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“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

—Matt. 5:16, ESV



Like a Candle

Recently, I've been struck by the immense challenges that surround us. Our world has become poor. Eroding morality, a growing disregard for human life, the fragility of personal faith, and a significant list of other troubling symptoms show us that society is disoriented. It is damaged by an inability to trust a real God, one who is too big for human definition.

We are surrounded by great quantities of information, yet our era is one that has largely lost its knowledge of the holy. Community values have obscured the truth that "the foolishness of God is wiser than men" (1 Cor. 1:25, ESV). We have come to a divinely foretold time of deep spiritual darkness.

Christ has chosen a metaphor to describe His church in the midst of darkness. It is the symbol of a candle on a dark night. That anyone would be "foolish" enough to think that lighting a candle in such an immense darkness would make a difference is audacious. Yet that candle glimmers—its flickering light a beacon, beckoning the fearful, the confused, and the lost to its presence. The church must be that light.

Many years ago, as a child, I learned a song that I continue to sing today. Its message is so simple yet so profound: "Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle, burning in the night. In this world of darkness we must shine, you in your corner, I in mine."

Christ is not asking us to participate in some complex, hard-to-execute task. After all, lighting a candle in a very dark place is an almost simplistic act, but it is an essential one. This we can and must do. ■

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Burman University

Soon after you read this column, on Friday, May 1, Canadian University College will officially become Burman University. The Board of Trustees selected this new name at a special meeting held in December. Their vote was the culmination of a name-change process that began in July when Alberta's premier gave CUC and its sister university colleges permission to drop the confusing word "college" from our names.

While most of our friends and alumni have embraced CUC's new name, and many are eager for the change to take place, some have questioned the board's decision. Following are two questions I have heard most often.

WHY "BURMAN?" WHY DIDN'T YOU NAME IT _____?

The board believes the name Burman University represents the two most important characteristics of our university. First, that it is a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Charles and Leona Burman dedicated their entire lives to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is the only organization for which they worked. They helped establish and build the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Alberta. You cannot talk about Charles and Leona without also talking about the church they loved.

Second, that our university is committed to preparing men and women to be of service. Charles and Leona Burman sacrificed to establish the school that later became CUC. Both of them felled trees, cut lumber, and built buildings. They cared for the students, preached, taught, and prayed. They did this not only while they were in Alberta but also all of their lives! You cannot talk about the Burmans without talking about service and commitment.

While the new name is Burman University and it does honour two of our founders, it also honours what those individuals represent: devotion to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and spending your time and talent serving others.

WHY DID YOU MAKE THE CHANGE AT THIS TIME, AND WHY DID YOU DO IT "SO QUICKLY?"

The board changed the name at this time because in

July Alberta's former premier opened a window of opportunity we were worried the new premier might quickly close. All six of the post-secondary institutions in Alberta that had been required to call themselves "university college" changed their names as expeditiously as possible.

We spent nearly six months considering what our new name should be. Through focus groups, an article in the *Messenger* and CUC's *Canadian Campus*, and through CUC's website and the President's Page Blog, we invited friends and alumni to share their new-name ideas with us. All were encouraged to participate, and many did.

If you remain someone who is not yet ready to celebrate our new name, I hope you will be encouraged by three things that are more important than any name we might have chosen:

- The God-ordained purpose of this institution has not changed. All of us remain fully committed to educating students to think with discernment, to believe with insight and commitment, and to act with confidence, compassion, and competence.
- The impressive work done by our alumni has not changed. Whether they graduated from Canadian Junior College, Canadian Union College, or Canadian University College, or will soon graduate from Burman University, our graduates are outstanding people who are doing wonderful things all over Canada and around the world.
- The beauty of our hilltop campus and its caring, family-like atmosphere have not changed. It still holds all of your fond college and high school memories. It is still the place you grew to love. It is still and will always be your school.

Mark Haynal is president of Canadian University College (soon-to-be Burman University).



teen talk

Q: Does God love Hitler, Stalin, and other tyrants in history, and if so, why did He let them turn into these kinds of people and not let anybody else help them change their paths?

A: Let me answer your question with the story of King David and his son Absalom, in 2 Samuel 17-19. In short, Absalom hated his father, but David loved Absalom. Absalom managed to find enough support to launch a coup d'état against the king. Yet, when David's army left to battle Absalom's followers, he instructed his soldiers, "For my sake deal gently with the young man Absalom." A few hours later, when the rebellious prince was killed, instead of rejoicing for the victory, King David could be heard crying, "My son, Absalom! My son, my son, Absalom! If only I could have died in your place! Absalom, my son, my son!"

At first sight, this doesn't make any sense. David was ready to die for a son who had killed another brother and was now trying to kill his own father! But the king's love was not subject to the son's character, accomplishments, or loyalty. David loved Absalom because he was his son. Period.

God loves us because we are His.

You, Hitler, and I have sinned differently. But we are His. Jesus died for Hitler the same way that He died for you and even for my cute, innocent daughter. God is continually touching His rebellious children with His Holy Spirit. As we remain stubborn in our paths, I can hear Jesus crying aloud, "My son, [Insert your name]! My son, my son, [insert your name]! If only I could have died in your place! [insert your name], my son, my son!"

We know the end of the story. Jesus did die for us. It's up to us now to follow His path. ■



Do you have a question for Pastor Josué Sánchez? Email it to messenger@adventist.ca.

Sleeper cichlid

If you've ever kept fish in an aquarium, you know that when a fish lies motionless on its side at the bottom of the tank, it's a sure sign the fish is dead. But did you know that some fish are capable of playing dead?

A "sleeper cichlid" will lie on its side at the bottom of the lake pretending to be dead. When a scavenger fish patrolling the lake floor sees the cichlid lying still on its side and sees its splotchy patterned skin, it thinks the cichlid has been dead so long it has started to rot. The scavenger fish comes close to take a bite out of the "rotting" cichlid, but the pretender suddenly wakes up and catches it.



Think about it.

Satan, like the sleeper cichlid, also uses death to trick and trap people. He has tricked most of the world into believing the lie he told Adam and Eve when he said, "You shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4, AMP). His evil angels pretend to be ghosts and spirits of friends and relatives who have died but supposedly live on as spirits. These "friends" and "family members" have messages for their loved ones that Satan uses to trap people into believing lies about God, heaven and hell, and what happens after death. Like the sleeper cichlid, Satan preys upon unsuspecting people, causing them to disbelieve God and the Bible and potentially lose eternal life.

Do it!

Now is the time to prepare yourself to meet Satan's final great deceptions. Spend time with Jesus and study your Bible like never before. Know the truth so that you won't be deceived by Satan's lying wonders. And never play around with the occult—horror movies, games, symbols of death. Satan uses these things to trap and devour people.

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Something Different



The men's indoor soccer team praying with the opposing team after losing the championship game.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SEE OFTEN AFTER A GAME. At the end of a contest there is usually a winner and, unfortunately more often than not, a person or team that has lost. In the end, in the midst of either dejection or joy, something different takes place at a Canadian University College athletic event. Players, students, athletes, and coaches pull back from celebrations or consolations and meet together at centre court. While fans and bystanders mill around and slowly exit the gym, they walk by Canadian University College student athletes joining arms with their competitors, together in prayer. Win or lose, the two teams that have spent that last few minutes competing against each other join together in community, lifting each other up in prayer. Athletics is the reason they have come together, but it is common faith that binds them.

Athletics at Canadian University College is part of the CUC experience. It is the balance between academics, spiritual life, social life, and physical activity that is the blueprint for a successful student. But even in the athletic program there is balance. While sport brings the athletes together as a team, it is the athletes' faith that pushes that team to become a ministry.

The women's indoor soccer team played outstanding this year and won the championship, but it is their common faith that has bonded them as a family. The men's basketball team won their fifth championship in six years, an amazing feat, but yet it is the volunteer work many of the team members do at a local church that keeps them humble even after much success. The goal of the athletics program is not only to provide a place where students can play but also to foster an environment in which they can grow their faith and their relationships with fellow teammates and ultimately with God.

Ron Schafer, CUC associate professor of physical education, and athletic director, is proud of how the athletes continue to grow as they represent CUC and God to those with whom they compete. "Champions are not only those who score the most points. Champions are those who play their absolute best and are never tempted to sacrifice their Christian principles in order to win," says Schafer. "After our men's soccer team lost in the championship game, they did the classiest thing. After the traditional handshake, our team invited the opposing players to join them in a large circle for prayer, as has been the custom with the basketball teams when they were playing other Christian teams. What a sight! That is what sports at CUC are supposed to be like. I am almost certain that God does not really care what the final score in any game is. It matters to us, but likely not to Him. He wants us to do our very best and to glorify Him. That is exactly what the CUC men did, and, therefore, they were champions!"

Theresa Donkor, a fourth-year business major and member of the women's indoor soccer championship team, has enjoyed worshipping with her fellow teammates and learning life lessons from one another. "I think the simple act of just being sportsmanlike shows Christian character. Ten years from now, whether you win or lose is not going to really matter, but how you treat someone can leave a lasting impression. The soccer team has had such a positive impact on my faith. We have worships at every practice where someone shares their testimony or a worship thought. Most worships intertwine soccer with a spiritual application, so that has helped us grow in both aspects. The biggest lesson I have learned is that it's OK to make mistakes—whether in life or on the field."

Kelvin Kublall, a third-year religious studies major and member of the men's indoor soccer team, takes a more direct approach on ministry through his soccer

team. "I've personally invited players from opposing teams to church, to my preaching engagements, and to simply hang out with us here at CUC for some good Christian fun. And when they come, they love it. They always come back. Every team knows our name, and as a result, they learn of our God." Kelvin continues, "I enjoy soccer here at CUC because of the brotherhood, the passion, the love, and the pride we show every game. I honestly love the fact that I belong to a team that prays together, a team that encourages one another, a team that laughs together. A team I know, under further direction from God and proper discipline, will do our school proud. I love our school, and by playing for a team, it's one way I'm able to express my love for being here."

At the end of the day, at the end of a season, the one takeaway that students and even those around them see is that it is more than just sports. There are real-life lessons that students can take back and apply in their everyday life. For some it is a real-world application and testing ground for being humble and patient. For others it is a real place where they can share and grow together in faith with their fellow students. Tyler Bishop, a fourth-year business administration major and member of the men's soccer and volleyball teams, says it succinctly: "I enjoy that God is our first priority in all that we do." ■

Canada-Wide Offering 2015 for Canada's Seventh-day Adventist University

We are excited that the Canada-wide offering for May 30, the last Sabbath of May, will go towards Canadian University College and the continued education of our young men and women across this vast country of ours. CUC has seen remarkable growth over the years, and we are proud to be Canada's choice for higher education.

In the past year we have felt your support, and we were blessed to receive a 23-percent increase in donations. We thank you for your continued support. Please plan to participate again in this special CUC Canada-wide offering by committing to a gift, helping promote it to your friends, and continuing to pray for CUC and our students' continued success. Special donation envelopes and materials will be made available at your local church. If you wish, you are also able to donate anytime online by visiting www.cauc.ca and following the prompts to donate now. ■

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Where Are They Now



Gary and Alma DeBoer

Messenger catches up with former leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. In this issue we talk with Gary DeBoer.

