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Live Like a Seventh-day Adventist

t all began with her commenting on my shoes. She was a thirty-something young professional seated next to me on Air Canada. I was wearing a pair of "barefoot runners" that I'd recently bought. We talked about exercise, outdoors, our jobs. When the flight attendant came by to offer food, I mentioned that I was a vegetarian. That's when she told me that she'd been vegetarian for about 20 years. "A lot of Seventh-day Adventists are vegetarians, aren't they?" she asked.

That conversation has made me think a lot. You and I have a lot to share. We Adventists are interested in how well we live while we're waiting for Jesus. That's why we think about what we eat, how much we rest, how we exercise. And it is biblical for us to do so. Here's what Paul says: "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," (1 Cor. 10:31, ESV).

In 2009 a special issue of U.S. News and World Report ran an article titled "10 Tips for Living to 100." Among the tips was one that read, "live like a Seventh-day Adventist." This and other articles have contributed to an increasing conversation on quality of life and what contributes to it.

I'm impressed with the numbers of young adults I meet who are interested in quality of life and are aware of our Adventist heritage of health. You and I can share what we know with those around us. Some churches and conferences are sponsoring vegetarian food sampling, healthy lifestyle fairs, exercise clubs and a variety of other events. I think that's good. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Adventist churches across Canada were known as places where anyone in the community could learn how to improve his or her health?

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul" (3 John 2, ESV).

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S.M.I.L.E. Cambodia!

REACHING YOUR FIFTH BIRTHDAY

in Preah Vihear province, Cambodia, is a significant achievement. Horrifically, one in seven children there dies before his or her fifth birthday!

A number of preventable factors contribute to this astronomical number: malnutrition, childhood disease, death of the birth mother, and lack of educated caregivers. ADRA Canada's Securing Mothers' and Infants' Lives with Equity (SMILE) project, being implemented in partnership with ADRA Cambodia and with the financial support of the Canadian government through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will work to reduce these staggering infant and mother mortality rates.

The \$2.6 million SMILE project, being implemented in the Chieb, Chey Sen and Rovieng districts of Preah Vehear Province over a period of 42 months, will benefit 70,455 underserved women and children under age five.

This remote and scarcely populated area of Cambodia receives minimal health assistance and consequently

has some of the worst health indicators for women and children in the country. ADRA is seeking to reduce mortality rates in this remote area by educating mothers, pregnant women, women of reproductive age, and health and wellness caregivers about reproductive health, nutrition managing childhood illnesses and other essentials.

"Having partnered with ADRA Cambodia on programs since 1993, evidence of their ability to implement a program of this magnitude is apparent. ADRA's successful partnership experience was also recognized in our application for this CIDA funding, which shows the strength and merit of this program," stated Lisa Mercer, associate director of Programs, ADRA Canada. Mercer added: "With its focus on improving access to nutrition and proper healthcare, this project will significantly improve the conditions for families living in these rural communities, where access to properly trained medical providers is minimal."

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A gospel presentation for Ac ventists?

Have you ever wondered why it is that Jesus has not yet returned?

ave you ever wondered why it is that Jesus has not yet returned? A silly question to be asking of Seventh-day Adventists, I'm sure. We have all asked ourselves this question many times—unless, of course, some of us have only recently joined this church. But honestly, let's ask it one more time: why hasn't Jesus appeared in the clouds in all of His glory as the prophets of old have described? Why is it that we're still here? As I listen to world events, I am appalled at the enormous measure of suffering that exists around us. I can't imagine that our Lord is waiting for things to become worse. When I consider the devastation caused by natural phenomena—earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, etc.—is God really stalling for a greater increase of such tragic events? I can't imagine it to be so. Deep in my heart, and I'm sure there are many who would feel the same way, I suspect that He's waiting for His people. He's waiting for you and me.

Lately, I've been taking a second look at the Laodicean message. I like to think of it as the gospel presented to Adventists. Just as we lead our Bible interests to Christ by first showing them the true state of their spiritual poverty and point them to our Lord as their greatest need and the only One who can come to their rescue, so Jesus calls us to take a second look at our true condition and offers to each one all that is necessary for peace of mind—and salvation besides. The fact is, Jesus says unequivocally that we are in a lukewarm state of being. Yes, we love our Lord, but we love much of this world also. And as such, in spite of all the wonderful insights into God's truths that we have been blessed with, He describes us in some of the strongest language in Scripture: "wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked" (Rev. 3:17). In essence, He's telling us the head has gotten hold of the message, but has the message gotten hold of our hearts?

We have been blessed with a most wonderful message to give to the world, the three angels' messages in the context of the everlasting gospel. This is the message that will prepare a people for the soon return of our Lord. But for now, our preaching has not had the desired effect. If it had, He would have come before this. And so, Jesus offers His children precious words of advice. If taken seriously, if studied and prayed over, if claimed daily by faith, it has the potential of giving each one of us a makeover this world has never seen: "I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich [a faith that works by love]; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear [the robe of Christ's righteousness]; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see [the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit]" (verse 18).

Just recently, I've again come across this passage and realized that this is precisely what will bring about the fourth angel: "... having great power and the earth was lightened with his glory" (Rev. 18:1). This is what will give power to our preaching the messages of Revelation 14. Is there a legitimate reason for Jesus to hold off His coming again? Should the sufferings of humanity continue on much longer? It would appear to me that the answer is right before us. I want to encourage everyone to revisit the Laodicean message yet again and every day claim Jesus' counsel He offers us. By taking Jesus at His word, He will indeed finish the work that He has begun in each one of us. More than this, He will use us to reach precious lives and prepare a people

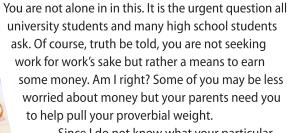
for the most incredible event this world will ever know.

> John Fournier is president of the Maritime Conference.

AUGUST

Summertime blues?

What should I do this summer?



Since I do not know what your particular case is, let me bypass all the superficial stuff and get right down to it. When I was 15, I was enjoying a leisurely summer day at my best friend's

house, complete with baseball, good food and video games. Then the phone rang. It was our friend Jenny informing us that our friend Remy had died the previous evening when a van collided with him and his bicycle.

I tell you this to underscore that life is unpredictable and that there is a bigger question to answer than questions about jobs and money versus summer fun and pleasure seeking. In Matthew 6 Jesus talks a lot about our needs and concludes that you can't compartmentalize yourself and serve God with one part of you and serve money (and other needs) with the other. He boldly declares that you are His and that if you seek Him first, He will more than supply your needs.

