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Planning

I enjoy the beginning of a new year. It is a time for taking stock of where we've been and where we're headed. This is an opportunity for me as a Christian to reflect on what will bring me closer to Christ, a time of prioritizing life. Paul puts it like this: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14 ESV).

Each one of us has come to know of Christ. We've made a commitment to Him. That decision shapes much of our life—how we spend our time, what we do with our money, the friends we choose, even our choices of occupation. Our daily activities need to be based on our desire to follow Christ's example and permit Him to define who we are.

As we too have been taking stock, church leaders throughout Canada in conferences, ministry entities and at the SDACC have been thinking about the church's activities and priorities. We have chosen to use the REACH strategy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America as a model in planning for the church and its mission in the years ahead. Perhaps you'd like to visit the NAD REACH website at www.ReachNorthAmerica.com and learn more about this important strategy.

In the acronym REACH, R stands for revival and transformation, so very important to who we are as Christians. We must be close to God. That closeness to Him brings with it a sense of His presence with us in every act of life.

It is incredible that the God who created all and keeps it moving is with me as I'm shopping, polishing my shoes, at work, at lunch. What a difference that makes! This is what Paul must have been thinking about when he wrote: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20, ESV).

I want that transformation to be real in my life. I hope you want it to be real in yours as well.

And that brings us back to our individual new year's prioritizing. How do I intentionally move through 2012 in a way that supports my own personal revival and transformation? Here are three ways I've thought of:

Pray: We need to take time to discuss our day with God first thing every morning. Throughout the day, we can and must take a break and talk with Him about specific decisions and challenges we face. The General Conference offers a tremendous app at www.RevivalandReformation.org to remind us to pray twice a day, every day for the work of the Holy Spirit. I have the app on my iPhone.

Study Scripture: We read and watch so much that distracts us from God's Word. Why not decide to read through the Bible this year? Perhaps get a Moleskine notebook and write down your favourite texts for quick inspiration through the day.

Share your faith: What we use becomes stronger. Being unafraid to let people know in a tasteful way that we belong to Christ can have a powerful impact both on us and on those around us.

Here are three excellent choices for the new year. Will you join me in making them a personal priority in 2012?

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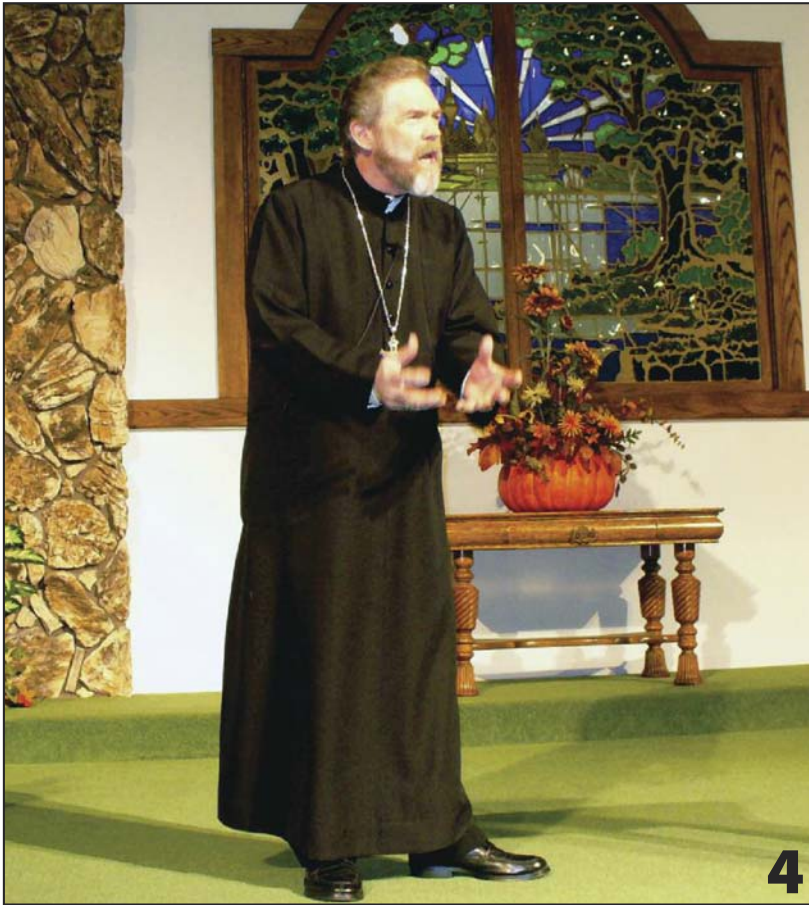
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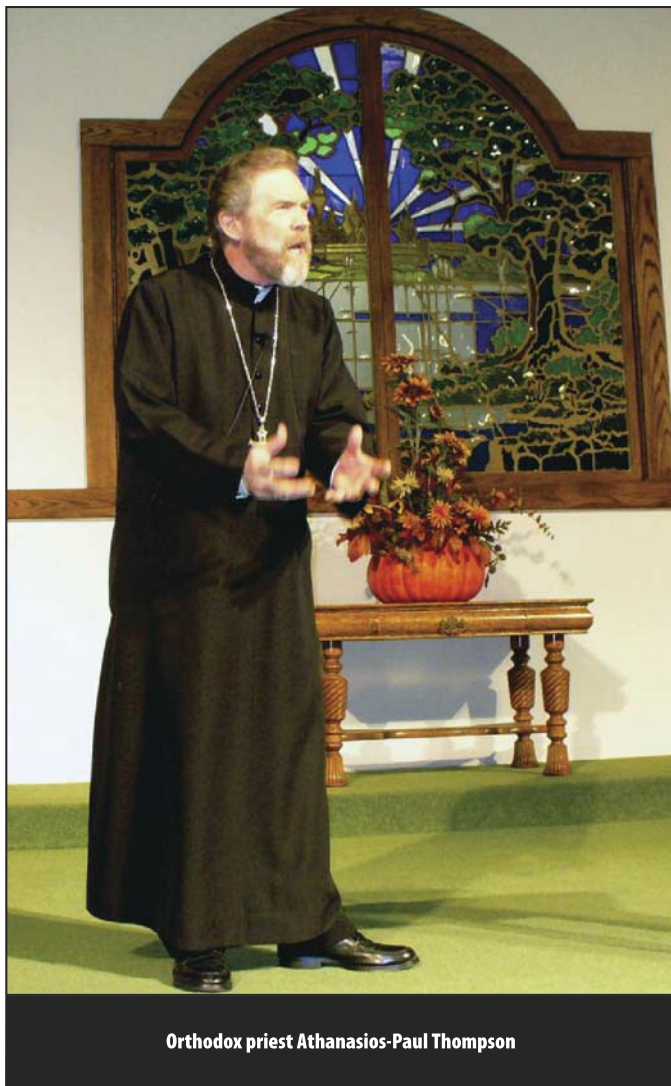
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From Orthodoxy to Adventism



Orthodox priest Athanasios-Paul Thompson

On the Sabbath of October 30 at the Coeur d'Alene church in Idaho, Orthodox priest Athanasios-Paul Thompson officially retired as he was baptized as a statement of his commitment to his faith in Christ and the Adventist message.

Thompson's wife, Mae, is from the Kelowna, B.C., area and they both often travel there to spend a week or two with friends and family. It was at the Kelowna Rutlands church that the associate pastor, Andreas Mellas, himself formerly an Orthodox believer, connected with Thompson and helped him to begin the process in earnest that eventually led to his decision.

In November 2009, he and Mae picked up a brochure to the Life Discovery Series at his daughter's home in Sacramento, CA, and decided to check it out. After the first weekend, they cleared their schedule, and once a week they traveled from their residence in southern California to the Orangevale church, not missing a single session of evangelist Jim Reinking's series.

