Normally known as a donor or funding office in the ADRA network, ADRA Japan has a good relationship with the government. It is a member of Japan Platform (currently holding a membership of the board in this consortium), which has a high profile within Japan, composed of leading NGOs (non-government organizations) and government agencies. The government has invited ADRA Japan as the sole NGO representative on simulation activities with local authorities. Japan Platform has been appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the coordinating body for all international NGOs operating in the country. (Not all international NGOs have a mandate to respond to local disasters, and therefore have not been included in disaster preparedness activities within Japan.) A member of the ADRA Japan staff joined the first Civic Force assessment by helicopter over the

area. In the wake of the disaster, ADRA Japan's relief team immediately began conducting needs assessments while carrying out initial relief activities. The local government has asked ADRA Japan to collaborate in the relief and in the evacuation camps, and Japan Platform has already approached ADRA Japan to assist with the expenditure of the millions of dollars raised.⁵

Emergency workers in Japan report that the government disaster response is proceeding well and that most areas in need of assistance are being reached. Japan's sophisticated infrastructure has valiantly responded to the challenges. ADRA Japan is taking a sensitive and prudent response by coordinating its activities with the authorities.

ADRA Japan funds that were already available in-country covered the costs of the initial response. With the support of the Tokyo, Sendai and Fukushima Adventist churches, ADRA Japan staff members and volunteers have been assisting people in distress. ADRA Japan was given formal authorization to send personnel and vehicles into restricted zones. Supporters within Japan provided ADRA Japan with substantial funding immediately after the disaster, primarily through online giving and social media.

Examples of the immediate response

activities include

- providing shelter and accommodation to people in distress,
- providing meals and drinking water, and
- assisting with blankets, sanitary items and other necessities.

Almost 10,000 people were given assistance in the first few days.

ADRA Japan started a soup kitchen and is assisting with food distribution in Sendai. One lady in her 50s, referred to at the start of this article, fainted due to anemia while waiting in line for her food. Fortunately, the anemia was not too serious, and after being attended to, ADRA Japan helped her to rest and she then proceeded to her home. She lives alone. Although her daughter is in a nearby town, because of the lack of access to gasoline, she is unable to visit her mother. Her home survived the earthquake and tsunami with little damage. Electricity and water have been supplied; however, since gas has stopped, she is able to take a bath only once every four days.

Since the shortage of gasoline is so serious, people are unable to travel far to buy food and necessary supplies. Even if they reach nearby shops, they can only buy a few items after waiting several hours. With food stocks at home being exhausted, ADRA Japan's food distribution is a precious lifeline.

Aid supplies are gradually arriving in the affected areas, but there are still some places that lack supplies due to the fuel shortage and transportation challenges. ADRA Japan will continue to assist each one of the affected people arriving at the ADRA evacuation centres and provide assistance where possible.

THE WAY FORWARD

There has been a welcome financial response from ADRA donors and offices around the world. Supporters of ADRA Canada have sent in donations large and small, and \$100,000 have been raised (at the time of writing) for the ADRA Japan response. The size of this first phase of the network response is half a million dollars, so in effect, Canadian dollars are being matched 4:1 by the rest of the ADRA network! Depending on how

NEWS UPDATE

Another large quake, magnitude 7.1, frightened many people in eastern Japan during the night of April 7 and others continue to plague the country even now. Following the April 7 event, a tsunami alert was announced, and though it was midnight, many people ran. However, no significant tsunami was reported. The official report the next day announced four deaths, 140 people injured, and 2.6 million homes cut off from power. ADRA Japan confirmed that all of the Adventist churches in the region were undamaged. ADRA Japan staff and volunteers were safe as well.

The first phase of ADRA Japan's activities in Sendai are gradually closing down, and a second phase is beginning at Yamamoto, about 30 kilometres south of Sendai. ADRA Japan staffers have set up a base camp by the civic centre. Initial activities at this site include the provision of three meals per day for about 100 people.

the situation unfolds, ADRA Japan is looking at expanding the response to a second phase for another estimated \$2.5 million.