Interview by J.D. Victor Fitch, Messenger Staff Writer.

Messenger: *Where did you grow up?*

Gary DeBoer: I was born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alta., and am the youngest of three boys. My wife, Alma, was raised on a farm 32 kilometres east of Medicine Hat and has a younger sister and brother.

M: *Where did you receive your education?*

G: I obtained my education in Medicine Hat. After I received my chartered accountant designation articling with a prominent accounting firm, I worked for an accounting business.

M: *How did you become Seventh-day Adventists?*

G: Alma and I lost a son when he was about two years of age. He was born with a heart defect. The doctors did what they could, but despite their best efforts, he passed away. Naturally, this was a very traumatic experience, and the question that troubled us was "Why? Why should a baby, so innocent and helpless, have to die? What caused this to happen?" This drove us to search for answers.

We did not belong to a church at that time and went to church only for weddings or some special event. There were a couple of different church groups who came to our door and wanted to study the Bible with us. Alma's uncle and aunt had recently become Adventists and decided they should

share the Bible with us. As a result, we became Seventh-day Adventists. Larry Milliken was the pastor in Medicine Hat at that time.

M: *What was your first position with the church, and how did that come about?*

G: Neville Matthews was the founding president of Medicine Hat College, and so we became acquainted with the Matthews family after joining the church. In 1971 he was invited to be the president of Canadian Union College (Now Canadian University College and soon to be Burman University). The position of business manager was vacant at the time so I was invited to serve in this capacity. After four years I returned to Medicine Hat.

M: *When did you return to denominational employment and in what capacity? Where did you serve?*

G: In 1980 I was called to the British Columbia Conference as treasurer, a position I held from 1979 to 1984. I was then appointed as president and served from 1984 to 1986. My next post of employment with the church was as treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, fulfilling this position from 1986 to 1991. We received a call to go to the East Africa Division in Harare, Zimbabwe, where I worked as the treasurer from 1991 to 1995. I was then asked to be an associate treasurer

for the General Conference, serving from 1996 to 2000. Following this post, I retired, but after several years I was asked to be the associate treasurer of Pacific Press in Nampa, Ida., a position I held from 2004 to 2006.

M: *Tell me about your greatest challenge in your mission experience.*

G: I really enjoyed my time serving overseas. One of our greatest challenges focused on financial issues. In that part of the world, financial resources were very limited. At budget time each year, each department was anxious to expand its part in the mission of the church and requested an increase in its budget allocation to accomplish this desire. Without the subsidies received from the General Conference, our outreach activities would have been severely restricted. The Lord blessed and the division was able to achieve a solid financial position.

M: *Tell me about your family.*

G: Alma and I have two sons, Gary and Eya live in Sault St. Marie, Ont., with their two daughters. Kirk and Wendy have two sons and reside in Crapaud, P.E.I. This past year we were pleased to welcome our first great-grandchild.

M: *Where are you now?*

G: Alma and I have retired in Crapaud, P.E.I. ■



COLLEEN

It is 1948. Newly wed and excited, Donal and Deirdre Connors travel across the ocean, away from their families in Ireland and to a new life in Canada. In a small village in southern Ontario, they begin the adventure of establishing their new home.

Fast-forward 10 years. Donal is the pastor of a church just blocks from their new home—a modest but charming bungalow with white siding, blue shutters, and a front porch—and Deirdre is expecting their first child. They are older than most expectant parents of the time and so happy to finally be starting their family.

In late 1958 Colleen is born, and Donal and Deirdre instantly know their lives are forever changed. Not simply because they are now parents, but because they are parents of a sweet baby girl who also has Down Syndrome.

“The Connors realize that they need to find a way to provide and care for Colleen once they are gone.”

Ten more years pass, and the Connors sit on their porch watching their darling Colleen happily playing with the neighbours’ kids. Donal is still a pastor at the same church, Colleen now takes the bus to and from a special school each day, and Deirdre has begun working as a part-time receptionist at the local high school. Raising Colleen has its unique challenges, yet they feel lucky and blessed, and cherish each day as they watch their special little girl grow into a kind and inspiring young woman.

Another 10 years go by. Colleen is now 20 but clearly unable to live independent of her parents. Both

Donal and Deirdre’s parents have passed on, leaving few remaining relatives, all of whom live an ocean away. The Connors realize that they need to find a way to provide and care for Colleen once they are gone.

Colleen’s parents decide to talk to their lawyer, who recommends that they add a testamentary trust in their wills. This will give them a definite plan for taking care of their precious daughter. They ask Colleen’s doctor to act as their trustee to manage the assets of their estate that will provide for Colleen’s living expenses for the remainder of her life.¹

When Colleen is 36 years old, her dear mother tragically passes away. Donal continues to care for his daughter until he is no longer able to. He moves Colleen into a very nice group home where he knows she will be happy, and he moves himself into a modest assisted living retirement residence; both are still able to live near the church and village they love. When he is 84 years old, Donal passes away, but because of the trust that was set up for Colleen, she continues to be well looked after.

Pastor Donal and Deirdre requested that after Colleen passes away, the remainder of the assets in the trust will go to the two organizations most dear to all three Connors: their church and the Canadian Down Syndrome Society.

Through their testamentary trust,² the Connors were able to depart this world knowing that they had provided for the future of their daughter, for Down Syndrome children, and for their church. ■

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¹ With a testamentary trust, these persons include those who are unable to care for themselves and/or manage their financial and other affairs, as well as those who have not reached the age of majority or are otherwise believed to be unable to be adequately responsible with regard to financial matters.

² A type of charitable remainder trust.

Canadians give Kenyan children

a new lease on life



Kelsey Weisman implementing rehabilitation techniques through play.

A Canadian team has forever changed the lives of some Kenyan children with disabilities.

A Better World Canada organized a rehabilitation team consisting of four physiotherapists (including a podiatric therapist) plus two occupational therapists to visit project sites in November 2014. They hailed from Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Alberta.

Eric Rajah, co-founder of the volunteer-run, international development organization governed by Lacombe's College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, said the team created some "very touching experiences." He recalled when two children were given an important educational tool, thanks to the creativity of the therapists. Both boys have no use of their limbs and live at Ndanai Small Home for the Physically Challenged in Ndanai.

Karen Leung, a physiotherapist from Lacombe with 35 years' experience, visited the boarding school previously, so she was familiar with Jefferson, a boy of about 12. "He's like a person in a body that doesn't work—he can write with one toe, but that's all he can do," said Leung, a member of the Lacombe church. "He can't push a wheelchair."

The therapists were keen to see Jefferson use a computer. Their idea involved an old headlamp with the light removed. "It had a gear in front that moves a little bit," said Leung. "They fixed it up with an old dowel and attached it to Jefferson's head."

Jefferson touched the computer keys using the dowel. He immediately began to write about his life story. "He took to it so quickly and was so thrilled to be on the computer," said Leung. "It opened up another opportunity for him to be able to do something in the future."

The other boy, Nickson, was set up in the same way. A

computer teacher from another school will teach the boys on a voluntary basis for a one-year period, said Leung.

The therapists treated 35 children living at the Ndanai boarding school. They also organized a week-long clinic at Ndanai for about 23 families of young children with disabilities. Parents learned how to move their children, many of whom have spina bifida, so they can become more independent.

"We sent instructions home with the mothers, mostly in picture form," said Leung. "It was a great way for parents to come and say, 'We need help,' because so much of the attitude is that there is nothing that can be done for these children."

The team visited two other ABW-sponsored schools where children with disabilities live: Nyamonye Small Home school in Nyamonye and the Nyaburi school in Kendu Bay. The team held one- or two-day clinics in both places. Staff learned from the Canadian team. Equipment was given away, including walkers made from PVC pipe purchased in Kenya. "The goal was to teach some of the local people how to make these walkers; ... it's easy to do using local materials," said Leung.

Although numerous therapists have travelled with A Better World, this was the first time a focused rehabilitation team trip was organized, she added.

She'd like to see the team of therapists expand to include speech-language pathologists as well as nurses to teach health. "Having a variety of people looking at different areas makes it more holistic," said Leung. The team also worked with Kenyan therapists and encouraged them, she added. ■

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Cho was outraged because the flight attendant served the macadamia nuts to her in a bag instead of on a plate.

COMMUNICATING FAILURE

Heather Cho was living the high life. She was an aviation executive for Korean Airlines when her life took an entirely different direction on Dec. 5, 2014. She was sitting in the first class cabin of her airlines on the tarmac of JFK Airport, and the flight attendant served a snack. The vice-president, Cho, was outraged because the flight attendant served the macadamia nuts to her in a bag instead of on a plate. Cho was so furious that she shoved and cursed at the flight attendant. Then she ordered the plane to return to the gate so the accused flight attendant could be removed and fired.

This particular incident caused a major uproar in the aviation industry because it interfered with airline safety. It also became a well-publicized scandal in Korea, being labelled “nut rage.” Cho had a long history of poor behaviour toward her employees, and the public was infuriated by her conduct. There were several disturbing components to her behaviour. First, Ms. Cho attempted to lie to cover up the incident in order to save her family’s reputation (her father is the chairman of the company). She also did not show any remorse until the story went public and she was indicted on criminal charges for violating aviation law.

This is an unhappy tale of a successful individual with a promising future who failed basic human civility. How often

do we mistreat others around us? How often do we accept responsibility for our failure and apologize for our behaviour? Jesus reprimanded the church of Thyatira for allowing “Jezebel” to poison the local congregation. He reminds them, “I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.”¹

One of the great problems in our society is the failure to admit our personal shortcomings. Many psychologists suggest that a symptom of narcissism and psychopathy is the inability to recognize when we are wrong.² In his book *Good to Great*, Jim Collins explains how effective leaders always accept personal blame for failure and give away the praise to the entire team.³

The biblical concepts of forgiveness and repentance must be taught with greater vigor in our churches. Our leaders, starting with pastors and elders, must model humility by admitting when we are wrong. The secular world is not looking for a perfect church; they are searching for an approachable one. ■

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¹ See Revelation 2:18-29

² See Martha Stout, *The Sociopath Next Door* (New York: Broadway Books, 2005). Stout’s explanation on “the origin of conscience” in Chapter 9 is very helpful.

³ Jim Collins, *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap ... And Others Don’t*, (New York: Harper Business, 2001), p. 39.



I Don't Want to Be a Bellhop

Words by God —Colossians 3:13, NIV

Have you ever felt like you couldn't forgive someone for what he or she has done because you felt in your heart that offering forgiveness meant justice wouldn't be served? I sure have felt this way lately, but what God is showing me is that even though what they did is terrible, it only hurts me more not to forgive them.

Sometimes we try to hold on to our resentment or anger to make the other person suffer the consequences, but in truth we are the ones holding ourselves captive by keeping that inside us. It builds and we feel the pain and indignation anew every time we think of the individual or are reminded of what happened. The flames stoke until what seemed like a small campfire is now a huge bonfire and impossible to avoid. When a problem becomes that big, it consumes our thoughts and attention, only to grow more intense the longer we let it fester.