A high-ranking priest who was one of five individuals to wear a ring from the Patriarch in Alexandria, Egypt, as a symbol of their special relationship, Thompson spent much of his ministry in the world of religious diplomacy; he often went on missions on behalf of the Patriarch and, on occasion, met with church leaders and heads of state. In 2000 he was one of 75 individuals present when Pope John Paul II and the Patriarch Shenouda III met and embraced, removing the excommunications that both sides had hurled at each other at the time of the separation of the Orthodox churches from the Roman Catholic Church.

Before becoming a priest, Thompson had learned of the Sabbath and about Adventism from a literature evangelist, deeply affecting his life and experience. Furthermore, he was a protégé of Walter Martin, an expert on cults, for seven years and became an expert in his own right. He often defended the Seventh-day Adventist Church against accusations that it is a cult and also defended the Bible Sabbath. He reports that there are some 200,000 Orthodox in the Middle East who keep the Sabbath while also observing Sunday. On one occasion, he successfully defended Ethiopian Orthodox Sabbath-keepers who were ordered by the local hierarchy to cease observing the Sabbath. He has led priests, monks and some bishops in both the Orthodox and Catholic worlds to embrace the Sabbath.

As the Orangevale series progressed, Thompson became deeply convicted of the messages he was hearing and made his decision to leave Orthodoxy to become a Seventh-day Adventist. He and evangelist Jim Reinking conversed for many hours during the process. Leaving Orthodoxy was very difficult, but determined to follow his conscience, he chose to be baptized. He now holds membership in the Northern California conference. Conference president, Jim Pedersen, was of immeasurable help in Thompson's transition. ■

Jim Reinking is an evangelist associated with It Is Written.



REACH CANADA?

I have a dream that someday we will no longer need to appoint leaders for personal ministries, Sabbath school, youth ministries or any other of the ever-growing list of ministries. Why? Because each ministry is in constant need of more funds, broader vision, more cutting-edge strategies, etc. As such, we can get caught up in maintaining our various ministries, forgetting that they are a means to an end and thus neglecting the simple yet essential goal of growing in Christ and helping others do the same.

How can we be one in all things fundamental, forbearing in matters of secondary importance and loving in all things?

When church members are fully committed to the Lord, the church becomes a complete living and growing body under the diverse operations of the Holy Spirit, following the example of the early church.

How can we reach that ideal? How can our understanding of the dynamics of the everlasting gospel genuinely motivate us as members and save a lot of energy, human resources and funds? How can we be one in all things fundamental, forbearing in matters of secondary importance and loving in all things?

Every day we should strive to be genuine Christian stewards, witnessing to the world about our good Lord and vindicating the truth about His character. Benjamin C. Maxson of the stewardship department at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shares his understanding of the everlasting gospel. In essence, teaching about the everlasting gospel in the following order is greatly needed:

1. the Act of salvation—the cost of grace on the cross,
2. the Condition of salvation—accepting Christ and all that He brings along,
3. the Content of salvation—the status of a child of God and the full assistance of the Holy Spirit helping us to will and to do,

4. and the Fruits of salvation—the lordship of Christ in all matters of life. I am not talking about the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), but all the positive consequences when Christ is the Lord of my soul. Benjamin Maxson rightly says that “without the experience of the gospel, stewardship [and, really, what we prioritize every day] becomes simply a form of spiritual slavery—just another way of perpetuating a performance-based religion and life.” Intimacy with the Lord—time, talk, togetherness—is taught, proclaimed and assumed by everyone, but, dare I say, rarely experienced as top priority. An urgent work is still to be accomplished: to live every single day focusing on the act of Salvation, the awesome cost of grace.¹

Many of our challenges and issues in the church arise when we focus on the fruits of salvation in such a way that we elevate them to the level of conditions of salvation; what we call fruits of salvation may be merely our fixation on what we cherish. We are essentially saying, “Brothers and sisters, if you do not consider this particular fruit as important as I see it, then you are not ready for the kingdom.”

A growing number of frustrated members are organizing themselves around new ministries. They want to do better and more than the church at large. They have a passion for preaching the everlasting gospel. They chastise the passiveness they perceive in others and preach the “present truth” as they see it. Therein lie snares and traps because preferences about worship, lifestyle, methods and “new light” are being taught as quasi conditions of salvation.

We must remember that the fruits of salvation will blossom naturally. During this quinquennium we want revival and transformation so that we can “Reach Canada.” No money, strategy or program will achieve much. Revival is gained through my everyday focus on the dynamics of salvation. “...for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” (John 17:19) ■

Daniel Latchman is the president of the Quebec conference.

¹ See Benjamin C. Maxson, “An Experience of Joy,” *The Dynamic Steward*, Vol. 2, No. 3, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Stewardship Department, <<http://www.adventiststewardship.com/article.php?id=112>>.

T33nTalk

Why did you break up my family?

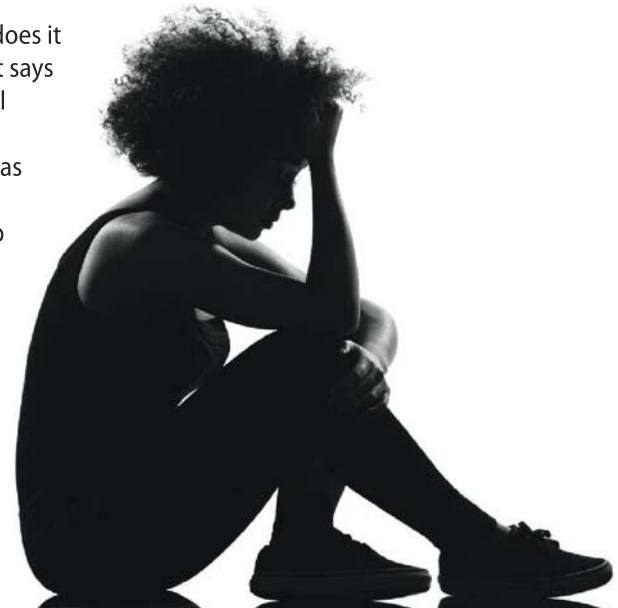
First off, I want to thank you for not being afraid to ask real, raw questions that are difficult. Typically, people like to ask and answer questions that have nice, neatly wrapped answers. This is not one of those questions. When you boil the question down, it really is “Why did You fail me? Why did You let us suffer like that? If You are so big and able, why didn’t You help us?”

The pain of the question is real, but the problem is not God; it is, rather, our lack of perspective. In John 11, Jesus’ friend Lazarus is sick and his sisters send word to Jesus to come and help/heal him. They believe Jesus can help, they ask for His help, but He chooses to not come. Lazarus dies. Freeze the story there. What kind of Jesus is this? He heals foreigners, He heals ungrateful lepers, etc., but can’t be bothered to come and help His own friend who is asking for help?

Word comes to Jesus that Lazarus is now dead, and then He chooses to return to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, scene of the mourners left behind after his premature death. Before He even reaches the village, Martha (Lazarus’ sister) comes running to meet Him. Her words pierce like a dagger: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died!” (v. 21, NIV). It’s the truth, the undeniable truth. Where Jesus went, life and healing followed. He was big and able, but for Martha and Mary and Lazarus, He was the worst of all things; He was absent. Sports commentators would say, “Jesus has all the skills, but He is no good in clutch situations.”

Of course if you’ve read the story, you know what happens. Jesus marches up to the tomb of a man now dead four days and tells him to wake up and walk out, and the man does!