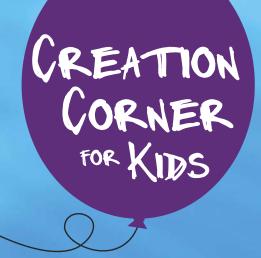
What is my point? Don't fall into the trap of making sure you meet your needs first and giving God whatever remains of your time this summer. Put service to Him first and see what He does. Your parents may not like this plan, and others may tell you differently as well. The choice is yours. Working at a summer camp, for example, may pay less than other jobs, but which one will do more good for His kingdom? Perhaps Canada Youth Challenge

(www.canadayouthchallenge.com) is worth considering. What about seeking out a mission opportunity abroad or creating one in your own neighbourhood?

One summer an elderly church member needed to paint his house and wanted me to help. I knew it would be a long job with little pay, but inside I knew it was what God wanted me to do, and my dad encouraged me to help as well. I was right on all three counts. It was a long job, it did not pay well, and it was the right thing to do. Several years later, I was facing being unable to reregister for school because of a lack of funds. Guess where the money came from? That dear old man from my church, and no one had even asked him to do it. God moved him to help me just like He had moved me to help him.

Yes, you may need money for school, etc. He knows that. Yes, you may desire to have fun and relax. He knows that, too. My challenge to you is, seek His plan for your summer and watch what happens!

Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days" (NKJV).



CROWN OF THORNS

Do you like sea stars, or starfish, as they're often called? Many sea stars are brightly coloured. I've seen orange, red and purple sea stars. They're interesting because many of them have a nice star-shaped body, but no head, and can re-grow limbs that have broken off. They move very slowly, and few people would think of them as being aggressive, but sea stars are predators. They use the suction cups on their legs to pry open the shells of the clams and oysters they feed on.

If there is one sea star that has a bad reputation, though, it's the crown-of-thorns sea star. The crown-of-thorns sea star eats coral and is attacking the Great Barrier Reef and other coral reefs. Some people are worried that the Great Barrier Reef will be killed by the crown-of-thorns sea star.

THINK ABOUT IT.

The problem is not that crown-of-thorns sea stars eat coral. The problem is that because they have few enemies, crown-of-thorns sea stars have been growing in numbers. There are just too many of them, and scientists don't know how to stop them.

Jesus proved God's love for people through His life and death. Because Jesus was willing to wear a crown of thorns and die to save us, God's kingdom has been growing and the enemy can't stop it.



DO IT

Are you doing your part to help God's kingdom grow? Pray that God will show you how you can help. Jesus will soon return. Let's do all we can to invite others to join His glorious kingdom.

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Higher JUNC

CUC Degrees in Action

"I'm not sure CUC realizes how big an impact its students have had on the school and community."

— Gail Wilton, B.Ed. 2004 Principal, Mamawi Atosketan Native School, Hobbema, Alberta

Gail Wilton, principal of North America's largest First Nations Adventist school, has come to think of mission and impact in terms of generations, not school years. Her first teaching job upon graduating from CUC was at Mamawi Atosketan School. The kindergarten position was, she admits, not her first choice; she'd been hoping to stay closer to home at the College Heights elementary school, where she did her practicum. When the position in College Heights opened up, Gail thought she had to apply for her "dream job," which she got, but most Friday afternoons found her back at Mamawi.

"It's a heart strings kind of place," says Gail, who was back teaching at Hobbema the next year and has since attracted a staff of nine CUC-educated teachers to the 135-student, kindergarten through grade 9 school. Case in point: more than one Mamawi practicum student—employed graduates included—has told Gail they want to come back to Mamawi.

"It's a bit of an inner city mentality in school," says Gail, who grew up in St. John's, Nfld., dreaming of the mission field. Frequent upheaval in the lives of students means Gail's teachers are constantly tailoring their lesson plans, sometimes on a student-by-student basis. And it's not just the teachers who get attached and create lasting impressions. CUC students who regularly volunteer as leaders of a children's Sabbath program or as basketball coaches (see accompanying story) gain the trust and affection of the kids, and Gail sees them as a very important part of the school's mission to support students and their families as they advance their health and positive relationships.

"Some of the kids come to us in grade eight with no concept of who God is; others know a lot," says Gail. "Your faith can grow as you see the impact of a Bible lesson. The kids don't come to school saying, 'What can we do to get into trouble?' They come because they want to learn. They want to be in a place where they feel safe and loved." Integrating regular community service projects (including fundraisers for ADRA), a bell choir, and a signing group (with dramatic black light staging) into the curriculum, along with a Sabbath program, basketball and volleyball coached by CUC students are all part of Gail's long-term plan.

The impact goes both ways. "My faith has gotten a lot stronger here," says Gail. "To see the miracles happen in their lives, and the innocence of their belief, sometimes you wonder who's teaching whom."

By Lynn McDowell

Modeling Christian Leadership in Church, School and on the Basketball Court

Solid Gold: CUC basketball champ anchors consistent Sabbath program with support from schoolmates

Craig Edwards (biology, Whitby, Ont.) is in love. He fell in love with basketball at the age of 13 when his family moved from Jamaica to Montreal. At CUC he became part of the men's basketball team that's taken championship gold for the third year in a row this season. And at CUC Craig's love for God grew into a conviction—that living for Christ means getting out of the pew and getting involved where he can make a difference. "But where is that?" Craig wondered. Basketball led him to the answer.

As part of CUC's basketball team, which requires members to be involved in community service, Craig encountered the Hobbema reserve, where coach Peter Ford pastors the First Nations church and Mamawi Atosketan Native School.

"If you're on the team," says Craig, "you're exposed to Hobbema—because Coach is Hobbema." A natural athlete who's coached basketball since he was in grade 10, Craig responded to Coach Ford's call for volunteers at Mamawi's after-school basketball program. Teammate Colby Maier (religious studies, pre-professional track, Kelowna, B.C.), who was named to the league's all-conference team this spring, invited Craig to join him in helping with the Hobbema Sabbath program for kids, run by CUC students.

As Craig participated with Colby in the Sabbath program, the seed was planted. Craig talked to his girlfriend, Sharon Baragona (general studies, Edmonton, Alta.), about his conviction that this was the place he could make a difference for God.

