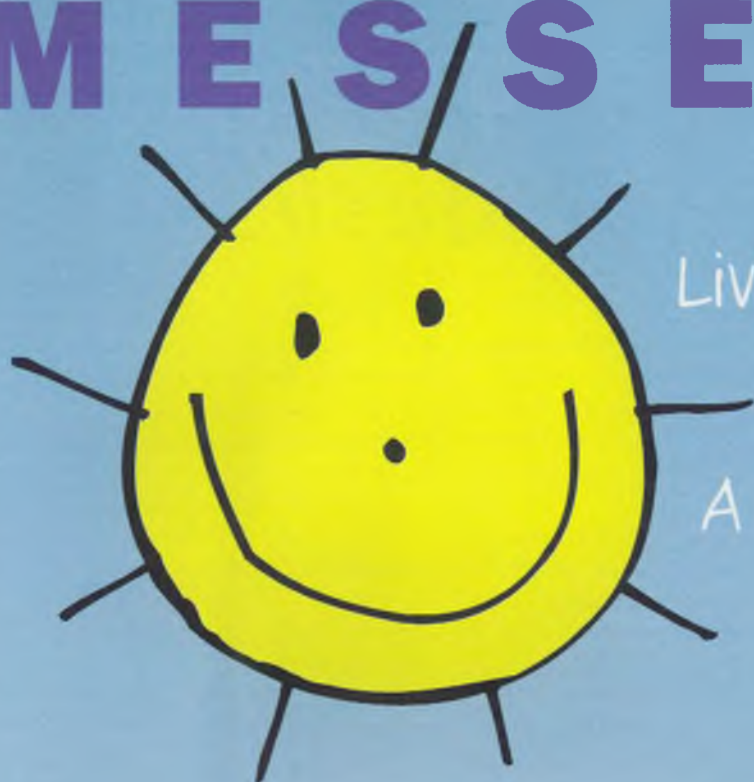


# MESSENGER



Living For The Moment  
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Organizing An Adventurer Ministry





By Derrick Nichols

# Adventurers for Jesus



To hear the Adventurer children sing this song with all the gusto they can muster is a thrill to the heart. This song wonderfully encapsulates the essence of the Adventurer program, aim and goals.

We, as Adventurer leaders, seek to partner with the church, home and school to develop a happy, mature child that loves Jesus. Children are the church's greatest resource, so it is imperative that we, as a church, meet the challenge to provide programs for our children during the early formative years.

The Adventurer program is one of those programs. The Adventurer Club was created to give children (ages 5-8) the opportunity to belong to an organization that provides meaningful and exciting experiences as they wait to someday join Pathfinders. The Adventurer Club is unique in that it works with the children through the parents. When you see a group of Adventurer children, you will always see parents close by.

The Adventurer program was created to assist parents in their role as the child's primary teachers and evangelizers. The program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship, and further the child's development in spiritual, physical, mental, and social areas.

In 1939, the General Conference endorsed the Adventurer classes of Busy Bee, Sunbeam, Builder and Helping Hand.

In 1972, the Washington Conference, under the direction of Carolee Reigel, sponsored a club for the children called "Beavers." This was the forerunner of Adventurers. The Northeastern

Conference is reported to have had a children's club concept program by 1975, and by 1980 many conferences were sponsoring a club for children.

In 1988, the North American Division Church Ministry Department began to study the Adventurer Club concept, and by 1990 the Adventurer program began in earnest.

All the club activities seek to develop the following in each child:

- A Christ-like character.
- Experience the joy and satisfaction of doing things well.
- Express their love for Jesus in a natural way.
- Learn good sportsmanship and strengthen their ability to get along with others.
- To discover their God-given abilities and to know how to use them to benefit self and serve others.
- Improve their understanding of what makes families strong.
- Help parents and other primary care givers become more confident and effective as co-laborers with Christ for their children.

Each church with children needs to have an Adventurer Club. Its evangelistic potential cannot be over-emphasized, especially when the community is invited to participate. There are many clubs that can testify to this.

To start a club, all you have to do is contact your local conference office, and the director of Adventurer Ministries will be more than happy to introduce you to the Adventurer movement. ■

*"Adventurers for Jesus,  
this our earnest prayer.*

*Adventurers for Jesus,  
home, at school, at play,*

*and everywhere.*

*We'll tell the world  
of life in Jesus.*

*He is all our song.*

*There is all you need  
in Jesus, won't you*

*come along."*



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# I don't like the inner city . . .

**I don't go there unless I have a very good reason.** At a stoplight, I check to make sure my doors are locked. If for some reason I have to leave the safety of my car, I unconsciously keep checking to make sure my wallet is still in my pocket. I don't like the dirty people or the rundown apartments.

Although these often misguided perceptions and stereotypes make me uncomfortable in the inner city, there's something else about the whole thing that bothers me more. It's my eagerness to speed back home and shut it out of my mind. It's my lack of interest and concern for people in a different and less advantageous situation.

**A Halifax volunteer tells the story:**

"A man came in wearing only the tops of his shoes. There had been no soles on them for three months. When asked why he wore such useless things, he replied, 'It keeps people from staring at me. I am embarrassed for them to know I am barefoot.' After his feet received some care, he left with shoes, socks, and a very happy smile."

In downtown Halifax, there are families sleeping on the floor with only a blanket or coat for cover. Individuals are released from incarceration and mental health institutions with no means to start a new home. The homeless live on the streets with insufficient food and clothing.

The Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank helps some of these people every day. Beds and blankets are given to families that don't have them. Furniture and household necessities are provided to those who need help setting up a home. The disadvantaged and homeless in the area are provided not just with food, but with information on nutrition and food preparation.

In a professional building in the middle of Edmonton hums another organization dedicated to offering services for individuals living in the inner city. The Edmonton Community Services Centre focuses on non-traditional inner city needs that are no less important than the traditional needs.

Crisis intervention is provided for those who are suicidal or severely depressed. Professionals give counseling to those with marriage and family problems. Seminars are given on medical and health issues. A computer lab has been set up to help those who would otherwise have a difficult time gaining skills necessary to enter the workforce.

Maybe it's a good thing that I'm bothered by the inner city. It means I'm alive and have the ability to act on my feelings. Would God give us a mission if we weren't able to do anything about it? A special offering to benefit the start-up of inner city ministries in Canada will be taken on December 9.

Sometimes I don't feel spiritually mature enough to get my hands dirty. I'm glad God has given me other opportunities to benefit the inner city. ■

**The Edmonton Community Services Centre also offers seminars on:**

- Managing Life Stress
- Breathe Free
- Talk So Your Teens Will Listen
- Understanding Depression, Emotions and Temperaments
- Will Seminar
- Positive Parenting
- Grief Recovery Seminar
- Marriage: Making It Better!
- The Natural Lifestyle Cooking
- Seven Steps to Financial Freedom
- Health Appraisal Program
- Introduction to Computers

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# Facing Our Fears

By Carolyn Willis

## IT IS NO SECRET TO THOSE WHO KNOW ME THAT I AM AFRAID OF SNAKES.

Well, yes, perhaps afraid is too timid a word. If I'm in grass, I'm not looking up—just in case! Even the sight of the squirming, slithering reptiles pictured in a book is repulsive to me. I know it isn't rational, and I'll even concede that it is probably not fair to the species, but that doesn't happen to matter to me in this instance. Oh yes, there is a reason. There's always a reason . . .

Growing up in a small, rural community afforded many pleasures and privileges, many not apparent at the time. One of those pleasures, and recognized as such at the time, was a beautiful lake appropriately named Utopia that was within easy walking distance. On those sweltering days of summer, my sisters and I delighted in the coolness of the clear, cool water. The only snag to this was that we had to pass a field that ran adjacent to our cousins' home which was situated directly across the road from our house. Therein dwelled two of our worst tormentors. All too often, seeing us in our swimming attire, they would sneak ahead of us, dash into the field, and invariably run back out of the field with demonic grins holding a writhing snake in their merciless hands, sometimes one in each hand. Then, of course, the race was on. I doubt that any Olympic runner ever ran faster than we did—and in our bare feet. They never caught us—not once, but the abject terror they caused still haunts me to this day.

We all have our pet fears; some have more than others. Of course, some fears are legitimate and they keep us from harming ourselves. Others are phantom fears that keep us from accomplishing all that we might in this life. Webster defines fear as “anxious concern; painful

emotion marked by alarm, dread, disquiet.” I remember my childish fear that the Lord would come before I had experienced the heart-fluttering encounter of my first boyfriend. When those fears proved to be a waste of my youthful anxieties, I projected that fear further into the future, afraid that I wouldn't have the opportunity of marriage and raising a family. Well, the Lord is good and I have been blessed with a wonderful husband and son who are the lights of my life. But I confess that I still have fears in my life that sometimes threaten to overpower me at times. The difference between then and now is that I now know where to take these fears so that they are put into a correct focus—or eliminated altogether. I like the way Jerry Bridges says it, “God's unfailing love for us is an objective fact affirmed over and over in the Scriptures. It is true whether we believe it or not. Our doubts do not destroy God's love, nor does our faith create it. It originates in the very nature of God, who is love, and it flows to us through our union with His beloved Son.”

If there has been one thing that has been apparent in my relatively long life, it is that I am most afraid when I neglect the Source who wants to calm my fears and give me the peace that comes only through Him. Leaning on someone else can be difficult—something that many people feel they cannot or do not want to do. I suppose one of the most obvious reasons for this is trust or, more appropriately, lack of trust. But in 2 Peter 1:4 we are told that God has pledged Himself to be our defense, our refuge, our strength. He is our hiding place when we are fearful, and He is our confidence when we are doubtful. Our trust in His love and strength are essential to

staying on course in the race that is laid before us.

Before I learned to swim in our beautiful Lake Utopia, I was afraid to go into the water past my waist. If I ventured that far, I felt that I was being daring. The thought of going any deeper in that vast expanse of water sent shocks of terror to my little toes. The one exception to this was when my father, on rare occasions, would come to the lake with us. He had lived in this area all of his life and he was a strong swimmer. I remember climbing on his back, my hands clasped tightly around his neck, as he took me for a swim. He would go well beyond my depth, well over my head and his, but I never once felt afraid, for I knew that I was in my loving father's care. My father died many years ago, but I still know and trust that I am in my loving Father's care. That assurance is my strength. May it also be yours. ■

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# HEALTH WISE

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## Opting for Optimism



Optimists live longer. Or so asserts a study from the acclaimed Mayo Clinic. Pessimists who fail to affirm life give up to the grave younger than their happy-go-lucky peers. Is the glass half full or half empty? Apparently it makes a difference how you call it. Your HealthWise reporter has a CEO-type friend who chooses new employees with the “red light, green light” test. The prospect is asked to give downtown directions, based on how many traffic lights from point A to point B. If the interviewee says something like “make a right turn after the third red light, he’s out. “Green lights” and he’d be in and headed for a fantastic career.