What is my point, you ask? The Bible does not lie. Nowhere does it promise smooth passage through this life. On the contrary it says we will pass through fire and raging waters but that God will sustain us (Isa. 43:1–3). It also says our thoughts are not His thoughts and His ways are not our ways (Isa. 55:8, 9). If life has brought you through places you did not want to go and the pain seems more than you can bear, all I can tell you is “Keep going.” God is not finished yet, and when we come to the end and can sit down with Jesus and look back, we will see and agree that His plan was the best plan. Life is like a book and you may be in a dark chapter, but His Word says weeping may last for the night but joy comes in the morning! (Ps. 30:5) Consider the pain of this world to be necessary heart surgery preparing us for His kingdom and teaching us that He is not absent as we so often feel, but that He is so present that He allows that which is necessary, painful though it may be, and provides the strength we need to make it through. ■



Creation Corner for Kids



“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”
John 15:13

Meerkats

Meerkats are a kind of mongoose that lives on the African plains. They often stand upright on their back legs and look a lot like whiskery little ground squirrels. They live in colonies, like ground squirrels, but unlike ground squirrels they aren't rodents at all. They eat scorpions and snakes and insects.

Meerkats are known for what scientists call “altruistic behaviours.” That means they help one another. A large colony will have several sentries that stand guard to warn the others of danger, while the rest look for food. A babysitting “aunt” will defend the young meerkats she is caring for, even throwing her body over them to protect them.

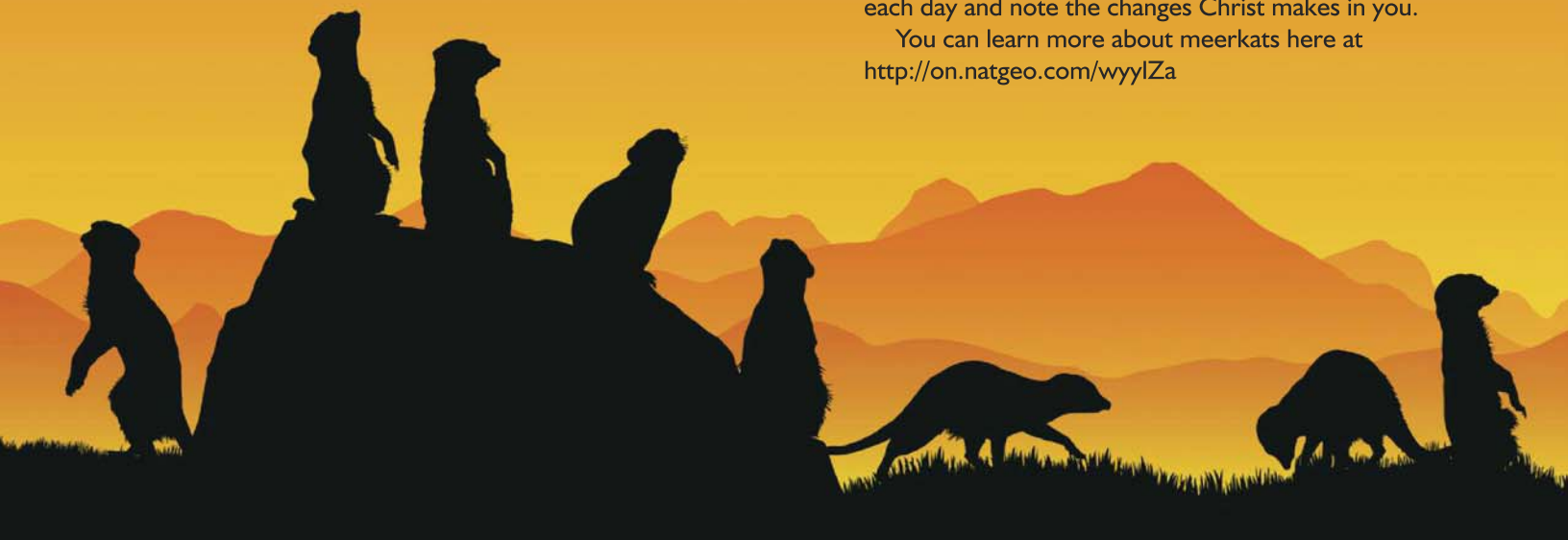
Think about it.

Evolutionists have a hard time explaining why some animals like meerkats help each other. Self-sacrificing, helping behaviours don't fit well into the competitive, “survival of the fittest” evolutionary theory. On the other hand, competitive and hurtful behaviours don't fit the self-sacrificing example that Jesus left for Christians to follow, either.

Do it!

Prayerfully consider Romans 12:3. What changes will you make to more closely follow Christ's example? Write your plan in your prayer journal or make a note and place it in your Bible at 1 Corinthians 13, the Love Chapter. Read your plan and the chapter each day and note the changes Christ makes in you.

You can learn more about meerkats here at <http://on.natgeo.com/wyylZa>



Time goes by and the debate continues as it always has. The opponents, you ask? Well, you will find these opponents in the politics of every system, religious and secular. The question? Should we be liberal or conservative as Christians? Such things should not be brought up unless you are ready to make a stand of some sort, but for the sake of discussion, let's get into the thick of it!

Left *or* Right



Whether it is music, worship style, fashion, diet, doctrines, or most things in life, you can count on people having disagreements. It would be ignorant to think that these issues that can become sore spots are only specific to our church and lifetime. One only needs to look at the political debates on television, or the writings of Paul, to see that people everywhere have been having disagreements of biblical proportions for a long time.

Having lived in four countries and three continents, I have learned that many disagreements people have within our church are usually cultural in nature. One need only go across a country, let alone to another country, to see that even values among Seventh-day Adventists change to a certain degree. I have attended Adventist churches where members who provided a Thanksgiving meal to the homeless were publically accused of being “agents of the Devil” because they fed turkey to those who usually eat out of garbage dumps. I have also been to churches where it was common practice for children of church members to play ball games within the “Sanctuary” as soon as the service ended, as church was held within a school gymnasium. The Adventist spectrum is much more varied than many may believe it is. Neither extreme portrayed, I believe, reflects the image of God.

So back to the question, should we be conservative or liberal? Should we venture to see what the Almighty actually says? Deuteronomy 4:2 says: “Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you. Just obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you” (NLT). Ironically, both sides read this and shout, “There I told you!” We really do like to find what we are looking for, but just to clarify, please read the first part of the text again. “Do not add to or subtract from...” What am I trying to get at? God asks us to be neither conservative nor liberal, for upon reflection, being conservative is adding to the commandments and being liberal is subtracting from them. Just do what God says, nothing more, nothing less.

So what does He actually command us? Jesus summarizes the commandments in Luke 10:27 with “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (NLT).

How many lost sheep have we turned away because of our focusing on side issues? God commands us to be known for our love, but sadly we are mostly known for our doctrines. Am I saying we should get rid of all our Adventist doctrines? In the words of my good friend Paul, “May it never be!” What I am saying is that love should be the foundation of our beliefs, and if we do not have nor show love, we are worse than the Pharisees of Jesus’ time.

It saddens me deeply when I think about how some may have unknowingly turned our beloved Jesus, who was adored by children, into a rigid stickler for the law, emotionally detached from humanity. Would children want to run to a frowning judge who delights in pointing out our flaws? Would Mary Magdalene have survived such a Jesus, or would she have met the fate of so many other lost sheep during that loveless period of history? Would the Jesus of history be accepted today by the rules we have placed on ourselves two thousand years later? It’s worth thinking about.

On the flip side, how many have ignorantly turned the mighty preserver of justice who kicked out the desecrating merchants out of the temple into a pushover who ignores sinful behavior in the name of love? Would Jesus have even raised His voice to the money-traders if He thought that belief alone was all that was needed to get into Heaven? We can be sure that the Prince of this world and his fallen army believe in Jesus, but we know that they won’t be there.