"I think God prepared us for this," says Craig. Sharon, who was co-captain of the fledgling women's basketball team and had spent four years as director at Foothills Camp, encouraged Craig to keep going back to Hobbema—and she went with him, every Sabbath. As a core of half a dozen regulars emerged, Craig found more and more responsibility coming his way. By Christmas, Craig and Sharon had decided that even though Craig would be returning to Toronto for the holidays, consistency was critical for the kids, so



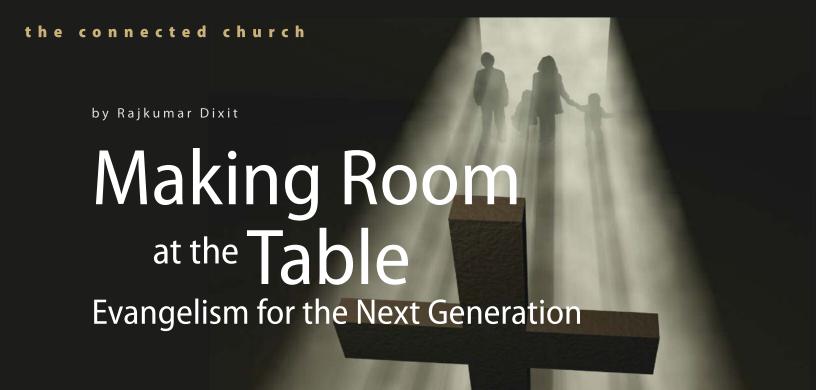
CUC students at Hobbema. Craig Edwards, bottom left; Sharon Baragona, back row, second from right.

Sharon organized and headed the Hobbema Sabbath programs herself during the break.

The consistency is paying off. Up to 50 kids now attend the Sabbath program run each week by the regulars and other CUC students. Some of the Mamawi students are starting to assume responsibility in the Sabbath program, learning and even extending its reach by mimicking the programs at another location with friends.

"That's what I want to see," says Craig, who, along with Sharon, will graduate next year. "Our time is running out. We want the Hobbema program to be self-sufficient."

"Why on earth would I do this?" asks Craig, as he reflects on the late-night planning sessions and the early Sabbath bus rides where volunteers are briefed and practice their assignments. "I always wanted to be a missionary overseas, and I thought medical work would be the best way. You get more opportunities at CUC than I was getting before. It's challenging," says the kid magnet, "but I have fun out there."



hen Angie and Everett had their first child, their lives changed. They were starting their own family and wanted to make sure they gave their daughter, Elizabeth, every opportunity to succeed. Early on they decided that it was important to attend church again.

Both parents grew up in the church. Angie was born and raised in the church. Her father was the head elder. She attended church with her family every weekend and went to prayer meetings, Bible studies and youth groups on weeknights. She took part in every Christmas and Easter program, went to Vacation Bible School and even attended Christian school from kindergarten through college. Everett also grew up going to church; however, that was the extent of his religious life. His parents didn't do much more or talk about Jesus or the Bible at home.

Angie and Everett met after college. They attended church periodically while they were dating and first married. However, after a few years, church wasn't a priority for either of them anymore.

Now that baby Elizabeth entered their life, everything changed. Angie and Everett knew that they wanted to raise their child in a Christian home. They began attending church every week and even started teaching Sabbath School. The members of the nominating committee are thinking about asking Everett to serve as a deacon and Angie to serve on the hospitality committee.

Do you know of a couple like Angie and Everett in your church? The church has relied on these kinds of couples—what I call, returning parents—to come back and engage in church life as they once did as children and youth. These returning parents remember their younger days at church with nostalgia and now want their own children to share those same memories. Over cycle. Our young people are just "taking a break" until they "mature" and return to what they know is "home."

The key component of having returning parents, return, is their previous experience with the church. A shift is occurring in our culture. Unfortunately, more and more young adults who are entering parenthood do not have prior experiences with the church. A recent study by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and Georgetown University's Berkley Center of Religion, Peace, & World Affairs states that one in four adults choose "unaffiliated" or "none" when asked about their religion. (These Millenials are quickly earning the nickname "Nones" for their lack of religious affiliation.)

Daniel Cox, PRRI's research director, says the trend away from organized religion dates back to the early 1990s. The current trends indicate that these young people (aged 20 to 40) are not immediately looking to the church to fill their spiritual needs, and yet they consider themselves highly spiritual. Like other generations, Millenials have strong spiritual desires and are searching for God; however, they have lost faith in organized religion. How will your church reach these "Nones?"

Discussion Questions for Your Church Board.

- 1. In 2008 the median age of Adventists in the NAD was 51 years, while the median age in the population was 36. As the Seventh-day Adventist Church becomes older, what will we do to reach out to the largest generation (Millennials) in North America?
- 2. Are we willing to give over some of the key leadership positions in the local church to younger leaders? This will require a degree of trust and open-mindedness.
- 3. How will our worship service need to change in order to reach younger families for Jesus?

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The Year of Adventist Education

in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

Adventist schools in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan conference offer a "top-notch" education program.

evin Gabel, the director for independent schools within the Ministry of Education in Saskatchewan expressed his delight with Seventh-day Adventist schools in Saskatchewan. In his opinion Seventh-day Adventists operate a "top-notch" education program.

Recently the Minister of Education in Saskatchewan announced that the government would be funding qualified independent schools 50 percent of the provincial cost per student. All three of our schools in Saskatchewan qualify. Our conference can be very proud of the initial work that Victor Fitch contributed to this issue, as he participated in drawing up the original draft document that was delivered to the Minister of Education several years ago.

This is definitely the Year of Adventist Education in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference and an historic moment in the province of Saskatchewan.

We have also experienced a significant increase in our enrolment. Red River Valley Junior Academy, in spite of vision and good planning, found themselves pushed to accommodate the large increase of students. Curtis Horne Christian School in Regina almost doubled their enrolment. Rosthern Christian School also doubled from five to 10 students.

Seventh-day Adventist Christian School in Saskatoon received a new coat of paint and other creative changes creating a totally new look. Well done, Saskatoon!

Seventh-day Adventist schools offer much more than academics. Students explore the answers to the age-old—yes, ancient—questions of life: Who am I? Why am I

here? Where am I going? The authority of the King of the Universe upholds the words of a teacher who shares with his or her students that they are made in the image of God; they are children of the King, and His love for them is unlimited and unconditional. He will personally come again to rescue them from this world of sin. He will recreate this world and make it even more beautiful than Eden. He will give eternal life to those who choose to follow Him.

"To every teacher is given the sacred privilege of representing Christ. And as teachers strive to do this, they may cherish the reassuring conviction that the Savior is close beside them, giving them words to speak for Him, pointing out ways in which they can show forth His excellence."

Wow! Talk about motivation for learning and making good choices! It doesn't get any better than that.

Seventh-day Adventist education is available no matter where you live in Canada. You may think there is no Seventh-day Adventist school in your area, but if you have a computer and high-speed or wireless Internet access, Prairie Adventist Christian Electronic School (PACeS) is only a click away.

My friends, whether you live in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference or some other conference in Canada, my challenge is, Make this the Year of Adventist Education for your family.

Marjorie Fortney is Superintendent of Education for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.



Where Are They Now



Messenger catches up with former leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. This issue we talk with Gerry Karst.

