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Providing a Foundation

2012 is the **Year of Adventist Education** as voted by the North American Division. This year each issue of the *Canadian Adventist Messenger* will include a special feature article on Adventist education in Canada.

As you read these stories of courage and conviction, I hope you will sense the great treasure we have in Adventist education. And I also hope that you will discover a way to be part of it.

You see, Adventist education is the church just as surely as is the Sabbath morning worship service. It is part of God's plan to reach the world.

Adventist schools are good places to be. Recent and ongoing studies show that students enrolled in Adventist schools perform better than predicted on standardized tests, and the longer they attend our schools, the better they do. And though, in the past, Adventist education has not been accessible in some parts of Canada, our distance learning programs today reach out to families living in small or remote communities who can now experience the benefit of that Adventist learning.

I've had the privilege of visiting many Adventist elementary and secondary schools throughout Canada, and I appreciate the teachers, parents and sponsors who make Adventist education a day-to-day reality. I also appreciate our university, Canadian University College, and its growing enrollment of students who are preparing for careers under a committed Christian faculty.

Why do we do it? Because we believe that great futures are built on strong foundations.

Please join me as we celebrate this Year of Adventist Education, praying for our schools and the teachers, students, parents and pastors who work together as part of God's plan to reach the world. ■

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Sifting corn flour produced from corn grown at an ADRA-supported model farm.

TWO YEARS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

that rocked Haiti in January of 2010, I was able to visit the country for the first time to monitor the projects funded by ADRA Canada supporters. The Haitian government reported that an estimated 316,000 people had died, 300,000 had been injured and 1,000,000 had been made homeless by the devastating quake. In the face of this immense tragedy, what could be done and what has been done?

ADRA Canada supported the initial response activities undertaken by the ADRA network and provided ongoing assistance with food and shelter, water and sanitation, and livelihood projects. This has been done in partnership with the worldwide ADRA network, in particular with the ADRA offices in Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Of particular interest to Canadians is an exciting two-year project supported by ADRA Canada, the Canadian Food-grains Bank and ADRA Czech Republic. This project is operated by supporting, and working through, four community farming organizations in the Petit-Goâve area.

I visited model farms and observed

Discussions with some of the villagers revealed the frightening level of poverty, food insecurity and human tragedy they are facing. It was a stark contrast to the sense of hope shown by those in the ADRA project.

Hope for Haiti

training activities where program facilitators shared knowledge and proven practices with the local farmers. The project has been extremely successful in identifying, motivating and training the facilitators who, apart from being beneficiaries, receive no remuneration. Volunteers assist with organizing and preparing meals for participants. Reaching the project sites can be a challenge in itself; we sometimes had to traverse hilly roads or dangerous tracks by motorcycle.

I also spent time with the ADRA project team, who have a justifiable pride in their accomplishments. As part of the careful accounting and record keeping practices, an electronic database has been designed and implemented. I sometimes get the impression that some of our supporters think that an ADRA disaster response involves nothing more than rushing in and handing things out to people. On the contrary, ADRA project personnel spend a great deal of their time carefully planning and implementing project activity. First, ADRA must “do no harm”; secondly, ADRA activities are designed to make a positive difference. Even emergency response programs have the long-term benefit of families and communities in mind.

One evening I joined ADRA staff at a celebration organized by a farmers’ association. Several hundred people came out to sing, dance and eat. The facilitators asked to meet with me. They expressed their appreciation for the project and pleaded that the project continue for a little longer so that they could all fully capture and implement the new ideas being put forward. I spoke with them about their progress and dreams. An exciting part of the evening was appreciating that the level of community engagement was very high, quite beyond that of the identified beneficiaries. I noted that the blue ADRA project T-shirt was worn with pride and served not only to enhance the esprit de

corps (morale) but also to advertise the project and its concepts to others in the community. Stories were told of how people in the project were sharing their new knowledge with others outside the selected beneficiaries and in surrounding communities. A transformation is taking place as the project engages people’s attention and a development process is occurring that may arguably be as important as the seeds and growing techniques that make up the program.

New varieties of seeds and crops (especially different vegetables) have been introduced, and people are adjusting to these changes and embracing the new opportunities. This represents a significant cultural change that is bringing improved nutrition, more stability to the farming cycle and improved opportunities for marketing excess production.

On my last day, I visited a community up in the mountains far away from the project activities. Discussions with some of the villagers revealed the frightening level of poverty, food insecurity and human tragedy they are facing. It was a stark contrast to the sense of hope shown by those in the ADRA project. I clearly saw the difference your support to ADRA makes in a community. I pray your support continues! There’s so much more work to be done!

The smiles and gratitude of the people assured me that all the project activities have been, and will continue to be, eminently worthwhile. Yes, Haiti is a country in desperate poverty. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is ranked 149th of 182 countries on the Human Development Index. But ADRA’s efforts, made possible by the generous donations from our supporters and the hard, selfless work of our team members on the ground, are bringing hope. ■

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Blessed are the Teachable

We need to get along with others—even if we see things differently.

“**B**lessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5, NKJV). The word meek is the same word that is used to denote bridling a horse or taming a wild animal. In other words, meekness involves the process of teaching or training the animal. The objective is not to render the animal powerless, but rather to bring the power of the animal under the control of the trainer. So for the Christian, when we talk about a meek person, we’re not talking about a spineless wimp. We are talking about a person whose life has been brought under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I would submit that meekness equals power under control. In this beatitude Jesus is telling us that we should allow God to lead us, to teach us and to guide us.

It’s like saying, “Jesus, you take control of my life. You just tell me where to go. If you say ‘turn left,’ I’ll turn left. If you say ‘turn right,’ I’ll turn right. If you say ‘turn around,’ I’ll turn around. If you say ‘stop,’ I’ll stop. I choose to turn my destination over to you. You are my teacher, you are my trainer, you are my Lord.” The meek are sensitive to the divine will of God. They allow God to be in control. The meek are not easily provoked or irritated. Neither are they proud, self-sufficient or stubborn. The meek allow God to train and teach them. In other words, the meek are teachable. Meekness is self-control empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit.

An important lesson I have learned from this beatitude is how we are to deal with disagreeable people. Being meek does not mean that we have to compromise our convictions. We can be tender without surrender. Jesus is teaching us that meekness is not weakness, but it is handling conflict with gentleness. I submit that we need to stop arguing over things that don’t really matter. When there are issues that do matter, we must be tender without surrender. “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Prov. 15:1, NASB). Meekness is learning to

disagree agreeably. It is learning to get along with people even when you don’t see eye to eye. You can agree to disagree, and you respect each other because of it. What if in each of our churches we lived by this code: “In the essentials we have unity; in the nonessentials we have liberty; in all things we have love.” We need to get along with others—even if we see things differently.

In all my years in ministry, I have never been at a church where everybody is in total agreement. But I have seen situations where people love one another and have reached a point of unity. Note what the apostle Paul says about variety in the church: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor. 12:4–7, NASB).

Our mandate is to grow God’s kingdom, not our own. He has placed us here to love one another. We are to serve Him and to serve one another. One of the best places on earth where people should see unity with diversity is any one of our Seventh-day Adventist churches. When you attend any of our churches, you may find different worship styles, different orders of service, but you will also discover that we all serve the same Lord and worship on His day. We can serve the same Lord, knowing that our God loves diversity and that He loves unity and even expects it of His children. We must be understanding, not demanding. We must remain teachable, and we must be gentle but not judgmental. “Blessed are the meek [blessed are the teachable], for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:5). ■

Wayne Culmore is the president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in British Columbia.



What's next?