Is this all hyperbole? Or is there some measurable reason to be totally enthusiastic about life and living? Does mood and attitude add to (or subtract from) our Biblical “three score and ten?”

Let us consider the results of the Mayo study as conducted and reported by Dr. T. Maruka. In the mid-1960s, 839 patients were classified as either pessimistic, optimistic or mixed based on scores earned on a personality test. Then came a long, long, wait—a tarrying time to observe who lived, who died and at what age. By now, 30 years had sallied by. The study groups were aging. It was time to measure their survivorship. And who do you suppose had the best chance of becoming grandparents, even great-grandparents? Sure, it was the optimists. The deeper the pessimism encountered on the original test, the greater the risk of dying. Come to think of it, you never see a bumper sticker that reads, “I don’t like my grandchildren.” No, it’s “happiness

is being a grand-parent.” Optimism wins again, even when the joyful ones had made their happy ways, cane in hand, into the local nursing home.

Maybe some day they will find a gene, an “optimist gene” (notice we didn’t say pessimist gene) that determines happiness and longevity. Perhaps, but this seems sure—an abundance of bad events is associated with shorter lives. And of course, with pessimism. Not only that, but pessimists tend to believe nothing they do will make much difference anyway. So why quit smoking? Or why bother to keep in shape? Why bother with anything? It’s all too boring and useless.

Dr. Martin Seligman, author of the book, *Learned Optimism*, asserts that even the immune safety nets don’t work well for pessimists, a sure association with early demise. But, now hear this, he also assures us that pessimism is changeable, revocable, can be tossed aside like a soiled shirt, and traded for a new outfit. Pessimists are pawns for depression, believes Dr. Seligman. And depression is almost certain to respond optimistically to treatment. Most anyone can become an optimist.

But it takes some doing. Reminds me of an old song about an optimist, with lyrics that went like this: “A flood came down the river and chased us up a tree. The chimney on the house was all that we could see. He only grinned a little and then I heard him say, ‘Well, the windows needed washing anyway.’”

Slightly absurd to be sure, but floods aside, it appears that optimists everywhere are likely to live a long and happy life. ■

## Volunteer for Vitality

Whether it’s volunteering at your local community centre or at the library, the time and support you give to help others just may help you as well. Studies have shown that people who volunteer experience improvement in life satisfaction, well-being, and overall health. Perhaps due to the increased social interaction and meaningfulness of volunteer work, donating time just may help you live longer.



*With the passing of time, relationships may change, but maintaining your social connections throughout life can positively affect your health by lowering stress, strengthening your immune system, and preventing depression. Getting involved with the community is one way to stay connected. Helping out with a literacy program and volunteering to read to children or to the visually impaired at a local library are excellent ways to improve your life and the lives of many others.*

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# Organizing An Adventurer Ministry

*The Adventurer theme song can be heard enthusiastically sung by 1,172 Adventurers meeting regularly in 67 clubs across Canada. Children, grades 1 to 4, along with their parents and leaders are excited about the Adventurer program that is helping to build stronger families in our churches and communities.*

The Adventurer Club Family Network and parent involvement with club activities is providing some stability and guidance for both child and parent. Much prayer, study and time have gone into the formation of the Adventurer program under the guidance of Norm Middag, who was at that time the NAD Pathfinder Director. The Advisory Committee of the NAD Adventurer Club truly believe that God has led out and blessed as this unique program was developed.

Satan is attacking our families as never before, but as a church we can now offer our families a Christ-centred program to help combat his assault. Children and parents throughout North America are experiencing rewarding results by using the Adventurer program.

The Adventurer curriculum is organized around the four basic relationships in a child's life: my God; my self; my family; my world.

The Adventurer curriculum is divided into four levels. The Busy Bee level is designed for first-graders; the Sunbeam level for second-graders; the Builder for third-graders; and the Helping Hand level for fourth-graders. Each level builds on the levels which came before it and is especially designed to interest, challenge, and provide successful experiences for children of that grade level. Upon completion of each course of study, the child receives a badge and at the end of each level they receive a class pin.

The goal of teaching Adventurer awards is to help each child experience achievement and to learn new activities and ideas in an interesting way. Adventurers tell us that they like the variety of activities offered—the singing, quizzes, crafts, and field trips all contribute to a fun way of learning. They also enjoy the interaction with other children, and they love to earn badges. They want a relationship with Jesus and love to participate as a group in sharing and outreach activities.

## Adventurer Family Network

One of the great things about Adventuring is that it involves the whole family. The program aims to strengthen the parent/child relationship, as well as to further the child's development in

spiritual, physical, mental and social areas. The Adventurer Family Network is part of the Adventurer Club designed specifically for the Adventurer's parents or care-givers. Adventurer leaders recognize that parents are the key relational ministers who, more than anyone else, can create the sense of trust, love and concern vital to the development of a child's faith. Therefore, the leaders support the parents in this important role by including them in club activities, and by offering the Family Network meetings.

Family networking can help parents by affirming that their ministry is of primary importance. It will help them understand what makes families strong, and provide support for the training of their children. Together, parents can share the frustrations and joys of parenting, and discover new ideas and skills for making their family a better place to live and grow.

Parents say that the Adventurer Club format fits into their busy family schedule, and that they enjoy going to club meetings with their children. "My child is thrilled to be able to belong to his own special club, and as a parent I get lots of useful tips from the parent meetings," says one happy parent.

## Adventurer Club As An Outreach

Children love to be involved in Christian service. The Adventurer Club is designed so that our children can experience and develop positive Christian growth. A few of the proven outreach ideas that you could involve your Adventurers in include inviting their friends to join the club, participating in sunshine bands, making greeting cards, cleaning up yards, preparing and delivering holiday food baskets, putting together care packages, tidying the sanctuary after church service, adopting a grandparent, cleaning a section of road, making sack lunches for the homeless, collecting food for the local food bank, helping at a food bank, helping with a fund-raiser yard sale, giving a party for an underprivileged or handicapped child, performing programs for the homeless, seniors, doing easy chores for the elderly, and planting flowers around the church.



# Adventurer Pledge—

Because Jesus loves me, I will always do my best.



Do you want to add some life to your church? Do you want to be involved in an exciting program for children? Do you want to experience Christian growth? If you do, then your church needs an Adventurer Club! Our children are precious. If we don't work for them, someone else will, and does. Jesus said, "Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." *Matthew 18:5* This is a wonderful promise for those of you who work tirelessly for the children of our churches and communities. Imagine if every church in Canada had an Adventurer Club—how alive and active our churches would be. I look forward to the time when our Adventuring on earth will be over—when we will all experience a new adventure in Heaven, with Jesus as our Leader.

## Starting A Club—Nutshell Version

*For detailed instructions and ideas, obtain an Adventurer Manual from your local conference or go to the NAD Adventurers Home Page at <http://adventurer-club.com>.*

- ☉ Before you attempt to start a club, pray, and continue to pray as you map out your plans for your club.
- ☉ Counsel with your pastor, or contact your Conference Youth Director or Adventurer Co-ordinator, as that individual is responsible for guiding all clubs in the conference.
- ☉ The pastor will present the request for authorization to organize an Adventurer Club to the church board. It is important that parents of Adventurer-aged children support the plan to organize a club. If in favour, the board will elect an Adventurer leader.
- ☉ Inform the congregation during the worship service. A conference Adventurer person or other individual qualified by experience to speak in behalf of the Adventurer Club and the needs of children should make a presentation to the entire church.
- ☉ The leader will call an organizational meeting. Invite all Master Guides, parents in the appropriate Sabbath School divisions, and others interested in working with children. An appeal should be made for volunteers to help in the Adventurer Club.
- ☉ Teach the basics of Adventuring. Request that the conference Adventurer specialist teach a staff training course to all club leadership personnel.
- ☉ The church board should become familiar with those who are best qualified to lead out in the Adventurer Club and recommend to the church the club officers as needed, depending on the size of the club.

- ☉ The Adventurer Club Executive Committee—membership should include the Adventurer Club leadership, pastor, Primary Sabbath School leader, church school teacher(s), and an Adventurer mother and father. The Adventurer director is chairperson. This group sets major policies for the operation, goals, and objectives of the club, and selects counsellors and instructors.
- ☉ Meet with the parents and children who are interested in joining to inform them of the club's program and objectives.
- ☉ Register the families.

## How To Have Success in Adventurer Ministry

1. The leaders must have a genuine love for children and understand their needs.
2. The program must be well-organized and communication between leaders, parents and church is very important.
3. Promote the club at every opportunity and let the club have a visual presence in your church.
4. Have a creative, exciting, spiritual program.
5. Be included in the church budget and have a separate account.
6. Make and take opportunities for staff training.
7. Do not use the club as a "babysitting service. Our mission is much bigger than that! If some parents are not available to come with their child to club meetings, accept the child into the club, but arrange for a substitute parent, grandparent, or teen to work along with the child.
8. Do not run the Adventurer Club as a mini Pathfinder Club. The emphasis for the Adventurer child is to have a family orientated program. The Pathfinder youth are working toward becoming more independent. Although there will be times when both clubs can work together on projects, the two clubs should be operated separately.
9. Periodically evaluate your club and change what needs to be changed.
10. Pray, pray, and pray some more. ■



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# A Dream Come True

## Harriston SDA Church Adventurer Club

By Kimberly and Peter Hammermueller

"Hey, do you need a hand?"

"Let's play badminton."

"Is this how you put the wood to  
build a campfire?"

"Watch out for that wave!"

"Be careful of your footing. These  
rocks are slippery when wet."

"Is that the Grotto?"