GERRY KARST was born and raised in central Saskatchewan. After graduating from high school, he attended Canadian Union College for a short time before being accepted to the Branson Hospital School of X-ray Technology. He graduated from the program in 1963 and worked in the X-ray department at Branson until 1965, when he began to strongly sense that God was calling him to prepare for the gospel ministry. In 1968 Karst graduated from Atlantic Union College with a BA in Religion and an M.Div. from the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in 1970.

Karst began his ministry in Medicine Hat, Alta., where he assisted Voice of Prophecy evangelist Byron Spears in his work. Karst came to greatly admire Spears, who was an energetic preacher despite being crippled by childhood polio. "He lost the use of his legs, [but] the Lord opened his mind with a photographic recall of Scriptures. He would preach for over 30 meetings using as many as 120 Bible texts in one meeting and never open his Bible. He told me that after he had read the Bible three times it was etched in his memory and he never again had to read it from the Bible."

Karst pastored the Medicine Hat church until 1972 when the Alberta

Conference invited him to become the conference evangelist in partnership with Don Melashenko. Together, Karst and Melashenko held meetings in Red Deer, Olds, Warburg, Sherwood Park and Lloydminster. He later served the Maritime Conference in the same capacity.

In 1979 Karst was called to be the president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference, Karst, his wife Verna, and their two children, Julie and Jeffrey, spent four years in Newfoundland before he accepted a call from the General Conference to become the president of the Middle East Union in Beirut, Lebanon. "It was exciting to be a missionary," says Karst, but within a few days of their arrival, a civil war erupted in Lebanon and the Karsts spent weeks in a bomb shelter. The headquarters of the Middle East Union were eventually moved from Beirut to Cyprus, where Karst and his family spent the next five years.

In 1988 the Karsts moved back to Canada so that their children could attend Kingsway College and College Park Elementary School in Oshawa, Ont. Karst served as director of the Ministerial Association and the Communication Department of the Church in Canada for the next five years. In 1993 Karst accepted a position as an associate secretary of the General Conference in Maryland. His wife, Verna, accepted a position as General Conference nurse, where she was in charge of the in-house clinic. Karst's time in secretariat was brief, however,

and in 1994 Robert Folkenberg, then General Conference President, asked him to serve as his personal assistant. Karst served as assistant to the president under both Folkenberg and later, Jan Paulsen. At the General Conference Session in Toronto in 2000, he was elected as vice president of the General Conference and continued in that position until his retirement in 2010.

Where is he now?

Gerry and Verna Karst now reside in Burtonsville, Md. Their daughter, Julie, lives with her husband, Ron Satelmayer, and her two children, Kaitlyn and Kyle, in Burlington, Ont. They operate a family swimming pool business. His son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Amanda, live in Southern California, where both of them are graduates of Loma Linda School of Medicine and are working in Radiology.

Though Karst is retired, his work is far from over. Recently, he was asked to serve as interim president of the Greater Middle East Union and assist with oversight of the work in Turkey and North Cyprus until a full-time president can be selected. All this he does from the comfort of his home in Maryland. "With instant communication today it is not necessary for me to move to Turkey to fulfill this assignment," says Karst. "Instead I make occasional trips to keep in touch with the work." After a long and varied career, Gerry Karst is still finding ways to make a difference in the world around him.

TOP 30

Joe Adante

Last year, Forbes.com compiled a list of 30 young people under 30 who have achieved incredible success in their fields at a young age. On the list are Mac Miller, a 19-year-old rapper who has gained popularity through social media; science prodigy Danielle Fong who entered a Princeton PhD program at 17 and founded the alternative energy company LightSail Energy at age 20; and Pete Cashmore, the 26-year-old CEO of Mashable.com, a tech news site second only to the Huffington Post. All of these young people are highly intelligent, talented, driven individuals who had a dream and set about to bring it to life. Quite a few of them are making a lot of money doing it, too.1

That got us thinking here at the *Messenger* about how we measure success in the Adventist Church. What does a successful Christian look like? More to the point, what does a successful Christian young person look like?

Well, they might look something like Kalista Ziakris (featured in the October 2010 issue), who, at age seven, raised \$600 to buy 60 canes for the children at the Kabul Blind School in Afghanistan by

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baking and selling cupcakes and stuffed animals, or Naomi Striemer (featured in the February 2010 issue), who signed her first major record deal with Epic/Sony at 18 years old and later left the mainstream music industry to record Christian music and become an ADRA Canada musical ambassador. It might look something like Joe Adante (featured in the November/December 2008 issue), also a musician, who ministers to young people through the lyrics of his Christian rap songs.

The Adventist Church is full of talented enterprising young people who are finding new and creative ways to minister to their peers, their communities and their church families but often go unnoticed. That's why we want to recognize them in our



upcoming Top 30 Under 30 feature, and we're hoping that their stories and their testimonies will encourage other young people to make a difference in their own churches and communities.

If you know of a young person in your church who is under 30 years old and fits the profile, please contact your conference youth director and fill out our submission form. Help us encourage and empower our Adventist youth.

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God really listened to her prayers and answered them

in an even bigger way than she could have im



It was a very hot summer in Guatemala in 2007. Marvin Raedeke and his fiancée, Mishell, were visiting Mishell's mom in a small village near Huehuetenango called Las Peñas. With plenty of time on their hands, they would go for long walks around the mountainous area intending to meet the 25 families who lived there.

One family in particular struck Marvin. He was humbled and honoured when the Martínez-Reyes family invited him and Mishell into their humble home for a warm cup of rice water. A loving mother, Gregoria Martínez Reyes, known as Goya, and her family of 17 lived in two little wooden shacks. One was 10 feet by 10 feet, the other 10 by 15 feet, built from scraps of lumber that the loggers had left on the hillside. The home having dirt floors and no electricity or bathroom, it was hard to imagine how difficult life would be in these conditions. Marvin wondered how so many people could sleep in such a small space with only three beds. The gaps in the walls were covered with colourful Christmas plastic—their only defense against cold temperatures that sometimes drop to -3°C at that elevation. With not much furniture, all their possessions were hanging on the walls, surprisingly well organized. Their only source of drinking water was a concrete sink located outside under a sheet of corrugated metal for shade. The water had to be boiled before you could drink it. A very rustic woodburning stove called a plancha was used to prepare their meals. Their only entertainment was a radio, probably from the 80s, which had been donated to them. When the batteries ran out, the music stopped until they could find some more.

There are not too many employment opportunities in that part of Huehuetenango, so Goya and her family are happy if they can find enough work to earn about \$200 per month. That covers the cost of their simple meals: black beans, rice and some vegetables. To try and support the family, the father, Santiago Reyes, and the older kids have to work either gathering firewood or as labourers on construction sites.

