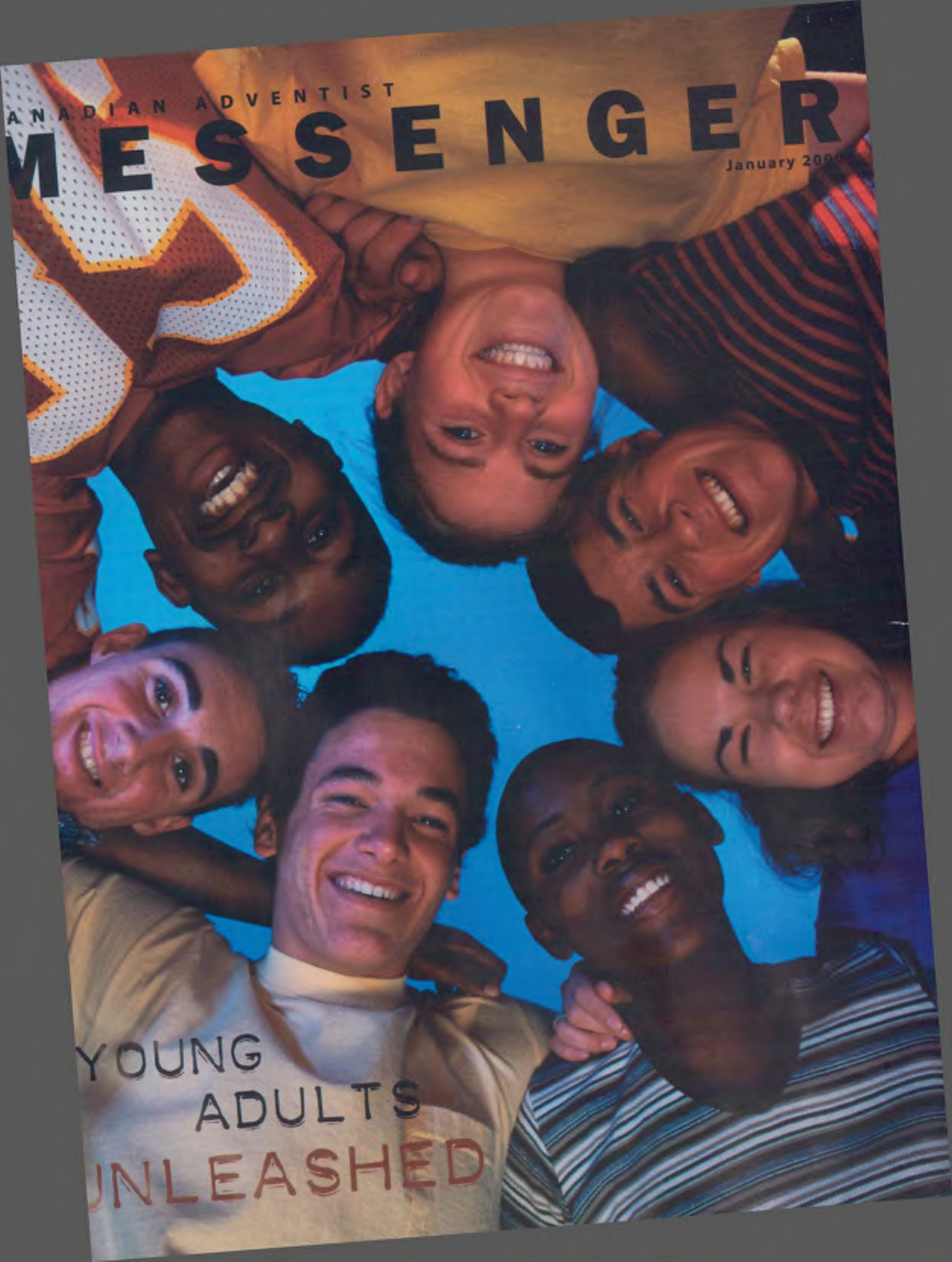


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Mentors for the Millennium

What the world needs to see during the Year 2000 is a G2K Adventist invasion

Wake up! Everything just changed. The clock has ticked down to that magical moment in our lives — the arrival of the new millennium, the year 2000.

Throughout the fall of 1999, it seemed that all we heard about was Y2K, or the “millennial bug” situation. For months, we heard computer experts warning us about computer freezes and malfunctions, global chain reactions shutting down critical systems of power, water, and communications, and an accelerating vortex of panic leading to a run on the banks.

Well, guess what? We made it. We’re still here.

Yes, Y2K and the turn of the millennium has had a significant emotional impact on the human race. After all, no one alive has ever experienced such an event before. Why, the start of a new millennium occurs only once every 40 generations.

But now that we’ve made it, what will we focus our attention on? You’ve heard a lot about Y2K, but have you heard about G2K?

The G2K initiative is about to unleash the dreams of a new generation that often challenges the church it loves. It will harness the promise, potential, and power of thousands of youth and young adults all across North America who have a passion for saving souls. And who like Paul can say, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.” *Romans 1:16*

The North American Division is seeking to mobilize the X-er generation, ages 18 to 35, and so it has designated the year 2000 as the Year of Youth and Young Adult Evangelism. Training

events will be conducted throughout the year to inspire and unite young people to make a commitment to outreach.

But doesn’t that sound like something we can all get excited about, regardless of our age?

What the world needs to see during the year 2000 is a G2K Adventist invasion. In Matthew 16:17-18, Jesus shared an incredibly powerful, faith-strengthening word picture with His disciples. He said, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

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You see, this is a picture of the church on the offensive. A picture of the church storming the gates of hell. A picture of the church united in an ever-increasing, focused wave of evangelism, an all-out faith attack, a totally confident, formidable assault on the gates of hell, knowing that “if God be for us who can be against us.”

Romans 8:31

We all, young and old alike, need to catch this vision, that strength lies not in defense but in attack. That united we stand, divided we fall. That we need to step out in faith, like never before, because Jesus says the victory is already ours.

I’m excited about this Year of Youth and Young Adult Evangelism. I can hardly wait to see what victories God

has in store for our church in the future.

But I’m convinced that there is something that we all can do as church members to ensure the success of our young people in the battle against the gates of hell. First, we need to join in the battle ourselves, believing that our God says we cannot fail.

And second, we need to become mentors for the millennium. Our young people need spiritual mentors to guide them into adulthood and help them reach their fullest potential. Mentoring — the presence of caring individuals who, along with parents or guardians, provide youth with support, advice, friendship, reinforcement, and constructive example in the battle — can help our young people, our church, win the battle.

Mentors made a difference in my life. I now understand how valuable Pastor K’s and Mr. and Mrs. S’s interest in me was and continues to be in my Christian experience. Mentors have surely made a difference in your life as well.