These are only a few of the questions, expressions, and exclamations we heard among the dozen kids and as many parents that joined together for our first Adventurer Club campout. What a terrific time we had camping at Cyprus Lake, Bruce Peninsula National Park. Our group site was filled with tents and trailers, kids, badminton nets and rackets, campfire pits, squirrels and chipmunks. And what would camping be without a visit from a racoon family and a sudden downpour? The rest of the weekend was filled with cool breezes, sunshine, rock climbing, tree climbing, swimming, canoeing, playing tag, building campfires, identifying snakes, insects, wildflowers, stars and planets, and of course, eating! As you can see from our picture, this is a very happy group of kids. Along with their parents and families, they climbed cliffs along Georgian Bay just like mountain goats, crawled up rock tunnels and applauded parents who squeezed through to their own amazement. After hiking, they were rewarded with a hearty meal and a very refreshing swim in the calm waters of Cyprus Lake. And when we weren't doing all this, we sampled each other's camp food, gazed at falling stars and made faces at each other in the glow of the campfire.



Harriston Adventurer Club at their August campout in Georgian Bay

Around the campfire was also where we presented the Adventurers with their badges, pins and awards for all their hard work since the start of our program. When all was said and done, everybody asked to be included in the fun next summer.

How did our small country church get to this point? As with most big adventures, it started out as a dream. When we moved out to the country five years ago, we were blessed with a wonderful neighbourhood filled with terrific kids, with more being added over the years. Since our Harriston church was over 30 minutes away, how could we reach these kids and share with them the love of Jesus, and our love for His great outdoors? The first step was to contact the Youth Department of the Ontario Conference. They sent us a big Adventurer Club manual, and several samples of Eager Beaver

and Adventurer booklets. We leafed through the binder and, to be honest, let it rest on the shelf for almost two years. But then the urge struck again, and with the help and guidance of Arlene Lanting (who had run a club in Kitchener), we were on our way. It took many hours of planning, phone calling, discussing, and organizing, and as with everything, a bit of paperwork. But when you have such enthusiastic responses from all families and parents volunteering to help, how could we go wrong? The Harriston church agreed to sponsor and support our efforts and away we went.

Our first meeting took place the end of October and we had 13 children registered for three classes—Eager Beavers, Busy Bees and Builders. These children came from a variety of backgrounds, only two being from Adventist homes. And



though our home is small and we were very crowded, the children were eager to learn about Jesus' love and all He has done for them. We met the last Sunday of each month with special outings planned in between club meetings. For two hours, the children worked on their class work, participated in games and outdoor activities, enjoyed snacks, and excitedly created crafts, gifts, posters and paintings as part of their Handicraft Award. We have a long list of awards the Adventurers and Eager Beavers completed—Friends of Animals, Astronomy, Bible Awards, Media Critic, Camping, Alphabet Fund, Manners, Fitness—to name a few. As time flew and June came by, the Busy Bees planned a year-end party with games to include the parents being sea creatures (that was something to watch!), snacks, and an art show where the kids displayed all the wonderful things they had created over the nine months.

Starting up again in October 2000, we have all 13 children registered, plus three new ones to join. This year we hope to have more outings planned, starting with a bike trip as part of the Bicycling Award. As we look around at the many resources and interesting places right here in our own community and surrounding areas, it makes it easy to plan terrific adventures for the Club. And we could not do any of this without the continued financial support of our Harriston church, or the physical, mental and spiritual support of the Adventurer Club families. For those of you out there wondering what you can do—remember, all things are possible with God, determination, and a willingness to reach out and serve others. ■

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## How Is It Done? Learning From Others

By Sharon Manual

**E**very second Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. children ages four to nine meet at the Edmonton South Church for their Adventurer meeting. After several rousing songs, the children sing the Adventurer song and say the pledge and law. Following the devotional story, there are games, crafts and other activities that help us learn about ourselves, our families, our world, and our God.

From ten members in 1996, we have grown to 35 very enthusiastic members. To encourage family relationships, the parents also attend each meeting which makes a large group. The parents all serve as leaders and helpers for each class.

Many parents have expressed appreciation for the program. For some parents and children, it is the only time of the week that they get to spend any length of time socializing with other church members. They also appreciate the ideas they get for helping their children become better Christians.

The outreach of the club has been mainly with the elderly. Five times a year the club puts on a program on Sabbath afternoon for the residents of Sherwood Park Care Centre. Songs, poems, skits, piano and violin solos are a big hit with the elderly residents. After the program, they children visit with the patients giving them cards, bookmarks, and other gifts they have made.

During church evangelistic meetings, the children, in uniform, serve as greeters and help pass out papers. The children also make bookmarks printing their favourite Bible texts on them to give to the guests at the meetings.

Our "God's Great People Party" held around Halloween each year is



Bonny-Lynn Marchant, Jordan and Heather Schur

many children's favourite activity of the year. Each child dresses as a Bible character and gets a chance to tell that person's story and why they chose him/her. Some adults are chosen to dress up as Bible people and the children go from room to room listening to Bible stories. When they know about this person and can guess the name, they get a memento of the story.

Once a month, we either have a special visitor to our club or we go on a field trip. We have visited such places as museums and firehalls, and gone skating and swimming. Our special program last Christmas included a trip to Fort Edmonton Park where we made cookies in a wood stove, made decorations of long ago, and learned to chop firewood.

A favourite visitor with as many parents as children was Kavis Reed of the Edmonton Eskimo Football team. One of the highlights of his presentation was during question time. Michelle asked him if he was a Christian. He was delighted to answer and explained to the children how important his faith is to him and that he was glad that they were attending a club where they could learn more about Jesus.

As leader of the club, I enjoy working with children and especially bringing them closer to Christ. I see an opportunity to prevent many of the problems, and counteract many influences of the world in the lives of our children. I know that we will see many children and adults in Heaven because of the Adventurer program and their outreach. ■

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# Working Together For Good— *How It Happened*

By Terri-Anne Hlady

**MY SPIRITUAL WALK in the Adventist Church began in November 1999. Prior to my first visit at Silver Heights SDA Church in Winnipeg, Man., I was worshipping in an Anglican church and had left a trail of other churches behind. I knew who God was and felt him calling, but I still wanted to live my way and have him clean up the messes I would create.**

It hadn't always been this way. I remember being seven years old and going outside alone on Christmas day, lighting a candle and singing *Happy Birthday* to Jesus. But eventually sin ran its course in my family. At age 15, I entered a deep depression and left home, moving to the city looking for healing. God protected me during this time, as I attempted to fill the void in my heart with anything and everything. I now know I was missing a personal relationship with God, and until I

experienced that relationship, I lived in the fast tract of the world—the clubs, materialism, but I had no self-esteem. I could not see the truth, although I felt so guilty as we all do when we are not right with the Lord. I needed someone to point me in the right direction.

I claim Romans 8:28 everyday, as it says I am assured that all things work together for good for those who are called according to his purpose. I thank God for my past, for guiding me and giving me a second chance. If I had not endured my past, God could not have given me my job as a counsellor in a safe house where I get to witness every day, and share my healing journey.

So how did it all begin? Well, it's another clear indication of Romans 8:28 at work. I was invited to Silver Heights SDA Church by Monica, the aunt of a man I was dating at that time. I thank God that my now very close friend listened when the Holy Spirit impressed her to invite us to the youth day which featured a special speaker. I cannot remember what the service was about that day, but I do remember the warmth, love and energy I felt in the church. I recall thinking how much sense the sermon made, and how I loved to see and be a part of the church involvement at the potluck after the service. I remember going home after that first visit and appreciating the Bible texts I had heard and saw people write down during the service. No other church I had visited had

made being a Christian so straight forward and simple, letting the Bible back up everything it had to say.

As I continued to come to church Sabbath after Sabbath, I would feel excited as I approached the doors where there was always a big greeting as I entered. After awhile, I began coming for Sabbath school and started to study with Pastor Ali. I now had the tools to study the Word and become deeply and intimately acquainted with my Saviour. I wanted to be baptized early in my walk and eagerly awaited it. I knew I was home. God provided a crusade with the same preacher I had heard on my very first visit to Silver Heights, and I was baptized on April 29, 2000.

It was the spiritual food that I received from the Adventist church that I appreciated. I needed this to learn and grow—to make decisions. I needed to realize that my salvation is serious and dependent on my personal relationship with God. I appreciated the fact that the church's focus was on Jesus and His second coming, which put things in perspective for me.

I appreciated the love I received from the Adventist church which I needed to draw strength from, change my vision, and for a sense of belonging. I was made a member of the church, valued and given responsibility.

I appreciated the health message of the Adventist church as I am a person who values eating healthfully

and exercising. It makes me feel that the church is well-balanced and interested in all the necessary elements—healthful living and focusing on Jesus—which enable us to grow spiritually.

The Adventist church taught me doctrines and principles which I had not heard of, but which I easily accepted because it was all in the Bible and shown to me in a simple way.

It was God who brought me to Silver Heights, but it was the people who kept me there. The invitations and help from the members with simple things such as providing literature, transportation, lunches hearing their own testimonies, and words of encouragement and prayers all impressed me. It was the Friday night studies with the youth at the pastor's home, Saturday AY programs, frequent devotions and outreach with friends, fun evenings out, and taking part in the divine hour which helped me with my lifestyle change.

It is the interest my pastor and church take in me, as well as the good they see in me offering me hope and opportunities, that encourage me. I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend Impact Toronto 2000 as a delegate in Toronto for the GC Session in July, only three months after my baptism. The Lord and my pastor provided the way knowing that I needed this spiritual experience. It is the outreach, visions, testimonies, and great worship which I experienced that motivates me to continue my path every day. I saw Jesus and a reflection of God's love in the faces of those who participated in this program.

My new faith has given me peace knowing that the Lord will finish His good work in me as it says in Phillipians 1:6. I now enjoy new challenges leaning on God's strength, and having a lot of fun in

the process. I don't feel that I am missing anything, but have gained so much from my decision to follow Christ.

I believe the church has Jesus as its focus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, therefore, He will continue to use us to do His work. But we as a church must give Christ our challenges and, especially as youth, get excited—we are the future church. Are you preparing yourself to handle God's work?

**It is the interest my pastor and church take in me, as well as the good they see in me offering me hope and opportunities that encourage me.**

As a church role modelling to the community, we cannot have segregation in any area—race, age, music or worship. We must meet the people as Jesus did. Satan has progressed, using sophisticated sin and techniques to lie and keep souls chained, therefore, we must advance too. For example, when youth in the world hear Christian rap or reggae, or gospel which is edifying to God, it will fight the adversary's messages. Let's face it. Someone who does not know God will not listen to our hymns. Let's not be segregated in our music or in any way in our efforts to reach those searching for God. The Lord is coming soon, and we must get the message out there, keeping Jesus as our focus. Let us be unified in our purpose. We need to use God's messages to fight back. They will either be listening to the world's messages or the church's messages. Either way, in the beginning they will not be listening to our hymns which are such a source of comfort and beauty to us as members. Are we as a church willing to bring God's love to the people in ways that may extend beyond our comfort zone and

familiar ways of reaching out to others?