Is there any wonder why so many feel confused at the hypocrisy of the Christian walk? Wouldn’t Jesus love to see the homeless in our churches whilst at the same time defend the need for morality within and without the church environment? I think He would. Wasn’t Jesus a friend of prostitutes, yet a defender of purity? Didn’t He rebuke the Pharisees

for the burden of their laws, yet was sinless and faithful to the law of God? Jesus rebuked the liberal and conservative alike, but loved them all the same. If only we would focus on what God has said, and love those within and without the walls of our church as Jesus has asked us to, we would not only have more uplifting discussions, but we would probably be as influential as the early church was.

Many seem to have forgotten that the laws are not a means of salvation; they are merely a by-product of salvation—a process known as sanctification. Our salvation is only achieved in accepting what Jesus has done for us and loving as He has asked us to. If we would but walk in the love of Jesus, no law would be broken.

Concurrently, because we are saved through love, we are therefore to live in love. This means loving God by obeying His commandments. Keeping the commandments does not save us, for all have fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), but they point us towards the life God wants us to live. God has given us a new heart, which means that we should desire to follow Jesus. God knows where our desires lie when we fall into sin. He knows whether we are using His mercy as an excuse to sin or whether, like Paul, we exclaim: “for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate” (Romans 7:15, NLT).

The only way we can walk the thin line that divides religious legalism and justified hedonism is by walking along the bridge of love exemplified by Jesus. Not by our own power, for pride would have us fall over to either side, but only by focusing our eyes on Jesus. If the title “liberal” or “conservative” comes before our title of “Christian,” Jesus has lost his prominent position of where our beliefs lie. Shouldn’t we be simply Christians and let God do the judging for us?

So, which side will you choose? “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ■

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CRS Representatives

Canadian Missionaries

by Hermione Wilson



I'm on the road with Felipe Movilla, one of seven Christian Record Services (CRS) field representatives operating in Canada, one of four in Ontario, and I am on my way to interview Neena Saloiya, one of his longtime blind contacts. Felipe is a Filipino gentleman with salt-and-pepper hair, a slight frame and weathered skin, but there's a twinkle in his eyes and an energy in his movements that belies his apparent age. He's been working for CRS since 1989, and he trained most of the other field reps currently working in Canada. Felipe spends a lot of time driving back and forth around central and northwestern Ontario, which is the territory he is responsible for, going as far as Huntsville, Parry Sound and Kincardine. He tells me that when the weather is nice, he sleeps in his car or pitches a tent at a nearby campground.

Felipe and his wife became Seventh-day Adventists soon after they emigrated from the Philippines. Felipe worked as a foreman at a furniture factory until an accident with a machine blade took part of his index finger and left him with a phobia of the heavy factory machinery. Even after recovering, he could not bring himself to return to work, and he turned down the offer of disability payment. "This can't be it," he begged God, "you must have a plan for me, you must have something for me to do."

Then one Sabbath a colporteur gave her testimony at church. Felipe was so moved by it that he, too, decided to become a colporteur. He worked for two years selling Christian literature door to door and giving Bibles studies to those who asked for them. One day he took a woman with whom he had been



studying the Bible to Kingsview Village church. There was a CRS field rep there that day who was working in Ontario. The rep told him that CRS was looking for more workers, and right away Felipe felt that God was calling him to make another career change. He started to fill out the application for CRS training while he was preparing his Bible student for baptism. The same day she was baptized, Felipe's application was accepted and he joined the CRS team.

Christian Record Services began as the vision of Austin O. Wilson, an Adventist young man who was legally blind. As a Christian, he was troubled by the lack of Christian reading materials available to blind people in Braille and large print. How were the blind to learn about the good news of the Christian message if they couldn't read about it for themselves? So in 1899, due to his prompting, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists voted to establish a monthly Christian journal for visually blind readers. Wilson and his wife Johanna got to work right away producing the magazine, using a modified washing machine hand wringer to imprint Braille letters onto thick sheets of paper. That 10-page magazine was called the *Christian Record*, a name which would later encompass an organization dedicated to making sure the Christian message reached the blind.

In 1904, a few years after a devastating fire destroyed the magazine's makeshift press in Battle Creek, Mich., Austin O. Wilson was granted missionary credentials by the Church and guaranteed a five-dollar salary and traveling expenses for three months so that he could go out into the field to raise the funds necessary to sustain the fledgling ministry. He essentially became the first of many CRS field reps. His ever-expanding vision of the ways CRS could witness to the blind and visually impaired has led to an expansion of the services that the ministry offers. CRS Canada offers the blind access to a free lending library that contains more than 2,000 titles of Christian reading material in Braille, large print, and audio recordings, personal visitations from field reps, post-secondary scholarships, and an opportunity to attend the National Camps for the Blind every summer and winter.

Neena Saloiya, the young woman we are going to meet, is a Psychology major at the University of Toronto. Attendees of the SDACC Quinquennial Session may remember the inspiring representation she made for CRS. Neena was born with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), which causes abnormal blood vessel development in the retina of the eye in premature infants, according to the A.D.A.M. Medical Encyclopedia. Her sensitive eyes were permanently damaged when she was placed in an incubator as a newborn.

Neena makes me herbal tea while her 11-year-old guide dog, Ziggy, bumps his head against my thigh. She tells me that after she graduates next June, she wants to take a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counselling and Psychology at Tyndale University in North York, Ont. "I like to help people," Neena says. Her goal is to become an art therapist and a chaplain.

Her upbeat and bubbly personality makes it hard to remember that Neena is basically alone in the world. Both her parents have passed away; her father just after she finished college and her mother during her first year of university. She has no siblings and no family in Canada, only some distant relatives in India. Ziggy is essentially her closest companion and oldest friend, so it is only fitting that he was baptized with her at Camp Frenda in 2002 during National Camps for the Blind.

Neena was just 10 years old when Felipe first showed up at her parents' Indian restaurant in downtown Toronto. Her Hindu parents, recent immigrants from northern India, were reluctant to talk to a Christian, but when Felipe asked Neena if she had heard of the CRS, she promptly said yes. It turns out that a family friend had recently given her a Braille children's book about the Ten Commandments, and on the back of the book she had read the words "Christian Record Services." The book whetted Neena's curiosity about God. "I had a lot of questions... and no answers," she says.

Neena has been going to the National Camps since she was in her 20s. In the summer of 1998, her community access facilitator at Balance for Blind Adults told Neena about a camp she could go to for only \$20. "Are you serious?" was Neena's reaction, "A vacation for 20 bucks? I couldn't pass that up!" She signed up right away.

In 1967, CRS started an experimental summer camp at Camp Kaluqua, Florida, offering blind children a chance to have the summer camp experience their sighted peers enjoyed. Canada followed suit in 1972 when the Canadian National Camps for the Blind project began at Foothills Camp in Bowden, Alberta. Today CRS Canada operates camps in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia every summer, including a winter camp in February, held at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Michigan. All ages are accepted at the National Camps, from 9 to 99. Many Blind campers have been attending since they were young and continue to attend long into adulthood. There have been at least three weddings at camp and several baptisms. For blind and visually impaired campers, the National Camps provide them with a sense of community and a chance to participate in activities their disability would normally exclude them from.

Felipe and I say good-bye to Neena and Ziggy, and then we're back on the road, heading to Ajax to meet Kevin Avery. Kevin works at Christian Blind Mission (CBM) as an audio production technician, editing the content of CBM's talking book library. Like Neena, Kevin had an early introduction to CRS and

attended Camp Frenda, then located in South River, Ontario, several years in a row when he was young. He first met Felipe when he was in his 30s, when the CRS rep came by the CBM office to drop off his card. Felipe learned that Kevin had been to the National Camps and talked to him about returning. "I always thought about the fun I had at Frenda... the activities and the fun and the singing of camp songs, all those sorts of things... it was the highlight of my summer." Kevin decided he would attend winter camp that February, at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Mich. He went, had a blast and plans to go back this year.