So, compelled by my experience and my faith, I want to challenge you to join with me in mentoring the youth of the next millennium, to carve out an intentional, uninterrupted segment of quality time you can spend with a young person, so that together we can take up the cause of the cross and storm the gates of hell for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ■



by David Jamieson,
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IMPACT TORONTO 2000

A Young Canadian's Guide to the Ministries and How to Get Involved

This summer, while the General Conference Session convenes in Toronto, young Canadian Adventists have an opportunity that they are not likely to see again in their lifetimes. They have the chance to work shoulder to shoulder with approximately 350 other ministry-minded young Adventists from around the world. As well, they will interact with the church's top leadership talents in innovative ministry during a 10-day training session for youth, to be held from June 29 to July 8.

Why Canada is getting special treatment — As the host country of the General Conference session this year, Canada has the opportunity to send more young adults for training than any other country in the world church. Potentially, 158 of the 350 available spots in Impact Toronto 2000 (IT2000) have been reserved for Canadians between the ages of 18 and 35.

The application process — Applications are being processed through local conference youth directors, and those interested should contact their youth director right away for more details about their conference's selection process.

If selected, the applicant's US\$150 application fee will be put toward expenses in Toronto; if the applicant is not selected to participate, the application fee will be refunded.

The ministries and some of the leaders — Because IT2000 has remained open to suggestions from young adults while endeavoring to find the best ministry teachers around the globe, some of the ministries on the application form have been revised since the official application was printed. The current list is shown below.

Café Ministry — Collette Muth (a student at Southern Adventist University) and Wesley Szamko (a youth pastor in Willowdale, Ont.) combine their experiences in running a café with a difference and youth ministry.

Door-to-Door Ministry — Byard Parks, a youth pastor in Colorado who runs a ministry where young people learn to pray and visit with people in their own homes, will share his expertise in meeting people where they are most comfortable and open. Another section of this ministry will be led by Monte Torkelsen, associate youth director of the Oregon Conference, who started working in this ministry at the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta.

Drama Ministry — Bryan Yeager, director of YouthNet eXtrem (the five-member team sometimes known as The eXtrem Team connected with the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University), works year-round in street ministry, concerts, weeks of prayer and other ministries with a distinctly youthful flair.

FLAG Camp — Buz Menhardt, youth pastor at Andrews University, created the highly-

successful Fun Learning About God (FLAG) ministry and brings his energy and experience to Toronto.

Gymnastics Ministry — Anthony Oucharek has led teams from South Africa to Port Hardy, B.C., with a Christian flair.

Mime Ministry — This ministry has proven so successful and popular that three sections of the ministry have been opened, two of them led by Canadians. Todd Miller, pastor of the St. Albert, Alta., church (see www.digitaldove.com/silentvoices) has an international reputation as a Christian mime and teacher of mime. Steven Gabrys, an education student at Canadian University College who studied and worked with Miller before leading the mime group at the Pathfinder Camporee this past summer and appearing on 3ABN (see Real Stuff button at <http://cauc.ab.ca> for more on Gabrys), will lead a second section. Geert Tap, the Newbold College chaplain from Holland with extensive experience in mime street ministry throughout Europe, will lead the third group.

Prayer Ministry — First emerging as a

Evangelism — In addition to the above ministries, three evangelistic series with three different styles of presentation will be running in the evenings, with opportunity for delegate involvement and perhaps even some crusade detail planning.

Music — Those interested in sharing their musical talents at IT2000 should send an audio or video tape of three or more songs and their references to the Center for Youth Evangelism, IT2000.

Academic credit and scholarships — Canadian University College (undergraduate level) and the seminary at Andrews University (graduate level) will grant academic credit to delegates who register for and request course credit with the school prior to commencement of the event. CUC is also offering scholarships to those who participate.

On the closing Sabbath, July 8, there will be a youth rally in the morning and a Youth on Parade program for all GC delegates and visitors, highlighting what IT2000 has accomplished.

For more information, see www.andrews.edu/CYE, e-mail cye@andrews.edu, call 1-800-Youth-2-U (968-8428), or contact your local conference youth director. ■

by Lynn Neumann McDowell,
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Steven Gabrys demonstrates the expressiveness of mime

Photo: Kermit Neuhberg/Adventist Review

prayer ministry leader at the SDA seminary, CUC's chaplain Sabine Vatel brings her experience and passion for this ministry to share with Adventist youth from around the world.

Recreation Ministry — CUC's outward pursuits expert Paul Lehmann and his son Shad, a student at CUC, will bring an innovative program that can be used in both urban and rural settings (contact Lehmann at plehmann@cauc.ab.ca or 800/661-8129).

Storm Co. — Wes and Melissa Tolhurst will lead a program that originated in Australia and "storms" an area with Adventist Christianity.

Street Artists/Christian Graffiti Ministry — Manny Cruz, a pastor in El Paso, Tex., lends his expertise in graffiti for Christ.

Street Preaching — Reginald Tull of Toronto takes the Word to the streets.

... More — **Christian Illusion Ministry**...

Clown Ministry... **Compassion Ministry**...

Health Fair... **Megabooks**... **Music**

Ministry... **Puppet Ministry**... **Vacation**

Bible School... **Video Ministry**

I was a stranger in a strange land. A land of toonies, loonies, and maple leaves. This place looked like America, but the more I looked around for an apartment, the more I realized that this was not home.

I had recently been hired as the assistant pastor of the Hamilton Mountain Church in Ontario. The people were friendly, and working with Pastor Dan Linrud looked like it was going to be fun.

I had only been in Hamilton a week when the phone rang and God called. Well, it was actually Pastor Dan calling, but it was God's plan.

"Dan, how would you like to go to North Carolina this weekend? Adam Bujak, who is the AMiCUS [Adventist Ministry to College and University Students] chaplain to the public university students in Ontario, is organizing a group to go down for a conference."

"What kind of conference?" I asked.

"It's a conference to help you start a ministry at the community college or public university in our area."

I thought for a moment and replied that I was interested.

Diverse Group Heads South

It didn't take me very long to wonder if I had made a mistake. In a few days, I was packed along with five other people and all of our stuff in a Ford Windstar. When Bujak had said a "van," I assumed he meant a 15-passenger van, and by the looks of my luggage I had packed accordingly. We were very snug. Our group included Natasha Trotman, from Apple Creek Church in Toronto, and Julian Gomez and Kathleen McIntosh, from Western University in London, Ont. With his Spanish accent, I realized that Gomez was not originally from Canada but Chile.

"Ah, a foreigner like me!"

Up in the front of the van, we had Pastor Richard Roschman from London. I assumed he was the sponsor for Gomez and McIntosh's group, called Adventists at Western. Lastly, we had Dr. Adam Bujak, who also had an accent. Dr. Bujak is originally from Poland, I later found out.

"Ah, one more foreigner!"

Driving in another car from Kingston were Noemi Holka and Michaela Holkova. There were a total of eight Canadians among the 50 or so attending this first Public Campus Ministries National Conference, turning it into an international event.

After many hours of driving, we arrived at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As we walked through the campus, it felt strange to me. Once again, I felt like a foreigner. I had been the product of the Adventist education system all the way up through my school years.