Why do we allow them to hurt us even more by holding on to the pain? I know sometimes God's justice system seems to not be tough enough for some of the things that happen in this world, but He is more than competent to take care of it. He knows what pain means and He has felt the most cruel of torture from humankind. When He was on earth, Jesus was ridiculed, beaten, slandered, called all kinds of horrible names, stripped naked, tortured, and crucified. But here is the craziest thing of all: while people were doing all these terrible things to Him, Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they

do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34, NIV). He forgave them (and forgave us) for all the garbage and trash that we have hurled at Him for centuries. He did it for us so that we could be saved. Because of what Jesus did for us on that cross, we can offer the same kind of forgiveness to one another. I know it's hard when the person doesn't deserve it, but I guess neither did we.

The weight and baggage sin brings is too heavy a load to carry. It is enough to crush anybody's spirit. Why live under all that baggage of others who try to dump their stuff on you? God didn't make you a bellhop. Instead, He said to "cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:7, MEV).

The freedom He gives when we leave all that horrible mess at the foot of the cross is beyond-words amazing. It means you don't have to be afraid and embittered by the past. It means life and life more abundantly, because you don't have to live out of the hurt place that you've been stuffed into. You are free to be you and have room in your heart to grow in the things God sets before you. Forgiveness gives room for change and growth. It is not just for the person receiving it but it is a gift from God to you too—a gift so valuable He bought it with His own blood. ■

Be Blessed

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app review

Keith Chant, Manager, IT Services, SDA Church in Canada

app review

App: ShareHim

In Brief: This app is dedicated to empowering you to share Jesus through discipleship. It allows you to add friends and acquaintances and track your interactions with them. You can also add prayer requests for your listed friends and track answers to prayer requests. The app has an Export/Import feature to allow you to transfer your lists between new devices. The ShareHim tab in the app gives you the verse of the day from their website. Overall a fairly powerful yet simple app, once you get used to it, but it would be nice to have a brief introduction or help screen to get you going with the app.

Wow Factor: Simple yet powerful way to keep track of your interactions with people.

Meh Factor: No introduction on how to use the app; you have to figure it out yourself.

Developed for: Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Price: Free

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prayer life

Contemplating Him

While, "the warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought," it is also true that, "in contemplation of Him, self will be forgotten."

While prayer can be an act of asking God for what is important to us, it can be so much more than that. Prayer can be an act of worshipping Him for the awesome One He is. It is in this process that we are transformed. We become like the One we adore (see 2 Cor. 3:18).

While, "the warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought," it is also true that, "in contemplation of Him, self will be forgotten."¹ This can actually become a living reality in my life when I take a passage of Scripture and ask myself the question, What attribute of God does this verse describe? For example, Luke 11:31 says, "Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen" (NLT). As I reflect on this verse, I realize Someone greater is here as well. Just as Jesus was God's presence with them, so God is present in my life as well. As I contemplate what that means for me, I remember driving

past a city yesterday and getting the impression to pull over and make a phone call. I discovered I could see the medical specialist within 40 minutes. Amazing! I have no doubt it was His presence that prompted me to make that call and saved me three hours of travel. So my prayer now becomes one of praise to God for His continuous presence and how grateful I am for that. In contemplation of Him and awareness of His presence, prayer becomes worship.

Approach almost any scripture by simply asking the question, "What attribute of God is being described here?" and then reflect and contemplate that for the day. ■

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¹ Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, pp. 43, 45.





Homeless and Alone

SHE MAY NEVER RETURN HOME OR BE REUNITED WITH ANY OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS.



“Life for these refugees and internally displaced people is full of hardship. They are homeless, traumatized, jobless, and now are dependent on others.”

AMINAT IS A ONE-YEAR OLD

baby girl.

Boko Haram attacked her village last August. Her father, Abdulhai, was killed. Her mother was abducted; some believe she is being held as a cook for the rebels. No one knows what happened to her siblings.

A neighbour, while running for her life, saw Aminat sitting in the street and picked her up. They were able to get a ride out of the area on a passing truck. Now Aminat is being cared for by strangers at an internally displaced persons camp a six-hour drive away from her former home.

Aminat is facing hunger, malnutrition, and an uncertain life. She may never return home or be reunited with any of her family members.

She is not alone. Many other children may never see their families again. As of Jan. 8, 2015, only seven children who had been separated from their parents were reunited with them.

Over a million people have fled their homes in Nigeria because of the Boko Haram insurgency. Most have fled to safer areas in Nigeria. Some have fled to the neighbouring countries of Cameroon and Chad. They do not know if they will ever be able to return to their homes.

Life for these refugees and internally displaced people is full of hardship. They are homeless, traumatized, jobless, and now are dependent on others.

ADRA and the Seventh-day Adventist Church have been helping Aminat and hundreds of others at a camp outside of Yola, the capital of Adamawa state, in Nigeria.


The camp is really a set of unfinished houses. Several years ago, before the insurgency, the government was constructing a housing development. With the onset of the violence, the building was put on indefinite hold. Now each bare, unfurnished structure shelters approximately 40 people.

Focusing on the most vulnerable, ADRA has distributed 15 kg of rice, 10 kg of fortified wheat flour, 20 kg of beans, 15 kg of maize, 5 l of oil and 1 kg of iodized salt to families. These supplies of food are intended to last one month.

Twenty youth trained in the ADRA honours, some still in high school, others just out of university, have been going to the camp to assist in the aid efforts. Some are helping to procure the food; others have helped with the distributions. Some volunteer their time with the children in the camp. UNICEF has started a school in the camp, and our youth help to teach the children basic math, language, and hygiene lessons. These lessons are not just about an education; they are also helping to restore a sense of normalcy and structure for the children.

Funds from the Disaster and Relief Offering, which ADRA gratefully accepts year-round but which is officially collected on the second Sabbath in May, help us to reach out and provide aid to the most vulnerable, like baby Aminat. Thank you for your generosity of prayer and support. You are truly changing lives. ■

Sharmilla Reid is director of donor relations at ADRA Canada.



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"In that book I discovered that Jesus didn't change the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the true day, and I have started to tell my neighbourhood about the Sabbath. I believe in the Sabbath, and I pray to God to help me to keep it very well."

SIMON, A STUDENT WITH CANADA YOUTH CHALLENGE (CYC), was working along a street in a small city in Manitoba. As he went from house to house knocking on doors, he met many people who had little time for him and little interest in the work he was doing. Discouraged at the constant stream of rejection, he asked God why this was happening to him. Then he remembered something his leader had once told him: In moments of discouragement and frustration, when you meet with lack of interest from one door to the next, always leave a GLOW tract. Then repeat to yourself, "God is good. All the time."

At the next door Simon introduced himself, explaining that he was a student with CYC. The person who answered the door had heard of the program but said that he was not interested and did not have time. So when Simon left the home and went to the corner of the street, he said, "God is good, God is the best, God loves you." From house to house he went, knocking on doors and repeating that phrase each time he faced rejection. Soon the repeated phrase took on a deeper meaning. Rather than words strung together, they were something he believed in his heart and claimed as true.

One day Simon approached a house, knocked on the door, and waited. Soon a woman answered. Introducing himself, Simon held up the book *Foods that Heal* and was surprised when the woman said, "Oh, I already have those books."

"You do?" Simon asked.

"Yes," she responded. She excused herself, got her books, showed them to Simon, and told him that she had also purchased the set called *Encyclopedia of Foods and Their Healing Power*. She explained that CYC students had come to her home on two occasions in previous years, and she had bought the books from them. Then she said, "The second year the students came, I bought the book *History and Hope*, and it is an amazing book. Do you know, I really agree with the Seventh-day Adventist message. In that book I discovered that Jesus didn't change the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the true day, and I have started to tell my neighbourhood about the Sabbath. I believe in the Sabbath, and I pray to God to help me to keep it very well."

In amazement, Simon listened to the woman. When she finished, she got some Bible lessons and the book *Steps to Happiness*, excited to have them for herself.

There are no Adventist churches in that little town in Manitoba, but that day Simon met someone who loves God, loves His Sabbath, and is sharing the message of love and truth with her neighbours. Why? Because a few years before, students like him from CYC, braving discouragement and rejection, made their way through the streets of Manitoba and knocked on her door.

God is good. God is the best. And every day, God demonstrates His love for you, for me, and for the world by sending us as missionaries to share His love with others. We may face discouragement. We may sow in tears. But God promises that if we go forward bravely, we will come back rejoicing, bringing with us a harvest of people who love and serve our God. ■



Adventist Education Perspective

The story of JW and Lovera Bruins

It's amazing how God, through friends, family, and Adventist education, works on people's hearts. The story of JW and Lovera Bruins demonstrates this truth. Through a series of unlikely circumstances, God led them together and back to the Adventist Church, where they are now making an impact on the next generation. Both JW and Lovera were divorced. They met in a bar. JW was accustomed to that lifestyle, and Lovera, raised as a Seventh-day Adventist, had determined not to have anything more to do with the church.

Eventually, JW and Lovera fell in love. At the time JW was very involved with youth groups, praise teams, and other events in his church, but Lovera had no interest in any church. "You don't want to make time for me, because you are busy with your Bible and stuff," she complained to JW.

Lovera's grandpa, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, recognized JW's interest in church and kept giving him materials to study about the state of the dead, baptism, the Sabbath, and other Bible truths. With no tape player in the house, JW would sit in his parked car and listen to Leo Schreven's Amazing Facts tapes. By the time the couple got married, JW had already decided to become a Seventh-day Adventist and Lovera's interest had been rekindled. One month after they were married, JW was baptized, Lovera was rebaptized, and her son, Alex, was dedicated. From then on, they have been firmly committed to the Adventist Church and have never regretted their choice.

When the children were ready for school, Adventist education was the only option they considered. "Even though our schools are not perfect," JW says, "when you put children in a Seventh-day Adventist school, you are giving them the tools to be an Adventist Christian. We cannot force Adventism on our children, but we can give them the tools to make that decision for Jesus." Lovera agrees: "The children have worships every day, and they

come home singing praises and reciting memory texts. The school has a tremendous influence on the children we send. We take them to school, we tuck them in bed at night, and we take them to school again. You can trust someone who believes the way you do." The Bruins family believes that Adventist education is especially important at the elementary and high school levels when children are forming their belief systems.

JW makes it clear that they have never regretted enrolling their children in Adventist schools. "There is a good school just down the road from the farm," he says, "whose bus goes by the house every day, and it is a lot less expensive. But we are committed to driving 25 minutes one way to have our children attend Adventist schools." All four of the Bruins children are attending or have attended Adventist schools.

JW and Lovera are grateful for the opportunities that parents have to be involved in Adventist education. "Parents can influence what happens in the school. Other children are raised in a different way than our children. Adventist schools have more parental support, and the children are in a more wholesome environment where our family values are reinforced. It would be irresponsible for us as parents not to give our children the tools to make right decisions."

God continues to work on people's lives. JW and Lovera believe that God led them together and, through each other, to Him. In turn, they are committed to lead the next generation to Jesus through Adventist education. Truly Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it" rings true in the Bruins' story. May their experience inspire us as we work together for His children. ■

Janet Griffith is the superintendent of education for the Alberta Conference.