T33nTalk

I'm graduating this year, how do I decide what to do next?

Your question echoes the sentiment of most grade 12 students facing that big hurdle at the end of a structured, predictable and, dare I say, almost mindless trek through elementary, junior high and high school. Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying school is mindless. I'm simply saying your course up to this point was mapped out for you without your having to put much, if any, thought into it. True, you may have decided which school to attend, or you may have even opted for home school, but now you're about to venture into the unknown.



Your main options are generally three: (1) You can look for work and forego more schooling until you are sure what you want to do and then return to school later. (2) You can go to a trade/diploma type school. Or (3) you can go to college and pursue a degree. Don't be afraid to explore all your options.

Before we go any further down the options path, let me tell you a quick story. I recently had lunch with a friend who was struggling to make a big decision. She started to make a list of the pros and cons of her two options. I let her finish and then told her she could scrap the whole thing because it was irrelevant. She looked at me and said, "I know," and then crossed it all out. Why? Because the only question she needed to answer was, "What does God want?"

You are on the borders of a new land. You've been gathering knowledge for over a decade, and now you need to decide what you are going to do with it. Your first question if you want a happy, fulfilling life that blesses the world and gives you deep meaning is, "What does God want?" If He answers that question, then you'll likely know what to do next. If you can honestly say He hasn't, then I would talk to the people in your life you trust the most and ask them what they can see for your future. What gifts has God given you? What skills do you learn most easily?

We live in a world that is funneling all our young people off to college as if that were the only destination of any value. Many go not knowing what they want to be and take some vague degree only to graduate four years later with no more employable skills than they had when they started, and work for minimum wage at a less-than-fulfilling job under a heap of debt.

I can't answer your question outright, but I will say this: any job done with excellence brings glory to God. You only get to live once. Choose a career that is God-honouring, is a blessing to the community and will give you a sense of meaning and purpose. Money can't buy that. I don't make big dollars, but I wouldn't trade God's calling on my life for anything. See Proverbs 3:5, 6. ■

This month's contributor is Dan Wilson, pastor of the Halifax and Fox Point churches in Nova Scotia. If you have a question for him or any of our Teen Talk writers, email us at messenger@adventist.ca.

Creation Corner for Kids



ostrich

As the African sun dipped below the horizon, a wandering family of lions was startled by a sudden flapping of feathers. A male ostrich, apparently wounded, flapped his great plumes and staggered away from the lions. The young lions leapt after the ostrich, but the mother lions knew better. They looked in the direction the ostrich had come from and soon spotted the eggs. The adult lions sprang toward the nest. The young lions joined their mothers. They played with the eggs as if they were balls, pushing them and rolling them till they lay scattered all around. All the father ostrich could do was watch. When the lions got tired of playing with the eggs, they left. The father ostrich had not gone far. He returned and gathered the eggs together. It took some time, but he finally had them all back in the nest. He fluffed his feathers and sat down.

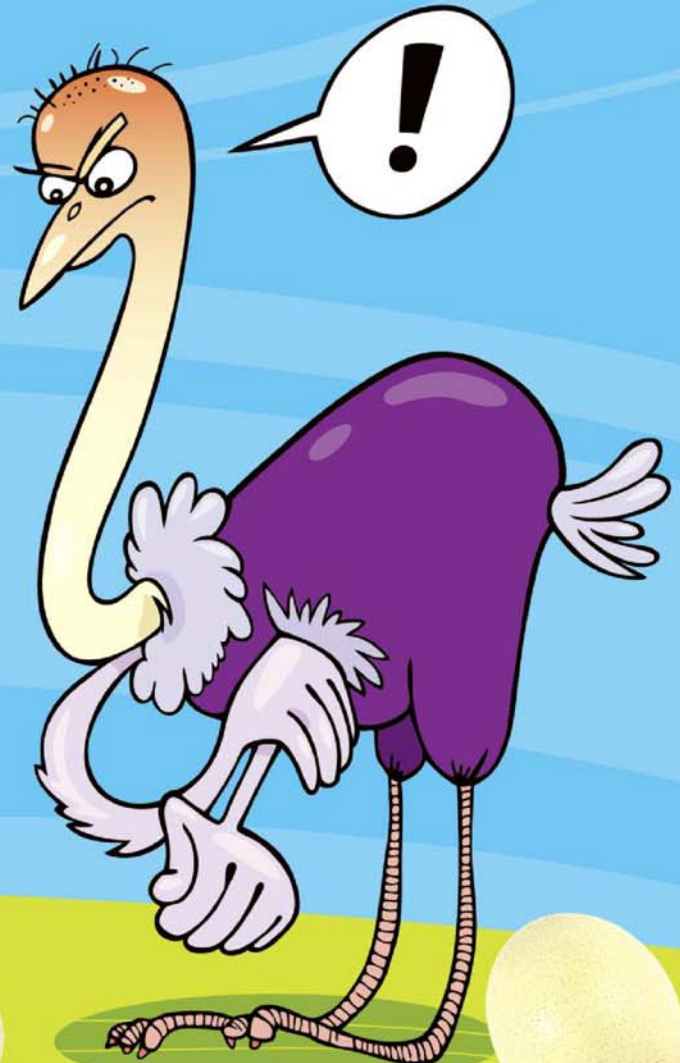


Do it!

Look up these passages to learn more about our Father's "wings": Psalm 57:1, 61:4 and 63:7. What do these Scriptures tell us about God? To learn more about ostriches, you can go to <http://bit.ly/bDoloj>.

Think about it.

Male ostriches are good parents. They take turns sitting on the eggs with the female and care for the young, protecting them from predators, shielding them from the scorching African sun and leading them to water. God is our good Father. He wants to keep us safe from our enemy and gives us living water, which is the Holy Spirit (see John 7:39).





Heather Reid

By Lynn McDowell

HIGHER GROUND

CUC Degrees in Action

"I feel I was well-mentored, personally and academically, at CUC."

—Heather Reid, BA English (Honours), minors in Fine Art and Writing, CUC 1997; PhD, University of Victoria, 2011; Assistant Professor of English, Pacific Union College.

"I was always interested in the classes I took from Larry Herr on the Old Testament and the Former Prophets," recalls Heather. At the time, she had no idea that this interest would shape her future as a groundbreaking academic focused on medieval devotional literature. What Herr and her other CUC professors saw, however, was an inquisitive young woman with a work ethic and intellect that could carry her far.

Affirming the efforts of the struggling single mother of two in her pursuit of deeper understanding, the Division of Arts faculty awarded Heather the Canadian Union College Humanities Award for Creativity and Intellectual Curiosity. It was one of several academic awards and fellowships Heather would receive, including the Ian H. Stewart Graduate Student Fellowship from the University of Victoria's Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. She would be invited to co-edit *Illumine: The Journal of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society Graduate Student Association*.

As she worked toward her doctorate, Heather presented her research at six professional conferences, and after her presentation at Queen's University in Belfast, Ireland, in 2010, she was invited to submit her paper for publication alongside some of the top names in her field. But Heather is clear about the strong support and solid, biblical scholarship at CUC that launched her successful career.

"What I found at CUC was a user-friendly network of people who were willing to help me find what I needed to pursue a degree in English," reflects Heather about some of the CUC factors that helped her succeed and even gain an edge in her field. "I also attribute an awareness of biblical mythoi [culturally important stories] to Dr. John McDowell's Readings in Classical and Hebrew Sources course, and the required religion courses I took." ■

Bright Future Glimpsed Through Record of the Past

CUC Professor and Alumni Recognized for History-based Excellence

Professor Addresses Conference at Université Laval, Co-edits Book



Louicius Michel

Louicius Michel, professor of business, accepted an invitation to present his research on reconstruction in Haiti at the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in International Business Management conference series and returned to CUC with “homework.” The audience for the highly-respected

Université Laval series—which included graduate students, professors and members of the Quebec government—expects discussion based on in-depth business experience as well as scholarship. Michel was subsequently invited to contribute to and co-edit a

collection of research on the emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India and China, which is to be released as a book.