Ever since Marvin visited the family, he had the dream of building them a proper home. Married and back in Kelowna, B.C., Marvin and Mishell shared their idea of helping this family with Pastor Brian Hawes of the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor Brian said, "Sure, let's do it." The organizing began. Marvin spent a few weekends drawing up plans for a concrete block house of 1,200 square feet that would meet the family's needs. It had five bedrooms, a generous kitchen and living area, a bathroom and even a covered patio.

Several presentations were made in the local Okanagan churches to promote the project. Fundraising started in October 2010. The proposal generated some interest at that time but not enough to send a group in January 2011. Marvin and Mishell decided to go to Guatemala anyway to get a head start on the project by putting in the plumbing groundwork and pouring the concrete slab that would be the foundation for the house. With the help of the family members and some hired local labourers, they accomplished this work in two weeks.

Back in Canada again, the Raedekes now had 11 months to promote the project and gather a group of hardworking people who were up for the challenge to build this house from the slab up. By October 2011 there was enough interest from members of the Rutland Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kelowna to suggest that the project was a go, but just barely. With the Lord's persuasion, additional members from other Adventist churches joined the effort last-minute, one from Mackenzie, B.C., and another from Quebec, which rounded out the roster at 16.

agined.





Marvin Raedeke, Santiago Reyes, Mishell Raedeke, Gregoria Reyes de Martinez, and Luisa Villatoro de Chang.

Pastor Brian Hawes and Marvin Raedeke at the construction site.

After many emails, an organizational slideshow and a group meeting at the church to pack luggage (in order to share the weight of all the heavy supplies and donated clothes that the group wanted to take along), the departure date started to draw close.

Marvin and Mishell went four days ahead of the rest of the group to start the material delivery and rent the necessary equipment, such as the cement mixer, electric generator and air compressor. On the morning of Jan. 17, 2012, the Canadian missionaries arrived in Guatemala City. After a five-hour chartered bus ride from the airport, the group arrived at what would be their accommodations for the next two weeks. Mishell's mom, Luisa, offered her home for half of the group to have a place to sleep, shower and prepare food. Another house nearby was rented for the rest of the group.

After a much-needed sleep, the group woke up full of excitement and energy to start the project. The hard work started every morning at 7. The construction site was 1.5 kilometres away, and the path there was all downhill, which made it a challenge for some people to climb back up at the end of the day.

They started laying concrete blocks at a good pace, but exhausting heat and the occasional equipment malfunction were a real challenge. Also, the only

passable road for vehicles boasted an almost 45-degree incline and could only be negotiated by a four-by-four-not easy for the delivery truck!

Mishell acted as the team translator, negotiator, gofer and bookkeeper, while Marvin managed the building site. Daily trips to the market to buy groceries and bottled water were the revolving responsibility of the ladies. Sometimes the shopping bags on their shoulders weighed 50 pounds to feed all 16 of the hungry workers, plus the Martínez family, as they were helping in the house construction. Then the food needed to be prepared, packed and brought down to the site.

During the two Sabbaths, Pastor Brian led out in the worship service that the group shared with the Martinez family. The ladies would teach the children's Sabbath school and engaged in crafts and colouring with the kids. They had also brought felts with them to help them teach the story of God's creation.

Work continued for two weeks, and at the end of each day, the children of the family would always be waiting with the soccer ball on the only flat part of the land. Exhausted and sunburned, some of the men still found the energy to play. They enjoyed the children's simplicity and good, tender hearts.

The house was finished in ten days,

with five bedrooms, a full bathroom, shower, toilet, kitchen sink, and patio washtub for doing laundry. The kitchen was a very open design that even had an island! An elevated water tank was also installed to give the family a water reserve because the community water sometimes shuts off for days without notice.

At the end of the project, the members of the group generously donated beds, pillows, linens, towels, pots, pans and even a chainsaw to help out the family.

Behind the Scene

Goya became a Christian in 2002. Before that she didn't know that she could actually pray to a living God. One night, during the construction of Goya's house, Mishell was talking to her mom when Luisa mentioned something she had never heard before. "Goya has been praying for this home for nine years." Apparently, Luisa had been reading the Bible to Goya, as she could not read, and Goya had discovered that God listens to our prayers and can grant the desires of our hearts. In 2002 Habitat for Humanity was conducting projects in the area. Goya applied for the program and was hopeful to get a house at that time. Unfortunately, it seemed that everyone else but Goya got their home built. The family needed to pay \$70 per month for 10 to 15 years, to receive a house, and they couldn't afford the payments. Very sad but not discouraged, she kept praying. Nine years after she started asking the Lord, she saw her dream come true. God really listened to her prayers in an even bigger way than she could have imagined. The blessing came from the most unexpected place—Canada! God had not forgotten about her.

Goya's testimony impacted the whole working team as they witnessed the provision of the Lord in her life. They were used to perform a miracle for a very poor family in a developing nation. But also they were blessed and thankful to Jesus for the opportunity to give to the poor. As Jesus requested in Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (NIV).

The Family now ...

Goya and her family are enjoying their new home. As she stated one night, "My house is warm." She praises our Lord for this beautiful gift He gave to her. She doesn't have to worry about the roof being blown away on a stormy night anymore or walking on a muddy floor during the rainy season. The building of the house has motivated her family to start making small changes: Mina, Goya's daughter, saved some money and purchased a machine that grinds corn to make tortillas and tamales and has started a little business. People boil their corn and then give it to Mina to grind it for them. The kids are now in school using materials that the Adventists had brought for them. But most importantly, they are motivated to pray more and are interested in learning from the Bible.

The community still marvels at what could possibly have motivated a group of strangers from such a distance to come and do something like this for a poor family they didn't even know.

God moves in mysterious ways, but all His ways are amazing. It was our honour to serve Him.

Marvin and Mishell Raedeke reside in Lake Country, B.C. Marvin is senior estimator for Cardan Enterprises, and Mishell is the creative director of Okanagan Life.





Top: Walls going up in the new home under construction with Goya's old home in view.

Middle: Interior view of the new kitchen.

Rottom: Goya's finished new home——a draam come true



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Ontario

College Park Church Holds Renewal of Vows



The couples that participated in the renewal of vows ceremony, performed by Pastor Jim Ryan (bottom centre), at College Park church.

n Feb. 18, 2012, the College Park Church Family Life Ministries, under the direction of Arlene and Finnie Flores, held a renewal of vows ceremony for couples in the church. The event was designed to mimic a real wedding, down to the music, skillfully provided by organist Greg Foreman and vocalists Sharon Foreman, Allen Decena, Alpha Pascual and Katherine Bowes (performing a piece she had composed for her own wedding); and the flower girls, dressed in white and tossing red rose petals, donated by Anne and Carys Cao of College Park Flowers, in their wake. There was a procession of all the couples in their finest (some, like Lavonna Bussey, even dressed in their original wedding garb) with each of the brides carrying a bouquet and the grooms sporting boutonnieres, courtesy of Leah Nicholas. After they were seated, snippets of their wedding videos were played on the big screen to the music of "Walk Hand in Hand." Photographer Marilyn Jerome was on hand to immortalize the event in pictures.