Q & A

Beyond the brick walls of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada (SDACC) headquarters live thousands of Adventists across Canada who faithfully serve God in their own spheres of influence. This month we catch up with Avis Rodney, who was first introduced to Messenger readers in 1993 when she was appointed as ombudsman for the SDACC. In December 2014 she retired from her full-time role after 26 years as justice of the peace for the Province of Ontario and took some time out from her reading and gardening to speak with the Messenger.



Avis Rodney

MESSENGER: Please tell me a little bit about yourself.

AVIS RODNEY: I was born in Jamaica, raised in England, and migrated to Canada in 1967. I am a graduate of the University of Guelph with a BA in anthropology and sociology. My cultural influences have provided me with a rich diversity of experiences that have shaped my thoughts and actions.

M: How did you get into the legal system?

AVIS: It had to have been the will of God. Four young lawyers, fresh out of Dalhousie Law School, hired me to set up their practice in Belleville, Ont. I had no legal training or experience. However, I was an experienced medical secretary. Those were the skills that started me on the path to a legal career. There I developed a deep love for the law.

M: How did you balance your faith beliefs with objectivity of judgments in the courtroom?

AVIS: Decisions in the courtroom are not made in a

vacuum. The law has to be applied objectively in all circumstances when determining guilt or innocence. Imposing penalty after a conviction has been registered allows me, as a judicial officer, to temper justice with mercy. It is at the sentencing stage of a proceeding that I am able to reflect on the fact that "but for the grace of God, there go I." At my swearing-in ceremony on Jan. 4, 1989, I made a pledge to treat everyone who appears before me with respect, fairness, and dignity while applying the law. These are my fundamental beliefs, I am confident that I have kept my promise.

M: What challenges did you face as the first black female justice of the peace for the Province of Ontario?

AVIS: It is always a difficult task to blaze a trail, so to speak. You are aware that many eyes are focusing on you. You know you need to not only do a good job but also excel in everything you do. I felt my responsibility went beyond my ethnicity. It included my gender. I, therefore, at no time took for granted the opportunity I was given to impact lives, whether as a co-worker or while sitting in judgment on my peers and the young persons who came before me. Most importantly, I felt God provided me this opportunity of service and I had an obligation to live up to the principles I have been taught.

M: What advice can you share with female minorities?

AVIS: Follow your dreams! Ask God to lead you in the path He has ordained for you. That path might lead you outside your comfort zone, but if it is where God wants you to be, He will make it possible. My path was not always easy, but God blessed me with excellent mentors and a very supportive family. Sometimes it is difficult to balance career, family, community, and church life, but that's what we have to do in order to succeed as women, period!

M: What are you doing now?

AVIS: I now have a little more time to spare, and I have taken on the Women's Ministries leadership of my local church in Guelph. Surprisingly, this role is keeping me quite busy, in fact, much busier than anticipated, but I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge. ■

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Almost vegan

“Why don’t you just make almond milk?” This suggestion, offered by a friend with whom I had shared the sleep-inducing wonders of almonds, was inspired. Almonds helped me sleep, but in their raw, dry state they weren’t easy to digest right before bed. Fresh, homemade almond milk made from soaked and blended almonds was the perfect solution. But my friend’s suggestion got me thinking: Why limit myself to almonds? With that, I launched myself into a world of nut and seed milk possibilities I had never before imagined. Walnut milk, pecan milk, raw sprouted quinoa milk, a milk for every seed and nut! For days my kitchen counter housed different varieties of nuts and seeds as I experimented with flavours and chose favourites. Today, I bring to you a basic recipe for making a lightly sweetened nut or seed milk I hope you’ll love. ■

Alia Donkor is a lawyer in Ontario, Canada.

Nut/Seed Milk

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup nuts or seeds of your choice (walnuts, almonds, and pecans are my favourites)
- 4 cups water (divided)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon barley malt syrup

INSTRUCTIONS

- Soak nuts or seeds for 8 to 12 hours or overnight, discard soaking water, and rinse well.
- Blend with salt, sweeteners, and 1 cup of water on a medium to high blender speed for 45 seconds.
- Scrape down the sides of the blender jar with a spatula and blend for another 45 seconds.
- Scrape down the sides of the blender jar, add 1 cup of water, and blend for another 45 seconds.
- Scrape down the sides of the blender jar, add remaining 2 cups of water, and blend another 45 seconds.
- Store in an airtight container and refrigerate. Will be good for 3 to 4 days.

NOTE: You may strain milk through a cheese-cloth if you prefer a smoother texture. For unstrained almond milk, remove skins before blending by popping them off after soaking. If skins do not come off easily, blanch soaked almonds in boiling hot water for 1 to 5 minutes (test after 1 minute). Skins should now come off easily.

Comfort for Cancer Patients



When the door opens at Voice of Adventist Radio (VOAR), you never know who's coming to visit and what stories they are about to share.

Aubrey opened the door one day because he felt he had to come and tell us about the comfort that VOAR brings. Cancer is an awful disease that steals life and joy from the lives of many of our loved ones. For Aubrey and his wife, VOAR continued to connect them with hope and God's love as they travelled the rocky road from diagnosis to disability to the death of his wife.

VOAR had such a positive influence on Aubrey's life during that process that he continues to use the station as a way to reach out to other cancer patients. As a volunteer he chauffeurs cancer patients to and from their appointments, always with the radio dial tuned to VOAR. The Christian music and programming provide a non-threatening way to turn the conversation to Christ as they travel along. Often he has no idea as to the religious beliefs of those needing treatment, but the station helps him to connect them with the true source of life: the Great Physician. Rather than use the whole time to talk about the weather, he introduces them to a steady stream of hope. Aubrey now has cancer himself, but as long as he can drive he plans to keep his dial tuned to VOAR and to keep spreading that hope.

Thank you for supporting VOAR so that comfort can continue to flow to Aubrey and other cancer patients. ■

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Rebecca Johnson

ON THE ROAD WITH Becky

*If you could go back in time,
what would you tell yourself?*

AT THE CORNER BROOK AND ST. JOHN'S CHURCHES IN NEWFOUNDLAND, AND THE GLEN ELLYN CHURCH IN ILLINOIS.

Sheila Mullett: Knowing the truth is there.

Maria Clay: If I could go back in time, I would try to not do what I have done. Now I am feeling so bad for all those things that I have done.

John T.: Slow down and pay attention.

Anonymous: I wish I had found the Lord much sooner than I did.



LIFE AFTER VIC

The mid-July morning broke clear, warm, and golden. The country roads and farmers' fields, were still and quiet. Only two noises broke the early rhythmic sound of a young woman's sneakers pounding the pavement—deep, regular breathing. They were my feet and my breath—and they were there since 4 o'clock that morning when I strapped on my shoes and headed



TORY

*ds, flanked by trees, shrubs,
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' had been my companions
' into the darkness.*

Ahead, a burgundy Honda Accord made its way along the empty road toward me. It passed, turned around, and began to follow beside me, crawling slowly along. A hand emerged from the driver's side window; it was the hand of a friend, camera turned on, recording the moment.

Three hundred yards, 250, 100 ... ahead was the parking lot that would mark the end of the journey. Fifty, 35, 10, 0. Flushed with elation, joy, and astonishment, I sank into the pavement. Twenty-two kilometers of non-stop jogging—and this from someone who just three years before had been barely able to run for 60 seconds.

Sickle Cell Anemia is a disease many human biology textbooks mention. You read about it, then turn the page, and move on to the next topic. But no page turn could release me from the realities of that illness. They were my realities because it was my disease. Pain, exhaustion, trips to the hospital, and blood transfusions were a familiar reality. And all the while, the risk of premature death shadowed my every step. But as one year melted into another, I learned how to live with Sickle Cell, how to manoeuvre around it. This was me. This was my life. I could deal with it. I would be OK.

But I wasn't.

I had a genetic illness with no ready cure that brought suffering and death to millions. This was my reality, and there was nothing I could do to change it.

Time passed. From university I went on to law school, and, after three long years, prepared for and took the bar exam. But exam preparations put my body under tremendous stress, and soon my illness flared. Night after night I was in terrible pain, and my medications were useless to stop it. Finally, after one particularly terrible night, I asked my mom to take me to a local hospital.

At the hospital, while we sat in a waiting room, a woman approached us. She introduced herself, asked if I had Sickle Cell, and then asked if I had a sibling. I did. One brother, a year and half younger than me. Did he have Sickle Cell? No, he was born completely healthy. Then the woman said, "I am part of a research team conducting a clinical trial for patients with Sickle Cell Anemia. As part of the trial we may offer a bone marrow transplant to eligible participants. Would you be interested in participating and in having your brother tested to see if he would be a match for you?"

I stared, hardly believing what I was hearing. Days later, a test was mailed to my brother. Two weeks later the results came back: he was a perfect match. One year later I sat and watched as my brother, braving the pain, inconvenience, and difficulties of the process, gave the cells that would change my life.

My run on that warm July morning, one of the greatest victories of my life, was made possible because



Afia and her brother, Kwasi Donkor.

someone did something for me I could never have done for myself. There is a fundamental difference between a blood transfusion and a transplant. A transfusion is an injection of another person's blood, which, for a time, makes you feel better. In my moments of severe crisis, this was my treatment. But a transfusion is only a temporary fix. In time, the effects fade, and the defect that has for a time been masked returns. Then, back to pain, back to meds, and back to problems.

My transplant did something completely different. Instead of masking the problem, it removed it entirely. The defective cells that were producing defective blood were killed, replaced by the healthy cells given to me by my brother. The result? Gone are the meds, gone are the crises, gone is the pain.

My transplant didn't alter my blood for a time—it changed my blood forever. I went from a B+ blood type to an O+ blood type, just like my brother, and that change removed the disease that had caused so much suffering. Helpless to healed. And all because a stranger in a waiting room made me an offer I could never have dreamed of, and a brother gave of himself for me.

But when the run was over, when I came home and put my shoes away, I returned to a life in which violence, destruction, uncertainty, poverty, and distress pressed in

on every side. Just six months before my run, a young man entered an elementary school and took the lives of 20 innocent school children. Three months later two individuals detonated bombs at the Boston Marathon, spilling the blood of innocent people all over the streets of the city. Two months after my run, 62 individuals were killed in an attack in a mall in Nairobi. Two months later Typhoon Haiyan descended on the Philippines, claiming the lives of over 6,000 people.

The lapse of days, months, and years has only brought on more and terrible events. But while we as a people try to secure ourselves against these external crises, another storm rages on. This storm is harder to escape, harder to ignore. In the tears that fall from my own eyes when no one is there to witness is seen a struggle familiar to many. It is the struggle with discouragement, failure, anger, fear, depression, addiction, and loneliness. In that struggle, the victory of a 22-kilometre run rings pretty hollow. But in these moments, I have learned something about myself, something more serious and more difficult than the reality of my physical illness. I have learned that inside, I am messed up, I am broken, and there is nothing I can do to change that. But I have also learned that that is OK, because for the helpless, there is Help.