Michel’s research sheds light on the role that identity plays, today as well as historically, in the ability of nations to recover from setbacks. As a graduate student, Michel interned at the Treasury Board of Quebec and the Quebec Ministry of Finance. His deep experience in business and human resources at Haiti’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and his role as director of finance at Haiti’s Ministry of Finance provided the basis for his PhD work in strategic vision and institutional development. ■

CUC and Alumni Volunteers Make Canadian SDA History Accessible to All

A celebration in the CUC Archives on Jan. 31 marked a milestone for Canadian Adventist history research. Four major works on the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada have been scanned by Edith Fitch (HS ’50) and Maj-Britt Rusk (taught English, French and journalism at CUC ’63–’68) and can now be searched by computer. The works are *Changing Lives: The Hilltop Story* (CUC Centennial, by Edith Fitch and Denise Herr), *The Lord is Our Strength* (B.C. Conference Centennial, by Malcolm Graham), *Lives Touching Lives* (Alta. Conference Centennial by Corrine Vanderswerff), and *History of Churches, Schools, Medical Work in the Canadian Union: The Lord Is My Shepherd* (by J. Ernest Monteith).

At present, the scanned works can be searched on location in the archives, which are housed in the heart of CUC’s Administration Building. But vice president for advancement, Jerrold Ritchie, and head librarian, Sheila Clark, are exploring ways to make the archives even more accessible.

“We’re looking at the cost and feasibility of making the work done by our alumni volunteers accessible online,” said Ritchie during the luncheon celebration. Clark is also working with the GC director of archives, statistics and research, David Trimm, to ensure that CUC’s Canadian Adventist heritage documentation project will integrate seamlessly with what is being done at world church headquarters.



Edith Fitch and Maj-Britt Rusk in the CUC Archives.

For 15 years, Fitch and Rusk, now assisted by Nancy Foreman (HS ’86, C ’95), have worked four mornings a week to catalogue not just these compiled histories but also volumes of Messenger articles, academic catalogues, photographs, graduation programs, yearbooks, and articles that mention any CUC graduate in an array of publications.

“We’ve just got 100 years to cover,” says Fitch with wry understatement as she hands over a reproduction of the first *Canadian Union Messenger*, printed at Canadian Junior College in College Heights, “that’s all.” ■



The gospel in 140 characters or less

Maximizing **twitter** in your ministry

Who in the world is using Twitter?

The truth of the matter is that many people are using this social media giant to communicate their message. If history is correct, the Arab Spring of 2010 will be credited to social media platforms like Twitter. In fact, when Twitter was planning on a scheduled maintenance, the U.S. State Department personally requested that the media giant postpone their plans because it would interrupt the vital communications channels to the Middle East.

Twitter is considered a *microblog*. This means you can express your thoughts in small bursts, limited to 140 words or less. Do you remember when your English teacher said you should be able to communicate your essay in one short sentence, called the thesis statement? Twitter forces you to carefully construct your thoughts in a concise manner.

How can the church utilize this powerful tool to promote the gospel? Here are some tips to get you started:

Don't wait until Sabbath to promote your events in the church bulletin; you have six other days that you can tweet specific things happening at church.

Tweet constantly and consistently. Social media etiquette suggests you post on your organization's Facebook page only a couple times a day so as not to lose your "friends." However, Twitter is the perfect place to post as much as you want. For example, take advantage of this platform and tweet an inspiring Bible passage each

day. Use an app such as Hootsuite to organize and pre-write your Twitter feed.

Always Hashtag. A hashtag is the "#" symbol that allows other Twitter users to find a feed that is talking about a certain subject. For example, if you are having a talent show at your church this upcoming Saturday night, hashtag words that are relevant to your program. Here is an example: "Looking forward to the talent show this weekend. Hope to see all of you there. #talent #church #Adventist #pastorphil #canada #ontario"

Keep track of what's trending. On the right panel of your twitter page, you will see a column with the word *trending*. This will give you a quick glimpse of what people are talking about in the Twitter universe. Take advantage of what is trending and write a tweet about it. This will show that you care about current events and are up-to-date on what people are talking about. For example, if there is a flood that has just ravaged a community, write a short tweet such as, We are praying for the flood victims of Bangladesh. #flood #adventistcare #Do-Something

Using Twitter to pray for your community

The secular influence on our society has affected the religious reach of many in Canada. While most people do not attend church, they still believe in prayer. How many times have you heard someone say,

"Please pray for..."? If you are interested in developing a Twitter prayer ministry in your community, here is one way to do so:

1. Go to <https://twitter.com/#!/search-advanced>.
2. Type "please pray" into the first box labeled "All of these words."
3. Under the "Places" option, type in the postal code of your church and set the radius to 15 or 25 miles (or less, in a densely populated area).
4. Click the search button at the bottom.

The results that come up will include every tweet that includes the words "please pray" within the specified radius surrounding your postal code. It will include tweets from up to seven days prior.¹ Your prayer ministry can respond to these individual tweets by saying, "The _____ Seventh-day Adventist Church in your community is praying for you right now. Come visit or call us if you need anything."

The use of Twitter allows Seventh-day Adventists to communicate the good news of Jesus in a new way. I encourage you to embrace this avenue to strengthen your ministry. ■

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Quick Facts About Twitter (Source: www.baselinemag.com)

The first tweet was sent on March 26, 2006, by Jack Dorsey, which said, "just setting up my twttr." CNN (@cnnbrk) is the top news organization on Twitter, with almost five million followers for its Breaking News feed. Twitter has more than 200 million registered users, but the number of active users is unknown. The # symbol, called a hashtag, marks keywords or topics in a Tweet; users came up with the system on their own. After the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March 2011, Twitter launched #hope4japan to encourage donations to the American Red Cross.

Adventist Twitter links to follow

@adventistnews
@adventistchurch
@nadpres

¹ www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2011/111109_article2.html

>> You can read more of Dixit's writings at rajkumardixit.com<<.



What's It Worth?

I have a story to tell you, a deeply personal one. It's about Adventist education and what it has meant to me.

I grew up in an Adventist home. My wonderful parents surrounded me with an atmosphere of faith and love in a country home.

At our local church, there were lots of kids but no church school. Some talked about starting one, but it seemed out of reach. My folks had plenty of experience working in education, both public and private. They decided that, for their son, Adventist education was a necessity.

Since Mom had been an elementary teacher, they decided to home-school me. This was not a popular idea in the 1950s. Relatives who were educators were worried, but I thrived.

My parents understood that education also includes relating to people around you; a classroom setting was important. But the nearest church school was about 113 kilometres away. How would they get their son to school? The solution was the

Greyhound bus. For two years, I traveled by Greyhound an hour and a half each morning to church school and an hour and a half back in the evening.

When my brother was about to enter school, our family moved to a community that had an Adventist school. When it came time for high school, we moved again so we could attend the Adventist academy. My mother and father's commitment to provide Adventist education had a tremendous influence on me.

It was a biology teacher at the academy, Joe Galusha, who built on the foundation my folks had laid at home. Through Joe's witness in class and on campus, Jesus became real to me in ways that He had never been before. As Christ spoke to me, I was impressed to study to be a pastor.