Signs plastered around the central square advertised events that were happening on campus. We saw signs that read, "Shine '99, Oct 21- 4, Chapel Hill, Public Campus Ministries Conference." We followed the signs until we found the auditorium where the group had just finished the first meeting. We were late, but that didn't matter, as the leader reassured us that they were really happy to have the Canadians there.

"Wait a minute! I am an American. This is my native country."

But I soon realized that since I was

Shine 99

A Light
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Next Millennium



Some of the SHINE 99 conference attendees on the campus of North Carolina University

with Canadians, everyone assumed I was Canadian too. We arrived in time to play one interaction exercise before it was over. "Well, we'll see what happens tomorrow," I thought.

Seeking More Recognition and Support

The next day included main-floor presentations, panel discussions, and several seminars/workshops which we could choose according to felt needs. I chose "So you want to start a campus ministry? Great, now what?!" It was led by John Van Eyk, who had organized the Shine '99 Conference. Our workshop had a variety of participants, which included two pastors, a physical therapist, a registrar from a nearby public university, several ministry leaders from other public campuses, and a woman who lived near a public university and just wanted to reach out.

As I listened, it became clear to me that as a church, we were not doing enough for our Adventist students who attend public colleges and universities.

I was surprised when Bujak said that the Ontario Conference had more than 400 young Adventists attending community colleges and public universities. Because of this, the Ontario Conference hired him in March, 1999, to start AMiCUS — Adventist Ministry to College and University Students.

I remembered when I went to Southern University how strong the

I listened as students and group leaders expressed frustration from lack of support. They were frustrated that most Adventists didn't even know they existed.

Ron Pickell, director of Advent Home in Knoxville, Tenn., had been involved with public campus ministry for 15 years. He was excited that Shine '99 was taking place. Pickell confessed of often feeling alone in this line of ministry. Others expressed frustration from not being recognized by students due to the clubs' many names. Each campus was choosing their own name for their club, making it confusing for students. Without an organized club, an Adventist student could easily attend school unaware of other Adventist students attending the same school.

Ministering to Christian Students

On Sunday morning, we gathered in a large circle and asked God to guide us. We first decided that in North America we would be known as Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF). We wanted everyone to know that this ministry was sponsored by the Adventist Church. We added the word "Christian" to make it inclusive to other Christian students as well. There was a concern that Adventists would think this was a ministry for our own denominational schools, so it was decided to add the subtitle "A Ministry to Public Campuses." It was decided to post the name on a web site to allow others who had not attended Shine '99

chaplaincy program was and what a big part it had in campus life. I then tried to imagine a college without it.

Through the rest of the weekend,

to give their opinion of the name.

Now that we voted and had a new name, we needed to let people know that we were out there. Bujak reminded the group of the General Conference Session coming up in Toronto. It was agreed that we would make our presence known by having a booth at the session and also getting some time up front during the session. The group agreed with the idea, and money was immediately donated for the booth.

Feeling Temporarily Out of Place

I was excited. I had arrived with little knowledge about Adventist work on public campuses in North America. But when I left on Sunday, I knew that people were working hard for our students. I had started the trip feeling out of place, a stranger. I thought of our students feeling out of place on their public campuses. But don't we all feel out of place? Strangers in a strange land. As Christians, none of us are residents of this earth, but merely landed immigrants. ■

by Pastor Dan Bates

To see comments on the web site regarding the new name, go to:

<http://cartoon.ecn.purdue.edu/~preciado/shine>

If you have information regarding someone attending a community college or public university in Ontario who needs the support and fellowship of other Adventists, contact **Adam Bujak** at **905/388-5944** (voice and fax) or E-mail **74532.2447@compuserve.com**.

The next conference for those involved in public campus ministries is scheduled for the middle of September at Berkeley University in California. We have been asked to host the next one in Ontario in the year 2001.

Proclaiming the Gospel on Secular Campuses

Have you ever driven by a public university or college campus in your community and contemplated the issues facing the young adults who study, work, and socialize at that institution?

Looking for Answers

There are many confusing ideas bombarding young people as they start their first year of studies. Students are looking for stability and a sense of belonging. They feel a need to make sense of the events taking place in the world today. The modern university offers courses that promise answers: from the theory of evolution to wiccan rituals, from UFO religions to eastern philosophy.

I can't help but compare this situation to four Bible characters — the Hebrew friends named Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. They were taken captive and shipped off to be trained at the University of Babylon under the supervision of King Nebuchadnezer. How did they excel in their knowledge and understanding? By remembering where they came from, obeying the word of God, and making time for a daily personal walk with the Lord. How can our young people develop such faith and trust?

Vision of Ministry

My name is Mario Saric. In the 1998/99 academic year, I was a lecturer with the department of mathematics at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), in St. John's, the capital city of Newfoundland. Through the year, various students spoke with me about the topics and issues that were troubling them.

Eventually, I felt there was a need to start an Adventist student organization. The goal was to provide a means of supporting Adventist young people who attend MUN, as well as to proclaim the everlasting gospel as it is found in the three angels' message. Last summer, Memorial Association of Seventh-day Adventist Students (MASDAS) was ratified by the university and is an officially recognized Adventist society.

Following is the story of our experience of starting a club on a secular campus and suggestions for those who wish to organize a club in their area.

Starting Up

In 1995, I had the opportunity to found Seventh-day Adventists at Western (SDAW), a club for Adventist students and their friends at the University of Western Ontario. SDAW has been growing over the years and has been conducting various outreach activities, retreats, and socials for their members. SDAW was my first experience in forming a university society, and forming MASDAS was a similar experience.

If you are interested in starting a campus ministry, you'll need to check on the following:

- **Get an estimate** on how many Adventist students are attending your university/college.
- **Approach your university Student Council** and ask for information on starting a club. Most Student Councils have a start-up booklet which outlines club rules and regulations. Be aware that each university has its own rules and procedures! *Note:* sometimes the Student Council will suggest that as there are other Christian clubs on campus, the members you are hoping to gain could just as well join these already-established clubs. It has been my experience that once our unique belief set is explained, the Student Council is able to see that an Adventist club fills a unique niche. After the Student Council ratification, the club will be required to submit a constitution. The Student Council will usually provide a generic constitution which can be modified. If you need a copy of ours, we would be happy to send you one.
- **Also important is a club logo.** You can design your own logo, unique to your university/college, or you may use the logo provided by AMiCUS (Adventist Ministry to College and University Students, which publishes Dialogue magazine) and simply change the acronym to that of your club.
- As soon as possible, **choose an executive:** president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer. As the club grows and more activities are added, you may want to add officers to your executive. It's best to preschedule two meetings per term, publicizing these dates at the beginning of the academic year.
- **For support and ideas,** contact other Adventist clubs via Dialogue magazine, which is issued three times a year in five languages, or via the Internet, through the Tagnet server that Adventist organizations use.