"Network financial support is vital," reports Chris Ishii, the ADRA Japan executive director. "But our ADRA staff and volunteers minister beyond finances. Some of the displaced people at one of our camps appeared very discouraged and depressed. ADRA volunteers got involved playing games with the displaced people, which resulted in a lot of laughter. This welcome activity did wonders for their morale!"

ADRA Japan, with the support from around the world, is endeavouring to

- support displaced people with basic needs until they can return to permanent housing,
- help community services return to full operation within the next two years, and

- help people regain satisfactory livelihoods and re-establish their independence with a strengthened resilience to future disasters.

The scale of the damage following the earthquake and tsunami was significant, and resulting humanitarian needs remain considerable. However, Japan is a highly developed country and has, in principle, resources as well as the ability to respond to humanitarian needs. Japan has a consolidated disaster management system for disaster response, although the system, clearly, has been dramatically stretched. While many needs have been identified with everything from school textbooks and food to housing and psychological counselling, the priorities shift on a daily basis. ADRA Japan's strategic and vigorous engagement with the various parties ensures that ADRA Japan acts in a most efficient and effective manner, practising good stewardship of the resources

entrusted to them.

In such a post-disaster environment, there are many risks. ADRA Japan has carefully analyzed social, technological, economic, ecological and political risks, and has put strategies in place to manage and minimize these. It is noteworthy that ADRA Japan is taking a broad view of its involvement, considering the impact of its decisions and activities not only on the agency in Japan but also on the worldwide ADRA network and Seventh-day Adventist Church.

ADRA Japan continues to move forward cautiously but with clear intent. This approach will doubtlessly ensure long-term stability for ADRA Japan and a continuing good relationship between the authorities and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. ■

James Astleford is the Donor Relations director for ADRA Canada



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British Columbia

Victoria Church and School Build Two Classrooms in Afghanistan



Lakeview Christian School (LCS) and the Victoria and Rest Haven Adventist churches came together towards a goal to build one classroom in Afghanistan and raised \$11,700—enough for two instead!

The Victoria Seventh-day Adventist Church (through their ADRA Committee and music depart-

ment) partnered with the Rest Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church music department to put on a fundraising concert on February 12, 2011, that raised \$8,700, with donations trickling in to bring the total to \$9,000. LCS raised \$2,700, for a combined total of \$11,700—enough to build two classrooms.

The event included a concert, silent auction, door prizes and a bake sale. The goal was to raise the funds necessary to build a classroom for girls in Afghanistan as part of ADRA Canada's 100 Classroom Project.

The 100 Classroom Project began in the summer of 2009, when Azalea Lehndorff was inspired to bring education to the girls of Afghanistan, who, for so long, were not permitted to attend school. Since then, A Better World and ADRA Canada have partnered to make this goal a reality.

Since May 2010 more than \$150,000 has been raised across Canada. There are 39 schools across Canada taking part in this effort, including an entire Catholic school district of 29 schools in Regina, that have come together to plan a joint walk/run event called Moving in Faith.

The students will continue their efforts although they have surpassed their goal. On May 1, Holli Rockerbie (librarian at LCS) and 11 others, including Agnes Oosterhof, a teacher at LCS, will walk the 10 kilometres for the Times Colonist 10K (TC10K) on May 1, 2011, to promote the 100 Classroom Project through their connection with Freedom Run 5000. Joy Vandenboer (also a teacher at LCS) will organize and prepare her students to run 1.5 kilometres at the May 1st event.

LCS Grades 1–4 are also collecting money for Pennies for Peace, which will provide pencils for the students at schools in Afghanistan, and have already raised over \$75.

In June 2011, the first two schools, a total of 16 classrooms, will be completed in Northern Afghanistan. Thousands of Afghan students' lives will be improved through these efforts. ■

— Gladys Mino, member

Food for Body and Soul



The Cawston/Keremeos church in southern British Columbia is providing food for both the soul and the body to the towns in its surrounding area. While the VOAR Christian radio station, which began rebroadcasting in the area in December 2010, is reaching the residents of Cawston and Keremeos,

the church-operated food bank reaches out to the additional towns of Ashnola, Hedley, Olalla and Chopaka. In 2010, 950 food hampers helped 249 adults and 62 children. Currently, more than 1000 pounds of food are being distributed monthly, with clients receiving enough food to last them for approximately five days.