It was at an Adventist college that I gained the skills for my life work. At that college I participated in activities that shaped my future. I made lifelong friends, volunteered for projects, went as a student missionary and developed leadership skills. At that same college, I discovered a young lady I wanted to know better, and for the last 38 years, Becky and I have

journeyed through life together.

I owe a lot to Adventist education. It provided high-quality learning. It taught me to explore beyond my horizons. It taught me that faith and learning are friends, not enemies. It helped shape my values and goals. And throughout my life, in my mind I've returned again and again in times of perplexity to what I learned in an Adventist school.

Adventist education comes not without a price. I am indebted to a lot of people. People who had the vision to establish the schools I attended. People who drove old cars or lived in smaller houses so they could support Adventist education with their dollars. People who chose to sponsor books for the school library rather than take expensive vacations. They are the ones who made my education possible. They invested in me and in countless other students.

Can we do any less in 2012?

Was it worth it? I think it was, and I think it still is. ■

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Reflections on the Shafia “Honour” Killings

NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO, on June 30, 2009, sisters Zainab Shafia, Sahara Shafia and Geeti Shafia, respectively aged 19, 17 and 13, as well as Rona Amir Mohammed, aged 50, were discovered dead in a Nissan Sentra that had been submerged in the Rideau Canal in Kingston, Ont. The three teenage girls were daughters of Mohammad Shafia and Tooba Mohammad Yahya; they were a family who had emigrated from Afghanistan. Rona was Mohammad Shafia’s first wife, who could not conceive and was then subjected to a polygamous marriage when Shafia married Tooba as a second wife; when immigrating to Canada, Rona was claimed to be an aunt.

POLICE LINE

Two and a half years after the incident, on Jan. 29, 2012, a trial of Mohammad Shafia, Tooba Mohammad Yahya and 20-year-old son Hamed reached a conclusion. They were found guilty, each being charged with four counts of first-degree murder. The murders were planned and deliberate because the young girls had damaged the family honour by adopting western behavior in dressing immodestly and having boyfriends. Rona became a victim because she could not conceive and clearly wished to be released from her “marriage” to Shafia, who allegedly took all necessary measures, such as fear tactics and guarding all of her identification documents, to tightly control her.

In 2012, imams (Islamic leaders) belonging to the Islamic Council of Canada and several from the United States collaborated, spoke out and made an official statement condemning “honour killings,” domestic violence and misogyny, essentially saying that these acts are not supportive of Islam.¹

Many of us were astonished and heartbroken by Mr. Shafia’s method of curing the perceived mischief of rebellion. It seems that when he was no longer able to control the effects of his daughters’ non-compliance, he took action by removing its cause permanently. I am confident that all of us would agree that the remedy invoked by Mr. Shafia was much worse than the disease he sought to cure.

It has been said that liberty is to opposition what air is to fire, an element “without which it instantly expires.” It has been further stated that it would be no less foolish to abolish liberty, which is essential to independent thought because it nourishes opposition, than it would be to abolish air, “which is essential to animal life, because it imparts to fire its destructive agency.”² As long as human reasoning continues on earth and we are free to exercise it, differences will exist. And we vigorously seek government protection of these differences, as far as they do not interfere with the rights of others.

And yet it seems that we so sparingly offer this liberty to one another, particularly in matters of religion and individual conscience. In our churches we often demonstrate a spirit of intolerance or persecution toward others when they look and act differently than we do. Our sensibilities may be easily ignited should someone disagree with our methods or plans. If we do not exhibit a spirit of liberty in our treatment of others, how can we expect the laws of the state to rise above us?

He who knows the human heart so well stated in Luke 6:37: “Judge not that ye be not judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.” Christ is the only one who ever selflessly walked this earth. Yet He bids us to follow Him, and we may follow in His footsteps when we practice forbearance with one another, when we are tenderhearted and gracious despite our differences. The principle of the priesthood of believers would have us work out our differences while seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit with humility.

Christ also says in Mark 7:15–20 that our thoughts, words

and actions can defile us. Disgusted at such inhumanity, we may be quick to judge the Shafia family murders. But we have been given a warning in the words of Christ through the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 17: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (verse 9). This means that I cannot trust my own heart unless it is fully submitted to God. Christ is like a parachute. It only works when you put it on. So with the profession of Christianity, it does no good to simply turn to Christ; we must put Him on. This is why it is futile to coerce people to submit to rituals or ceremonies or points of view. It does not make them Christians or better people. Coercion most effectively creates hypocrites. Only putting on Christ can make us Christians. Only putting on Christ will produce true humility. Only then do we recognize that at the cross we are no less or more than the murderer.

In Matthew 5:21, Christ equates hateful thoughts with murder. The same spirit that actuates gossip and thoughts of condemnation was manifested in its fullness in the Shafia murders. There is a continuum that exists. We may believe that controlling behaviour, judgmental thoughts and snide remarks are harmful, but it is so much more than that. The root is the same for those behaviours as it is for murder. Therefore, the loathing that we feel when we think of the Shafia murders is an indictment of our own actions.

If we were to remember that every time we cherish a harsh thought we are indulging the same spirit that was made manifest in the Shafia murders, we would banish judgmental thoughts before they took hold in our minds. We would approach others with a spirit of love and the ultimate goal of redemption. History testifies that if we fail to do this, it is only a matter of time before persecution in all its hideous forms will reveal itself. If we fail in our personal lives to grant freedom of choice to our families and to our fellow church members, we have no right to demand that freedom of conscience from a government that insures equality of opinions before the law.

Freedom does not exist except where the entitlement to choose between right and wrong is present. We must allow others the freedom to choose, even when we think they are making the wrong choice (with the restriction that our choices may not infringe on the rights or freedom of others).

This principle of freedom flows from the values found in the Bible. The cross illustrates this principle as nothing else can. The cross means forgiveness of sin and it also means the restoration of the power of choice to humankind—it is the foundation of religious liberty. At the foot of the cross we are all equal in our need of Christ’s righteousness. We know that there is grace where there is repentance, for a murderer and for you and me. Do we dare to extend less freedom to others than Christ offers to each one of us? ■

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¹ Information about the Shafia family murders in the above paragraphs was found in Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia, s.v. “Shafia Family Murders,” http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shafia_family_murders (accessed March 20, 2012).

² “The Same Subject Continued (The Union as a Safeguard Against Domestic Faction and Insurrection),” *The Federalist Papers: A Penn State Electronic Classics Series Publication*, No. 10, p. 41.

Winning Souls, Winning Smiles



It Is Written in the Philippines

BY HERMIONE WILSON

It was a warm evening in February when two men sat under a luminescent moon reflecting on their journey together. “Jim, who would have thought, eh?” remarked Bill to his childhood friend, “when we were 12- and 13-year-old kids running around the Portuguese church playing hide-and-seek, that one day we would be in the Philippines, you as a dentist, me as a preacher, doing this kind of stuff?”

“This kind of stuff” was a 10-day evangelistic series entitled Countdown to Life, which It Is Written (IIW) Canada, led by preacher and show host Bill Santos, had brought to the Palawan region of the Philippines. Santos had led missions like this before, in Angola and Brazil, and he had been to the Philippines once before, to the region of Mindanao, but this time was different. After he returned from Mindanao a year ago, his friend Dr. James Martins, a dentist with a practice in Toronto, approached him about bringing a medical mission with him next time he did an evangelistic series overseas.

At first Santos was hesitant. IIW Canada had never done anything like this before and with a small staff and limited resources, he wasn't sure they could pull it off. IIW Canada is 90 percent funded by donations and many of their projects are laypeople-led. How would they find enough volunteers with medical expertise, wondered Santos? How would they get the necessary supplies together? “I'll handle that,” Dr. Martins assured him confidently.