My eyes have been opened and I am eternally grateful to God. I hope that one day my family, who live in another city, may come to love the Lord as I have. I want to travel in the future growing spiritually, mentally and physically, experiencing a time of adventure in soul-winning. Perhaps I will one day study for the ministry so that I will be better able to share what God has done for me through His redeeming love. But whatever the Lord has planned for me is what I want and is fine with me.

I am thankful that God has placed me in a church which follows God's foremost commandment that we love one another. ■

*Terri-Anne Hlady is an enthusiastic and active member of the Silver Heights SDA Church. In August, she preached her first sermon on Youth Sabbath at the Silver Heights Church.*



**BEING A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE**

is a powerful witness. There are people who feel they do not have the opportunity or ability to witness effectively. But many just need to be encouraged by seeing how others are sharing their faith in a consistent way. How do you make witnessing a part of your life? Whether it's sharing a loaf of bread or leading a Bible study, the Messenger would like to hear from you. Please forward your contribution to Messenger, 1148 King St. E., Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8, E-mail [cwillis@sdacc.org](mailto:cwillis@sdacc.org), or fax 905-433-0982.

# Living For The Moment

By Maria McClean

A family of sparrows lives in a tree outside my bathroom window. Earlier this summer, a cat chose a corner of our backyard as a crib for her four babies. More recently, two squirrels were absorbed in preparing winter quarters for their family on the ledge outside my bedroom window. As I observed these creature families, they appeared so comfortable in their building activities that they were completely oblivious of our movements—to the point of seeming to dare us to interrupt their labours. I must admit to being a bit ruffled by my intrepid intruders at first. But God was quick to use His animal creation to teach me some worthwhile lessons.

Quality of life. How do we define quality of life? Do we interpret it as a state of existence at whose center stands an omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent God who loves His creation with an everlasting love and who in turn inspires unbridled praise, fervid devotion, unfaltering faith, complete trust, continuous thanksgiving, and overwhelming love for Him and those who share our world? Could it be that we, at times, stumble through life because we fail to embrace this philosophy?



When I was a teenager, I envied the black birds that made frequent visits to our backyard, and the dozens of turtles I helped my father keep as pets. I was convinced that these creatures enjoyed a quality of life that was superior to mine. After all, I mused, there was a long list of cares and frustrations that were foreign to them, but which we as humans often struggle with at one time or another. Sure, I knew that they have their own unique challenges, but

they seemed far more manageable than the difficulties we faced. They had no apparent signs of anxiety over employment or lack thereof; no signs of chronic fatigue syndrome; no harassment by time lines, deadlines and schedules; no fears about lab tests with disturbing results or biopsies with distressing prognoses; no documented evidence (of which I was aware) of stress-related diseases—ulcers, hypertension, irritable bowel syndrome, psychiatric disorders; no fractured families; no record of domestic chaos involving law-enforcement personnel; no mortgage headaches; no financial obligations; no social inequities that bred discontent and retribution; no eviction of a critter for the night because they were at the sour end of an altercation, and (best of all) no school assignments, and no chores!

Impressive list. But then I was reminded that the value of God's human creation is infinitely higher than that of my critter friends. "Look at the birds; they can't think ahead from one day to the next. They make no plans about when to sow, when to reap, or what barn to use for storage. Yet God provides for them. If He does that for them, can you imagine how much more He's ready to do for you?" Luke 12:24 TCW The lifestyle of a bird might seem appealing to a young mind but the Master "... came to give life ... life in all its fullness." John 10:10 ICB A superior quality of life need not be elusive to God's human creation. The black birds and the turtles have no edge on us. Furthermore, Jesus assures us "... whoever hears what I say and believes in the One who sent me has eternal life. He ... has entered into life." John 5:24 ICB This promise saturates us with a joy and peace that transcends all undesirable circumstances, for life lived in the context of eternity is life lived abundantly.

Our lives may be out of balance because our priorities are out of focus. And our priorities may be out of focus because our relationships, which give meaning to our existence, are askew. But Jesus can fix that—if we let Him. It is He who is the source of the fulfillment we seek. If indeed He is given His rightful position at the center of our existence at all times, quality living is a surety. It is He who provides the formula for abundant living: Dynamic relationship with God = congenial relationships with others = healthy balance of

work, recreation, rest = peace and joy within self = superior quality of life. This is by no means a new formula, but it loses weight or is blurred in the routine of life.

Look at Saulo, for example. He was a father, husband, Sabbath School teacher, part-time engineering student, and a full-time worker. Last year, the family cancelled vacation plans because Saulo picked up extra hours from his full-time job in order to pay for repairs to their house. He usually fell asleep with the Sabbath School quarterly on his chest during his Friday night preparation of the lesson for the next day. He could not recall the last time he arrived punctually for Sabbath School. His wife had nudged him awake far more often than she could remember during the worship service.

Saulo's children had given up trying to coax him to put air in his bicycle tires and accompany them for a ride along the nearby trail. His wife was taxed with keeping her sanity while single-handedly maintaining some measure of equilibrium in their family. There were two more years left before Saulo graduated. Then, he reasoned, he could find a better job in his field, provide for his family's needs more comfortably, and have more time to worship, rest, and play.

Eight months ago, Saulo's friend, Pete, also a part-time engineering student and full-time colleague collapsed at work. The diagnosis? Cardiovascular accident (CVA or stroke). Was Pete experiencing symptoms? Perhaps, but if he did he obviously ignored them. It all seemed to happen so suddenly. But Pete was fortunate. He survived with no long-term effects of the incident. Now he and Saulo have changed their pace. They meet together for family worship sessions. They can't wait for next year's vacation when they plan to take their families along the west coast.

Why must it take failures, terminal illness, disappointments, tragedy, or the death of a dear one to jolt us into acknowledging God, the origin of order, balance, and joy, who is so willing to give us the tranquility that we seek if we but ask.

Excerpts from the poem, *Live for the Moment*, could serve as a reminder to us of the importance of positioning all the elements of life in strategic places in our lives to achieve balance. ■

## *Live for the moment*

*Live for the moment.*

*Anticipate the promise of tomorrow*

*But relish the presence of today—Now!*

*Live for the moment.*

*Cherish the members of your circle*

*Today—Now!*

*For we have them for a moment it seems*

*Before Death wraps them in its insatiable bosom.*

*Live for the moment.*

*Get lost in the beauty of your world today—Now!*

*Don't worry about what you will eat*

*Or drink, or wear.*

*Live for the moment.*

*Take no thought for tomorrow.*

*Anticipate its challenges, yes,*

*Look forward to its rising sun,*

*Its brand-new pages, its poised pen,*

*But do not borrow its troubles.*

*Let not the burdens of a new day*

*Rob you of the pleasures of this day.*

*Live for the moment.*

*Enjoy treasured moments with the Father,*

*Relax in His company,*

*Then serve pieces of your renewed, energized self*

*With the world*

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# “Co-existence” or “Pro-existence”?

By Kay Bacchus-Kierstead

**It was one of those horrible days, a busy, awfully cantankerous, miserable day.**

**Everything was going wrong. My nerves were shattered, my teeth on edge. My back was stiff and my shoulders ached. The phone rang constantly, problems of crisis proportions kept cropping up. The office atmosphere was charged with tension. To quote author Judith Viorst’s description, “It was a really terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.”**

I kept complaining to myself about how much stuff I had to catch up on. As I labouriously waded through the 100 plus E-mail messages I had waiting for me, I wondered if I would make it to the end of the day without being swallowed up in the din of it all.

Then, I spotted it. It was a simple letter someone had put on my desk. Amid all the advertising and junk mail, announcements, bulletins, memos, notes and reports cluttering my work space, there lay a real letter.

For some unknown reason, I put everything on hold and decided to read this letter instead of just skimming over it. As the words registered in my mind, as I looked through the pictures that were enclosed, I was reminded how truly blessed we are here in Canada.

Paula Leen, an ADRA volunteer working in Zimbabwe, periodically stays in touch with our

office and helps remind us of the difficulties facing millions of people

in this troubled country. Practically all phone calls, faxes, letters, and E-mails are monitored. Fines of up to \$200,000 and/or two years in jail are the penalty for saying anything negative about the government. Gasoline and kerosene shortages have reached critical levels. Food is scarce. Basic

medical assistance is impossible for families who must feed themselves before thinking of other expenses. With current inflation, it takes an unskilled worker two hours of work to buy a loaf of bread.

Paula wrote that thousands of parents are dying of AIDS, leaving their children to aging grandparents who are often too sick or feeble to assume the enormous responsibility of raising a young family of six or more. She reports that there are sometimes four funerals a day in her area. Zimbabwe has the unhappy distinction of leading the world in its tally of AIDS cases. The number of orphans is increasing at a phenomenal rate. People, including very young children, flock to Paula begging to work for food or seed maize as the cost of living soars higher everyday.

To further compound the fight for survival, Zimbabwe is facing a drought that has been ongoing for several years. When it does rain, it often doesn’t last long enough to replenish wells and saturate the ground. Crops are barely surviving, and often are not fit for human consumption.

ADRA Canada has been assisting Paula with various relief efforts. Due to the increasing food shortages, donations have helped her buy food to feed the many orphans that beg for some kind of assistance. We’ve also helped Paula build a cement water catchment/reservoir. When it rains, this dam keeps water around longer to help people and crops survive. The completion of this project was the result of back-breaking labour done by many women in the community.

Thanks to the contributions made by Canadian donors, our office also made the unusual move of buying Paula a reliable vehicle to replace her dilapidated truck which was beyond repair. We’ve also sent containers of clothes which Paula has



The poorest family in the area with new clothes and a gift of food from ADRA Canada and the U.S.

used to keep her orchards alive through a “work for clothes” program.

When viewed in comparison, Paula and the people of Zimbabwe face difficulties and challenges that put everyday problems in Canada at the bottom of the importance list. A child in Sub-Saharan Africa has a one in ten chance of dying before reaching his/her first birthday, and a one in five chance of not seeing his/her fifth birthday. The fact is that more than 90% of these deaths are preventable through simple, cost-effective interventions.