Years ago, a Man did something so remarkable, so

“LIFE IS SPRINKLED WITH MOMENTS OF VICTORY. ... BUT WHEN THE HOME IS PURCHASED, THE BREAKTHROUGH COMPLETE, AND THE GAME OVER, WHAT THEN?”

earth-shattering, that His act would divide time and change history forever. He chose to give a gift that would help all who were helpless and give victory to all who could not fight for themselves. He gave Himself—to live, to serve, to die. Why? Because He understood something about us. He saw that the children He loved were struggling with something that brought suffering and death to all—and there was nothing they could do to change it. And He knew that in Him was the life, victory, and healing they so desperately needed. So the gift was given and help was made available for all who would simply ask for it.

The story of Jesus, the beauty of Christianity, is in the recognition of our utter helplessness. We cannot, on our own, do anything or say anything or think anything that will make us better. Without Jesus, we are a people of filthy-ragged righteousness, carrying on our shoulders our many broken cisterns. So Jesus became righteousness and wholeness, for us.

Life is sprinkled with moments of victory. Games won, homes purchased, promotions attained, career breakthroughs achieved; these are the moments we live for. But when the home is purchased, the breakthrough complete, and the game over, what then? What life do you return to after the victory?

For me, the life I returned to after the victory of my run was filled with darkness and uncertainty. But from those moments I have emerged again and again with more and greater victories; the victory of courage in the place of fear, the victory of joy in the place of sorrow, the victory of freedom in the place of captivity, and the victory of hope in the place of despair. And all this because every day Jesus is making my victories possible.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to escape the reality that there are deep-seated problems in our society and within ourselves. But for the myriad problems we face, there are myriad solutions offered. Education, technology, science, therapy, medication, surveillance, and laws: these are the things many look to as the great hope for our broken and increasingly violent world. These all have their place, but they are a temporary fix to a deeper problem. The wound that is hurting our world is sin. And for the problem of sin there is only one true and lasting solution: Jesus. So to every heart that is burdened with the weight of sin, Jesus comes and extends an amazing offer: a new heart, a new life—for free—in Him. “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new

spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezek. 36:26, ESV).

In Jesus, the problems we face, rooted in sin, are removed entirely. The defective heart that produced a defective life is killed, replaced by the new heart given to us by Jesus. The result? Gone is the pain and hopelessness we once knew. We are made completely whole, because what Jesus offers doesn’t alter us for a time—it changes us forever.

Jesus once said, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician but those who are sick. ... I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matt. 9:12, 13, NASB). The path to healing begins with an acknowledgment that we are sick and helpless and that there is nothing we can do to change that. It begins with an understanding that our plans and solutions are useless and cannot save us. Jesus invites us to turn to Him, admit our weakness, and throw ourselves on the strength and mercy of God. As we do this, His strong and healing heart becomes ours. In Him we live, move, and have our being, and through Him, we live a life of victory.

Afia Donkor is a lawyer in Oshawa, Ont., and volunteers at Lifestyle Canada Education Service (LCES). Her story was first published by LCES in a new GLOW tract also titled “Life After Victory.” For more information, please visit glowcanada.ca.



The stem cells, donated by Afia's brother, that transformed Afia's life.

Preparation for Eternity



Finnie, Anna, Malissa, and Arlene Flores.

FINNIE AND ARLENE FLORES are committed to Adventist education. As a family they made the decision to move in 2006 from Ottawa, where Malissa (Grade 11 at Kingsway College) and Anna (Grade 8 at College Park Elementary School) were born, to Oshawa to pursue a job opportunity in Toronto. One major factor in this decision was their intention to eventually send both girls to Kingsway College. They liked Kingsway because of its rural-like setting, its academic excellence, and the well-rounded education it provides.

While both Finnie and Arlene attended public schools, they felt impressed that their children should be brought up in Adventist education. "We believe that Adventist education is a complete package

It not only educates the mind but also addresses the spiritual, physical, and social aspects."

Finnie and Arlene believe there is no other alternative to Adventist education, specifically as it pertains to the spiritual dimension of education. While they are busy laying the foundation of a relationship with God at home, they understand that the environment of school has a significant impact on their children's lives. "Our children are taught from an Adventist worldview by teachers with the same beliefs. It also provides them with many opportunities to be involved in ministry as a part of their schooling. Adventist education prepares our children to be productive adults and citizens on earth, and it also helps prepare them for eternity."

Family time is very important to the Flores family. Any opportunity they have to spend time with each other is cherished. "We love the outdoors, and we enjoy camping and biking. One of our most exciting outdoor adventures was camping in multiple Canadian National Parks across three provinces during our trip to the Maritimes a few years ago."

They are also very active within their College Park Church family. Both Malissa and Anna play the piano and violin, Finnie plays the guitar and piano, and they sing as a family. The girls also bless others with their gift of music at nursing and retirement homes, and to their students as they teach them violin and piano, passing on their talents to younger children. As parents, Finnie and Arlene emphasize the importance of influence and encourage both daughters to be positive influences on their peers. They encourage them to be involved in the church and other outreach activities, both local and international.

"Thanks to the opportunities presented by Kingsway College, Malissa has participated in two mission trips—to the Dominican Republic in 2012 and to Panama in December 2014." She, along with the team of students and sponsors, were involved in building a church a Sabbath school building, as well as conducting Vacation Bible School for the children and evangelistic meetings every night.

Psalm 37:4 is the family's favourite Bible verse, which says, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." As a family, they desire to be of service to the Lord and to be in His Kingdom. As parents, Finnie and Arlene desire for Malissa and Anna to grow up and remain faithful to God and to use their gifts and talents for God's work. "We sincerely believe that God, as the Giver of good gifts, will grant us these desires." ■

Christina Lister is the development coordinator at Kingsway College



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Parkview Profiles

"I thought I'd be the quiet kid, but now I'm friends with everyone."

Joshua Ani was born in Saudi Arabia but came to Parkview Adventist Academy (PAA) from his family home in Nigeria. He made the move in the middle of the 2013/2014 school year to join his two older sisters, who currently attend Canadian University College.

When Josh arrived at PAA, it was difficult for him to fit in for a number of reasons. "It was the middle of the school year, I was in the dorm and didn't know anyone," he says. "I was really shy and had a strong accent, and I had never seen snow. It was hard getting used to how different things are here."

Aside from acclimatizing to Canadian winters, one of the key adjustments Josh had to make was to the variety of ethnicities represented at PAA. Thinking back on his first few days of Grade 10, he recalls, chuckling, "I had never really seen white people before." Currently, his Grade 11 classmates come to PAA from all over Canada and the world. Besides finding things to be quite different, Josh found a place where he belongs: "I thought I'd be the quiet kid, but now I'm friends with everyone."

While there were many new cultural aspects of moving somewhere new, the thing Josh recognized was how PAA implements a strong Adventist core. From dorm worships to family groups, chapels, Sabbath programs, and the opening of every class with prayer, Josh is confident that "PAA is a good place. It's up to you to choose whether it's going to be a good place for you." His encounters with staff and students on campus have confirmed what he knew as a young Adventist coming here: "God answers my prayers."

Josh has grown as a Christian, as a student, and as a person here at PAA. "My personality has changed a lot," Josh says. "I used to be shy, but now, when I see new people, I just go talk to them and make sure they're fitting in."



Joshua Ani

His experience as a new student has motivated him to reach out to others with the same friendship extended to him when he first arrived. "The school environment changes," he explains, "because a lot of my friends from last year graduated, so I had to make new friends this year, too."

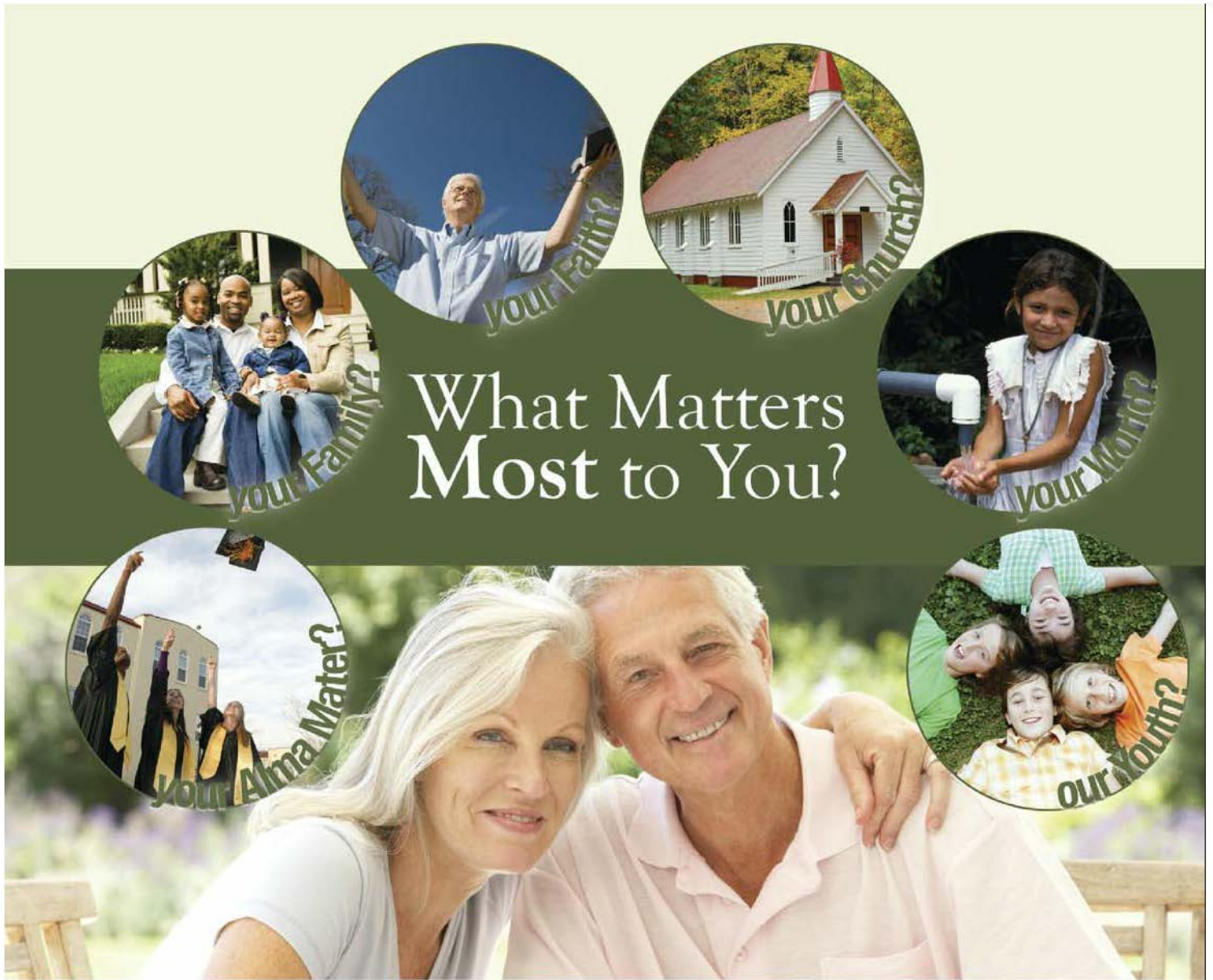
The connections Josh has developed are deep enough that he misses people over breaks and holidays. "I've been in the dorm so long now that I look forward to going back because of my friends. I've made some really close friends," he says, "the kind of people around whom you can be yourself."