Goals of MASDAS

MASDAS creates opportunities for Christian fellowship that meet the various needs we share: social interaction, mental stimulation, physical activities, and spiritual growth. MASDAS has three goals:

1. **To foster and encourage the spiritual faith** of club members in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. **To serve as a witness** and promote the everlasting gospel on the campus and proclaim God's end-time message of His soon coming.
3. **To conduct Bible studies** on campus and to proclaim the truth as it is found in the Scriptures.

MASDAS is in its second year. The Student Council at MUN requires that new clubs have a probationary academic year, during which the club can take part in various activities on campus to promote their club and activities. At MUN, the requirements for ratification include a membership of 20, with 15 of those being undergraduate students. At MUN, club ratifications are reviewed each year. To stay ratified, the club must continuously promote its activities and pursue membership.

Participation in Campus Events

Last year, we worked closely with Pastor Jim Campbell and the St. John's SDA Church in their outreach programs, such as the Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking, Stress Management Seminars, and the immensely popular Healthy Lifestyle Cooking School. MUN students were registered and participated due to campus publicity. This is our way of demonstrating to students that every aspect of their lives is of concern to the Adventist church. As the St. John's church is only a 10-minute walk from the campus, it is ideal to invite non-Adventist students for Sabbath School, church services, and potlucks.

One of the aims of MASDAS is to provide free access to Adventist material. The MUN chaplain's office has a literature rack that we can fill with magazines, booklets, and MASDAS pamphlets. Many of the items we stock there quickly disappear! We have also used various video ministry series to carry out Bible studies. "The Search" is especially targeted at the younger generation, with each segment consisting of a 30-minute documentary-style investigation. I found it excellent to run during a daytime slot.

We are especially fortunate in St. John's to have an Adventist-run radio station operating 24 hours a day every day. VOAR 1210 AM plays Christian music and programming that students can tune in to.



Upcoming Activities

Recently, our application to instate an Adventist pastor as a part-time university chaplain has been approved. Pastor Jim Campbell is taking up this role in January, 2000. The club has also been assigned a campus office, where we can take care of our club business, as well as store our books, banner, and outreach materials. We hope to take part in the university's annual January Winter Fest, be involved in the Healthy Life Style Cooking class in February, promote the Sabbath Seminar hosted at the St. John's church by special guest speaker Samuel Bachiocchi in March, and invite students to the Acts 2000 Series presented by It Is Written Speaker Mark Finley in March/April.

Challenges

Starting up a club/society is challenging. In my experience, there are two major challenges that most clubs will face:

1. **Attendance** at club meetings and various campus activities: Adventist students are scattered throughout academic disciplines and have very different schedules, including night classes. Also, a number of students commute home on weekends, so keep this in mind if you are planning to have weekend meetings and activities.
2. **Time** — "No time" is a familiar lament for students. It is difficult for them to be available when so much is being demanded of them in their studies.

However, the solution to both problems is to plan ahead for meetings and other activities and to have committed executive members who set realistic club goals. Don't try to do everything and attend every function! This intimidates club members, and wears to a frazzle the few who attempt to do the impossible.

Future Directions

There are so many needs on the secular campus and so many possibilities to satisfy the seeking. Future plans should include: promotion of various Adventist student societies (through the Canadian Union web site and perhaps pamphlet distribution to local Adventist churches and during camp meetings), ADRA ingathering on campus, Bible study circles, seminars/sermons presenting a Christian perspective on pressing issues for university students, and counseling or peer support services (through the Adventist Chaplain Services at the university).

Staying in Touch

A list of current Adventist student societies (address, contact person, web site) in the world would be a valuable asset for sharing testimonies on how God has blessed them in their ministry, and for exchanging ideas on outreach, literature distribution, and Bible studies. This can also be valuable for students who may choose a secular university away from their hometown and need help in finding suitable accommodations, transportation, et cetera.

Pointing to Jesus

The secular campus is a sometimes exhilarating, sometimes frightening environment. In many ways, it is a microcosm of the wider world, and the same questions and challenges confront both the Christian and non-Christian student. Laws, ethics, values, morals, and principles are being explored in many disciplines and from various perspectives. For those who are seeking and are open to the Biblical perspective, Memorial Association of Seventh-day Adventist Students hopes to be a signpost pointing to Jesus — Saviour, Friend, Teacher, and Lord. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." *Revelation 3:20* ■

by Mario Saric, MASDAS Treasurer

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What an experience! A whole weekend to spend in Christian fellowship!

That's what it felt like when several members of the SDA Student Club at the University of Western Ontario loaded our cars and headed for a lakeshore retreat center in Sarnia, Ont.

In attendance were Ladine McKenzie, Annette Birabwa, Claudine James, Rhonda Foster, Yelena Cekrdzin, Sandy Hurst, Sarah Hurst, Johnny Vallieres, Jean Kaleb, and Danilo Cekrdzin. The leaders were Pierre Nicholas Rhone, Julian Gomez, and Kathleen McIntosh.

On Friday evening, we spent time getting to know each other better through various bonding activities. The evening continued as people shared meaningful conversations, with individual Bible studies continuing late into the night.

Sabbath morning, we arose and continued our theme of community with breakfast preparation as people divided into teams to serve each other. Following this, we started our day of group building through praise and worship in song. Digging deep into the Bible, our group studied and learned about community in Acts 2:42-47. To enhance what we were learning, group

activities provided a hands-on component to the principles discovered in the Acts passage.

The morning sermonette, led by Rhone, showed us that community is possible based on three facts: 1) we have an example of the ideal community to follow as found in Acts 2:42-47, 2) God desires and will enable us to attain this community — illustrated in Ezekial 37:1-14, and 3) community can begin now using a tried and tested method — that would be revealed later.

Later in the afternoon, Gomez revealed small group ministry — the tried and tested method of community development. This method embodies Paul's advice in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, which admonishes us to "encourage one another and build each other up." It was such a success that by the end of the retreat everyone had signed up to join a small group.

Sunday morning's challenge reminded people to put into practice the knowledge gained.

- Something I enjoyed this weekend ...**
- Something I learned this weekend ...**
- Something I plan to change after this weekend ...**

We left the retreat center with many fond memories of fun and friendships and with a clear desire to work toward the ideal community!

by Kathleen McIntosh

What I enjoyed most about the retreat...

"Community was the theme behind our retreat. I found this experience to be very rewarding. One of the activities I most enjoyed was when we had a chance to open up to each other and tell why we were there and what we wanted to gain from the retreat ... Another aspect I enjoyed was that the entire weekend was group oriented. I really enjoyed the teeter totter exercise, which demonstrated team work. Most of all, I really enjoyed the togetherness, and I look forward to next year..." — *Jean Kaleb*

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"The retreat was an enjoyable experience. Interacting with people that share the same values was good. The game that involved answering questions presented on a set of cards (the Ugame) was an effective lead-up to the discussion of deeper issues. Ideas regarding the goal to become an ideal church were reinforced with the Bible study and the presentation on small groups. The main insight gained was that to accomplish any goal, God has to be in control, and any actions taken must be according to His will."