Around one quarter of the world’s population is living on less than \$1 a day. The World Bank did a study which found that 1.2 billion people have a daily spending power equal to about the price of a hamburger from a fast food restaurant in a major U.S. city, or a can of soft drink and a chocolate bar in Europe. That’s less than \$200 dollars a year!

Dr. W.A. Visser ‘t Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, called for people and nations to adopt an attitude of “pro-existence” rather than “co-existence.”

Let’s define each word. “Co-existence” means “existing together” or “in conjunction with.” This concept suggests that circumstances have thrown nations and individuals together, and they might as well make the best of it.

Dr. Visser ‘t Hooft probably coined the word “pro-existence.” It is not found in the dictionary. But he used it to mean “existing for other nations and people.” “It is,” he said, “a pretty good word to summarize the kind of attitude the Bible wants us to take. It moves beyond the attitude of mere co-existence to the concept of ‘live and let live.’”

Paula’s letter jolted me back to reality. Suddenly, my

Carrying his “food for work” pay. As you can see by the line-up, even small children are now working for food



problems of the moment seemed minute compared to the pressing issues she faces on a daily basis.

Mankind hasn’t even begun to co-exist. Booming guns and rattling rockets prove this. But Christians are called to witness to the world that pro-existence may be found among those who believe and

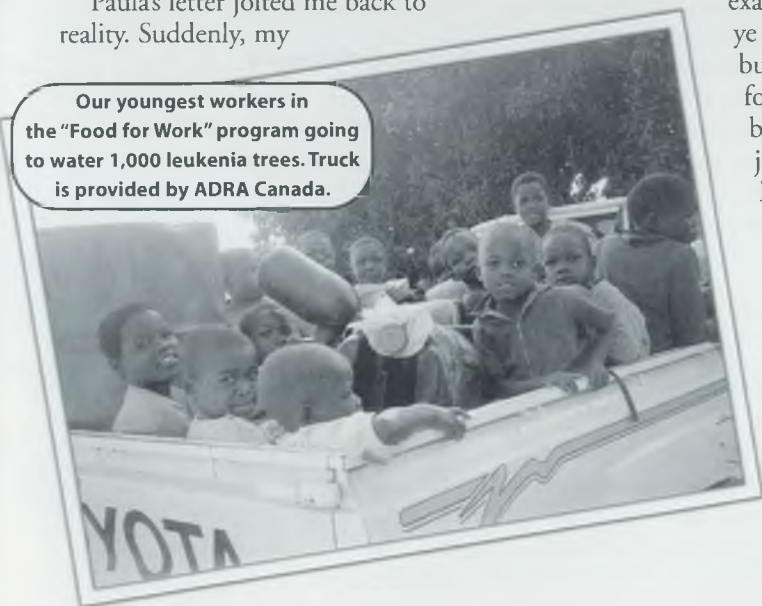
follow Jesus’ example. “Bear ye one another’s burden,” He instructs His followers. Pro-existence

brings bread to starving children. Its highest joy is service to others. Its reward is the look of gladness mixed with relief when a parent knows that the children will not go hungry tonight. Pro-existence is how ADRA chooses to make a difference . . . one life at a time. Why not join our support team today? ■

Working on the dam and scraping out the last bit to fill drum to water 2,200 trees, plus 500 seedlings



Our youngest workers in the “Food for Work” program going to water 1,000 leukenia trees. Truck is provided by ADRA Canada.



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# Feeding the Lambs: How CUC Students and Faculty Share Jesus with Children

By Lynn Neumann McDowell, Director of College Relations, CUC

*Helping kids get a firm hold on Jesus' hand is an awesome privilege. As students seize the task in new ways and with enthusiasm, they themselves are also fed.*

## CUC Kids' Church Expands in its Second Year

What could turn kids from stragglers dragging their feet on Sabbath morning into enthusiastic church goers who come home repeating spiritual lessons and eagerly counting down the days until Sabbath? Kids' Church, a service for 6- to 12-year-olds run almost exclusively by CUC and PAA student volunteers, has done just that for several children.

Proving popular from its beginning last year by Walter Rogers, a Pre-med/Religious Studies student from Calgary and Heidi Kartik a Biology major from Cocherane, Alta., Kids' Church is now in its second year and is attracting 50-70 children each week. This year, however, Rogers is taking a more administrative role, letting the two leadership teams of students he's trained put together and present the hour-long programs which run during the regular adult church service.

### A Full-Service Program

The Sabbath service, says Rogers, is a spiritual support service for parents. "They do the day to day work with their kids," he says, then Kids' Church gives them a special Sabbath, pulling-out-all-the-stops treat; an experience special events co-ordinator Lisa Kiers compares to Sabbath at junior camp. But the Sabbath service is only part of the Kids' Church program.

The Kids' Church staff, approximately 20 students who regularly volunteer at Kids' Church, plus another 10 or so who occasionally help, are organized into visitation teams by Religious Studies/Psychology major David Hamstra. They visit their

parishoners during the week and forge ties with the children, providing Christian young adult role models.

Christian social activities round out the program, this year expanding to become the focus of one of eight core staff members. Special events coordinator Lisa Kiers, a CUC graduate originally from Ontario, is the first (but hopefully not the last) non-student church member to join the team.



Children often share their prayer requests during Kids' Church and contribute to corporate prayer time.

Kiers is excited about using her elementary education training and early childhood activities organization experience to introduce children to and excite them about active Christian service. In addition to organizing swimming and potlucks, Kiers has events such as helping out at the food bank and Santas Anonymous on this year's agenda.

### Why Volunteer?

What keeps this core of volunteers coming back week after week, devoting time in between to planning, visiting and getting to know their parishoners? "Spiritual fulfilment," says Garrick Herr, a first year CUC student who got involved last year as a senior at PAA.

Herr found sitting in church wasn't enough. Now, as one of two directors of programming, Herr (also known as Game Guy) is able to share God through vivid illustrations and stories, skits, music and yes, even games. The highly creative program allows him to exercise many performing and interpersonal talents. "Here I'm giving, not just taking," he says. "And I love kids."

Tara Gieck, a PAA senior, on the rare weekend when she can't be at Kids' Church, finds herself mentally going through the program during the service time, thinking, "They'll be doing this or that now. I wonder how it's going." Others, like Jetta Pulido, a second year CUC student and Jason Litke, a junior high student at the campus church school, mingle with kids as part of the congregation, giving support as needed just because they love kids and worshipping with them in the bright, upbeat atmosphere.

### Serious Spirituality

Can anything this much fun be teaching a serious lesson? I wondered that as I sat watching a student leader crumple and soil a piece of tissue paper as an illustration of what sin does. My six-year-old daughter, who had begun coming home explaining biblical principles to me after church, sat with rapt attention in the row ahead. She turned around just long enough to whisper, "See, that's why I want to be baptized. Sin is going out of my life. But first," she explained as she turned back to the speaker, "I have to learn more about the Bible."





**PERSONAL BEST:**  
**Paul and Tanya Vivier Reach out to Native Children**

The Hobbema reserves are not a place most people would associate with a picnic. Indeed, working there isn't all fun, but for Paul and Tanya Vivier who are leading CUC's Native Ministries group for a second year, a picnic is where their involvement with the reserve children all started.

When Paul and Tanya Vivier came from Powell River, BC to the freshman orientation picnic last year, they were approached by the campus ministries director. He explained there was a position open for leaders in the area of Native Ministries. Would they be interested? After a period of prayer, and with basically no clue what they were up against, the Viviers accepted.

Now, nearly two years later, Paul and Tanya, with a well-organized

team of CUC students, spend every second Sabbath in their chosen mission field in the Hobbema United Church, serving more than 10,000 natives and four reserves about 40 minutes from the CUC campus.

It is there that the Viviers share their message of hope. Paul, a double-major in Religious Studies and Native Ministries, organizes the services and sometimes preaches for the handful of adults which attend. Tanya uses her knowledge as an Elementary Education major to run the Children's Church, which can have anywhere from 10 to 50 kids, depending on what's happening on the Reserve that week.

"It's an inspiration," says Tanya. "These kids have difficult lives, yet they always come with a smile. As I build relationships with them, and gain their trust, I'm reminded how fortunate I am."

For the Viviers, the project is not just a do-good adventure. It has become part of their lives with the

needs in Native communities always on their minds. "It's a mission field that a lot of people neglect," comments Paul. "Knowing how they have been approached in the past, I feel a real burden to give them something; to give them hope."

It hasn't always been an easy job. Not having their own church building presents challenges, and there are times of discouragement. But the Viviers keep persevering as God keeps leading, and they already have the next two years planned as they expand their program. "We can't give up," Paul states. "God doesn't give up on us."

By Amber Ritchie



**Scenes from a Rock Wall**

Besides special off-campus outreaches like leading the Sandy Lake Academy Week of Prayer (see Sept/Oct. issue) and the Impact Toronto 2000 recreation ministry in Toronto's Regent Park,

Outward Pursuits faculty and students make positive contributions in the local community. One highly effective tool has been opening up the CUC rock wall to non-campus groups.

Last year 26 off-campus groups used CUC's rock wall to learn important lessons in co-operation, team work, and self-understanding. That's in addition to the individuals who come to climb the wall on Sunday and Wednesday nights. For many Outward Pursuits students who assist the community climbers, the hands-down favorite group is a class of elementary-age special needs children from Lacombe.

The special needs class has been visiting the rock wall twice a year since 1997. This photo of student Laura Hixon and a boy who cannot walk but who eagerly participates and gets up the wall with a system of pulleys, illustrates why this group is special. As one student expressed it, "Their amazement at what they can do puts everything into perspective; their enthusiasm and positive attitude refresh."



Rogers and Kartik in action: "I see the need for spirituality to be an exciting, dynamic and powerful force in children's lives," says Walter Rogers, founder of Kids' Church at CUC. His approach, honed in the CUC campus church as Kids' Church with his co-director, Biology student Heidi Kartik, is a fast-paced mixture of kid-friendly games, multi-media lessons, songs, skits, and costumes. The result has been a thriving congregation of 6- to 13-year-olds with an attendance of 50-70 each week. The services are planned and conducted almost entirely by teams of college and high school students trained by Rogers.

Students Jason Litke, Jetta Pulido, Walter Rogers, Garrick Herr and Tara Gieck are part of the team that makes weekly services, visitation and Christian service and social activities happen at College Heights.