"With Christian Record I found that... they were like a family to me in a sense," Kevin says. "They were always available. There were times I would call up the representatives to find out how they were doing. I think they were quite instrumental in helping me with my search of Adventism." Kevin was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2007. "I've met some wonderful people," he says of the church he attends in Richmond Hill.

While I've been conducting interviews, Felipe has had time to make several cold calls, going door to door to nearby businesses to tell them about what CRS is doing and ask for their financial support. Felipe used to visit 40 to 50 businesses a day, but he's slowing down now after 21 years on the job. Now he tries to visit at least 25 businesses a day and build on old friendships with his regular donors. One such donor, Dr. Marty Richter, a chiropractor who runs an office in Oshawa, has been donating to CRS for over 25 years. "He shows up every year," Dr. Richter says of Felipe. "He's nice... he's not pushy, he'll come back if I'm busy. Those kind of people incite you to be generous."

CRS is completely reliant on the public donations the field reps like Felipe bring in. Their only other sources of funds are the yearly offering they receive from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and 0.75 of 1 percent of the world budget allocated to the ministry by the General Conference.

"We need workers," Felipe tells me. He's nearing retirement, as are the four



other field reps who cover Ontario, and he's worried that there will be no one to take their places when they leave. It seems that not many people are eager to sign up for a job that requires them to drive from one end of the province to the other with little pay. But Felipe insists that the perks of his job far outweigh the hardships. He loves the travelling, discovering new cities and towns, and making new friends. He is energized, he tells me, he talks to a blind or visually impaired person whose life has been changed by CRS, and he loves being able to pass these stories on to the business owners he meets, stories that often move them to make a donation to further the work. "The job is very challenging but very rewarding," Felipe declares.

Another rewarding part of Felipe's job is bringing people together. Neena Saloiya and Kevin Avery have been dating each other for several months. They initially met at a school reunion in 1998 for students of the W. Ross MacDonald School for the Blind, but didn't get serious until this year. CRS has brought them together many times over the years, at the National Camps in the summers and winters and at small group meetings the CRS reps organizes throughout the year. As Kevin says, CRS's network of field reps, their blind and visually impaired friends and faithful donors are like a big close-knit family who play and learn and study God's Word together. And that, ultimately, is what CRS is all about. ■

Hermione Wilson is the secretary in the Messenger office, handling advertising, circulation and so much more.

Tales From Camp

Michelle and Daniel Richards are the district representatives for CRS in the Maritimes. They've been involved with the National Camps for the Blind for over 20 years. They even spent their honeymoon volunteering at camp one summer. Every year the Richards bring students from the Maritimes and the U.S. to volunteer as counselors at Camp Frenda.

When volunteers arrive at camp, they are trained to work with the blind. They have them carry out activities they would normally do without thinking, like climbing the stairs or eating a meal, only with a blindfold on so they can't see. But the best way to learn, says Pat Page, is to sit with a blind person and ask them "How do you like to be treated?"

"A lot of our blind campers are very independent" says Michelle. She tells the story of a woman at the Foothills camp in Alberta who they found screaming in the woods late one night. She had set out for the bathroom, not wanting to wake her counselor to take her, had taken a wrong turn, and got stuck out in the cold for 20 minutes.

The Richards see it as their job to enhance the lives of the blind and it's a family affair. Their son Nathaniel has been volunteering at the National Camps since he was young. They have big dreams for the ministry, like transferring the CRS lending library's audio recordings from cassette tapes to CDs. Unfortunately, they don't have the money right now to buy a CD burning tower to do the job.

"Our blind friends are very technologically advanced," says Daniel. They have iPads and other such gadgets that allow the blind to interact with the world and access information as easily as the sighted, and CRS is struggling to catch up. "CRS is a wonderful organization that needs to be brought into the 21 century," says Michelle.

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Ontario

This Is It!

Youth Evangelistic Series at North-West Brampton



Pastor Daniel Saugh speaks to the youth at the North-West Brampton Church.

From October 21 to 29, 2011, Pastor Daniel Saugh presented dynamic messages at the North-West Brampton church geared toward the young people in the northwest community of Brampton. Each night, Pastor Saugh delivered bold, interesting and relevant sermons. For example, the series began with "Generation iY: This is Who We Are, Deal With it!" an accessible title and presentation for today's technologically savvy youth. The young people listened eagerly to Pastor Saugh as he peppered his sermon with new but prevalent vocabulary (iPad, iTunes, smartphones, etc). The older members in the congregation really had to "deal with it." Like a sociologist, he explained how this new generation views the world and how they think the world sees them.

Before the series began, the youth of the church prayed, planned and practiced for a long time. They were so excited that three youths, Tionna Lawrence, Taj-Oniel Forbes and Brittany Hudson, were given the opportunity to deliver short sermons to the North-West congregation in preparation for the series. Brittany Hudson, who is passionate about sharing her belief in Jesus Christ with others, wrote out her testimony to inspire others like her to share their faith in Christ, too.

Brittany was enthusiastic about the series: "My heart was filled with joy when the date was set for the youth series," she says, "My heart's cry was similar to David's when he wrote, 'I was glad when they said

to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord' [Psalm 122:1]. As a public school student, my faith as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian is belittled almost every day, so when North-West Brampton gave the youth a chance to attend a church service on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday



Youth series sought to empower "Generation iY".

and Friday during the busy school week, I could not turn it down. It is a fact that by listening or reading God's Word, we are strengthened. Every single day that I went to the series, God spoke to me, strengthened me and granted me wisdom. I can truly say that this youth series was a blessing. There was not one person who attended during that week who was not blessed."

As the meetings concluded, Nicholas Allen, Merlinda Didier and Paul Mariana Joseph decided to be baptized, a fitting capstone to a creative and well-received series. ■

*Judy Williams,
Communication Secretary,
North-West Brampton
SDA Church*

British Columbia

Evangelism in Mission City



Pastor Justis St. Hilaire, Pastor Tim Nagy, fellow church officers, and several baptismal candidates.

A recent graduate of Andrews University, I took my first pastoral call to Mission, B.C. It was my privilege to begin my ministry less than one month in with an evangelistic campaign. No, I was not the speaker, nor was I the organizer. Pastor Justis St. Hilaire, the full-time evangelist for the British Columbia

conference, presented a month-long series of prophecy meetings starting May 5, 2011. His presentations were Christ-centred and on the great controversy theme between good and evil. Most of us Adventists have already seen many such seminars presented by various speakers. However, we found Pastor St. Hilaire's meetings to

be especially original, enlightening and attractive.

We also had contributions by guest singers, musicians and choirs, which made for a very professional program, leaving a lasting impression on many people from our community who had never before heard or understood the prophecies. At times, our presentations coincided with the Stanley Cup hockey games, but in spite of the hockey craze, still many people chose to come and learn about the Bible.

Many of our visitors rushed to the meetings from work, school or their daily responsibilities, but in the end, no one regretted the time we spent studying the Bible together. On the final Sabbath, nine individuals were baptized. Our members and several who attended our church for the first time witnessed this wonderful event. I look forward to working with the Mission congregation so that together we can continue to minister to our surrounding community. ■

*P. Timoteus Nagy,
Mission City SDA Church*



Carolyn Rowse, concert organizer, and Christine Simmons, director of the Salvation Army Food Bank, stand by the food collection barrel.

Concert a Resounding Success

To most people Christmas evokes memories of music, family togetherness, feasting and cheer, but for some of those less fortunate, the season just amplifies their cold, hunger and loneliness.