— Claudine James

"Going to the SDAW retreat was a peaceful experience. We studied the Bible and spent a lot of time singing and talking. I got to know people that I had only seen at church. I was able to converse with them and find out who they really are. I felt closer to them. Being in a place where all of us could share with each other and feel comfortable allowed me to feel close to them and trust them." — Annette Birabwa

"I really enjoyed meaningful conversations with people that allowed me to get to know them better ... openness, the speakers, team work ... made me feel like I wasn't the only one searching; others had similar struggles and similar visions. I don't have to change the world by myself. I am part of an army. United, we will have a greater impact."

— Julian Gomez

"It has now been about four weeks since our retreat, and it is really amazing, an answer to prayer, how the small group ministry has flourished. There are now two groups that meet every Friday evening to study and learn together. While one group studies the gospel of John, the other delves into the book of Revelation. Now, in just four weeks, the numbers have risen and there is need for another group to form. I know that my own spiritual life has deepened as a result, as well as my relationships with others in my group. The Lord is really blessing our community of searching students here in London through small group ministry."

— Kathleen McIntosh

"Youth ministry often has its ups and downs. Sometimes I ask myself, 'Did they really benefit from that sermon or Bible study?' And the truth is, I never truly know the answer. The retreat, however, was different. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the topic of community was decided upon. The goal: let all those who attend see the benefit of living in true community, and let them act upon that knowledge. The result: *everyone* that attended the retreat is now involved in a small group.

Even now, it's music to my ears when I hear people speaking of how happy they are to be in their respective groups. I honestly believe that small group ministry is the way to go for young adults. Though I must say this, whatever the ministry, fuel it with prayer and supplication, and it will not just move, it will fly. The Holy Spirit is waiting to empower us...waiting to enrich all our retreats, sermons, Bible studies and spiritual conversations. I have learned from the retreat that we simply must 'ask, and it will be given.' I can't wait until the next one!" — P. Nicholas Rhone

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VOAR 70 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING



VOAR 1210 AM Christian Radio is 70 years young this year! From October 1999, through October 2000, our Canadian Adventist radio station celebrates a heritage of broadcast ministry. Throughout its history, VOAR has relied heavily on its youth and young adult volunteers in presenting Christ through excellence and professionalism.

The historic station's first broadcasts in October, 1929, were from the back of Adventist Pastor Harold William's manse in St. John's, Nfld. The station's first official call letters, assigned in 1930, were 8BSL — the Bible Study League. Since its early start, the station has seen many transformations and historic developments over the years. VOAR was the first station to include shipping news and weather reports; began the first commercial services in the province; had the first female announcer in Newfoundland; and for many years was the only full-time Christian broadcast station in Canada. They've come a long way, in less than one tenth of a millennium.

VOAR has a rich history and a bright future. That's largely because of the many youth and young adults who have given their talents to its exciting outreach ministry for the past 70 years.

One recent letter from former volunteer George Adams said, "I certainly enjoyed my turn at the station 8BSL as water boy during the years 1928/29. When they graduated me to remote operator, I figured I had it made. We maintained excellent service from the church on Cookstown Road. Then I was moved into the main control room and worked the console. It was a challenge, and we were happy to have a part in the program."

Just out of high school, Sherry Griffin started working at VOAR doing weekend request shows. She, like many

other Adventist students, appreciated the fact that VOAR was willing to give her a chance to serve the Lord through radio ministry and allow her to develop her skills. Today, Griffin, now in her late thirties, is the newly-appointed VOAR manager/director. She says, "Getting a chance to meet and interview some of the pioneers behind the vision of VOAR has been a highlight for me. I'm thankful for my 17-year history with the station and proud that VOAR's mission statement includes opportunities and training specifically for young people."

Other staff members include production director Carl Trowbridge, also in his early thirties, and 19-year-old public relations director Tara Sharpe. Station manager Sherry Griffin says, "Young people add a lot of life and energy to VOAR's ministry, especially since our target audience range is people from 25 to 44 years old. With our inspirational contemporary format, we hope to appeal to a lot of young adults in our community."

VOAR attracts many families with its unique sound and 100 percent Christian format. The nonprofit listener-supported station adds a wide selection of international family-centred programs to provide 24-hour broadcasting. At 70 years of age, VOAR still has a sound and energy that appeals to the young and the young at heart. The staff have big dreams of extending the station's outreach into even wider areas! And, if

the future is anything like the past, Christian radio will play an even bigger part in history and life over the next century. As VOAR's vibrant young staff members prepare to lead the station into the 21st century, their prayer is that God will use them to touch radio listeners young and old around Newfoundland. Please remember them in their anniversary year as they strive to make their dreams — and God's dreams — come true through Christian radio VOAR. ■

For more information on the station, check out their web site at www.voar.org



The Power of a Loving God

Stories from the Regina It Is Written Seminar



The Chavez Family The Chavez family joined the Hill Avenue SDA Church in October, 1999, after attending Leo Schreven's It Is Written Prophecy Seminar in Regina,

Sask. Jose, Patricia, and their three children — Michael, Yasmin, and Ramsis — are an asset to our church family. They also have a daughter in Edmonton and are eagerly sharing with her what they have learned.

Like so many of those who attended these meetings, they responded to the large colorful advertising flyer which was mailed throughout Regina. They wanted to understand more of God's Word, and so, night after night, this family faithfully attended the seminar.

They had no difficulty accepting the Biblical truths that Schreven presented, but they struggled with the issue of adornment. Jewellery had always played a big part in their lives, and they wore plenty of it. After Schreven's presentation on that subject, they decided that they did not want it to stand

between them and God, so they promptly removed it. Jose admits that it was more of a struggle for him.

Jose and Patricia came to Canada 13 years ago to escape the war in their homeland, El Salvador. They married here, and their four children were born in Canada. Patricia's parents came to Canada 10 years ago and are now living in Winnipeg, Man. The family has been sharing their newfound faith with them too.

Jose works in the water softener business, but he and his family also run a personal care home. This presented quite a challenge for them, since they must have someone looking after the residents at all times. Such was their commitment to discovering God's plan for their lives that they made arrangements for someone to take over from them each evening of the seminar.

Their teenage daughter, Yasmin, was already helping out in the church before the meetings had ended. Her bright smile greeted those who attended as she collected tickets at the door. She has become involved with the youth praise team and has helped out in other ways too. Eight-year-old Ramsis is a dynamic member of the junior Sabbath School class.

It is a pleasure to see this family enjoying our lively worship services each Sabbath morning. They enjoy being involved and take part in sports and social activities. We know that God has much more in store for them, and we know they will be a tremendous asset to our Hill Avenue Church. ■

Stacey Louis Stacey is an energetic 21-year-old whose bright smile and infectious personality make her a pleasure to be with.

Like the Chavez family, she responded to the It Is Written advertising flyer in her mail box. Each evening, she attended the meetings along with her mother, Linda; her aunt, Brenda, also attended some of the meetings.

Stacey was a committed young Christian who had worshipped with several different churches, but what she learned at the seminar was new to her. The message presented by Leo Schreven made sense to her, and she kept coming back for more.