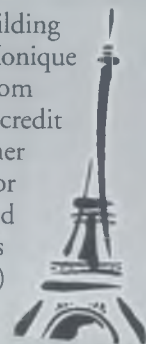
**WISE Focus on Christ**—The Week in Spiritual Emphasis (WISE) speaker, Dr. Rupert Bushner Jr. of the Allegheny West Conference, took a practical “workbook” approach to focusing CUC and PAA students and faculty on Christ. Chaplain Sabine Vatel is pleased that administration has again sent students the message that spiritual things come first by having WISE early in the year, from Sept. 18-23.



in Alberta Oct. 7. These students acted as ushers at the event getting a close look at outstanding members of Alberta’s Black community, as well as Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and other government dignitaries. Representing CUC were Omar Palmer, Keither Sweeny, Josiah Rambally, Kirk Dunchie, Chanda Nunes, Gidget Campbell, Fay Devnish, Dean Parkinson, Sheldon Meade and Fitroy Radlein.

**Students Attend Black Achievement Awards Ceremonies**—Ten young men from CUC’s student body accompanied Dr. Errol Lawrence at the invitation of the organizers of the annual Black Achievement Awards

**Study Tour de France 2001**—Excitement is building about a study tour to be led by French professor Monique Auguste and history professor Karen Bottomley from May 6-23. Participants can get six semester hours credit (transferable to most academic institutions) in either French culture and civilization or French history, or can go with the group on a strictly tourist basis and enjoy the informed talks and discussion at France’s most interesting sites. Contact Auguste (ext. 4139) or Bottomley (ext. 4087) for more details.



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## “I never planned on being a performer.”

Pastor Todd Miller—BA Religious Studies, 1988, CUC; MDiv, SDA Theological Seminary; Pastor of Red Willow Community Church, St. Albert, Alberta; Past Youth Director of the Alberta Conference

It’s amazing where God will take you when you give your talents to Him, and the legacy you can leave. Todd is now the pastor of an Adventist church with an outreach emphasis, one that pays particular attention to children through Kids’ Church (led by CUC alumnus and medical student Paul Soper), and he credits CUC with laying the foundation for his ministry.

As Youth Director of the Alberta Conference, Todd discovered he had the knack of teaching others how to use a unique way of reaching young people: mime. When he began working with a team of CUC students in 1994, Todd saw just how powerful “preaching” without words could be. The team (composed of Walter Rogers, Sophia Will and Steven Gabrys, who are still at CUC) “worked well with Junior High, but they really kicked with Senior High,” Todd says. Their programs were a great success in public high schools. Members of this CUC student group have gone on to teach mime, including at the Oshkosh Pathfinder Camporee, and to perform at events like YEP, the youth outreach event held at the University of British Columbia this past May.

“The opportunity to serve and grow with the support of mentor relationships [at CUC] has contributed greatly to the person I am today,” says Todd. “Teachers always taught within the Christian worldview. It was very evident that life was about something bigger than the here and now, it was about real people ... a faith walk with a living God.”

Miller’s Web Page: [www.redwillow.org/silentvoices](http://www.redwillow.org/silentvoices)

**DO YOU HAVE NEWS** from your church that you would like to share? It could be community outreach activities/events, evangelism initiatives, members involved in mission activities, unique programs, church dedications, seminars, new groups, new approaches to programs, human interest stories of individuals, baptisms which include background leading up to conversion, etc. Forward article and picture/s if applicable to your local conference office Messenger Correspondent (listed on inside back cover).

## ■ ALBERTA

### Cowboy Camp Meeting 2000

The Annual Cowboy Camp Meeting, put on by the British Columbia Adventist Horseman's Association, was held on May 19–21, 2000 in the beautiful Churn Creek Protected Area, which was formally the Empire Valley Ranch.

Although the bridge going over the Fraser River was under major repair, the hardy individuals went undaunted over the precarious planks, and the horse trailers, campers, and even motor homes all made it in. They would have made the pioneers of this valley very proud.

There was a revolving number of campers, between 30–50, arriving from points far and near. Some folks hailed from the Okanagan, McBride, Washington, Oregon, and some ventured from as far away as Saskatchewan and Missouri.

The base camp was set up at the calving barns with a maze of corrals set around a long, open-ended barn for protection from the elements. Hay from the home ranch was hauled in for use, as well as a truck with a water tank and trough for watering the horses. Good spring water was a short walk into a small grove and a lake was nearby.

Although May brings a flurry of mosquito activity, the breezes kept them down in the grasses so everyone, including the horses, could enjoy a bug-free weekend.

Pastor Charles Brown and his wife, Marjorie, travelled from their new home in Battleground, Wash., to be the main speaker and to conduct evening vespers. On Sabbath, Marjorie led out in song service, followed by special music in the afternoon. Hearing Marjorie's rich and beautiful voice resounding off the hills gave the area a sacred atmosphere where you felt far removed from everyday life. Fully at home in this setting,

where hill and valley meets sky, Pastor Brown delivered the blessing to God where His hand was evident in everything we saw. Pastor Les Neal taught the Sabbath School, Allen Fowler presented the mission story, and a talent night was featured Saturday evening. A potluck was held on Sabbath, and a group pancake breakfast was served on Sunday morning before the riders saddled up and the hikers set out. Some brought bicycles and took to the trails on peddles. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the protected area which helps to ensure the preservation of the remote and unspoiled splendor of this peaceful semi-arid grasslands.

The diversity of this area makes it an ideal camp meeting location, with something for everyone—even if you don't come out to ride. The area is rich in history and wildlife are generally seen daily. The openness of the area makes adventuring safe for the novice outdoorsman.

Come join us next year for a rewarding weekend. For more information, call president Roy Pfanmuller at 250-503-1255, or vice president Diane VanderStar at 250-547-6391. ■

*By Pamela Pfanmuller*



## Academic Excellence Highlights 2000 Graduating Class

In June of last year, the handing out of the gold cords highlighted the graduation ceremonies at PAA. More than 25% of the graduating students received gold cords for academic excellence. This comes as no surprise as strong academics have long been common place at PAA. Students are awarded gold cords for achieving an average of 80% or higher in their Grade 12 year. This year, we had two students sharing Valedictorian honors, Michael Pappachan and Ryan Reeves shared the honor of having the highest overall average of their class. It was also no surprise that both Michael and Ryan were the big winners when Lorna Samraj awarded scholarships for Canadian University College in recognition of academic achievement and leadership.

This past August, Michael Pappachan was awarded the Governor General's award for having the highest overall average, Mike's overall average was less than .5% higher than Ryan's was. Mike is taking Pre-med at the University of Alberta this year, and Ryan is taking Business at Canadian University College.



**Mike Pappachan receives his Governor General's Award for Academic Excellence from Tony Reeves**

Every year our students prove why strength in academics is a tradition here at PAA. They are constantly challenged by some of the best teachers in the Adventist system today. One such teacher is Lorraine Popik. Mrs. Popik was among the honored at last year's graduation. She was presented with the Seventh Day Adventist Church Excellence in Teaching Award. The packed gym erupted with applause as Mrs. Popik's name was announced. Mrs. Popik has been one of the most influential



**Loraine Popik receives the 2000 SDA Teacher of Excellence Award from Tony Reeves**

faculty members on campus, and every year her Grade 12 English class finish with some of the best marks in the province. Mrs. Popik is a testament to the quality academics here at Parkview Adventist Academy.

Excellent teachers, outstanding students, and a Christian atmosphere—that's the heart of Adventist education. That's why I truly believe in Adventist education. After all, I am a product of it, and students like Mike and Ryan prove it every year. ■

*Alastair Atherton,  
Recruiting Officer*

## Sabbath School Hits The Road At PAA

Last year at PAA, the staff set a goal to revamp the existing Sabbath School format and make it relevant for students. Subtle changes were made and a variety of formats proved to be the answer. Students took part in every aspect of the program, from story telling and teaching, to acting in spontaneous dramatic productions. The most popular format was the spontaneous dramas that caught all of the participants off guard. All of the participants knew nothing about their roles until their names were announced in Sabbath school.

After the success of last year's program, Pastor Erroll Palipane and his Campus Ministries staff planned to take the Sabbath School program to the next level. Outreach in the local community became the focus. Last quarter, the lesson focus was on witnessing which presented the perfect opportunity to practice what we preach. Students loaded a bus and took Sabbath School to the town of Lacombe.

Students had no idea what they were getting into as they boarded the bus; it was only when the bus departed from campus that they were informed what they were going to do. It came as a surprise to some on the bus that they would be visiting homes in the community, and asking the homeowners if they would like prayer on their behalf. I spent the time taking pictures of some of the groups, and visiting homes with other groups. I was moved by the willingness of the students to visit the homes of strangers, and the enthusiasm they showed. Showing no fear in the face of rejection, the students moved from house to house and introduced PAA to members of the local community.

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Needless to say the experience was a success for everyone involved. We are now in the process of planning our next community venture, and we ask that you pray for us as we seek new ways to challenge our students and ourselves to share the love of Christ in the local community. ■

*By Alastair Atherton,  
Recruiting Officer*



PAA students Jonathan Martin, Matthew Brucks, Lydia Yang, Ben Becker, Nicole Bell, and Matthew Boyd prepare to offer prayer to the residents of Lacombe

## ■ O N T A R I O

### Women of Mission — Holding On, Reaching Out

A gorgeous Indian summer weekend was the backdrop for our 11th annual Women's Ministries Retreat held in Oshawa, Ont., Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. From Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, women from various Ontario congregations were blessed again and again as we worshipped and fellowshiped together under the banner of "Women of Mission - Holding On, Reaching Out." Friday evening's opening presentation "Women of Forgiveness" by Mary Maxson, Women's Ministries Director for the North American Division, was poignantly prefaced by a moment of silence for our vanquished former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who had just passed away on Thursday, Sept. 28. Mary's presentation focused on the freedom we acquire for ourselves and others when we fully and freely forgive one another as God has forgiven us. One beautiful quote she used was by Mark Twain: "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the flower leaves on the heel of the one who crushed it."

Sabbath morning dawned brilliantly as waves of autumn sunlight buoyed up our morning worship with over 350 persons attending. Programming for the day was replete with joyful songs of praise, heartfelt prayers, presentations by Mary Maxson, Janice Browne and MaryLisa Boni,

delicious meals, a wonderful mini-concert, and inspiring reports by the local women's ministries coordinators.