To help the poor and stock the shelves of the Salvation Army Food Bank, the Penticton Seventh-Day Adventist Church put on its seventh annual From Our Hearts this Christmas concert, featuring a varied repertoire presented by talented musicians of all ages. Some were church members, others drawn from the community or region. Admission was free, though donations of food or money were appreciated. All, musicians and guests alike, were invited to stay for delectable refreshments afterwards.

This year extra chairs had to be brought into the sanctuary as guests filled the pews and spilled over into side rooms. Even the foyer became a seating area as chairs were set up and the double doors at the back of the sanctuary opened.

The evening brought in \$734.84 plus 340 lbs. of non-perishable food, all of which were donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank. ■

*Elfriede Volk, Communications Director,
Penticton SDA Church*

North American Division

Former Treasurer Dies After Holiday Traffic Accident



Norman W. Klam, former treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and Alberta conference, has succumbed to serious injuries he sustained in a car crash on Monday, December 26, 2011. According to OregonLive.com, after crossing the center line of Highway 502 near Battle Ground, Washington and hitting the car of 19-year-old Mary E.

Wisniewski, the van Klam was driving rolled onto its side and came to rest in the westbound lanes. Thankfully Wisniewski was unharmed, but firefighters had to break Klam's windshield with an axe to get him out of his vehicle and he was taken to PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center with neck and back injuries. His condition was downgraded to critical on Wednesday morning, and tragically he passed away on Sunday evening, January 1, surrounded by his family.

Klam was born in Outlook, Saskatchewan. After graduating from Walla Walla College, he went to work as an assistant auditor for the SDACC in 1971, then, in 1976, he became the treasurer for the Alberta Conference. In 1981 he returned to the SDACC, where he also worked as treasurer. Klam

moved to the United States in 1986 where he joined the Oregon Conference as treasurer. In 1992 he moved to the Lake Union Conference where he worked as treasurer for 10 years, and then from 2002 to 2008 he was treasurer of the North Pacific Union Conference. Klam served on various health system and university boards during his career. He helped to develop Beyond the Bottom Line, a training seminar for church financial leaders.

Norman W. Klam is survived by his wife, Marlene; daughter, Cheri Oellrich, a physician, of Vancouver, Washington; son, Jeffrey, an assistant treasurer for the Northern California Conference; and several grandchildren. A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 14 at the Meadow Glade church in Battle Ground. ■

SDACC Mourns the Passing of ARM Rep

Warren Lynn Walikonis, a former treasurer of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference and Canadian representative for Adventist Risk Management (ARM), passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on December 21, 2011, at the age of 54.



Walikonis was born on October 3, 1957, and grew up on the family farm near Reserve, Montana. He graduated from Andrews University with a business concentration in accounting. After working for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, Walikonis spent 21 years working for ARM. He started out as the manager of the ARM field office in Oshawa, and then became the manager of the field

office in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he continued to serve Canada and the Lake Union conferences. In 1997, Walikonis and his family relocated to Riverside, California, where he served a portion of the Pacific Union conferences in addition to all of Canada. Most recently, he held the position of Senior Field Services Representative for ARM.

Walikonis leaves behind his wife, Dawn; daughters Stephanie, a preschool teacher in Loma Linda, California, and Janelle, a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, Africa; father Albert (Jeanne); his brothers, Steve (Cindy), Randy (Jean), Jeff (Connie); sister Karen (Gary); and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 29, at the Azure Hills church in Grand Terrace, California, and a family service took place at the Plentywood church in Plentywood, Montana, on Wednesday, January 4. ■



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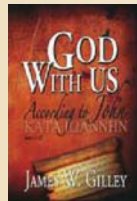
Carefully search each page, find its hiding spot, and then head to www.adventistmessenger.ca to tell us where it is. Comment on the news story called "Something *M*issing in December" (giving us your name and contact information), and you will be entered into a random draw for a prize furnished by the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center.

Remember that the "*M*" looks just like that—black and approximately that size. It's not in any of the places where our logo usually goes, like the masthead or page footers. Happy hunting.

WE HAVE OUR WINNER! The *Messenger* would like to congratulate Shirley Smith of Scarborough, Ont., our contest winner for October/November. She will receive a book from the Eastern Canada Adventist Book Center and a small package from the *Messenger*.

In the October/November issue, the *M* was on page 19, impersonating tree trunks in the Kenya photo.

Contact the Eastern Canada ABC before February 29 and mention the *Messenger* contest to receive a 20% discount on the book our winner will now enjoy!



God For Us According to John (John 13-21)
by James W. Gilley (PP)

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Announcements

Thunder Bay SDA Church is looking for the for the following missing members: Gerald Osmond Burton, Marie-Eve Duval, Maria Cecilia Manusoc. If you have any information of their whereabouts, please contact Jim Rieder at 807/983-2659, or email to jrieder@tbaytel.net or jrieder@adventistontario.org.

LCS celebrating 25 years of SDA Christian education. Lakeview Christian School, overlooking scenic Elk Lake in Victoria, B.C., is looking forward to celebrating its 25th anniversary on January 21, 2012, with a vespers program at LCS. On January 18, 1987, the Vancouver Island Junior Academies, located at 10345 Bowerbank Road in Sidney (grades 1-6), and 1462 Hillside Avenue, Victoria (grades 7-10) amalgamated to its new location at 729 Cordova Bay Road. The school was renamed Island Pacific Adventist School. Its name changed to Lakeview Christian School in 2003, reflecting the rich variety of religious and cultural backgrounds of its students, and its beautiful location. LCS would like to invite former and present staff members, students and

board members, as well as the SDA churches on the Peninsula, including the constituent churches Victoria SDA Church and Rest Haven SDA Church, to the vespers program on Sabbath January 21, 2012, from 7-8 pm. We thank God for His leading during these 25 years. Come and celebrate with us!

Are you in need of prayer? Call the Kendalwood SDA Church Prayer Line at 905/434-8470 or 1-888/554-3005 Sundays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Someone from the Prayer Team will be there to pray with you. (1/12)

59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend. Our 59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend will be held on May 25-27, 2012. Honoured classes are Classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987 and 1982; TJA Grade 10 Classes of 1977 and 1972. The 4th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic will be held on Friday, May 25, 2012; Alumni Sabbath on Saturday, May 26, 2012, and the 7th Annual Walk 'n' Roll 4Education on Sunday, May 27, 2012. For more information and to confirm your attendance, please contact Derrick Hall, VP of Advancement, toll-free 866/960-2125 Ext. 234, dhall@tadsb.com; or Judy Cardona-Gamez, Ext. 248, jgamez@tadsb.com. Visit our official website www.tadsb.com. (05/12)

New Members

ONTARIO

Diana Salagala and Ian Taylor were baptized in Kingston, Ont., on Oct. 29, 2011, by Daviceto Swaby. Diana and Ian were baptized after attending the Prophecies Decoded evangelistic series. They are now members of the Kingston church.

MARITIME

Teresa Veinotte was baptized in Bridgewater, N.S., on Jan. 8, 2011, by Leroy Corkum. She is now a member of the Bridgewater church.

Hari Prasad Rajkumar was baptized in Moncton, N.B., on Jan. 1, 2011, by Ron Nelson. Hari originally came in contact with Seventh-day Adventists when he was a young man in India, where he attended an Adventist school in his hometown. He is now a member of the Moncton church.

Wilma Brewer was baptized in Zealand, N.B., on March 12, 2011, by Elder Carroll Brewer. She is a member of the Zealand church.

Dany and Sylvain Côté were accepted by a profession of faith in Andover, N.B., on Oct. 30, 2010. They are now members of the Perth-Andover church.