Stacey and her mother made a commitment to baptism at the end of the meetings. Stacey was baptized on Oct. 14, along with 54 others; circumstances unfortunately prevented her mother from joining her at that time, but she planned to take her stand shortly thereafter. Stacey has been sharing her newfound faith with her sister as well.

Stacey is a data entry operator and wholesale distributor, but she was also taking a political science class at the University of Regina each Saturday. When she was introduced to the Sabbath truth, she promptly dropped the class and has been present at our Sabbath worship services ever since. She loves to be involved and has joined a drama club which started up after

the meetings finished. She also enjoys being involved with the sports programs.

Stacey has a desire to serve the Lord in missions and is excited about the possibility of going on one of the youth mission trips. Whatever she does, she will be a great asset and a delight to have around.

She says, "I don't feel that anyone's personal story of how they found peace is a short one, and I don't think I have the space to tell mine. I am here only by the grace and the will of God. Bound by the knowledge of the truth and wisdom, but held by the love I feel.

"It is said that the Christian religion is leaving our young people today. Well, I am here to prove that theory wrong. I am an enthusiastic, single, 21-year-old who is looking forward to what Jesus Christ has in store for her. For every day, I praise God for all the riches I've received through Him."

It is such a blessing to have Stacey, and the other young people who were baptized with her, in our church family. So often we fail to reach this group. Stacey will be a testimony to all who meet her of the power of a loving God in her life. ■





Youth and Spirituality: Meeting a Canadian Need

by Lynn Neumann McDowell, Director of College Relations

As Toronto Star columnist Royson James pointed out in his article on the need for Adventist youth pastors and the difficulty of getting them in Canada (Adventist Review, May 1999, NAD edition), Canadian youth are searching for spirituality and leaders who can speak to them. Now, two new academic programs — CUCs B.A. in religious studies with emphasis in adventure-based youth leadership (a pastoral track), and a minor in youth ministry (YM) — are addressing that need and getting a very positive response. And Campus Ministries is supporting dynamic youth spirituality with other enriching activities, including Weeks in Spiritual Emphasis (WISE) and 16 student-led ministries.

New Youth Program Enrolment Bears out Predicted Trend for Adventist Pastors



Chanda Nunes

Last fall, CUC launched two new pastoral programs for youth ministers — religious studies with applied emphasis in adventure-based youth leadership (ABYL) and

the youth ministry minor — and they are getting enthusiastic responses.

CUC president Randal Wisbey and chaplain Sabine Vatel, who will team teach a class beginning in January (Homiletics in the Context of Youth Ministry, which teaches the inductive preaching style of Christ) are excited about the class and the new programs in general. When asked whether or not the programs would grow, Wisbey quickly answered, “Absolutely. Youth ministry is growing in the church.”

Female youth pastors, Wisbey further explains, are expected to be the biggest area of pastoral job growth, and the CUC statistics bear out this interest: four of the 10 individuals currently enrolled in the two tracks are women.

The ABYL track was first proposed by outward pursuits (OP) instructor Paul Lehmann last year because of the

positive response of youth to OP activities. The new administrative team, particularly Wisbey and Dr. John McDowell, vice president for academic administration, in collaboration with the religious studies department, quickly worked to get the programs accredited and running.

Chanda Nunes, a student in the new youth ministry (YM) program, was previously an outward pursuits major. Nunes switched this fall to religious studies with a minor in YM. She felt that God was calling, and says that her teachers were a big influence.

Nunes finds instructor Grant Misseghers, youth director for the Alberta Conference, a great addition to the instructional staff (see Success Stories, next page). A fresh graduate from the SDA Theological Seminary and a former student of Wisbey, Misseghers has a very down-to-earth approach to the Fundamentals of Youth Ministry class, and Nunes loves his perspective.

When asked about where she will finish her YM program, Nunes responded, “CUC is where it’s at.” Nunes feels that to “remember now the Creator in the days of thy youth” is an extremely important aspect of college life and that CUC enhances her opportunities to do just that. ■

by Preston Smith and
Lynn N. McDowell

Religious Studies Students Reach Out to Local Community



Errol Lawrence

This year the religious studies department is reaching out to the surrounding community of Lacombe as well as preparing students for practical ministry.

“We, as a department,” says religious studies chair Dr. Errol Lawrence, “are working with the church and the behavioral science department to survey the community,” focusing on various family life issues. “Our goal is to make [CUCs ministerial studies] as practical as possible.”

In conjunction with the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church, religious studies majors will be assisting, preparing, and presenting workshops on issues relevant to families. One of the objectives is to present Adventists as people who care about meeting the felt needs of others.

Lawrence, a former missionary and pastor for more than 20 years, is constantly on the lookout for ways to give practical assistance to churches in the Canadian field. This summer, he led out in a seminar at the Ontario campmeeting and was the main weekday morning speaker at the Hope, B.C., campmeeting.

by Jennifer C. Slawson

The Next Step: Fulfilling CUC's Strategic Plan

CUC is acting upon the strategic plan voted by the CUC board of trustees in October, 1999, to ensure its development and growth as the institution of Adventist higher education in Canada for young people and others wanting to pursue their academic goals in an Adventist environment. These strategies grew out of the 16 Steps to Success voted by the board in April, 1999.

One of the goals recognized by the plan is to make CUC more accessible to both its current and potential students. This goal was articulated as step 2: "Canadian University College will be committed to increasing its enrolment by reaching out to its traditional constituency and to the larger community of students interested in studying in a Christian context, while continuing to assure that the school remains boldly Adventist." While CUC has long maintained partnership agreements with three Adventist universities/colleges, one of the additional strategies voted by the board for achieving step 2 is to develop partnerships with area schools.



Wisbey and Woodward at signing

November 10, 1999, was therefore a significant day: a new reciprocal agreement was signed by the presidents of CUC and a local college, Red Deer College.

The agreement outlines the intention of the two central Alberta education institutions to increase opportunities for student learning through degree completion and course transfer arrangements. RDC, a public college

that provides courses for 4,000 students, is not able to grant academic degrees. CUC, with about 10 percent of RDCs enrolment, has several degree programs and looks forward to expanding the variety of courses and facilities available to its students.

"While Canadian University College has formal agreements with Loma Linda University [M.A. in marital and family therapy], La Sierra University [M.A. in education], and Union College [bachelor of education degrees], this will be the first agreement with a college in central Alberta," Wisbey noted.

In his speech at the signing, Wisbey said, "I am very grateful for the work of Dr. John McDowell and our Academic Committee, as well as the co-operative spirit of the administrative team and faculty of RDC, for bringing this important development to fruition."

The first programs slated for detailed reciprocal agreements are music, biology (pre-med), and business. ■

Herr's Research Acclaimed in Israel



Dr. Larry Herr

In a review of the book *Published Pottery of Palestine* by Dr. Larry Herr, of CUC's religious studies department, and Dr. Warren Trenchard, former vice president

for academic affairs at CUC, Ann E. Killebrew, of the University of Haifa in Haifa, Israel, praised the work of Herr and Trenchard. Killebrew calls the book "a must for all individuals dealing with ancient ceramic studies . . . (a) starting point for all studies of ancient Palestinian pottery."