While PAA's learning atmosphere changes along with the students in attendance, there are constants: PAA is a safe place for young people to grow without the kinds of concerns that Josh knows were real distractions at home. "In Nigeria we lived in a compound and had security in our house all the time. I was never allowed to leave alone. It's safer here and easy to not get in trouble."

The security concerns of home affected Josh recently, as his mom had planned a visit to Alberta but was travelling from an area of Africa affected by Ebola. She boarded what became the last flight out of that region for some time and is now safely visiting her children in Canada. There were other moments of personal family stress for Josh and his sisters this last semester, and while he had to miss some classes, he says, "the teachers were very supportive about helping me get caught up."

Josh is confident about his goals and his growing abilities in academics. "I'm going to graduate here and keep up my grades," he says. "At PAA, it's easy to focus and do well. It's all in your hands." ■

Katelyn Ruiz is the director of public relations at Parkview Adventist Academy.



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Tashina, pictured in traditional Anglo dancer costume, is part of this year's Grade 6 class and the Total Praise group that will be going to the Native Campmeeting in Port Hardy, B.C., in May.

GRADE 6 IS A BIG YEAR FOR MANS students. It is their last year as elementary school students; they begin learning American Sign Language and become adept at performing it to Christian music as part of Total Praise; and they get to go to the week-long Native Campmeeting in Port Hardy, B.C.

For many, it's their first glimpse of the Rocky Mountains and first time outside Alberta; for others, it's a whole new encounter with coastal First Nations culture and a campmeeting that is distinctly First Nations in focus. These students share Christ with others while also experiencing Him more deeply in their own lives.

Cyrus was with the first group to go to Port Hardy three years ago. Though he was younger than the rest of the group, his skill as a traditional Cree singer and drummer, which he has adapted to Christian music, secured him a place on the bus. As part of the MANS Ambassador and cultural exchange group, he soaked up the new First Nations culture and the whole Native Campmeeting experience. He looked forward to returning!

Last year, however, Cyrus was dismayed to discover that his hockey team was scheduled to play in a tournament on the same days as the campmeeting. Cyrus felt so at home at the campmeeting and so wished to return that he sent a moving handwritten letter to the Port Hardy church pastor, Randy Elliott. Expressing his disappointment at not being able to return, he asked Pastor Elliott to extend the same hospitality to the new group of MANS students.

Cyrus' friends were not disappointed. A musical group called Total Praise visited a First Nations school on the reserve and performed Christian songs for their peers. They were very well received. The group stayed in a hostel close to the reserve, and their enthusiastic practices attracted hostel workers to the Port Hardy Seventh-day Adventist Church to see Total Praise perform.

"They love to perform," says MANS principal, Gail Wilton. For them, each practice and performance is an opportunity to witness for Jesus and share His message, and connecting with other First Nations groups at the campmeeting is a life experience they can't get in a classroom.

"It exposes them to a greater Christian community, and the kids come back with a completely different outlook on Christianity," says Wilton. "They are learning to trust, to let go and let God." ■

Melissa Myers volunteered at the Maskwocis Reserve church as part of CUC's First Nations ministry group.

Lynn McDowell is director of Planned Giving and Trust Services/Philanthropy for the Alberta Conference.

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Alberta

80th Wedding Anniversary

On the evening of Feb. 7, 2015, Wilfred and Ida Kenzle celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary with 50 family members; their quiet wedding on Feb. 7, 1935, took place in Sylvan Lake, Alta. And on Feb. 8, 2015, a second celebration convened with family and friends at the Villa Marie in Red Deer, Alta. Wilf will be 102 on July 7 and Ida 100 on Oct. 14, 2015.

Wilf farmed in the Sylvan Lake area for many years before entering the building trade. He built houses in Red Deer and Vernon, B.C. The family moved back to Red Deer in 1989 after he fully retired.

Letters of congratulations were received from Queen Elizabeth, Prime



Wilfred and Ida Kenzle

Minister Stephen Harper, and Gov. Gen. David Johnson. Letters of congratulations came from Alberta as well: Premier Jim Prentice; Lt.-Gov. Donald S. Ethell; Mary Jablonski, MLA for North Red Deer; Heather Forsyth, the interim

leader of the opposition; and Tara Veer, mayor of Red Deer.

The couple had seven children. Five sons, Lawrence (Beverly); Calvin (Alice); Clifford (Diane), both deceased; Ralph (Shirley); Ivan (Bernadine); and two daughters, Diana (Clayton Goodman) and Rosemarie (James Long, deceased). They have 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

God has richly blessed the Kenzle family. Usually every day after each meal, Wilf wheels Ida up and down the long hallway to keep the strength in his legs. And even when there is no need for a professional visit by their doctor, he still occasionally stops by for a social call. ■

We Are Always Better Together

The Administration Building at Canadian University College was abuzz. Students gathered around the hot chocolate and cookies like employees around an office water cooler, laughing and giggling, catching up on the day's events.

Inside the dimly lit chapel a comfortable-looking sofa sat at a centre stage, flanked by strings of lights. Christian contemporary music sailed on the airwaves, and a graphic logo was projected on the screen that read, "Together." Together is a new, slightly different type of worship at CUC created by theology student Brenden Zapotichay, known around campus as B-Zap. B-Zap is a postmodern creative who also happens



to be a musician who loves people and creates community wherever his weary feet bring him.

As the worship experience started, piles of students arrived, quietly taking their seats, eager for the program to begin. A video played on the screen, and a man Australian explained how he met B-Zap and designed the Together logo.

B-Zap then approached the stage and invited a guest to take a seat on the comfy couch. It was Pastor Steve, a youth pastor who runs a Christian post-modern worship

gathering for young adults called "The Collective" at Red Deer College. Steve shared his personal story of how he wrestles with God, and I realized that no matter the colour of our skin, where we come from, or what we choose to have as a personal belief system, we all wrestle with God at some point in our lives.

The inspiration behind Together was less about attending a campus church service and more about being together in community and sharing our stories in an open and authentic way that allows

people to feel comfortable and connected to one another.

"Everyone has a story, everyone is encouraged by stories... Everyone is inspired by stories... It's about coming together in the spirit of Christ to share our personal stories about how He is working in our lives and then being sent out to build up the kingdom of God," shared B-Zap. ■

—Lyle Notice, Associate Youth Director, Alberta Conference

Edmonton Adventurer Clubs Come Together for Joint Induction

On Sabbath afternoon the church foyer of the Sherwood Park church was bustling with activity; it was adventurer induction. The Edmonton North club, under the leadership of Vuyo Tshuma, was in attendance, although they had already conducted induction during the latter part of last year. More surprisingly, several more Adventurers joined this year, adding to their 40-member club.

"Since we were scheduled to have our induction, the idea was for the North Club to join us as we experience this powerful ceremony for our children," said Lauri-Ann Ljungberg, the club leader for Sherwood Park church and Alberta Conference area coordinator for northern Alberta.

As the induction ceremony took place, the new executive coordinator for Adventurers, Lulu Mazula, officially opened the induction ceremony by lighting a candle explaining the significance of the spirit of Christ being in the Adventurer ministry. "As I enter this new role, my desire is to visit as many churches and inductions as I can... This ministry is such a powerful experience for families in our churches. We need to encourage all families to take part in this family ministry," Mazula exclaimed.

Also in attendance was assistant youth director of the Alberta Conference, David Benjamin, who spoke on the importance



The Edmonton Adventurer Clubs induction service at the Sherwood Park SDA Church. Lyle Notice (speaking, far left) and Lulu Mazhanganyika, Executive Coordinator for Adventurer Ministry in Alberta (far right).

of the altar and its significance in the Adventurer ministry. "I love attending inductions, hearing all the excitement, and seeing the smiles on the children's faces bring a joy to my heart," said Benjamin.

After some brief words of encouragement to the parents and the church, Pastor Rod Davis blessed the congregation with a powerful prayer of dedication for the Adventurers and their families.

Just as the ceremony was closing, a cake was brought out covered with white frosting. On top of the cake was an edible

design of the Adventurer logo. Lauri-Ann held up the creamy cake just long enough for a picture to be snapped.

It was a great ceremony that concluded with rest, relaxation, and refreshments in the lower fellowship hall. As the Adventurers enjoyed their friends, food, and especially the cake, I smiled to myself thinking, There is a reason why God said, "Be like a child." ■

—Lyle Notice, Associate Youth Director, Alberta Conference

British Columbia

Creston Church Fall Outreach 2014

For many years the Creston Fall Fair has been a well-attended annual event. Alongside a variety of businesses and charitable causes, our local church has operated a display booth each year. This has made it possible for us to promote upcoming outreach events, hand out books and pamphlets, and share our beliefs with others. Several teams of church members were on hand this year during the weekend of Sept. 12-13 to distribute a variety of magazines and books and to answer questions. This event also helps to promote awareness of Seventh-day Adventists and the work we do in this community. ■

—Ian Cotton
(retired pastor)

See more at <http://goo.gl/1ORvqy>



Jay Nawolnowski, Johan Barnisch, and Doug Knight on duty at the booth

The Living Discoveries

The Burnaby Filipino-Canadian Seventh-day Adventist Church in Burnaby, B.C., united their efforts to reach out to the Filipino community in Metro Vancouver by conducting a series of evangelistic seminars for 15 nights from Oct. 1-25, 2014, at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House in Vancouver, B.C. Preparations and precursors to the series were included a community invitation survey, a park outing, Bible studies, as well as newspaper and other media advertisements.

Pastor Luis Bon Jr., a remarkable evangelist from Philippines, was the guest speaker. His unique method of providing health lectures that correlate



Wilfredo Saguro in the process of being baptized by Pastor Luis Bon Jr.

with the Bible drew more guests each night to listen to the message. The theme "The Living Discoveries" appealed to the

people's interests, and the message of truth that was revealed each night amazed, awakened, and opened the minds of the seekers. The non-Adventist attendees were not the only ones who were blessed and fed; the church members were also, as they learned more significant and spiritually uplifting information.

The success of this effort was manifested in their three series of baptismal services conducted on Oct. 25, Nov. 8, and Nov. 22, 2014, rendering a total of 15 people who joyfully accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

In order to nurture the gospel seed that was initially sown in the hearts of the remaining attendees and to keep their

enthusiasm alive, our church members are now making a concerted effort to reach out to them by inviting them to the weekly church service, conducting Bible studies, and connecting and communicating with them to encourage them to give their hearts to Jesus.