The event began with a service in the sanctuary, lovingly decorated by Leah Nicholas, during which Pastor Jim Ryan gave a short talk and then proceeded to lead the 28 couples present in renewing their marriage vows to each other. The most encouraging sight to witness was Mr. and Mrs. Lalbela Chhangte, the longest married among the couples, at 46 years. **Rizal and Girly** Quiambao pose for the traditional cake cutting ceremony.

The service in the sanctuary was followed by a reception at the College Park Elementary School gym, with about 120 people in attendance to help the couples celebrate. During their delicious, catered vegetarian buffet meal, the guests were again serenaded by the talented Alpha and Allen and then treated to a slide show, prepared by Kingsway College student Trent Lavoie, containing wedding pictures of the various couples who took part in the ceremony. At the end of the reception, Pastor Ryan presented each couple with a certificate commemorating their recommitment to each other.

This special day would not have been possible without the many volunteers who helped to decorate the church and the gym, served as ushers at the church ceremony, served the food at the reception, and generally worked hard to make the renewal of vows a success.

Ontario

Bronte's First Speed Dating Event







Do you think you could go on a date with someone for only three to five minutes? You would if you attended Bronte Church's first singles speed dating event, held on Feb. 11, 2012, at Bronte Church, in Oakville. Adventist singles between the ages of 22 and 35 were encouraged to register to attend the event and connect with other Adventist singles all across Ontario. With only a month of planning, advertising and preparation, the event was an overwhelming success.

Over 50 single young adults attended and enjoyed a night of games, mingling and speed dating. This event was the first of its kind to not only introduce young adults to one another but also provide an environment that was carefree, fun and conducive to mingling. With the guidance of Pastor Gerardo Oudri, two young adults from Bronte Church came up with the idea, planned it from start to finish and trusted the Lord would do the rest. The Lord did not fail us, and the

feedback following the event was overwhelming. Bronte Church hopes to hold more events such as this to foster connecting young adults not only in dating but also in the work of spreading the gospel. Please look for more upcoming events this summer. Thank you to all who attended. We pray that God will bless you!

Lisa Milovanov, Bronte SDA Church, Oakville, Ontario

Fil-Can Church in Toronto Creates a Bulletin App



Francis Navarra and Ivan Correces, technology specialists for the communication team at the Filipino-Canadian (Fil-Can) church in Toronto, Ont., have developed an application, or app, for the church bulletin. The new bulletin format will make the bulletin more accessible to church members with smartphones and it is more environmentally friendly than its paper predecessor. Not only does the app keep members and guests informed about upcoming church functions and events, it also allows them to send prayer requests and other inquiries to the pastor and the rest of the communication team, as well as access links to the Bible verses for the day's Scripture reading. Once the paper version of the church bulletin is complete and a copy is sent to Navarra and Correces, they simply transfer the same information to the app. Navarra and Cerreces also plan to build a mobile platform to allow other churches to adopt this technology. You can view the Fil-Can bulletin app on your smartphone at http://bulletn.com/filcan/. For more information, contact Pearlie Cada at filcansda@gmail.com.

Newfoundland

2012 Youth Summit to Take Place In Newfoundland



his year's Youth Summit is set to take place in Newfoundland. On August 22 in the lead up to the summit, activities have been organized to help the youth get better acquainted with one another, including a whale-watching cruise off the coast of Newfoundland and a special evening program. On Thursday, August 23, the summit officially kicks off with activities planned at Camp Woody Acres. There will be singing and special musical presentations by artists Josh Jamieson, Jessica Hall and others. Pastor Sam Leonor will open the meetings with a talk on God's relentless love for us. Youth and young adults aged 15 to 30 are encouraged to register at www.adventistyouth.ca. Contact your local youth director for more details. Open to all Canadians.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan

2012 Quadrennial Weekend



Officers reinstated: *(l. to r.)* Abednigo and Lorna Mandalupa, Ron and Sandra Nelson, and Collin and Janice Akre.

pproximately 400 church members And guests gathered in Saskatoon, Sask., for the quadrennial Sabbath on April 14, and 176 delegates assembled on Sunday, April 15, for the 2012 Quadrennial Session of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. Delegates and members of surrounding churches assembled together on Sabbath at the Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon for spiritual development and renewal. Elder G. Alexander Bryant, secretary of the North American Division, presented the church service

message, reminding all to depend on the Holy Spirit, who will use them to reach the people of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut. Bryant expounded on the gifts of the Holy Spirit using the metaphors of a train with many cars and a Porsche engine in a Volkswagen Beetle. Everything we need as individuals and in our witness for Christ is in one of the train cars of the Holy Spirit, including enough Porsche engine power to have the strength to accomplish God's work.

Sabbath afternoon, people were blessed

by a musical presentation featuring a piano solo by Scott Nischuk, junior accountant for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference; vocal performances by Christine Wollman of Winnipeg, Man., and Ron Nelson, president of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference; violin and piano performances by Nic Roca and Josias Sanchez of Canadian University College (CUC); and a vocal performance by Dr. Mark Haynal, president of CUC. The musical performances blessed the congregation, evoking tears in many.

Early Sunday morning, the 2012 Quadrennial Session of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference of the Seventhday Adventist Church, commenced at the TCU Place in Saskatoon with a devotional presented, again, by Elder Bryant. He spoke on 1 Corinthians 1:26, sharing that none may boast in the presence of God who chose the foolish, the weak and base things of this world for His own. God's grace is sufficient to empower His people for service—the work is not about individuals, but God is to be glorified. He we are to glorify God. He is our all in all and everything we need.

Despite the blowing snow outside, the atmosphere remained warm and positive throughout the session. All

reports were accepted by the delegates, and all three Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference officers were reinstated with an overwhelming majority of votes—Ron Nelson as president, Collin Akre as executive secretary and Abednigo Mandalupa Jr. as treasurer. The meeting went smoothly; questions from the floor were answered efficiently and thoroughly by the administration. Delegates expressed

their appreciation of the organization of the session, the choice of venue because of its spaciousness and for the vegetarian dinner provided by TCU Place. The quadrennial session began at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, and ended only an hour and half later than originally anticipated, at 4:30 p.m. The members and administrative staff of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference look forward

to a productive and successful four years ahead, doing God's work throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut, reaching people who have not yet had the privilege of learning about Christ's great sacrifice for their salvation, and His unconditional love.