CUC's archaeology laboratory, which houses many of the artifacts unearthed by Herr and his companions at Tall al-Umayri in Jordan every other summer, is visited each year by several

non-Adventist archaeologists who wish to study the finds.

One such archaeologist is Dr. Dorothy Irvin, a Catholic theologian and scholar, who studies the work of women in different time periods and cultures to discover how they budgeted their time. Irvin, a textiles expert, came to see the cloth Herr's team found and to study the way the women made threads and cloth.

This past summer, Herr spent two weeks in Jordan working with a team as an expert chronologist in broken pottery. In addition, he served Canadian Adventists by leading out in break-out sessions at the Ontario campmeeting on the topic of Biblical archaeology, and spent four days conducting continuing education for ministers, lecturing on such topics as The Archaeology of

Christ and The Land Flowing with Milk and Honey. ■

by Lynn Neumann McDowell



Visiting archaeologist Dorothy Irvine

Graduate and Professional School Acceptances of CUC Graduates —

James Jeffery, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry; Grant Erickson, Loma Linda University School of Medicine; Katerina Kurteeva, Loma Linda University School of Medicine; Jamie Bird, Master of Business Administration, La Sierra University; David Worley, Master of Business Administration, La Sierra University; Chansonette Badduke, Master of Science (biology), Andrews University; Lauralee Brock, University of Alberta School of Medicine; Preethi Dara, University of Victoria, Master of Science (biology); Michael Sanz, Master of Science (biology), Walla Walla College; Melody Rhine, University of Alberta,

Master of Arts (English as a second language); Meryl Carey, Bachelor of Education (in French) at the Faculte St. Jean, University of Alberta; Sheri (Tranq) Dean, Dental Hygiene, University of Alberta; Marlon Peter, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

New Pastoral Team — The fall '99 addition of Sabine Vatel and Honey Todd, a recent graduate from the CUC campus Loma Linda University Marital and Family Therapy program, make CUC the only Adventist university/college church to have an equal balance of male and female pastors.

300 WISE Students Respond to Altar Call — At the altar call that concluded the fall WISE (Week in Spiritual Emphasis) presented by the four youth pastors who are members of the contemporary Christian band Big Face Grace, more than 300 students came forward.

Ron Sydenham (senior pastor), Honey Todd (associate pastor), Errol Paiipane (associate pastor, youth), Sabine Vatel (chaplain), and Belinda Bader (administrative secretary)



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I measure my time from CUC forward.

Grant Misseghers, Red Deer, Alberta
B.A., Religious Studies, CUC, 1994; M.Div. SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University, 1999; Youth Director, Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; Instructor in CUC's Youth Ministry/Adventure-based Youth Leadership programs

"There were no defining moments in my life before that," says the Alberta Conference youth leader. "CUC absolutely changed my life."

An introvert who dropped out of technical school, "I was no professor's dream," Grant says.

Like Moses, Grant questioned his calling. "God was faithful," he now testifies. "God equips you for what He calls you to do."

Equipped with practical knowledge and experience ("I felt well prepared, even in that first year in the field after graduation"), Grant felt called to and pursued youth ministry at seminary under Randal Wisbey. But working with his mentor as part of a teaching team is a pleasure Grant never dreamed of when he sat in Wisbey's Foundations of Youth Ministry class. "He [Wisbey] is on the cutting edge when it comes to youth ministry," Grant says. "It's very exciting to be working with him."

And he's excited by what he sees on the other side of the desk as well. "I'm totally amazed at the students we have in the [youth ministry/ABYL] program," he says. Some of the brightest and best youth ministry talent he's seen, he says, are sitting in his CUC classroom ... in Canada's first class of youth ministry leaders.



ADRA Canada

The Road to Mandalay

Addressing the Challenges in Myanmar (Burma)



Top right: Much of Myanmar's lower territory is a river delta; Buddhist pagodas are located on nearly every high spot

Above: The Upper Burma (Myanmar) Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was established in 1919

Right: ADRA helps hospitals rehabilitate leprosy patients and teach them practical skills



The title engenders memories of World War II and the romance of our cultural past.

Today, Myanmar is a country of 45 million people. It is a tropical land, with much of its lower territory consisting of the river delta of the Irrawaddy River; the northern part of the country is quite mountainous. Myanmar sits between China, Laos, Thailand, India, and Bangladesh.

Adventism began in old Burma at the beginning of the twentieth century. It was made famous in Adventist circles by the escapades and writings of Eric B. Hare, and many of us can remember his stories from our childhood.

Myanmar has had many political problems during the past 40 years, and this instability has not helped in its development. Poverty is widespread, and along with this goes disease and suffering.

ADRA Myanmar is struggling to help wherever possible. The scourge of leprosy is still a problem, and ADRA is helping to ease the plight of so many who have this disease. Leprosy is now curable if the diagnosis is made early. The terrible deformities come during the more advanced stages of this disease and are a direct result of injuries to the areas of the body where the nerves have been destroyed. Rehabilitation and physical therapy are two areas where ADRA helps in the

hospitals. It is wonderful to see people trained in useful work, even when terrible deformities have changed their lives.

ADRA Myanmar has worked on improving the water supply for many villages and has worked with a local hospital on snakebite prevention and treatment. Myanmar has some of the most poisonous snakes in the world, and many people die every year as a result of their bites. About 80 percent of all snake bite victims are bitten by the russells viper. This snake's venom causes internal bleeding which leads to death. People are also killed by cobras, when the venom causes respiratory arrest. People living in the country who are very poor are usually the victims, as they are often foraging in the jungle for food and firewood. The ADRA project endeavours to teach people how to avoid getting bitten by these deadly snakes. They also learn what treatments will help and what will not.

As I flew over the country from Yangon (Rangoon) to Mandalay, I saw literally hundreds of Buddhist temples/pagodas on almost every high spot. This is a country with so many needs and problems! We at ADRA Canada are doing our best to help where we can. ■

*Oliver Lofton-Brook,
Executive Director, ADRA Canada*

NEWS

of Canadian Adventist members and churches in action

■ MANITOBA / SASKATCHEWAN

A Population Explosion in Regina

It took three years of planning and a year of preparation. It called for a significant sacrifice of time, energy, and money. It required an outstanding speaker and Bible-based presentations. It came together on Friday evening, Sept. 10, in the Center of the Arts building in Regina.

Well over 400 people attended the opening presentation of the Prophecy Seminar presented by It Is Written evangelist Leo Schreven. Although the meeting did not commence until 7:15 p.m., people arrived more than an hour before to ensure that they would get a good seat. They came for a variety of reasons. Some were seeking, some were curious, some came alone, some came with family or friends.

A dedicated support team greeted people as they arrived and took care of the Bible tables, admission tickets, and offerings. In addition to a nursery for infants, children aged 2 to 6 and 7 to 12 enjoyed programs designed especially for them.