True to his word, Dr. Martins recruited three dentists, four dental assistants, two nurses and six other volunteers, who then had to each raise a \$2,000 donations, and to cover their airfare, accommodations and meals. Then there was the job of amassing enough medical supplies. They had to bring antibiotics and anesthetic with them just to perform basic dental and medical procedures. They would need enough gloves so that the doctors and dentists could change them after every patient in order to keep things hygienic, and almost as many gowns. They would need a variety of portable equipment such as dental chairs, suction units, and units with battery-charged handpieces and scalers.

“There were moments I thought to myself, ‘What have we gotten ourselves into, Lord?’” Santos says with a laugh as he reflects on the hectic preparations. Then, as if that wasn't enough stress, there was a moment when it looked like the trip might not happen at all. The It Is Written team had planned to return to the Mindanao region in February 2012. When they had been there last, some students from a local public university had asked them to come back and hold an evangelistic series on

their campus. Inspired by the enthusiasm of these young people, they quickly agreed. However, when Santos went to purchase the travel insurance for their volunteers, he learned that the Mindanao region was off-limits to Canadians. Because of the increased activities of a Muslim terrorist group in the region, the Canadian government had restricted travel to that area for Canadians, and as a result, no insurance company would insure them.

Fortunately, Santos and his team were able to secure another location for the evangelistic series, in the region of Palawan, in a city called Puerto Princessa. It was a tourist area, and the home of the Palawan Adventist Mission, located near an Adventist hospital—in short, it was the perfect location for their experiment of pairing an evangelistic series with a medical mission. While Santos liaised with the local church pastors and Bible workers at the Mission, preparing the people of the community to receive the message they would bring, Dr. Martins sent the teams medical supplies ahead of them.

When the team arrived at their destination, Santos remembers thinking, what if no one shows up to the clinic after all we've done to prepare? His fears quickly changed to, “how in the world are we going to help all these people?” when he saw the long lineup outside the clinic.

The medical team ended up seeing over 1,200 people in the five days of their mission. The dentists alone saw 300 people, and the doctors performed a total of 86 surgeries, mostly removing cysts on the skin, in their makeshift operating room. The team quickly realized that the patients they saw weren't able to afford the medication they were prescribing post-treatment, so they talked to the nearby hospital and said, “whatever the doctors prescribe, we'll pick up the tab.” They ended up dispensing 100,000 pesos worth of medication.

The clinic was set up in an old school building at the Palawan Adventist Mission with no air-conditioning, where they sweltered and sweated for eight hours, from 8:30 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. “It was like a MASH unit,” remarks Santos of the set-up. He also notes that none of the volunteers complained, not once. In addition, the local church had recruited an additional

“It was incredible to see how providing for people’s physical needs was such a powerful way of getting them to recognize their need for spiritual healing.”



Left: Dr. James Martins with volunteer and former patient, Crystal.

Upper left: Headley Campbell, nurse, attends to a patient.

Upper right: Attendees at the Palawan Adventist Hospital Church “Countdown to Life” series.

Right: Mary Jane, before and after Dr. Martins’ orthodontic work.

Far right: Rosaria Martins assists Dr. Martins, and his son Jeffrey, with a patient.

30 volunteers to help out the medical team. They were also joined by two medical missionaries, Dr. Christopher Hansen from Sweden and Dr. Diego Wolf from Brazil, who happened to attend the evangelistic meetings one Friday night and heard about the clinic’s need for more volunteers.

After closing time every afternoon, the team had just enough time to grab a bite to eat at the local restaurant, run back to their hotel to clean up, and then hop in a van and drive to the evangelistic meetings that started at 7 p.m. The Countdown to Life series was being broadcast via Internet to the region of Mindanao, their original destination. At the end of the series, a total of 160 people were baptized, and an additional 65 are now being prepared for baptism. 89 of the baptisms that occurred during the 10-day series took place in Mindanao.

It was a hectic schedule to keep, but for the IIW team, seeing the influence they were having on people’s lives made it all worth it. One such individual whose life

was transformed by the medical mission was Mary Jane, a young woman who worked at the restaurant where the team ate every day. After the team invited the restaurant manager and his staff to come to the clinic for some free dental care, Mary Jane showed up to have a prominent gap between her front teeth fixed. She was very self-conscious about it and rarely smiled. Dr. Martins went to work on her and was able to close the gap.

When Santos handed her a mirror to look at the dentist’s work, Mary Jane began to sob. “I’m just so happy,” she told them with tears in her eyes. “You’ve given me my smile back.” She went on to tell them that she was a former Adventist. She had been raised in the church but later left and married a non-Adventist. “I think this was God’s call to bring me home,” she told them.

For Lulu Pereira, one of volunteers and Dr. Martins’ cousin, it was the children she met in the Philippines who really touched her heart. There was 17-year-old Crystal who, after being a patient herself, decided she



wanted to help out at the clinic. She worked diligently and cheerfully alongside Lulu, whom she called “Mama Lulu,” holding patients’ hands and translating for those who didn’t speak English. There was Crisha Mae, a little girl with rotting baby teeth and abscesses in her mouth that made it impossible for the dentists to work on her. Lulu’s heart went out to the little six-year-old who was the same age as her granddaughter back home, and ended up walking her to the clinic of a local dentist for further treatment. Then there was the little boy who would happily sing praise songs to the waiting people lined up outside the clinic every day and who loved to give hugs.

For the IIW Canada team, the evangelistic series and the medical mission were a natural combination of meeting people’s spiritual as well as physical needs. “It was incredible to see how providing for people’s physical needs was such a powerful way of getting them to recognize their need for spiritual healing,” says Santos. Already the

group has plans to bring a similarly combined mission to other countries. “We want to do one every year,” says Dr. Martins. He adds that next time he would like to recruit an optometrist, and he’s also thinking of adding a building project component to their mission if they can recruit volunteers with the necessary expertise. It’s clear that the Philippines have left their mark on Dr. Martins and his fellow travellers.

Weeks after the trip, Bill Santos reflects again on the moment when he and his childhood friend Jim sat in awe of where God had led them. “God has a plan for every person,” he states with conviction.

The It Is Written Canada team and volunteers would like to thank the Filipino church in Calgary, Alta., and the Bronte church in Oakville, Ont., without whose generous donations this trip would not have been possible. ■

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

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Alberta

2012 Ryley Winter Festival



Players shake hands after a game at the Mundare Arena.

January 27–29 marked the 22nd annual Ryley Winter Festival. This event has been a popular winter event for Adventist men and their friends since 1991. The festival always takes place the last weekend of January. Local church members, past and present, participate and bring friends from their communities. The event has the feel of a reunion even for first-time attendees. People come from all over Alberta, other parts of Canada, the United States and occasionally as far away as Australia.

The Ryley Winter Festival is a weekend full of spiritual blessing, friendship and plenty of fun hockey where old friends are reunited and new friendships begin. Each year a speaker is invited to deliver a three-sermon series, for Friday vespers, divine service and close of Sabbath vespers. We have been blessed each year with messages that enrich our spiritual growth.

Friday evening vespers takes place in the Ryley Seventh-day Adventist Church, and the Sabbath services are held at the Ryley Good News Church, which has room for the larger crowd the Ryley Winter Festival draws.