Mario Gallant and daughters **Allison Gallant** and **Stephanie Gallant**, **Jessica Armstrong** and **Joy Loxdale** were baptized in Pugwash, N.S., on July 30, 2011, by Pedro Graça. They are now members of the Tantallon church.

Tom Herman and **Lorrie Wheeler** were baptized in Bridgewater, N.S., on October 9, 2010, by Leroy Corkum. They are now members of the Bridgewater church.

Febe Lopez was baptized in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Aug. 20, 2011, by Robert Lehmann. She is now a member of the Charlottetown church.

Trudy Matthews, Alma MacMillan and **Naybu Win** were baptized in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on July 21, 2011, by Robert Lehmann. They are now members of the Charlottetown church.

Kelvin Nyathi was baptized in Pugwash, N.S., on July 30, 2011, by Dan Wilson. He is now a member of the Halifax church.

Leona Somerville and **Betty Somerville** were baptized in Fredericton, N.B., on April 23, 2011, by John Fournier. They are now members of the Fredericton church.

Kaitlyn Walker was baptized in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Aug. 27, 2011, by Robert Lehmann. She is now a member of the Charlottetown church.

Brenda Williams was baptized in Pugwash, N.S., on Sept. 17, 2011, by David Hamilton. She is now a member of the Pugwash church.

Daphne Williams and her daughter, **Emma Williams**, were baptized in Pugwash, N.S., on July 30, 2011, by Victor Chant. They are now members of the St. George church.

Rachel Williams was baptized in Bridgewater, N.S., on Oct. 9, 2010, by Glen Corkum. She is now a member of the Bridgewater church.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Nathan Canales was baptized in Vancouver, B.C., on March 12, 2011, by Samir Chahine. He was baptized as a result of Bible studies conducted by Lester Lorensen, which he has asked him to continue. Nathan is now a member of the Maple Ridge church.

Breóna Sundberg, and **Jake** and **Lillis Unger** were baptized in Mission, B.C., on Aug. 27, 2011, by Timoteus Nagy after a series of Bible studies. They are now members of the Maple Ridge church.

David Radysch was baptized in Kelowna, B.C., on Oct. 8, 2011, by Andreas Mellas. He was baptized as a result of attending a Revelations study held by Pastor Andreas, which renewed David's faith in The Word and in Christ. David is now a member of the Rutland church.

Shireen Prysunka was baptized in Kelowna, B.C., on Oct. 1, 2011, by Andreas Mellas. She is now a member of the Rutland church.

Births

Natalie Alexis Fraser was born June 12, 2011, to Emily and Ryan Fraser of Indian Harbour, N.S.

Caleb James Mario MacLaughlin was born July 20, 2011, to Claudia and Donald MacLaughlin of Halifax, N.S.

Hudson James Muirhead was born February 10, 2011, to Amanda and Jason Muirhead of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Weddings

Tom Herman and **Lorrie Wheeler** were married October 10, 2010, in Bridgewater, N.S., and are making their home in Pleasantville, N.S.

Justin McCann and **Amber Lennox** were married February 13, 2011, in a private outdoor ceremony in the woods in N.S., conducted by Justin's grandfather Victor Gill.

Jody Morash and **Karen Messervey** were married September 4, 2011, in Tantallon, N.S., and are making their home in Seabright, N.S. Jody is the son of Philip and Rosa Lee Morash of Terence Bay, N.S., and Karen is the daughter of Mike and Darlene Messervey of Halifax, N.S.

Anniversaries

Bill and **Barbara Crandall** of Golden, B.C., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, and Barbara's 91st birthday, on Oct. 9, 2011. The Crandalls have two children: Charlene and Duane (Norma), both of Golden. They have eight grand children and nine great-grandchildren. (Photo next page.)



Don and Phylis Stoyanowski of Abbotsford, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 3,



2011. Don served as a pastor in the B.C. conference for 21 years. The couple worked for *It is Written* from 2000 until their retirement in 2007, Don as the evangelism coordinator and Phylis as his assistant. They celebrated together with family and friends at the home of their children in Surrey, B.C., on Sept. 4, 2011. The Stoyanowskis have two children: Sandy Stoyanowski of Surrey, B.C., and Lawrence (Donna) Stoyanowski; and three foster daughters: Marina, Dorothy and Loretta. They have two grandchildren.

St. Clair and Esther Stewart of Mississauga, Ont., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21,



2011. The couple was honored with a formal Golden Anniversary reception at the Glen Erin Inn in Mississauga given by their children, where they

renewed their vows in the presence of family and friends. The Stewarts have three children: Dr. David (Jennifer) Stewart, Eslyn (Keith) Blair, Clair Stewart. They have five grandchildren.

Donald and Josephine (née Deshane) Armstrong of Kingston, Ont., celebrated their 70th wedding



anniversary on Nov. 1, 2011. The couple celebrated their anniversary with their church family on Oct. 29, 2011, at the Kingston church, where they were presented with flowers and a cake, and Patrick Butter sang "O Perfect Love" to them in honour of their many years together. The Armstrongs have two daughters, Debra (Elmer) Young and Connie Armstrong, and a son, Arden Armstrong, who passed away. They have one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Birthdays

Catherine Brand of Maple Ridge, B.C., celebrated her 90th birthday on Sept. 23, 2011. Her grand- and great-grandchildren came all the way from



the United States to throw her a surprise party on Aug. 6, along with her church family.

Katie (née Sefer) Eiber of Kingston, Ont., celebrated her 90th birthday on September 20, 2011. Her celebration was held at the Kingston church and presided over by Pastor Swaby, who thanked her for her many



years of dedicated service to the church. Katie is the mother of Margaret Eiber.

Obituaries

John-Keen Ban was born Jan. 27, 1949, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and died Sept. 12, 2010, in Surrey, B.C. John is predeceased by his father, Ban Yang-Yarn. Surviving: wife, Florence (née Sormin) Ban; son, Randy Justin; daughter, Gracelyn Fleur (Donald Jr.) Lloyd; mother, Chin Kim Meng; brothers, John-Sin, John-Kiaw, John-Inn, John-Khow, John-Hoon; sister, Yoke Guan; and three grandchildren.

Anna (née Pidwerbesky) Dobroskay was born Dec. 7, 1915, in Dominion, Sask., and died Oct. 7, 2011, in Saskatoon, Sask. Anna was raised Ukrainian Orthodox and became an Adventist when she met her husband. She served the church as a Sabbath School teacher, deaconess, and sang in the choir and ladies' trio. She was also involved in Dorcas, Ingathering, and much more. Anna is predeceased by her husband, Alex; her brothers, William, Jack and Alex; and her sisters Rose Glovatsky and Mary Ilnisky. Surviving: son, Gil Dobroskay; daughter, Therese Lindberg; sister Bertha Demyon; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary (née Kowtek) Dovich was born March 1931, in Samburg, Sask., and died Sept. 1, 2011, in Sask. Mary served her local church for many years and assisted in raising money for two churches in the Ukraine. She is predeceased by her husband, Peter; her daughter Sharon Douslin; her brothers, Peter and John Kowtek; and her sister, Iftimia Soroka. Surviving: son, Vernon (Kristi) Dovich; daughter Janice (Collin) Akre; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Christina (née Weintz) Hollowach Grainger was born Sept. 18, 1916, in Tariverde, Romania, and died Jan. 6, 2011, in Penticton, B.C. Christina served as a deaconess in the Kelowna church for many years prior to moving

to Penticton. She also spent many hours knitting hundreds of sweaters for ADRA before losing her sight. Christina is predeceased by her first husband, Michael Hollowach; her second husband, William Grainger; her son, David; her daughter Eveline Hutton; her brother, John Weintz; her sister Frieda Kirsch; and one great-grandchild. Surviving: daughter Irene Fead; sister, Philipina Henkel; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Stephanie Anne Hamley was born May 27, 1932, in Watford, England, and died Oct. 17, 2011, in Newmarket, Ont. Stephanie is predeceased by her husband, Peter. Surviving: sons, Graham, Russell, Robert and Erwin (Lisa); daughter, Beth (Hugh) Snow; and nine grandchildren.