The church is grateful for the support

from the BC Conference, the Vancouver Filipino SDA Church through the leadership of Pastor Levi Estores, Abundant Life, Surrey Filipino, and the Fraser Valley SDA churches, the gospel workers' efforts, and the participation and unity of our church members who worked and prayed earnestly for the success of this

endeavor. By God's grace, they are looking forward to another evangelistic effort in the near future. ■

—Theody Malabanan,
head elder, Burnaby
Filipino Seventh-day
Adventist Church

See more at: <http://goo.gl/YgKbqd>

Ontario

Lincoln Pioneer Church (Vegetarian Supper Club) for Healthy Living



Pastor Ron Teranski (back row, far right) with Vegetarian Supper Club cooks.

"How do you cook beans?" was the question Gloria Lawson received 35 years ago, prompting her to conduct a cooking school for 25 participants in her own home in Grimsby, Ont., (near Hamilton). But sensing a need for not only physical health but also spiritual wholeness, Lawson shared Christ-centered messages of hope at each cooking class. Six of her participants decided to welcome Christ into their hearts and were baptized.

As Ellen G. White says in *Counsels on Diet and Foods*, "The gospel of health is to be firmly linked with the ministry of the word. It is the Lord's design that the restoring influence of health reform shall be a part of the last great effort to proclaim

the gospel message."¹ Since that first cooking class in 1980, Lawson has never stopped teaching others how to prepare tasty, simple, and healthful plant-based meals, and she has trained many to do the same.²

In fact, six years later, in 1986, a small country Seventh-day Adventist church—Lincoln Pioneer—was established in the village of Grassie, just outside of Grimsby. Cooking schools always remained an integral component to the church's ministry in the community; other Adventist churches have become actively involved in this ministry with great success as well. The classes create lasting connections and friendships, and since many people genuinely desire health and wholeness, this kind of ministry remains relevant. Growing community interest has not waned. Today Lincoln, under the leadership of Pastor Ron Teranski, holds a monthly supper club providing participants with a full meal. Virginia Walsh, a registered dietitian and Lincoln member, presents the health lectures.

The supper clubs continually receive positive feedback, and the participants always look forward to the next gathering. "Thank you for organizing the supper club dinners," writes one woman. "The discussions after the dinners have been very educational and have certainly helped me and my husband to become more aware of the importance of nutrition in our health, to act on our new knowledge, and change many things in our lifestyle. I have used the recipes you have provided . . . , and we have enjoyed the dishes again many times. In addition, we have always felt very welcomed by everyone involved!"

Lincoln Pioneer church also runs other health and wellness programs. For example, in October 2014 they hosted a NEWSTART health expo, developed by Dr. Neil Nedley, in Grimsby. Sixty-eight people attended the expo. The church is planning more such health and wellness events this year.

Gloria Lawson, Virginia Walsh, all the dedicated volunteers across participating churches, and especially the guests, truly enjoy learning, cooking, eating, as well as sharing and partaking of the love of Christ for lasting, holistic wellness. ■

¹ 1938 (Hagerstown, Md.: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1976), 75.

² Gloria Lawson has also written two cookbooks, *Caring Kitchens Recipes: Vegetation Cuisine* (Ringgold, GA: TEACH Services Inc., 1988), as well as one that was co-authored by Debbi Puffer, *Tasty Vegan Delights* (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2001).

Quebec

New Interim Treasurer



Abiola Arthur

On March 1, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Quebec Conference voted to elect Abiola Arthur as the interim treasurer of the Quebec Conference to replace Anderson Ansenor, who tendered his resignation in February. Abiola took up her new duties immediately, as she has been serving at the conference office as senior accountant since Nov. 2010. Prior to that she worked as a financial analyst at McGill University. Abiola holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University and is pursuing an M.Sc. degree in Accounting from HEC Montréal, a French-language university. ■

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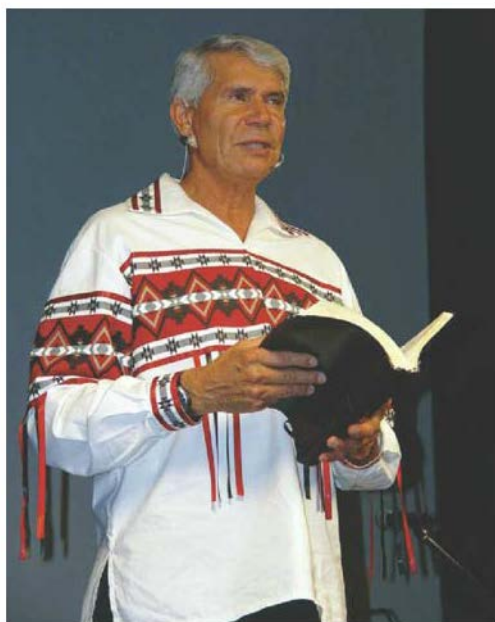
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Ed Dunn, Director, Native Ministries, SDA Church in Canada.

Native Ministries Update

I was talking to someone the other day that is a loyal supporter of Native Ministries. She asked me how the ministry was progressing and I related to her several of the latest initiatives. She appreciated the update and I began to think that maybe more of you would like an update, as well. We'll begin with our Native campmeetings.

The British Columbia Conference has held Native Campmeeting for many years, 34 in fact. It was first held at the Adventist campground at Hope, B.C., but about 20 years ago it was moved to Port Hardy, B.C., where it is still held each year. The traditional date is the first weekend in May at the Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw Adventist church. They usually have a great turnout and people from as far away as Alberta attend. They enjoy singing, preaching, sharing their testimonies, and eating together. It's a great feast in many ways. It's a blessing to reconnect with old friends and to meet new ones, as well. The main speaker this year will be Elder Ken Denlow, assistant to the NAD president.

This year the British Columbia Conference is holding two Native campmeetings because more Native people want to attend but long travel distances keep them from participating. The second Campmeeting will be on June 18-20, 2015 in the Kitwanga area of northern British Columbia. There will be nightly meetings during the week, culminating in the spiritual gathering on the weekend. Pastors Monte Church and Edward Dunn will be the main speakers.

The Alberta Conference will host their Native campmeeting on the first weekend in June at the Bowden Youth Camp. They also will be enjoying music, good preaching, and sharing testimonies. Their featured speaker this year is Chief Brian Cladoosby from the Swinomish reservation south of Vancouver, B.C. Chief Cladoosby is an Adventist and president of the National Congress of Native Americans, which represents all of the Native Americans in the United States. He is planning to share inspirational stories of how his Creator has guided and protected him on his life journey.

The Ontario conference hosts a Native Spiritual Gathering at the Polytechnic Campus on the Six Nations reserve near Brantford, Ont. Their campmeeting date is August 28-29, 2015 and their speaker is Pastor Kevin Kiers. They too, love singing, sharing, eating, and listening to good speakers.

In April of 2014 the Maritime Conference

held their first Native campmeeting in Fredericton, N.B. The plan is to hold their Native campmeeting every other year and on the in-between years to hold one in the Quebec Conference. We are waiting for the Native bible lessons, Native New Day, to be printed in French and hopefully help prepare the way for a Native campmeeting in Quebec.

If you have an interest in Native Ministries or a Native friend who would like to attend, please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship and enlarge your circle of Native brothers and sisters. ■

—Ed Dunn, director, Native Ministries, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

CANADIAN NATIVE CAMPMEETING CALENDAR

| Location | Date | Contact |
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| Port Hardy, B.C. | April 30 – May 2 | Pastor Randy Elliott, 250/902-0640 |
| Bowden, Alta. | June 5–7 | Pastor Peter Ford, 403/786-1020 |
| Kitwanga, B.C. | June 19–20 | Zanna Ove, 250/849-5948 |
| Six Nations, Ont. | Aug. 28–29 | Pastor Herb Sormin, 519/770-4585 |

Former Communication Director of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada Dies



Levern Krenzler (M. photo, 1972)

Levern Krenzler, only child of Bernhart and Otilia Krenzler, was born in Loda, South Dakota, on Oct. 27, 1924, and

died in Calgary, Alta. at the age of 90 on Jan. 13, 2015. Levern and his parents immigrated to Canada when he was four years old and they farmed in the Acme area of Alberta. He attended high school in Swalwell, then went on to Canadian Union College in Lacombe. There, he met his “college sweetheart” Ruth Schafer, and they were married for 67 years.

After Levern graduated from CUC, he was a pastor for the Seventh-day Adventist Church for until he retired. Levern served as communication director for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada from 1975 to 1983. He was an avid photographer, and enjoyed producing

slide shows of nature and places he had travelled.

Levern leaves behind his devoted wife, Ruth and three daughters, Gaylene Border (Dan), Donna Krenzler, and Janice Krenzler; four grandchildren, Jonathan Border, Jana Border, Peter Dassenko, and Andrew (Felicia) Dassenko; five great grandchildren, Devon, Braden, and Breana Border, Kayla Border, and Abbagail Dassenko.

Levern is resting in Jesus, awaiting the call of the Life Giver on the Resurrection Day. “Even so come, Lord Jesus” Rev. 22:20. ■

>> SDACC REVOLVING FUND REPORT: As of Feb. 28, 2015, there were 430 depositors with a total deposit of \$26,432,973. There were 83 loans with a value of \$23,265,649.

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Birthing of a New Ministry in Canada



Brian Hawes

The Board of Directors voted to establish a Chaplaincy Ministry that will complement the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry (ACM), a ministry of the General Conference. For years ACM has encouraged Canada in the work of chaplaincy. In Sept. 2014, ACM voted to accept Canadian Adventist Chaplaincy (CAC) as an official ministry of Canada. They also voted Pastor Brian Hawes as the

Canadian director. This action complements the vote of the SDACC naming Pastor Hawes as the director of Canadian Adventist Chaplaincy.

In the past, Adventist chaplains in Canada have worked as part of an unrecognized, unofficial ministry and have often felt alone and unsupported. In this progressive step, Canadian chaplains will "belong" and be recognized for their service.