Janice Browne, who among many other things, is an educator, vocal artist and Tennessee Supreme Court mediator, blessed us with her beautiful and vivacious spirit as she walked us through a workshop on "Toxic Relationships and Letting Go of Old Baggage." She reminded us that our "attitude determines our altitude" and challenged us to "expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God." Mary Maxson's presentation on Women of Grace asked the question, "What's so amazing about grace?" That question was beautifully answered with one of her stories about a 3 a.m. birthday party in a coffee shop for a prostitute. As Mary attested, "God's love is so extravagant and lavish that He'll do anything to save us."

On Sabbath afternoon, the Canadian Italian dynamo that is MaryLisa Boni exhorted us to continue supporting the work of our sisters around the world. She is currently serving in Cuba, and among her many projects, she allows the Lord to work mightily through her there. The Ontario Conference aided in bringing to our retreat, Betty, one of the local Cuban women who is working tirelessly for God there, and she and MaryLisa reported on the tremendous work that God is advancing on that troubled island. This past year alone, God has used our Adventist sisters in Cuba to bring 2,000 souls to Himself. Praise the Lord! When we collected an offering of \$1,719.72 to aid MaryLisa's work with ADRA, the usually voluble dynamo was almost speechless!

It was heart-warming and inspiring to hear of the witnessing work that our women across the

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Presenters for the 11th Annual Ontario Conference Women's Retreat (L to R) Mary Maxson, Ermine Leader, Janice Browne, Jean Parchment, Mary Lisa Boni and Belfides Martinez

Ontario Conference are involved in. Many churches are making use of the Heart Call reclaiming ministry whereby "Women of Spirit" magazine subscriptions are sent to our sisters who have chosen other paths. At the Philadelphia Church, our sisters have compiled a cookbook for sale with the proceeds going towards the church building fund.

Our Sabbath celebrations culminated in a wonderful tea party. Each woman had brought a teacup, and herbal tea was served along with a bounteous array of tasty hors d'oeuvres and desserts! What a delicious way to end our Sabbath day.

Wrapping things up on Sunday were Ermine Leader, Ph.D., Counselling Supervisor at York University, with a workshop on "Making Your Losses Count," and Mary Maxson with a final presentation on "Women of Forgiveness." What a wonderful time apart! I can enthusiastically say that this weekend of spiritual refreshment was indeed a marvelous blessing. ■

*By Beverly Miller, Women's Ministries Co-ordinator, Richmond Hill SDA Church*

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### **North London Celebrates Official Opening**



In the summer of 1984, a small group of believers decided to form a new church group in the north end of London. For the first 10 years, they worshipped in a rented United Church while they raised money to build their own church. In April of 1992, there was enough money to purchase some property, but not enough to build. Instead of watching their money go into rent, in 1995 they bought property that had on it a house and a small church building. This was paid off in 3½ years, and was celebrated with a mortgage burning ceremony in October 1988. So now the

North London Church owned two properties. This started a process to look at blueprints of a possible structure to build on their land. But God had other plans.

Meanwhile, attendance was falling at Anglican churches across Canada, including London. Locally, four Anglican congregations decided to sell their respective churches and build one for their remaining members. Thus, a church building at Oxford and Fleet Streets in London came up for sale, and the North London members decided to investigate. In November of 1999, they held a "test" worship service at this church building, and gave the thumbs up. Upon appraising the property, conference officials supported their plan.

A successful offer to purchase was presented, and on Jan. 29, 2000 the first service was held in the new church. Since then they have sold one of their properties, and the other is still up for sale. On Sept. 16, with the assistance of Elder Derrick Nichols, president of the Ontario Conference and former pastors Richard Roschman, Robert Toms, and Brian Juriansz, they celebrated the faith of those first few who decided that the north part of London needed an Adventist voice. Many thanks to the visitors and guest musicians for making it such a special day. To God be the glory! ■

*By Sharon Gordon*

### **Welcoming New Pastors**

**Marian Kossovan** as the new assistant pastor/intern at the Immanuel Church in Toronto. Marian is a recent graduate of CUC. He has worked with church growth projects during the summer of 1999 in Barrie and in the summer of 2000 in Cobourg.

**Didier and Rachel Fourney** as the assistant pastor/intern in the Ottawa District (Benjamin Street, Kanata and Orleans). Fourney is a graduate of C.U.P.S. in Paris, France.

**Lindsay Chineegadoo** as the new pastor for the Brockville and Cornwall churches. Pastor Chineegadoo previously pastored in New Zealand and Mauritius, and has served as a departmental director in Eastern Africa. ■

### **■ MARITIMES**

#### **Welcome To New Pastor**

Ron Henderson (his wife Ingrid, and their two boys, Rahel and Daril) as the pastor for Barnesville, Saint John, St. George and Hampton (Maranatha) churches. ■

## ■ NEWFOUNDLAND / LABRADOR

### Mexico Mission 2000

After a year and a half of planning and fundraising, youth from the St. John's SDA Church left at the end of May for their long-awaited mission trip to Yecora, Mexico. The 11 youth were accompanied by one young person from the Marystown SDA Church, and by five adult sponsors. In Arizona, the group joined forces with a group of students from Washington State, and together they travelled to Yecora.

The group spent a week in Yecora, working on repairs to the Collegio Yecora School and orphanage there. As they built a new roof for one of the school buildings and repaired inferior washroom facilities, they also learned to live without some of the comforts of home. But they were inspired by the enthusiasm of the church members they met in Mexico. "They don't have very much, but they love to come to church and worship God," said Erica Garland, a Grade 11 student at St. John's Adventist Academy.

Upon their return home, all the young people described the trip as a life-changing experience. "It was the most unforgettable two weeks of my life," said Grade 12 student Chris Adams of the week in Mexico, and the trip down and back. All agreed they would be eager to go on another mission trip, and would encourage other youth to go on one.

This was a dream come true for Newfoundland youth, as it has been over 15 years since a group of students from Newfoundland went on a mission trip.

Back in St. John's, the young people didn't lose their missionary spirit. The attitude of giving that they practiced in Mexico continued at home as many of them participated in a summer mission project which saw them doing volunteer work for seniors, performing Christian street drama, passing out literature, praying door-to-door with neighbours, and volunteering at a Habitat for Humanity project. They are already beginning to talk about another mission trip.

We praise God that the missionary spirit has touched the youth of Newfoundland in such a powerful way! ■

### Vacation Bible School

The St. John's SDA Church ran a very successful Vacation Bible School from July 3-8, 2000, under the direction of Donalda Murley. Thirty children attended, almost all from non-Adventist homes.

The theme was "Kids in the Kitchen," and the programs focused on healthy living and healthy eating. Children had the opportunity to make bread, muffins, and other foods in the kitchen at St. John's Adventist Academy where the program was held.

One of the features that made VBS such a success was the active participation of youth volunteers. Teenagers from the church made up the "Good Life Team" which presented a skit each day. They also served as class teachers and assistant teachers, and led out in crafts and games. Along with a dedicated staff of adult volunteers, they helped to make the program memorable for the many boys and girls who attended. ■

## ■ SDA CHURCH IN CANADA

### Second Year of SDA Church in Canada Excellence in Teaching Awards

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the SDA Church in Canada Excellence in Teaching Award. They are: Erika Skula from Kingsway College; Gisela Hoelzel from Grand Valley Adventist School, Ontario Conference; Janet Appudoray from Westbank Adventist School, Lawrence McMullen from Okanagan Adventist Academy, Stephen Lee from Cariboo Adventist Academy, British Columbia Conference; Lorraine Popik from Parkview Adventist Academy; Myrne Koronko from Chinook Winds Adventist Academy, and Ronda Ziakris from Coralwood Adventist Jr. Academy, Alberta Conference. Nominations were made by the local conferences offices of education with the co-operation of the school's principal/board. The awards were presented at various important school and/or conference functions or meetings.

"I want to affirm the value of giving awards of recognition to teachers," says Dr. Richard Osborn, North American Division Vice President for Education. He continues, "We had several years of experience with the Zapara Teaching in Excellence Awards which had a major positive impact, not only on teachers but the broader constituency. One of the most under-recognized careers in terms of compensation and status in our culture is the role played by teachers. Teacher awards help these individuals feel more appreciated for what they do. They serve as an incentive to other teachers in a tangible manner. In addition, when the awards are given, the opportunity is available to highlight the teacher's role in the public presentation and the written reports published in union papers. We appreciate what

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the SDA Church in Canada is doing by giving these awards to outstanding teachers in your union.”

The following comments by recipients confirm Dick Osborn’s standpoint. “Thank you so much for the teaching award, says Lorraine Popik, “I love my job and it is a tremendous lift to know that my work is appreciated.” Gisela Hoelzel wrote on her thank you card, “I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the honour of receiving the Excellence in Teaching Award. This has been a truly humbling experience for me. Teaching has brought me such joy, and yet holds such an awesome responsibility that I could not attempt it without God’s leading.” We praise God for our teachers who are true ministers of education. ■

*By Mike Lekic,  
SDACC Director of Education*

■ NORTH AMERICAN  
DIVISION

**The Left Behind Truth**

The Christian world is gearing up for a February media blitz when a motion picture produced from the popular religious novel, *Left Behind*, will be shown in many local theatres. Authors Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins present the rapture as many mainstream religions teach it.

There’s no better time for Adventists and friends to study events that may confuse Christians in the last days. A special prayer meeting series, *Israel In Prophecy*, presented by Steve Wohlberg, associate pastor of the Fort Worth First Church, will expose popular teachings about the rapture, Israel, a rebuilt temple, and Armageddon while much of the Christian community hears distorted truth via Hollywood.

The ten half-hour broadcasts via Adventist Communication Network’s (ACN) satellite will air each Wednesday evening, Jan. 10 through Mar. 14, 7:30 – 8 p.m. ET, and will allow time for local study and discussion at their conclusions. Prayer and study groups will discover Israel in Prophecy to be the newest resource designed to counteract global delusions. Pastor Wohlberg has done extensive research and writing on the significance of Israel in the last days of earth’s history. His book, *Exploding the Israel Deception*, and study guides are available by registering with ACN at 800-ACN-1119. Consult ACN’s web site, [www.acnsat.org](http://www.acnsat.org), for additional information. ■

*Bernadine Delafield,  
Project Co-ordinator, Adventist  
Communication Network*

**Thanksgiving and Christmas  
Specials to Air on Odessa**

Special Thanksgiving (U.S.) and Christmas telecasts, produced jointly by Voice of Prophecy and Faith For Today, will air on the Odyssey cable network during the holiday season.