With a small but growing membership of 28, the Cawston/Keremeos church has been a light to the community since 1982. While their mission has always been to supply food, clothing and household needs based on emergency criteria, in 2007 the needs increased significantly so, with ADRA funding, they rented a space in downtown Keremeos. Then, in 2009, the food bank moved back to the church and saw an increase of 30 to 40 clients per month. In 2010, the needs have more than doubled, with an average of 70 to 100 clients coming for help every month. God is bountifully supplying the funds with private financial donations and support from the Valley First Credit Union. In addition, the food bank is now a member of Food Banks BC and will be among the 100 food banks in BC that will receive assistance. This is great news for the Cawston/Keremeos church members because it allows them to continue to share God's love in a practical way. ■

— Linda Wilkinson, member

Alberta

Helping Children in Calgary



Jacqueline Clarke had been watching 3ABN and discovered a new community services project called It's My Very Own: Bags of Love. Bags of Love is a project that supplies immediate necessities to displaced children, specifically children removed from the home because their parents were cooking methamphetamines in the house. Meth is terribly addictive, and because the drug penetrates everything in the home, children who are removed from these homes are unable to take anything with them. No clothes. No toys. No family photos. Nothing. The raids generally take place in the middle of the night because that is when the police can be reasonably certain of finding the perpetrators at home. So, the children suffer shock and trauma and are taken from the only home they have ever known. They need physical evidence that someone cares.

Jacqueline was inspired by the witness of the woman who started the project, Barbara Neher, and was strongly impressed by the Holy

Spirit that this could be of benefit to the children of the city of Calgary. Jacqueline is part of the Women's Ministries team at Calgary Central church, and she brought the concept up at a meeting.

The ladies thought it was an idea that could work. The Central church family has a big, generous, corporate heart, and this was a project that they could take ownership of and support, so the ladies put their heads together and got organized. It was necessary to put a face to the project, but who would be the brave soul to stand up front and ask for the congregation's support?

"Weeeellllll, I'll go up front if Jacqueline will come with me, seeing as how it was her idea," Lillian hesitantly suggested.

Jacqueline agreed, and the next Sabbath, the ladies put together a Bag of Love to show to the congregation and give them a better idea of what was involved and the size of the project. Pastor Randy Barber grinned at them with their big bag, which had a large teddy bear's head peeking out, and said,

"You'll do great. You'll do great!" With his encouragement ringing in their ears, they stepped out onto the platform and spoke from their hearts, describing the project and referring the members to the "Wish List" in the bulletin.

And the supplies started coming in. There were teddy bears and crayons, and a local dentist and his wife donated toothbrushes and toothpaste. Toys and books were dropped off at the church. Soon, there were enough supplies to put together eight Bags of Love. The ladies drove to social services and dropped them off.

"Thank you so much!" was the response from the Social Workers.

With time, the project has grown, and now anywhere from eight to 16 Bags of Love are dropped off at social services each month. Social services now has a special room reserved for the Bags of Love, which are sorted according to age group, and as the children are brought in, they are given the choice of which bag to take. One very little guy, we are told,

grabbed a hold of the bag that had the biggest teddy bear. The social worker laughed as she described how the bag was bigger than he was, but when asked if he needed some help to carry it, his response was a firm, "Nope!!!"

There have been some low points, for instance when the ladies wondered where they would get enough quilts for the next month, but the Lord has provided just enough at each step of the way, and sometimes from unexpected sources! Just one example would be the 15 quilts donated by a lady in Saskatchewan who had taken up the hobby just to keep busy and was wondering what to do with all these quilts she had made!

As we step out in faith, our Heavenly Father provides what we need when we need it. With His leading, we really can make a difference in these children's lives. ■

—Venita Elkow, member

CONTESTCONTESTCONTEST

Something _issing??

OUR *M* HAS GONE OFF IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE.

It hasn't gone far, though. It is hiding somewhere in the pages of this magazine, and we'd like to have your help to find it.