Brittany Harwood, Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

SDA Church in Canada

SDACC Communication Department Launches "Frontline Focus"



The Communication Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC), under the direction of Stan Jensen, has launched an online video series entitled "Frontline Focus". The purpose of the series is to bring "stirring stories from Canadian Adventists coast to coast". The first video in the series focuses on Abbas Salehi Parast, a devout Muslim who taught Islamic Religious Studies in Iran and for the Iranian Embassy in Japan, and converted to Adventism after immigrating to Canada. You can learn more about Abbas's story at https://vimeo.com/41372775.

British Columbia

Churches in British Columbia Hold Easter Services at Nanaimo Correctional Centre



The Nanaimo Correctional Centre Chapel by the Lake had the Lord's Supper and foot washing as part of the Easter edition of the regular church services. Members of the Nanaimo, Port Hardy and Comox Valley Adventist churches partnered

with the regular chaplaincy volunteers to assist with the services. The attendance was higher than anticipated, with the largest group representing one-third of the general population unit. In two of the three services, inmates washed the feet of the volunteers, who in turn washed theirs. Others were moved to tears as they watched a stranger wash their feet and pray for them by name. During prayer time, many inmates expressed thanks for Christ's sacrifice and victory, in addition to their petitions for the well-being of their loved ones. In one service, a correctional officer took part in the Lord's Supper. The services were a mix of music and singing, spoken word, Scripture readings and video presentations, all brought together in a celebration of Christ and His community within the prison walls. Days after the services, the centre is still buzzing about the "Easter Experience," and there has been increased interest in baptism and in becoming a committed follower of Christ.

Karen Hayde, prison chaplain

Raising a Tower— Another VOAR Success Story



ompletion of the Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR) project near Agassiz/Harrison Hot Springs on April 2 was a victory over the challenges we faced during 2011. Our radio frequency is 88.9 FM, and the listening area is extensive, including even the larger Chilliwack area, much broader than initially anticipated!

Rather than raising a tower, we chose to mount the antenna atop a treated cedar pole. Here's the unique method we used to raise the antenna using a 16-foot ladder on a shop roof to reach near the top of the pole. Then, with "rope and pulley," we lifted the mast (with antenna attached) to a volunteer at the top of the ladder, where he attached it to the pivot bolt through the pole. Then, with another rope, we pulled the mast through a 180degree rotation to the vertical position leaving the antenna/boom at full height, some 12 feet above the treated cedar hydro pole.

This is a digital stereo system fed by an Internet streaming signal from the computer and router in the Castiglia home. Since there is no Adventist congregation in the area, this mission is sponsored by the Hope church along with our Hope system at 94.1 FM. Now if you are travelling in the area, you can listen to fine Christian radio for a stretch of nearly 50 miles (80 km) with a frequency change midway. All praise be to God and a big thankyou to all who participated in accomplishing this project. ■

Darol Rick, Hope, B.C.



Announcements

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Announcements

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)

Duncan, B.C., Church is looking for the following individuals: Bob Bradley, Charlene Bradley,

David Bradley, Jason Bradley, Jon

Bradley, Kristina Bradley, Stephen Bradley, Jeanie Cardinal, Kathy Coughlan, Kevin Coughlan, Allan Dolynny, Susan Lemky, Dexter Powell, Shoreen Schnurr, M. Schockenmaier, David Smart. If you know where they live or have contact information for them, please call Marj Rooke at 250/ 748-3733 or email mrooke@shaw.ca.

The Lacombe Community SDA Church is trying to locate the following members: Christopher Balint, Cindy Boutcher, Michelle Boutcher, Randy Boutcher, Brent Calderbank, Jennifer Calderbank, Nolan Gogol, Kathleen Hunt, Marie Jeanveau, Amber McLean, Jean Moorhead, Catherine Oge, Kim Robertson, Jacob Schellenberg, Mark Schnurr. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, please forward the address and phone number to: mereimche@telus.net.

Births

Juliet Ava Marlow was born Nov. 15, 2011, to Kaylyn (née Wollmann) and Tyler Marlow of Rainbow City, Alabama.

■ Weddings

Janice (née Nugent) Hirstwood and John Soley were married on Oct. 2, 2011, in Orillia, Ont.

Obituaries

Herbert Bailey was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Newfoundland, and died Feb. 19, 2012, in Clarenville, N.L. Herbert is predeceased by his sister Lilly Parsly. Surviving: wife, Sarah Elizabeth (née Holloway) Bailey; brothers, Myrel Stanley, Edison Ploughmen, Austin Ploughmen and Vincent Ploughmen; sisters Pearl Ellis, Emma Stanley, Bessie Chaulk, Debbie Stanley and Frances Ivany; nine grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren.

Peggy (née Burnet) Burns was

born Sept. 27, 1916, in Winnipeg, Man., and died March 24, 2012, in Pickering, Ont. Peggy was baptized in the lake at Old Camp Frenda in July 1970, along with her husband and two of her children. She is predeceased by her husband, Harry; her sister, Cora Kennedy; and her grandson Shawn Johnson. Surviving: sons, Gathorne of Winnipeg, Man., Robb (Cathy) of Pickering, and Lawrence (Diane) of Corner Brook, N.L; daughter, Maureen (Larry) Johnson of Warkworth, Ont.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Steven William Donesky was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Kerman, Calif., and died March 18, 2012, in Lacombe, Alta. Steve was a strong supporter of his local church. He is predeceased by his first wife Dr. Gladys Nesta (née Barry), and his second wife Mary (née Basaraba). Surviving: son, Barry (Nancy) of McDonald, Tenn.; daughter, Dorothy Donesky of Colton, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Kathleen (née Graves) Dunfield

was born Nov. 18, 1921, in Moncton, N.B., and died Feb. 2, 2012, in Moncton. Kathleen was a charter member of the Moncton church where she served in a number of offices. She is predeceased by her husband, Donald, and her sister Carroll Burden. Surviving: sons, Laurence (Carol) of Edmonton, Alta., and Laddie (Ruth) of St. Andrews, N.B.; daughter, Dale (Ralph) Dael; sisters Grace Reeves of Riverview, N.B., and Treva Burgess of Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; five grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Frances (née Henry) Edgson was