Our speaker this year was Terry Hartwig, of the Sherwood Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. President and CEO of Hartwig Architecture Inc., Terry has worked on the designs for such places as Commonwealth Stadium and Millennium Place. He is passionate about building in ways that serve God and humanity. His messages to us for the weekend were entitled, *Hockey: A Metaphor for Life; Period 1, Period 2 and Period 3*. He had us contemplate how to make our lives count for the kingdom of heaven. His talks were well-received and meaningful to all participants. As is traditional, we presented Terry with a hockey jersey

bearing the logo of the host team.

After Terry's sundown vespers message, in which he challenged us to play hockey with the same Christian guidelines with which we play life, there was a general exodus to the Mundare Arena for the annual nine-game hockey marathon involving six teams. Three games Saturday night carry us to midnight, and six games follow on Sunday. It is always a challenge to wrap things up by 6:15 Sunday evening! The Mundare Arena has hosted our hockey games since very close to the founding of our event. The emphasis is on maximum ice time and skilled, clean play, not the score, so this is where it differs the most from a weekend tournament.

Some teams like to track their performance, others just relish the chance to play some hockey against, or with, each other. Teams may have grandfathers, sons and grandsons playing together, which covers quite an age span and makes things extra special. Each year we ask our referees to award the Pastor Roy Jamieson Sportsmanship Trophy to the team exhibiting the most sportsmanlike play. This year's award was given for the second year to the Hwy 14 Crusaders II. Congratulations to them and all the teams for exhibiting the sort of Golden Rule hockey that has everyone facing the coming week without the need to nurse bumps and bruises! We have been blessed with fantastic referees from the Tofield Minor Hockey Association, who are happy to uphold our unique set of rules on the ice. A nine-game stretch of hockey is a lot of exercise and work for two referees in 24 hours!

The six visiting teams that participated in this year's festival were the Eagles, a guest team from a local league led by

their captain Steve Kozmeniuk; B.C.'s Ole Sea Dogs, under Bruce Booth's captaincy; the Southern Alberta Roadrunners, captained by Trevor McAfee; and the College Heights area PAAK, under captain Tyler Bell. The Hwy 14 Crusaders I, captained by Gordon Hussell, and Hwy 14 Crusaders II, captained by Johnny Default, were our host team

divided into two.

Though many of the players grew up in the area, players in this year's rally came from as far as B.C., Washington, and the land of Oz (affectionate nickname for Australia, for those who thought this was an imaginary location). Besides sampling soups, veggie burgers and other delicious canteen selections, players, church members

and fans enjoyed the fellowship and fast-paced hockey.

Next year's event will be held Jan. 25–27, 2013. For more details, contact Stewart Clubb at 780-662-2916, Kent Grinde at 780-688-2027, or find us on Facebook.

by Kent Grinde,
Ryley SDA Church
Communication Director

British Columbia

OKAA Europe Trip Fundraiser

On a cool Sunday evening of Jan. 29, 2012, the students, parents and staff members participating in the London-Paris 2012 school trip to Europe hosted a successful perogy supper fundraiser at Okanagan Adventist Academy (OKAA) in Kelowna, B.C.

In May 2011, OKAA students began signing up for the much-anticipated 2012 high school trip. They knew it was going to be a long haul saving money and participating in fundraisers, yet they were excited.

After selling homemade pizzas in the fall, collecting bottles, selling Purdy's chocolates during Christmas, the big final fundraiser was set for Jan. 29, 2012. The idea was to invite the public and the Adventist church communities to a scrumptious homemade perogy supper for an opportunity to open the doors of OKAA to the public and host a fun family event while raising some money for the students' trip.

The menu consisted of homemade cabbage rolls, salads, buns, meatballs and gravy, corn, and three types of homemade perogies: potato/onion, potato/cheddar and sauerkraut. The Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church ladies made by hand and generously donated 122 dozen perogies



Okanagan's own Dolyna Ukrainian Dancers performed a series of traditional Ukrainian dances.

for the event, while more were made by the parents and grandparents of OKAA students attending the trip. Cake with fruit and whipped cream topped off the meal!

While the approximately 250 guests socialized and ate, the award-winning bluegrass band A Day Late And A Dollar Short—of which resident OKAA teacher Darrell Corbel is a member—played a barrage of Ukrainian songs and traditional bluegrass numbers. Afterward, Okanagan's own Dolyna Ukrainian Dancers performed a series of traditional Ukrainian dances. The crowd was well-entertained as they went home with new friends, full bellies and smiles on their faces. The students, parents, teachers, and home and school volunteers worked hard and faithfully, knowing the big trip is just around the corner.

"Events like this can be a success when the church and local communities come together and support one another. It sends the students a message of 'what you do is important, and you are valued.' It also shows that people care about what goes on at this school when the SDA churches volunteer to help and the community attends these fundraisers," commented Mr. Littlechilds, OKAA teacher and Europe trip sponsor.

Other community support for this event came in the form of free advertising by Okanagan's Giant FM radio station, Eli Tatarin's "Ukrainian Hour" online radio program, promotions from the Kelowna Ukrainian Cultural Center, and yummy door prizes donated by Cobbs Bakery.

Now the OKAA students are gearing up for their "London-Paris 2012" trip, and are looking forward to a unique academic experience where classroom lessons will come to life. They will be visiting historical locations and art museums in London, England, and Paris, France, and have an opportunity to speak French and meet new friends. ■

Kevin Littlechilds,
OKAA teacher

SDA Church in Canada



Stan Jensen

Stan Jensen Appointed Communication Director and Messenger Editor

Adventist Church in Canada.

Stan has developed and implemented several strategies for sharing church news, inspirational and doctrinal material, both inside the church and for the public. In January 2012, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) announced that it has approved the Adventist Church's Hope Channel for broadcast on cable TV throughout Canada as a result of Stan's vigilance. He has also played an important role in the partnership between Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR) and the repeaters in British Columbia.

The SDACC Board of Directors has taken action to create the position of communications director for the Church in Canada. In doing so, the Board and church leadership recognize the significant need to provide many resources to share our faith and news of Adventism throughout Canada. Stan's involvement with broadcast media and electronic means of communication make him an ideal person to lead this area of the church's ministry.

Stan plans to build on the excellent and award-winning foundation that has been laid by those who have served the church previously as editors of the *Messenger*.

We welcome him as he returns to Oshawa to take on this important ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. ■

Mark Johnson, SDACC President

With this issue of the *Messenger*, Stan Jensen joins us as director of communications for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) and as editor of the *Canadian Adventist Messenger*.

Born in Alberta, Stan has served for the past 10 years as communications director of the British Columbia Conference. In addition to his work in British Columbia, he has served as director of Trust Services, ABC manager in Ontario and Southern California, and ABC assistant manager in Alberta. In these several capacities, Stan has assisted every conference and mission in Canada. He has made long-lasting friendships through his travels, which will contribute to the continuing development of the *Messenger* and the role that it plays for the Seventh-day



Alex Choban

A Man Of Service

Alexander "Alex" G. Choban, former missionary in South Africa, manager at Maracle Press

in Oshawa, Ont., and assistant plant manager at Pacific Press in Mountain View, Calif., passed away on Jan. 30, 2012, just a few months shy of his 100th birthday.

Born in Bukovina, Romania, on March 8, 1912, Alex immigrated to Saskatchewan at 11 months old. Alex lived a long and fulfilling life, one marked by years of service both in North America

and abroad. Educated at North Battleford Academy in Saskatchewan and later Canadian Junior College (currently Canadian University College) in Lacombe, Alta., Alex greatly valued the significance of Christian education. It was at Canadian Junior College that he met and finally married his sweetheart, Margaret Pfannmueller. They had one daughter, Meldra-Joy (Shankel). Together they traveled the world serving as missionaries, first called to South Africa in 1950 and then back to Canada (in Oshawa, Ont.) 12 years later.