TO PLAY ALONG:

 Carefully search this magazine for our stylized *M*.

When you find it, go to www.adventistmessenger.ca and comment on the news story called "Messenger Contest May." In your comment, give us your full name, email address, mailing address, and telephone number. Also, be sure to tell us where the *M* is (page number and description of its location). All correct answers will be entered into a random draw, and one lucky person will win our grand prize.

HINTS

The *M* that you seek looks just like that—"M" black and approximately that size. It is not in any of the places where our *M* normally goes, like page footers or our masthead. And it is *not* in this announcement. But that's all the info you are getting from us. We don't want to make it too easy!

CONTESTCONTESTCONTEST

Contest begins at 12:00 a.m. EST on June 1, 2011 for submitting entries, and ends at 11:59 p.m. EST on July 17, 2011. Contest is open to any legal resident of Canada, limit of one entry per person. Multiple entries will make participant ineligible. All correct entries received will be entered into the prize draw. Prize to be determined by contest sponsor, the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), and will not exceed \$50 in value. Employees and family members of employees of the SDACC and their official entities are ineligible. The SDACC, the Canadian Adventist Messenger, and their employees are not responsible for any failure of any electronic equipment, computer transmissions and/or network connections; for any inaccuracies in information which may be used in the contest, or for any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of entries, including data entered by contestants. The SDACC reserves the right in their sole discretion to modify or cancel all or any portions of the contest because of technical errors or malfunctions, viruses, hackers, or for other reasons that corrupt the contest in any manner.

We Have a Winner! The *Messenger* would like to congratulate Gerry Sohy of Aldergrove, BC on being the winner of last month's "Something _issing" contest. Many of our readers participated by finding the missing *M* and making a comment about it on our website, www.adventistmessenger.ca. Thanks to you all for making the first round a great success! And congratulations to Gerry! The *M* was hiding in hair of the coin on top of page 12 in our April issue. Where can it be now?? Happy hunting!

■ Announcements

PROCESS:

- All announcements (non-profit events, new member notices, birth announcements, weddings, anniversaries, obituaries and tributes) should be emailed to Hermione Wilson (wilson.hermione@adventist.org) or faxed to her attention at 905/433-0982.
- Every individual named in the announcement must be aware of the submission and have granted the submitter approval for printing.
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■ Announcements

The 57th Toronto Junior Academy /Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend, May 27-29, 2011. Honoured classes are: TJA Grade 10 Classes of '76 and '71; CAA Grade 12 Classes of '01, '96, '91, '86 and Grade 11 Class of '81. Please confirm your attendance to Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement at 866/960-2125 ext. 234. dhall@tadsb.com, Judy Gamez Ext. 248 jgamez@tadsb.com www.tadsb.com (6/11)

Henderson Hwy SDA Church in Winnipeg 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, September 2-4, 2011. We are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the building and first service at Henderson Hwy church. All former and current pastors, members, family and friends are invited to join us in celebration. The event begins on Friday evening with a welcome reception, archive display and meeting, continues on Sabbath with the Sabbath services, potluck lunch and an evening musical showcase, and closes on Sunday with a special brunch. Please see the web page at www.hendersonhwysda.org, email the church at mail@hendersonhwysda.org, or call the

church office at 204/334-4782 for details and to confirm your attendance. (08/11)

The Dartmouth church is anxious to locate the following missing members: Elaine Baker, Dalvanir Carvalho, Jean Davis, Bruce Ferrier, Orvella Flint, Tamara Hammond, Ina Harpell, Beverley Stotz, Doris Verge. If you have any information of their whereabouts, please contact Gus Lehmann at 902/835-0174, or email to lea_gus@yahoo.ca

■ Legal Notice

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

Notice is hereby given that the 17th Regular Meeting of the Members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada will be held in Oshawa, Ontario, from Friday, September 23, 2011, to Sunday, September 25, 2011. The first meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2011.

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

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

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

■ New Members

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

Herbert and Elizabeth Bailey were baptized in Lethbridge, N.L., on May 8, 2010, by John Brushett. They are now members of the Lethbridge church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Walter Cox and Rick Cottrell were accepted into the church by a profession of faith in Courtenay, B.C., on Nov. 27, 2010, as a result of the Amazing Facts Revelation of Hope seminar. They are now members of the Comox Valley church.