The first special will be presented on Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. EST and PST. The program features a multicultural children’s group, Pete McLeod giving Thanksgiving illustrations, troubadour Peter Alsop, storytelling by H. M. S. Richards Jr. and Linda Pruitt, and brief messages by Dan Matthews, host of Lifestyle Magazine, and Lonnie Melashenko, director-speaker of the Voice of Prophecy.

The second special, “Christmas Joy,” is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. EST



and PST, and again on Sun. Dec. 24. at 2:30 p.m. EST and PST.

Joining Lonnie Melashenko and Dan Matthews for the Christmas special are soloist Wintley Phipps, and Ralph Carmichael and his Singers, as well as Sheri Rose Shepherd, Mrs. United States 1994.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, even the unchurched acknowledge blessings and give thanks. This year, the Voice of Prophecy and Faith For Today are taking God's love into homes across the United States and Canada during the holiday season. ■

## Adventist Communicators Hold First Division-wide Conference

Seventh-day Adventist communicators no longer have to feel isolated thanks to the Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC), which held its inaugural conference Oct. 20-22 at the Adventist World Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The conference signaled the beginning of a new life for the organization formerly known as the Southern Society of Adventist Communicators, a group that served the developmental needs of communication professionals and students in the southeastern United States for the past twelve years.

"We felt that we could be more responsive to the needs of Adventist communicators by becoming a NAD-wide association," says Mark August, novelist and commentator on national and international affairs from Tampa Bay, Fla.

About 110 individuals from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, experiences, and every union in North America, attended the three-day conference. Television reporters, anchors, and producers, radio talk show hosts, online editors, newspaper writers and columnists, freelance writers, cartoonists, church newsletter and magazine editors, public relations professionals and teachers, and conference and union communication leaders were among the those that had a chance to rub shoulders. Included in the mix were college students and staff members from Andrews University, Columbia Union College, Oakwood College, Pacific Union College, Southwestern Adventist University, Southern Adventist University, Canadian University College, and Walla Walla College.

This diverse mix of Adventist communicators made for good networking opportunities, fellowship, spiritual and professional growth. "It's like a support group for those in the trenches," said former news reporter Iris Argueta, who currently works for Fleishman-Hillard Public Relations firm

managing the Multi-cultural Outreach efforts for the White House National Drug Control Policy.

Although attendees came for various reasons, many left with a new sense of mission and renewal. Others were inspired to use their communication skills to share God and their faith with others.

Sabbath afternoon offered two panel discussions, "The Secular Workplace as a Mission Field," which featured former and current television news reporters who shared testimonies about their experiences as Adventists working in the newsroom, and "Analyzing the Image of the Adventist Church," where professionals critiqued how the Church is portrayed in the public media. Seminars on Sunday covered a broad range of topics including how to get published in a book or magazine, crisis management, updating your resume, and working with secular media.

Eight awards were presented to distinguished communicators at the Sabbath evening banquet.

Keynote speakers at the conference included Terry Mattingly, syndicated religion columnist for Scripps Howard News Service; Jeff Herman, literary agent and founder of The Jeff Herman Agency; Ron Smith, editor of Message magazine; and Dan Matthews.

The next SAC conference will be held in October 2001 in middle-America. For photo highlights of the SAC conference and a list of officers, visit [www.nadadventist.org/sac/](http://www.nadadventist.org/sac/). ■

*Chris Drake is a senior at Walla Walla College and the student representative on the SAC board.*

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■ **Announcements**

**The Agape Temple SDA Church** in Pickering, Ont., has moved their place of worship from 1066 Dunbarton Rd., to Elizabeth B. Phin Public School, 1470 Whites Rd., Pickering. Currently plans are progressing with construction of their new church complex scheduled to begin in the spring of 2001. You are asked to pray for the Agape Temple church in their outreach and building plans.

**Okanagan Adventist Academy Reunion 2001:** June 29 to July 1, 2001, in Kelowna, B.C. All who attended or taught, are graduates or non-grads, are welcome! Please contact your former classmates. For further information, please phone 250/765-0022. E-mail [lazz2b@silks.net](mailto:lazz2b@silks.net) or [drjajust@okanagan.net](mailto:drjajust@okanagan.net). Write Okanagan Adventist Academy Alumni Association, 1035 Hollywood Rd., Kelowna, B.C. V1X 4N3. Fax 250/7651936. (6/01)

■ **Births**

**Ashley Victoria Boehner** was born Sept. 7, 2000, to Bradley and Martha Boehner of Lantz, N.S.

**Seth Patrick Dorion** was born June 23, 2000, to Jamie and Roxanne Dorion of Titusville, N.B.

**Kohilton Tyler Bradley Ellis** was born Sept. 8, 2000, to Brad and Lynda (Ginther) Ellis of Saskatoon, Sask.

**Sonia Marciszewski** was born July 31, 2000, to Andrzej and Marzena Marciszewski of Riverview, N.B.

**Philip Gabriel Neaga** was born July 15, 2000, to Gabriel and Luciana Neaga of Edmonton, Alta.

**Meagan Taylor Lorin Wiebe** was born to Brad and Tanya (Manuel) Wiebe on June 15, 2000, in Edmonton, Alta.

**Emily Amanda Rose Worden** was born July 9, 2000, to Mark and Sharon (Oakley) Worden of St. John's Nfld.

■ **Weddings**

**Adisen Bell and Bryan Ferris** were married Sept. 3, 2000, in Edmonton, Alta., and are making their home in Edmonton. Adisen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bell of Edmonton, and Bryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ferris of Edmonton.

**Tara Doiron and Daniel Hanscom** were married Sept. 3, 2000, in Halifax, N.S. Tara is the daughter of John and Dorothy Doiron, and Daniel is the son of Earle and Betty Hanscom.

**Hélène Gionet and Yvon Pinet** were married Aug. 13, 2000, in Pokemouche, N.B., and are making their home in Caraquet, N.B.

■ **Birthday**

**Mysie Atwood**, of Barrington, N.S., celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 27, 2000. She has five children, 19 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

■ **Obituaries**

**Mable (Stafford) Barrington** was born Feb. 19, 1910, in Lethbridge, Alta., and died Aug. 28, 2000, in Lethbridge. She was a charter member of the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist. She was predeceased by her husband, Tom.

**John Joseph Ennis** died suddenly on Apr. 17, 2000, in St. John's, Nfld., at the age of 57. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Christabell and Michael Reddy, and his mother-in-law, Annie Symonds. Surviving: wife, Rosalind (Symonds); son Craig; daughter Lori; sister Sharon (friend Jack); brothers Gerald (CarolAnn), Bernard (Carol), and Paul (Barb); father-in-law Harry; and brother-in-laws Arthur (Ethel) and Peter (Lin).

**Iva Myrtle (French) Hodder** died Aug. 11, 2000, in St. John's, Nfld., at the age of 88. Surviving: husband Wilson; sons Edward (Valerie) and Don (Helen); daughters Phyllis (Frank), Shirley (Fred), Dianne (Virgil), and Janis; brother Maxwell; sister Barbara; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Gray Little** was born Jan. 14, 1925, in Harvey, N.B., and died Dec. 4, 1999, in Fredericton, N.B. Surviving: wife Dorothy (Hood); sons Stephen (Marvena) and Mitchell (Gloria) both of Harvey Station, N.B.; sisters Alice Swan of Harvey Station, and Betty LeBlanc of Moncton, N.B.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Paul Andrew MacBay** was born July 31, 1978, and died July 24, 2000, in a tragic accident outside of his hometown of St. John's, Nfld. Surviving: parents Heather and Patrick; sister Katherine; and grandmothers Peggy and Marie.

**Ella Lavina Noel** was born Apr. 16, 1931, in Stanhope, Nfld., and died Sept. 18, 2000, in Mount Pearl, Nfld. She was predeceased by her husband, Llewellyn. Surviving: children Barbara Moore, Donna (Doug) House, Katherine (partner Susan Mabey) Noel, David (Bonnie) Noel, and Lori (Jerry) Lazarov; and five grandchildren.

**Mike Weselowski** was born May 9, 1919, in Pine River, Man.,

and died July 2, 2000, in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. He served his church as a deacon, as well as helping build and renovate other churches in the area. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary. Surviving: sons David of Pine River, Bernard of Edmonton, Alta., and Edward (Mitzi) of Edmonton; daughters Diane (Glenn) Hawthorn of Edmonton, Eileen of Edmonton, and Brenda of Edmonton; brothers Steve, Paul, Morris, Tony, and Alex; sisters Joan, Pauline, and Jean; and two grandchildren.

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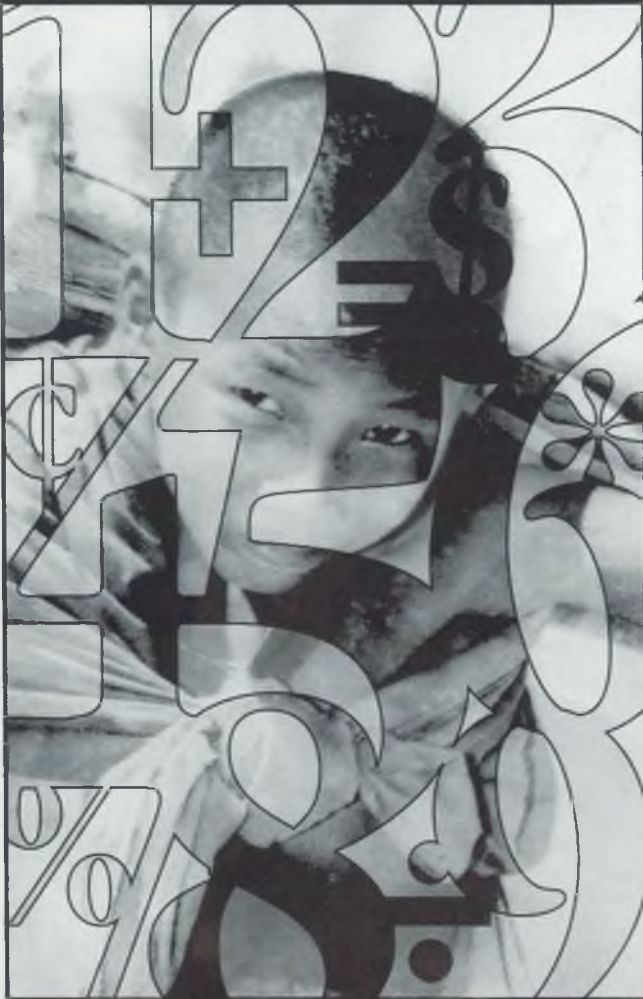
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