Albert "Bert" Hayward was born Oct. 29, 1915, in England, and died Dec. 12, 2010, in Powassan, Ont. Bert was a charter member of the Willowdale and South River churches. He served as a greeter, deacon, elder, Sabbath School teacher and ADRA ambassador. Bert is survived by his wife, Vena (née Pillsworth); his sons, Wayne (Anita) of Hot Springs, S.D., Bruce (Dorothy) of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Gordon (Glenda) of Calhoun, Ga.; his daughter, Eunice J. Hayward; his eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Louis Moores was born Dec. 11, 1926, in Markstay, Ont., and died April 11, 2011, Peterborough, Ont. For years Louis made his annual pilgrimage to Pugwash to help prepare the buildings and grounds for Camp Meeting. He served as deacon and elder at the South River church. Louis is predeceased by his first wife, Betty (née Calford); his second wife, Dorothy (née Elliott); his daughter Betty Lou Moores; his brothers Fred and Harold Moores; and his sisters, Phyllis Moores and Hazel McGibbon. Surviving: sons, Gary (Diane) in Blackstock, Ont., David (Shelley) of Oshawa, Ont., Roy of Omemee, Ont., and Brian (Carol) of Oshawa; stepsons, Ted (Joan) of Peterborough, Ont., and Martin (Eileen) of Hacketts Cove, N.S.; daughter Judy (Stan) Zealand of Beaverton, Ont.; step-daughter, Glenda (Keith) Madgwick, Peterborough; brothers William (Mona) of Townsend, Ont., Don (Vi) of Kitchener, Ont., Victor (Eva) of Nampa, Idaho, Jerry (Emily) of Courtice, Ont., and Cecil (Millie) of Waterdown, Ont.; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Marvin John Nickel was born May 20, 1920, in Nipawin, Sask., and died Oct. 5, 2011, in Loma Linda, Calif. Marvin worked for Loma

Linda University for 30 years in bookkeeping and purchasing. He is predeceased by his sons Gordon and Dennis Nickel, and his sister, Ruby of B.C. Surviving: wife, Pearl; daughter, Lavonne (Victor) Anderson of Grass Valley, Calif.; son Randall (Garri) Nickel of Loma Linda, Calif.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Harry Peterson was born April 12, 1940, in Henderson, Ont., and died Sept. 28, 2011, in Kingston, Ont. Harry loved to give Bible studies and served his church as a deacon. He was always willing to help however he could. Harry is predeceased by his son Calvin; his brothers, Nelson and Raymond; and his sisters Faye Shorts, Deloris Woodcock and Mavis Marshall. Surviving: wife, Shirley (née Storms); sons Kevin, Joel and Alvin; daughters, Victoria and April; sisters Marie Bergsma, Sandra Harper, Lois Hartwick and Sylvia Peterson; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Arlene (née Penner) Reimche was born Jan. 1, 1925, in Kuban, Russia, and died Nov. 4, 2011, in Kelowna, B.C. In her youth Mary took an active part in the church and, at age 20, became a literature evangelist for about a year. She went on to attend Canadian Union College, where she took a Bible Instructor course along with her future husband. Mary was a leader in various church departments and ran cooking schools, health lectures, and partnering in her husband's pastoral, evangelism and radio ministries. Surviving: husband, Harold; sons, Allan (Beth) Reimche of Oregon City, Ore., and Donavon (Carol) Reimche of Augusta, Ga.; daughters, Jackie (Richard) Urbanek of Kelowna and DellaRose (John) Pijl of Chilliwack, B.C.; brothers, John (Patricia) Penner of Aldergrove, B.C., Jack (Betty) Penner of Walla Walla, Wash., Peter (Carol) Penner of Christian Lake, B.C., and Edward (Corrie) Penner of Chetwyn, B.C.; sisters, Margaret (Thomas) Davis of Redwood Meadows, Alta., Elsie (Ben) Kwiram of Abbotsford, B.C., Nettie (Max) Kilba of Salmon Arm, B.C., and Tena Penner of Weimar, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mac Volkwyn was born June 8, 1957, in Johannesburg, South Africa, and died April 22, 2011, in Ernfold, Sask. Mac offered active service and commitment to the various congregations to which he belonged over the course of his life. He is survived by his wife, Jan; and his sons, Marc (Jenna) of Saksatoon, Sask., and Michael of Kelowna, B.C.

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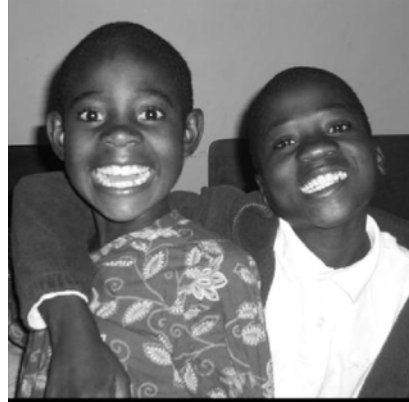
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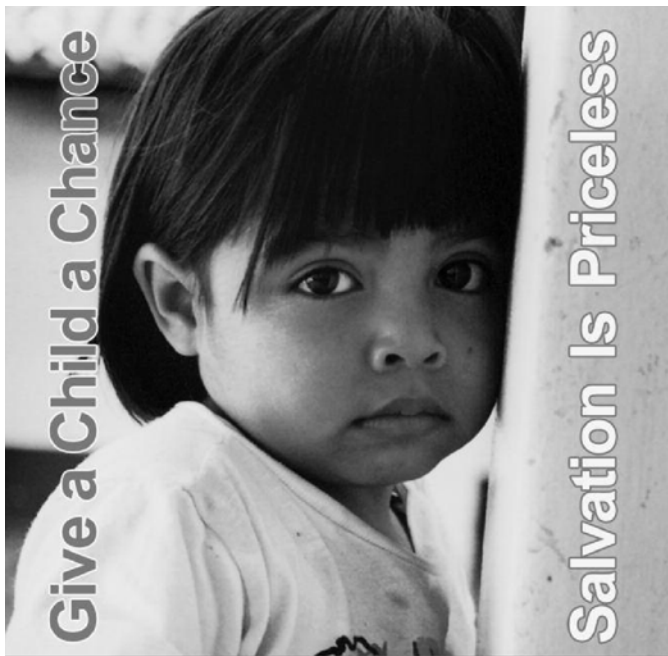
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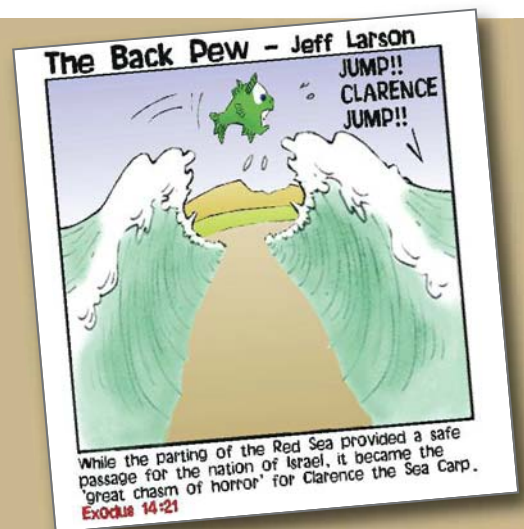


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