Jonathon Dielmann was baptized in Courtenay, B.C., on Aug. 25, 2010, by Normand Cote, as a result of the Amazing Facts Revelation of Hope seminar. He is now a member of the Comox Valley church.

Jodie McClure was baptized at Comox Lake in Courtenay, B.C., on Sept. 11, 2010, by Normand Cote, as a result of the Amazing Facts Revelation of Hope seminar. She is now a member of the Comox Valley church.

Carole Tilley, Catherine McRae, Merle Tolmie-Weir, and Frank Hughes were baptized in Courtenay, B.C., on Nov. 27, 2010, by Normand Cote, as a result of the Amazing Facts Revelation of Hope seminar. They are now members of the Comox Valley church.

■ Births

Rishayla Jasai Rowe was born on Jan. 21, 2011, to Jonathon and Sabrina (née Jacques) Rowe of Winnipeg, Man.

Keldyn Cole was born on Feb. 5, 2011, to Blaine and Nicole Proud.

■ Weddings

Adrianna Bickham and Michael Kirkby were married on Aug. 9, 2010, in Union Springs, N.Y., and are making their home in Lacombe, Alta. Adrianna is the daughter of Merribeth Campbell of Fairport, N.Y., and Rodney Bickham of Rochester, N.Y., and Michael is the son of Ted and Dawn Kirkby of Seeleys Bay, Ont.

Charlee Kirkby and Eric Blabey were married on June 27, 2010, in Rowley, Alta., and are making their home in Lacombe, Alta. Charlee is the daughter of Ted and Dawn Kirkby of Seeleys Bay, Ont., and Eric is the son of Heather Lemky and John Blabey of Hazelton, B.C.

Jaymee Kirkby and Takoda Davis were married on July 7, 2010, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, and are making their home in Seeleys Bay, Ont. Jaymee is the daughter of Ted and Dawn Kirkby of Seeleys Bay, Ont., and Takoda is the son of Brad and Vickie Davis of Tumbler Ridge, B.C.

Kayla Organ and Brandon Tumangday were married on March 27, 2011, in Oshawa, Ont., where they will be making their home. Kayla is the daughter of Margaret and Albert Organ of Greenback, Ont., and Brandon is the son of Debbie and Alfredo

Tumangday of Oshawa, Ont.

Katie Whitworth and Steve Garrioch were married on Oct. 3, 2010, in Cabarete, Dominican Republic, and are making their home in Edmonton, Alta. Katie is the daughter of Richard and Mary Whitworth of Mirror, Alta., and Steve is the son of Tony and Barb Garrioch of Grandview, Man.

■ Anniversaries

Louise and Roger Matthews celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 2010. The Matthews have two children: Winifred and Mildred.

■ Obituaries

Kenneth Deweltz was born Oct. 3, 1920, in South India, and died Jan. 26, 2011, in Stoney Creek, Ont. Kenneth worked as an auditor at the Ontario conference. He is survived by his wife, Irene (née McAuley) Deweltz; his daughter, Marlene Deweltz Bielas; one grandchild and one great-great grandchild.

Ethel (née Nentwig) Ferris was born Jan. 6, 1912, in Elie, Man., and died March 17, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. Ethel was one of the founding members of the Portage la Prairie church and later became an active member of the Rutland church, where she took on many leadership roles. She is predeceased by her husband, George; her parents Amandus and Louise Nentwig; her brothers, Herb and Orville; and her sisters, Florence Murr, Blanche Nentwig, Louella Vestner and Marguerite Brown. Surviving: sons, Glen (Myrna) and Orville (Ella) of Edmonton, Alta.

Wilbur Watson Jones was born Aug. 21, 1934, in Roachvale, N.S., and died March 15, 2011, in Williams Lake, B.C. Wilbur is predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (née Fuller) Jones; his parents, Harry Elias Jones Sr. and Odessa Mae Dort; his brother Gerald; and his half-brother, Lonus Fraser. Surviving: son, Glenn; daughter, Cindy Mae Stewart; brother Harry Elias Jones Jr.; and three grandchildren.