Following their eight years in Oshawa at Maracle Press, Alex and Margaret were called to serve at Pacific Press in Mountain

View, Calif. Eight years later, they retired and moved to be closer to family in the beautiful Okanagan Valley, B.C. In later years, after the death of his wife in 2004, after 65 years of marriage, Alex made his home close to his daughter and son-in-law at the Northcott Care Centre in Ponoka, Alta.

In an excerpt from his final sermon preached in 1989, Alex quotes Life Sketches by Ellen G. White: "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." Those who remember Alex know he lived by these words until the very end. ■

Kingsway College Touring Groups Invited To Perform At The GM Centre

On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, the energized crowd at the General Motors (GM) Centre in Oshawa was asked to stand for the singing and playing of the national anthem. Performing the national anthem were Kingsway's very own Philharmonic Ensemble and Choir. They sang and played, wearing their Kingsway College T-shirts with pride, and got a big cheer from the crowd as they finished their performance.

It was now time for the Oshawa Power Basketball team of the newly formed National Basketball League of Canada to take the floor to play the St. John Mill Rats.

The game was attended by over 4,000 fans who came out to cheer their team.

At half-time the Kingsway College Aerials pulled out their mats and stood ready to perform their high-flying gymnastics routine, simply called the Acrofest routine. J.C. Alleyne, a grade 12 student, was the first one to be shot up into the air while performing a double flip; he landed safely in the waiting arms of his teammates. As the team performed their routine, you could hear a collective ooohhh and aaahhh from the crowd, who stopped in their tracks as they were going out for a snack to watch the awesome spectacle. As one of the staff members walked back from taking pictures at court level, several audience members made sure to express how they had enjoyed their performance. It is safe to say that the Aerials, Band and Choir stole the show that night, especially since the Oshawa Power lost the game to the visiting team.

Kingsway College touring groups are made up of students who love to share their talents with others. They are often asked to perform at churches, fairs, professional sports and other events because people have come to recognize the excellence of these groups. Whenever they perform, it is a tribute to the work that God is doing in each one of these young people's lives. Adventist education is a blessing far beyond measure, and it is a wonderful way for young people to actively use their talents for God's glory. ■

*Remy Guenin,
Director of Enrolment Services*



Ed Dunn Speaks With First Nation Elders in Kitwanga



Historic totem poles in Kitwanga, B.C.



Ed Dunn, Native Ministries coordinator



Leif and Zanna Ove

Edward Dunn, coordinator of Native Ministries, was invited to speak at a Hereditary Chiefs, Elders and Youth Leadership Conference in Kitwanga, B.C., on Jan. 5, 2012. The group represented three Native communities in the area who had been working with Limwel Ramada, a missionary with SULADS Canada, and Zanna and Leif Ove, a retired couple who works alongside him. SULADS, a word that means brother, is an independent Adventist ministry based in the Philippines, with chapters in Thailand, Canada, and the U.S. It began as a missionary effort by students from Mountain View College in the 1960's to minister to indigenous groups in the Mindanao region of Philippines. In Canada, SULADS has been working with Native groups in British Columbia since 2004.

The purpose of the conference was to encourage the youth and elders to work in partnership for the benefit of their communities. Limwel and the youth leadership team provided a lunch for the participants.

Ed spoke on suicide in First Nations communities and gave some ideas of things communities could do to intervene to save their young people. One of the

chiefs requested that the Seventh-day Adventist Church provide more training for their community to assist them with their various health challenges. The speakers reviewed the programs that were being delivered already in each community and gave ideas of what had worked in other places. Limwel presented the SULADS program proposal to form a youth program based on the Pathfinder program, a women's club, a health club, and a community gardens project. The conference participants were impressed at the resourcefulness of their youth and agreed to continue to move ahead in a united manner.

Zanna Ove has been busy producing a health magazine called *Radiant Native Health*. She has been requesting sponsors to send this magazine to all the reserves in Canada. Of the 614 reserves, she has succeeded in sending bundles of the magazine to 147 (approximately one-quarter). *Radiant Native Health* is now being printed and mailed by Maracle Press in Oshawa. The last printing was for 5,000 copies. The magazine covers various health topics and includes an invitation to study the Bible using the Native New Day lessons. Zanna has received many requests for the Native

New Day studies. She says it seems like every week she gets at least one request card. Zanna is looking for sponsors to pay for the subscriptions of this health magazine to your local First Nation community. The Creator is blessing her efforts by adding people to His Kingdom. Zanna puts out a newsletter called *Indian Arrows of Education Newsletter*; you can request it by contacting her at leifzannaove@yahoo.com. ■



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Announcements

Washington Adventist University celebrates Alumni Weekend.

Apr. 13–15, 2012. Join us for the grand opening of the Leroy and Lois Peters Music Center, April 14 at 8 p.m. Visit www.wau.edu/alumni for a list of events and activities or call 301/891-4133 for more information. (3/12)

59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend

Our 59th Crawford Adventist Academy Homecoming Alumni Weekend will be held on May 24, 26 and 27, 2012. Honoured classes are Classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987 and 1982; TJA Classes of 1977, 1972, 1967 and 1962. Fashion Builds, an alumni-driven event in support of the new school initiative, will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2012; Alumni Sabbath followed by an evening Alumni Reunion Concert on Saturday, May 26, 2012; the 4th Annual Vernon Langdon Golf Classic, Richmond Hill Golf Club, and the 7th Annual Walk 'n' Roll 4Education will be held 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. (5/12)

New Members

ONTARIO

Ginessa and Teresa Anderson were baptized in Willowdale, Ont., on Oct. 8, 2011, by Larry Milliken. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

David Cho was baptized in Willowdale, Ont., on Oct. 15, 2011, by Larry Milliken. He is now a member of the Willowdale church.

Robert Farjami and Wilson Torres were baptized in Willowdale, Ont., on Oct. 22, 2011, by Rick Bacchus. They are now a member of the Willowdale church.

Cathy and Kristin Clarke, and Pavel and Andrea Struhar were baptized in Willowdale, Ont., on Dec. 17, 2011, by Larry Milliken. They are now members of the Willowdale church.

Births

Natalie Willow was born on Jan. 12, 2011, to Takoda and Jaymee Davis of Kingston, Ont.

Obituaries

Freda (née Wheeler) Adams was born Apr. 16, 1935, in Santa Cruz, Calif., and died Apr. 25, 2011, in Hazelton, B.C. Freda's husband, Robert, died several months after her. She is survived by sons, Gary (Luella) and Doug (Nadeen); daughter, Cathy (Paul); 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert Adams was born Dec. 6, 1935, in Portales, N.M., and died Dec. 28, 2011, in Hazelton, B.C. Robert is predeceased by his wife, Freda, and his brother Elmer. He is survived by sons, Gary (Luella) and Doug (Nadeen); daughter, Cathy (Paul); brothers Jack and Dave; sisters, Marita, Mildred, Joy, Vicky and Valerie; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Milton Cecil Alger was born Nov. 8, 1920, in Moosejaw, Sask., and died Feb. 17, 2012, in Kelowna, B.C. Milton was a faithful member of the Rutland church. He is predeceased by his brother Ken Alger and his sister, Lois Alger. Surviving: wife, Dora;