The Board of Directors voted the following vision and mission statement:

VISION

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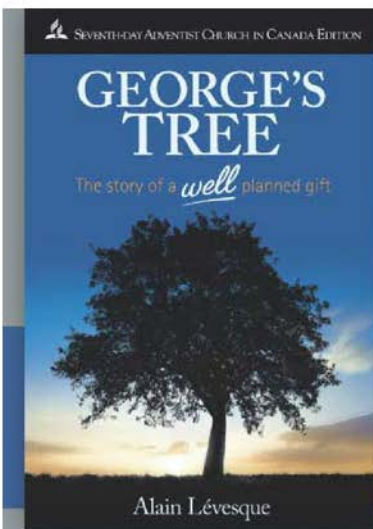
To promote Adventist chaplaincies throughout Canada, The Canadian Adventist Chaplaincy (CAC) mission has four elements:

1. To recruit and call gifted Adventists to serve as chaplains on college and university campuses, in community agencies, at correctional institutions, in health care facilities, military forces, and the workplace
2. To endorse and credential capable, competent, and caring Adventist clergy as chaplains
3. To support and sustain Adventist chaplains in their various areas of specialization
4. To encourage mutual contact, inclusion, and involvement between Adventist chaplains and local congregations and conferences, as well as to equip and encourage chaplains to reach out to others with the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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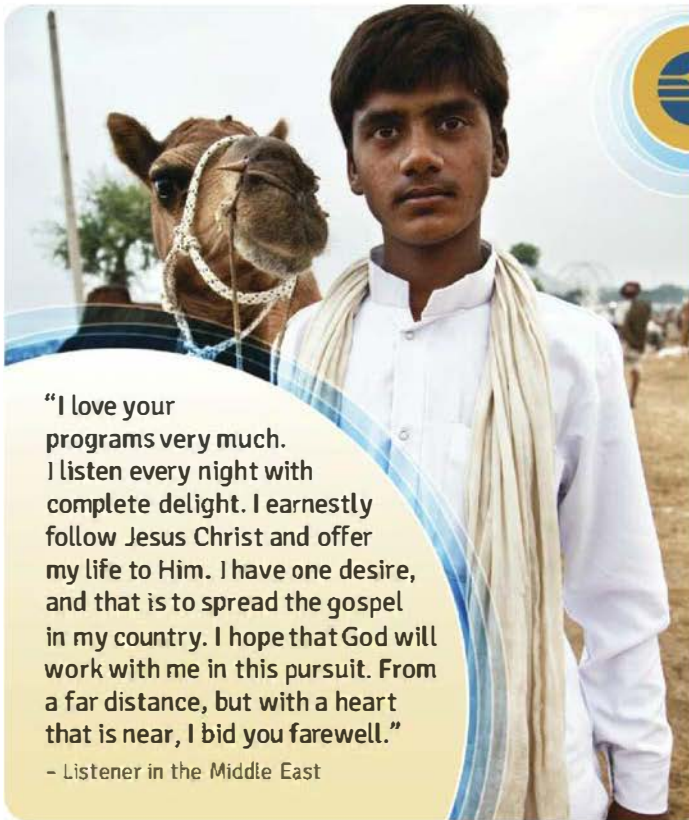
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Births

Addison Core Dupuis was born on Nov. 28, 2014, to Chris and Dawn Dupuis, of Bedford, N.S.

Fia Carolyn Walker was born on Dec. 12, 2014, to Scott and Chantelle (née Skorez) Walker, of Redlands, Calif.

Birthdays

Luella (née Young) Beckwith celebrated her 95th birthday on Dec. 27, 2014, in Macbank, Ont., with her family and many friends. Her three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren joined her in celebrating this milestone.



Luella Beckwith on her 95th birthday.

Obituaries

Lucienne (née Sohy) Art was born on April 29, 1923, in Belgium and died on Jan. 23, 2015, in Courtice, Ont. She enjoyed helping in the children's Sabbath school division in her younger years and was also active in the community centre at College Park church in Oshawa, Ont. Lucienne is predeceased by her parents, Alexander and Marie-Louise Sohy; brothers, René Sohy and Henri Sohy; sister, Yvonne Sohy. Surviving: husband, Leon Art of Courtice; son, Miguel (Nadine) Art of Courtice; daughter, Myrdam (Ed) Mosier of Courtice; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Margaret (née Manderson) Booth was born on May 2, 1919, in Ryley, Alta., and died on Jan. 13, 2015, in Ryley. She was a faithful member of the Ryley church, and her relationship with Jesus was revealed in her loving, caring nature. She was a teacher, homemaker, grain handler, and chauffeur. Margaret is predeceased by her parents, Fred and Agnes Manderson; brother, Daniel Manderson; sister, Jean Manderson. Surviving: husband, Roland Booth; sons, Gordon (Nancy) Booth of Escondido, Calif., Lorne (Gail) Booth of Ryley, Doug (Judy) Booth of Camrose, Alta., John (Patti) Booth of Quesnel, B.C., Bruce (Alla) Booth of Armstrong, B.C., and Kevin (Kerryn) Booth of Edmonson, Alta.; daughters, Vera (Clarence) Hyde of Ryley, Jeanne (Martin) Scrahan of Bundaberg, Australia, Grace (Glen) McAfee of Ryley; sister, Ruth (Henry) Bekker of Ryley; 26 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Norma "Muriel" Maboth (née Crooks) Carr was born on April 19, 1921, in Huntsville, Ont., and died on Jan. 9, 2015, in Gravenhurst, Ont. She is predeceased by her son, Norman White. Surviving: husband, Edward "Ted" Carr; sons, Gordon Carr and Keith Carr; daughter, Leslie Carr; three brothers; three sisters; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Elsa Pauline (née Kwiram) Golke

was born on Sept. 1, 1923, in River Hills, Man., and died on Jan. 3, 2015, in Abbotsford, B.C. She was the backbone of her local church, serving as treasurer, clerk, music and hospitality coordinator for over 60 years. Generous and energetic, she ran a dairy and grain farm operation for many years and ably assisted her family, neighbours, and friends in significant ways. Else is predeceased by her husband, Arnold Golke; son, Bruce Golke; daughter, Darleen Golke; parents, Rudolf Kwiram and Wilhemina Bilski Kwiram Neufeld; brothers, Rudy Kwiram and William Kwiram; sister, Marsha Kwiram. Surviving: son, Bill (Laura) Golke of Cobble Hill, B.C.; daughter, Norma (Gill) Bahnen of Enumclaw, Wash.; brothers, Bernard (Elsie) Kwiram of Kelowna, B.C. and Alvin (Verla) Kwiram of Seattle, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

Agatha (née Hiebert) Janzen was born on March 10, 1917, in Stanley, Man., and died on Sept. 13, 2014, in Lascombe, Alta. She faithfully provided meals for church and on the day of her death had gone to buy flour to bake bread. Agatha is predeceased by her husband, John Janzen. Surviving: sons, Lloyd (Lydia) Janzen of Redlands, Calif., Wayne (Elsine) Janzen of McDonald, Tenn., and Robert (Elsene) Janzen; sisters, Mary Schellenberg and Nettie Funk; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Thomas (née Stoyka) Lediard was born on March 18, 1925, in Kricova, Czechoslovakia, and died on Jan. 18, 2015, in Brantford, Ont. She was a very dedicated church member; a founding member of the Oakville, Ont., church (now Bronte), member of the Braebridge, Ont., church, attended Inverness Adventist Church in Florida, and was a regular visitor to the Brantford church. Theresa is predeceased by her husband, Robert Lediard; and parents, William and Helen Stoyka. Surviving: sons, René (Janet) Lediard of Georgetown, Ont., Robert (Jayne) Lediard of Wasaga Beach, Ont., John (Annette) Lediard of Wexford, Ont., William (Ina) Lediard of Mississauga, Ont., Jerome (Clady) Lediard of Lacombe, Alta.; daughter, Sherron (Don) Ernest of Mississauga, Macdon (Mile) Capranos of Mississauga, Theresa (Bert) Weylump of Brantford; brother, John (Joyce) Stoyka of Oakville; sister, Anne (Paul) Coffey of Brantford, Ont.; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Hora Mary (née Thibault) Seeley was born on Jan. 5, 1919, in Weymouth, N.S., and died on Nov. 18, 2014, in St. Stephen, N.B. She was a faithful member of the St. George Adventist Church in New Brunswick for over 40 years and

walked nonstop, even in her failing health, to provide mittens for the underprivileged. She knitted 1350 pairs in the past few years. Nora is predeceased by her son, Wallace Seelye; daughter, Eleanor Seelye; parents, Reid and Alma Thibault. Surviving: husband, Sheldon Seelye; son, Stanley Seelye; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Fred Stoller was born on March 12, 1940, in Golden, B.C., and died on Dec. 14, 2014, in Swift Current, Sask. He was a quiet man, moving between the Salmon Arm and Swift Current churches. He enjoyed working with the fruit trees in Salmon Arm and spent winters on the prairies. Surviving: wife, Ruth Stoller; sons, Robert Stoller of Calgary, Alta., and Rodney Stoller; daughters, Tamara Stoller of Calgary, and Crystal Stoller of Edmonton, Alta.; and five grandchildren.

Irene (née Martin) Walstrom was born on Dec. 15, 1924, in Swan River, Man., and died on April 7, 2014, in Swan River. She was strongly dedicated to her faith and church family, mentoring younger members. She served as a deaconess for many years and was also involved in annual ingathering. She will be remembered for her friendly disposition and smiles. Irene is predeceased by her husband, Gordon Walstrom. Surviving: son, Jim (Lorraine) Schuklt of East Selkirk, Man.; daughters, Donna (Gilbert) Leming of Minniconas, Man., Gloria (Joe) Stewart of Minniconas, Glenda (Bernie) Myczewsyn of Bowman, Man., Cathy (Lonnice) Williamson of Airdrie, Alta.; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Henry "Harry" White was born on Sept. 11, 1924, in Shellbrook, Sask., and died on Dec. 29, 2014, in Abbotsford, B.C. After teaching for a number of years, Harry went to CUC and Andrews University to become a minister. He pastored in British Columbia and Washington state, and was superintendent of education in B.C. Harry is predeceased by his parents, J.A.N. and Eibel (née Holman) White; brothers, Robert White, Clarence White, Frank White, Arnold White; brother-in-law, Wally Hamilton; sisters-in-law, Edythe White and Helen White. Surviving: wife, Lenora (née McCarty) White; sons, James (Milly) White, Ronald (Holline) White; daughters, Myrna (Garry) Gallant, Linda (Leif) King; brothers, William White, Wilson White; sister, Beatrice Hamilton; sisters-in-law, Ruby White, Jenny White, Mildred White, Romana White; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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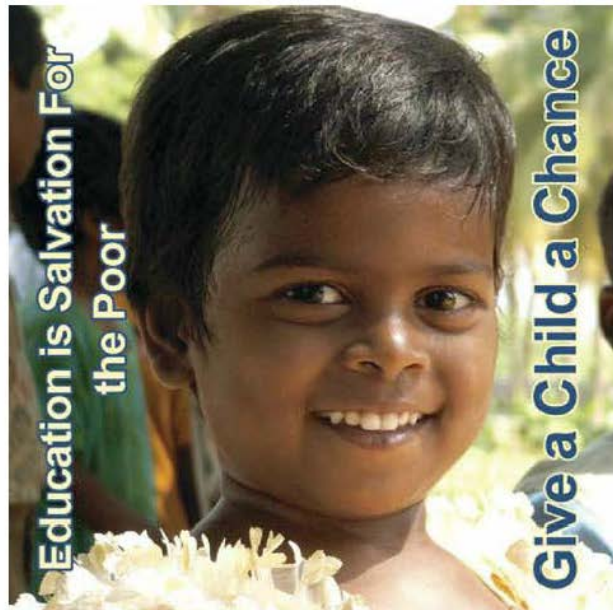
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from the editor

Alive and Relevant

WHETHER IT'S THE GROWTH OF A FLOWER in a time-lapse video or the rapid development of a baby, it is thrilling to watch life grow and expand. Growth and development is a common and fascinating phenomenon in God's creation. It's the same with less tangible realities such as personal or organizational growth. In fact, watching ministries grow and take shape can be just as fascinating.

For example, literature evangelism in Canada remains strong, even though the methods of delivery may have changed. I personally believe that publications can be distributed via print, radio, TV, online, and others to great effect. In *Evangelism*, Ellen White states, "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."¹

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