Julius Kuhn was born Oct. 4, 1906, in Whitemouth, Man., and died Feb. 25, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. After being baptized in 1929, Julius served the Rutland church as an elder, Sabbath School teacher, church board member, and in other capacities for many years. He is predeceased by his parents, Julius Sr. and Paulina Buss Kuhn; his brothers, Adolph, Rudolph, Ferdinand, Ben, Leonard

and Gottfried; and his sisters, Lydia, Olga, Hannah and Martha. Surviving: sons, Lloyd and Dr. Levi Kuhn; daughter, Dorothy Kuhn Holm; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Muriel Maxner was born April 25, 1918, in Gilberts Cove, N.S., and died Nov. 23, 2010, in Annapolis Royal, N.S. Muriel served the Digby church in many capacities; as a member of the conference board of directors, on the church board, as a Sabbath School teacher, a head deaconess, and she also assisted at the church school. She is predeceased by her husband, Hedley Maxner. Surviving: son, Fred of Annapolis Royal; daughter, Dorothy Amirault of Granville Ferry, N.S.; sister, Elizabeth Brown; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

David Patrick George O'Connor was born May 15, 1945, in Stoke Newington, England, and died Feb. 27, 2011, in Oshawa, Ont. Dave served as the head deacon of the Kendalwood church for many years. He is predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Lillian Marie O'Connor. Surviving: wife, Linda; daughters, Keri (Philip) Parsons of Whitby, Ont., and Lisa (Delwin) Clarke of Brantford, Ont.; and six grandchildren.

M.S. Rajah was born May 27, 1934, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and died Oct. 22, 2010, in Vancouver, B.C. M.S. worked at Lakpahana SDA College in Sri Lanka as a farm manager, teacher and pastor, and in Vancouver he served his local church as an elder and deacon. M.S. is survived by his wife, Florence; his sons, Eric (Candi) of Lacombe, Alta., Elmo (Metilda) of Lynwood, Wash., and Edmund (Lili) of Campinas, Brazil; and four grandchildren.

Annie (née Melnechuk) Tarangle was born Sept. 22, 1917, in Sheffield, Pa., and died Feb. 12, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. Annie is predeceased by her husband, John; her son, Gordon; her sisters Mary Slusarenko, Dora Nahorney, Jessie Tkachuk and Pearl Tarangle; and her brothers George and John. Surviving: daughter-in-law, Sandy Tarangle; brother Bill; sisters Eva Proskiw, Caroline Kielhbauch and Ruth Eli; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

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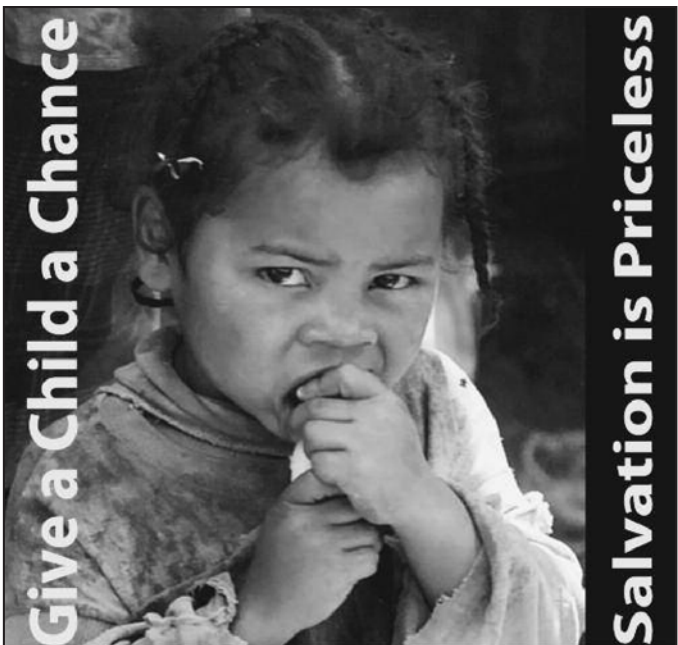
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