sons, Garry (Mary) of Terrace, B.C., and Colin (Sharon) of Prince George, B.C.; brothers Garnet of Prince George and Robert of Edmonton, Alta.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Alex G. Choban was born March 8, 1912, in Bukovina, Romania, and died Jan. 30, 2012, in Ponoka, Alta. Alex served the church as a missionary in South Africa, a manager at Maracle Press in Oshawa, Ont., and finally, as assistant plant manager at Pacific Press in Mountainview, Calif. He is predeceased by his wife, Margaret Pfannmüller Choban. Surviving: daughter, Meldra-Joy (Wayne) Shankel of Lacombe, Alta.; brother, Daniel (Henrietta) of New York State; sister, Ruth (Robert) Wicker, of North Carolina; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Louise (née Melashenko) Gorbenko was born Dec. 10, 1911, in Perdue, Sask., and died Dec. 23, 2011, in Lacombe, Alta. Louise was active in the Beaver Creek church as a church clerk, Sabbath School teacher, deaconess, Investment secretary, and Vacation Bible School leader. She is predeceased by her first husband, Peter Gorbenko; her second husband, Peter Pylypiuk; her son Larry; her brothers Walter, Peter and George Melashenko; and her sisters Angie Waring and Lydia Tkachuk. Surviving: sons Lloyd (Judy), Doug (Fran) and Bob (Mariela); daughter, Esther (Steve) Yaceyko, and stepdaughters, Marion (Walter) Marchuk and Esther Dobrosky; brother Joe Melashenko; sister Virginia (Archie) Holbert; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gordon Mailey McNulty was born Jan. 6, 1920, in Margo, Sask., and died Apr. 27, 2011, in Toronto, Ont. Gordon helped to build Immanuel church and served there for seven years as head elder. He is predeceased by his son Brian Patrick, his brothers, Percy and Lorne, and his sisters Gladys and Irene. Surviving: wife, Patricia; sons Gordon "Gary," James and Michael; sisters Norma and Mavis; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Frances (née Sereda) Skoretz was born Nov. 30, 1935, in Yorkton, Sask., and died Nov. 12, 2011, in Lacombe, Alta. Frances served her local church in the Sabbath School department and on various church school boards. She was also a very musical person and assisted in many evangelistic meetings. Before raising a family, Frances was employed by CUC in the registrar's office as a secretary, at the College Press in Lincoln, Nebr., as a proofreader,

and at the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference as a department secretary. Frances is survived by her husband, Bernard, her son, Byron of Vancouver, B.C., and her daughters, Karen and Sandra Skoretz, both of Calgary, Alta.

Lily (née Welke) Steinke was born Dec. 26, 1921, in Kavanah, Alta., and died Jan. 14, 2011, in Wetaskiwin, Alta. Lily was very active in the Leduc church in the Sabbath School division, Ingathering, and anywhere there was a need. She sang at many weddings and funerals with her husband and as part of a quartet with her husband and her brother- and sister-in-law, for many years. Lily is predeceased by 13 siblings and a son-in-law, Mel Hamilton. Surviving: husband, August; sons, Ken (Evelyn) of Kelowna, B.C., Lloyd (Betty) of Langley, B.C., and Dallas (Karen) of Edmonton, Alta.; daughter, Gladys (Lorin) Wentland of the USA; sister Alice Triebwasser of Red Deer, Alta.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Freda (née Bauman) Stutt was born Jan. 8, 1921, in Powell River, B.C., and died Mar. 14, 2011, in Powell River. Freda was a charter member of the Powell River church and assisted in its construction. She is predeceased by her sister Lilly Martins. Surviving: husband, Robert; sons, David (Cindy) of Barrier, B.C., and Fred (Kathy) of Powell River; daughters, Thelma (David) Parker of Lacombe, Alta., and Jeannie (Les) Stutt of Edmonton, Alta.; sister Ruby Lewis of Barrier; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Tributes

Brian Desmond Juriansz—Nov. 1, 1924-Oct. 11, 2011.



Brian Desmond Juriansz was born Nov. 1, 1924, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the sixth of 11 children born to Benjamin John Juriansz and Edith Ondaatje. He was a champion boxer, rugby player and gymnast.

Following one year of medical school, feeling he would lose his faith if he continued on that course, he decided to train for the ministry.

He married Daphne Corteling in 1947 and, after losing her in 1983 in a car accident, daily looked forward to their reunion when Jesus comes.

Prior to immigrating to Canada in 1965, he worked in Sri Lanka as a Bible worker, colporteur and pastor. In Ontario, he worked as a colporteur briefly and then as a pastor. After retiring in 1985, he served as an interim pastor in various districts. He was much loved wherever he pastored: Paris, Brantford, Simcoe, London, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Mississauga, Brampton, Kingsview Village, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Lincoln Pioneer and Heritage Green.

Throughout his life he touched many lives, sharing his love in many ways. His children, Roseanne Bacchus (Don), Rosemary Okimi (Gerry), Rosalie Rasmussen (Bruce), Darrel (Karen), and Leyanne Roschman (Richard), 14 grandchildren (and four spouses), three great-grandchildren, many extended family members and friends cherish the memory of an imperfect and ordinary man who, by giving his life to his Creator, became a wonderful father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a wise counselor and trusted friend, someone who permitted himself to be recreated in the image of the loving God whom he so faithfully served.

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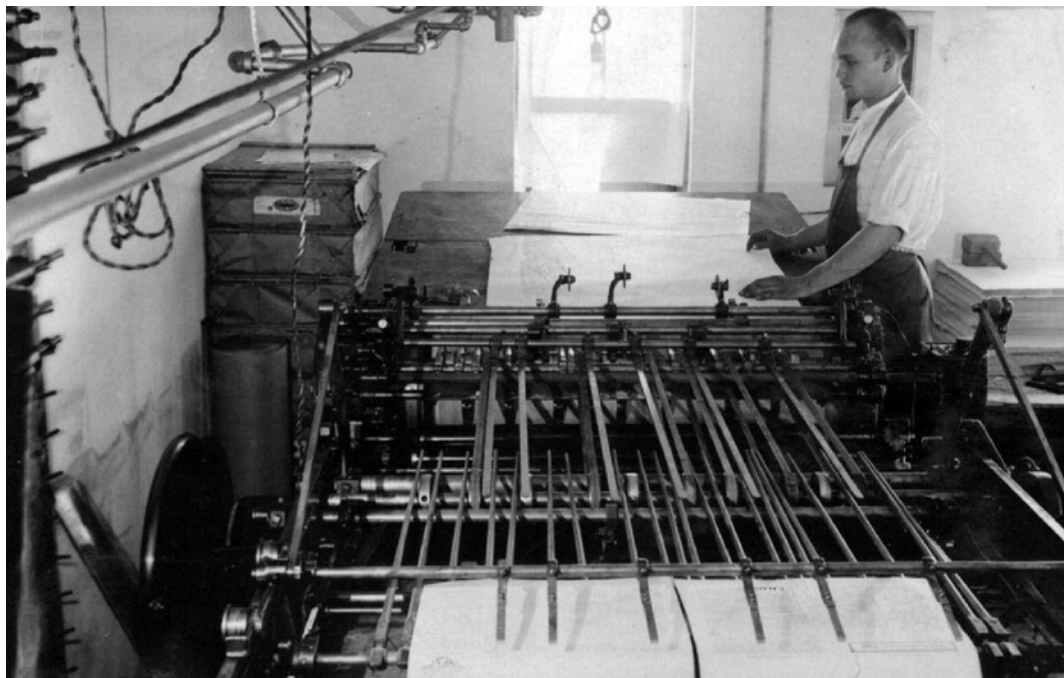


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This photo of Ben Glanzer, who went on to sing with *The King's Heralds*, appeared along with his article.

¹ Benjamin Glanzer, "A Year of Progress with the College Press," *Canadian Union Messenger*, August 9, 1932.

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