born Dec. 29, 1921, in Last Lake, Alta., and died March 25, 2012, in Fairview, Alta. Frances devoted many years to church duties and related community service, and she often made quilts for various charities. She is predeceased by her husband, Cleave, and her brother Rolly Henry. Surviving: sons, Keith (Ruth) of Fairview, Lance (Dorothy) of 150 Mile House, B.C., Grant (Wendy) of Menifee, Calif., and Mark of Aldergrove, B.C.; daughters, Charlotte (Tom) Openshaw of Fairview, and Gaylene (Todd) Edwards of Castlegar, B.C.; brother Wesley Henry of Grande Prairie, Alta.; sister, Opal (Rod) Chalmers of Fairview; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Merle Foote was born Sept. 11, 1927, in Saint John, N.B., and died March 19, 2012, in Miramichi, N.B. Merle was a faithful member of the Miramichi church. He is predeceased by his wife, Mary Leona Beaulieu, his seven brothers and his six sisters. Surviving: sons, Leonard (Carol) of Miramichi, and Rene J.M. of Kelliher, Sask.; daughter, Rosemary (Gary) Richards of Miramichi; brother Sheldon of Quispamsis, N.B.; stepsister, Kathleen Dobbyn of Grand Prairie, Alta.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Eric Holroyd was born March 5, 1921, in Madras, India, and died Oct. 21, 2011, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Eric was a charter member of the Whitehorse church and aided

in its construction in 1978. He also served the church as an elder and treasurer. Eric is predeceased by his brothers, Owen and Malcolm, and his sisters Dorothy Roberts and Phyllis Holroyd. Surviving: wife, Mayville; son, Richard; daughter, Elizabeth Laing; sisters Kathleen Hunter and Norma Egan; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Nick Homenuk was born Oct. 14, 1923, in Gronlid, Sask., and died July 21, 2011, in Porcupine Plain, Sask. Nick was a faithful witness in his farming community through his faithful observance of the Sabbath. He made sure to shut off his farming equipment at sundown on Friday and only turned it on again on Sunday. Nick is survived by his wife, Eva; his son, Joseph; his daughters, Beverly Radcliffe, Sharon Vaneck, Donna Wollmann; and their spouses; his sisters, Mildred Chaney of Grants Pass, Ore., and Pauline White of Tuscon, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Saima Justiina Makela was born Jan. 31, 1913, in Ylistaro, Finland, and died Dec. 18, 2011, in Dawson Creek, B.C. Saima was an enthusiastic member of her local church. She is predeceased by her husband, Frank, and her sons Jack and Onni. Surviving: sons Eric (Milka) of Kamloops, B.C., Mark (Linda) of Rolla, B.C., and Veikko (Marnie) of Slave Lake, Alta.; daughters, Maija Werrun of Burnaby, B.C., Elsa (Peter) Vesaniemi of Dawson Creek, and Sisko (David) Robertson of Burnaby; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Gordon Patrick McNulty was born Jan. 6, 1920, in Margo, Sask., and died April 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 Bryan 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 greatgrandchildren.

Fred Neuman was born March 6, 1927, in Vladimir, Volhynia, and died Oct. 23, 2011, in Devon, Alta. Fred served for many years as a board member of Coralwood Adventist Academy in Edmonton, Alta., and was a charter member of the West Edmonton church. He helped with church and school renovation projects in the Edmonton-Leduc area, donating materials and his building crew's skilled labour. Fred is predeceased by his brother, Henry, and his sisters Erna, Martha and Heartha. Surviving: wife,

Elsie (née Kiehlbauch); daughter, Lynn (John) McDowell of Lacombe, Alta.; sons, Henry and Blaine of Devon, Alta.; sisters Margaret Riech and Ester DeBord; and two grandchildren.

Pamela R. (née Harris) Samms

was born Jan. 20, 1938, in St. Mary, Jamaica, and died Feb. 16, 2012, in Jacksonville, Fla. Pamela served as the principal of the Windsor church school, as well as assisted her husband in his ministry while he served as a pastor in Montreal, Windsor and Edmonton and as president of the Quebec Conference. She is survived by her husband, Robert, her sons, Richard and Royland, her daughters, Tamaylia and Sherine, her brothers, Vernon and David, her sisters, Melissa and Jacqueline, and 11 grandchildren.

■ Tributes

Peter and Rachel (Knauft) Luchak, of Lillooet, B.C., would like to offer praises to God in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 14, 1987, which was the beginning of many adventurous and happy years, and they are blessed with four children.

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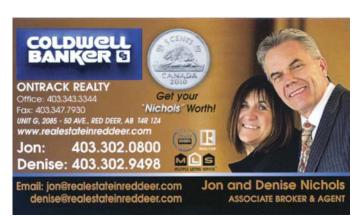
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YOUNG ADVENTISTS have long been putting the principles of the Great Commission into practice, travelling far and wide to preach, teach and heal. Three such young people embarked on three separate journeys that were chronicled by the *Canadian Union Messenger*. In 1963 theology student Leslie Anderson of Beiseker, Alta., was the first-ever student missionary from Canadian Union College. He was sent to B.C. to assist in a summer-long mission project called Northern Lights.



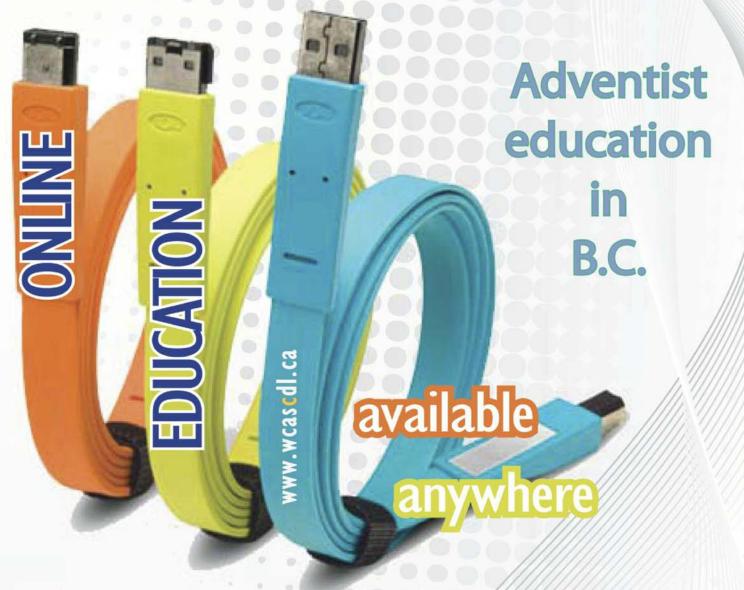
Marjorie Holm, senior nursing student at Branson Hospital, was chosen in 1968 to serve as a missionary nurse at Hospital Adventista in Nicaragua for three months.





A few years later, in the March 23, 1970, issue of the *Canadian Union Messenger*, Averil Juriansz, a student missionary who had been sent by Andrews University to teach French in Senegal, West Africa, gave a report on her experiences.

We will continue to explore the *Messenger's* rich history in the next issue. Don't forget to help us recognize our extraordinary youth in our upcoming Top 30 Under 30 feature (see article on p. 13)



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