Each evening, Schreven shared the gospel message in his uncompromising, energetic, and often humorous style. As he unfolded the truths of the books of Daniel and Revelation, his audience members were often confronted with things they had not heard before. Reactions ranged from disbelief to sheer amazement. After each presentation, we would hear people ask why no one else was teaching the things they were hearing.

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Tammy and Leo Schreven (center) with Tracey and Jennifer Lisik, who took care of the tape table; Tracey's parents, Greg and Sandra, were baptized and are now members of the Moose Jaw church

Schreven's wife, Tammy, provided the music and managed the day-to-day organization. Her cheerful smile and endless patience endeared her to everyone she met.

Attendees were encouraged to study the lecture notes which were handed out after each session. Local pastor Ian Cotton started each meeting with a lesson quiz reviewing the previous evening's lecture.

Parents expressed gratitude for the care given to the many children who attended each evening. Elsie Geiger and her crew spent patient hours caring for the infants. Cheryl Moats, with local pastor Rowell Puedivan and his wife, Eldinh, did a superb job of presenting the love of Jesus through music, instruction, and activities.

The Center of the Arts building was the venue for the first 14 meetings. The seminar was then relocated to the local church on Hill Avenue. Well over 100 attendees, as well as local church members, met together in the sanctuary each evening for the remaining nine presentations.

During the last weekend of the meetings, Schreven conducted a marriage ceremony. Dennis Pecush and Dolores Richardson had faithfully attended the seminar. Many stayed behind after the presentation on the Sabbath evening to share in the joy of the occasion. Pecush and Richardson have since been baptized.

On the last Sabbath, we celebrated eight baptisms and one rebaptism. It was a delightful day, and the



The Schrevens with some of the support team

fellowship meal gave us all an opportunity to become better acquainted.

The last four days with Leo and Tammy were a flurry of activity as preparations were made to take care of a large baptism on Oct. 14. Hard work and innovation on the part of Gerald Reich, Stewart Mathieson, and their team took care of creating sufficient space for people to change in and out of baptismal robes. Many others spent long hours behind the scenes to ensure that the service would run smoothly.

More than a few tears were shed as 54 people made a public confession of faith in front of family and friends and one was rebaptized. Leo Schreven introduced each candidate, while Pastor Ian Cotton and Pastor Rowell Peudivan took care of the baptisms. Two of the candidates, Greg and Sandra Lisik, joined our sister church in Moose Jaw.

Following the baptism, those present gathered in the school gym for a time of fellowship and light refreshments. This gave us all the opportunity to bid farewell to the Schrevens as they left to minister to new fields.

Since then, we have been blessed with several more baptisms. Our new church family members range in age from eight to 84 and include people from all age groups.

What a joy to see husbands take their stand after attending church with their wives for many years. How thrilling to see a wife and mother's prayers answered as her husband and two teenaged children enter the waters of baptism. Our cup was filled to overflowing as a family of five made the commitment together.

They have brought a renewed sense of excitement and commitment to our church family. We look forward to further baptisms in the future as the spirit of God continues to move on the hearts of others who have heard Pastor Schreven's presentations. ■

by Averil Cotton

Varied Contacts Lead to Baptisms

On July 16, Cheryl Johnston, Tracey Lisik, and Joan Dowie were baptized in the Regina church by Pastor Ian Cotton.

Johnston was not a churchgoer. For two years in a row, she had received advertising flyers for the Prophecy Seminar conducted by the Regina church. The first time she received the invitation, she was hesitant and felt too scared to attend. So she spent a year studying the Bible and reading. When the flyer came the second time, Johnston felt ready to follow it up. She attended the seminar, which was conducted by Dave Ogram and Donavon Young in a community center in north Regina and was excited by what she learned. When the seminar was moved to the church, she continued to attend the studies conducted by Rod

Ramsay each Sabbath morning. Her husband, Jim, attended some of the meetings and has been coming to church regularly with Cheryl and their 10-year-old son, Christopher.

Dowie had attended Alliance and Anglican churches for some years but did not find the spiritual fulfilment she was seeking. For the past six years, she had not been attending church. One day, she received an advertising flyer in the mail for a Prophecy Seminar being held in Regina. Laying it aside on her table, she recalled that the Alliance church had said you could not understand the prophecies. At that point, she had a strong impression that she should attend these meetings. Despite what she had previously been told, Dowie discovered that she could, indeed, understand the prophecies. Like Johnston, she also attended the continuing studies in the church each Sabbath morning and made her decision to be baptized.



**Joan Dowie, Tracey Lisik, and Cheryl Johnston
on their baptism day**

Lisik was employed in the military for 10 years. During this time, he met Jennifer Puscus, a member of the Regina church. He drove down from Saskatoon each weekend and attended church with her. He attended the Net '98 meetings in Weyburn and then took further Bible studies with Pastor Rowell Puedivan. At the same time, he and Puscus were taking pre-marriage counselling with the pastor. He was baptized two weeks before their wedding. Lisik is no longer employed in the military and now works in construction with fellow church members. ■

by Averil Cotton

Friends Overcome Distance in Arranging Baptism

On August 7, Pastor Dave Jamieson had the privilege of baptizing his daughter, Chantel, in the Regina church; also baptized were Brittany Miller and Sandra Koch, who attend Curtis-Horne Christian School.

Jamieson, Miller, and Koch decided a year before



Although they live in different provinces, Chantel Jamieson (shown with her father, Pastor Dave Jamieson), Brittany Miller, and Sandra Koch arranged to be baptized together

that they would like to be baptized together. However, there was a complication: Jamieson moved from Regina to Newfoundland when her father took over the conference presidency there. Separated by so many miles, it seemed unlikely that this wish would be fulfilled. These three young ladies were enthusiastic Pathfinders, and their families decided to travel to the camporee in Oshkosh together. Jamieson and her family would drive to Saskatchewan to meet up with the Regina Pathfinders so that they could travel to the camporee in one vehicle. A short time before this trip, Jamieson told her father about her wish to be baptized with her friends in Regina, and a few phone calls later, her wish was in the process of being fulfilled after all. ■

by Averil Cotton

■ ALBERTA

Connecting with God

The following testimony comes from Dee Power, a new member in Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Looking through my mail one day, I found a brochure titled The Next Millennium Seminar: Your Future on the Eve of 2000. The meeting that interested me the most was How to Handle Stress in Today's Stressful World. If ever I needed a meeting, this was it. I cannot explain it, but a peace came over me at the meeting. Driving home that very evening, I didn't know the words, but I sang, "Jesus is truly alive, and He is coming again." The northern lights put on such a spectacular show that I felt incredibly close to God.

I couldn't get enough of these meetings. During the second to last meeting, with tears streaming down my cheeks, I went forward and gave my life to Jesus. I said to God, "I am coming to you with alcohol, cigarettes, drug addictions and other baggage." His reply was, "There is salvation for any earthly being who will reach out and take it." I took it!

I have not had any alcohol or cigarettes since Nov. 1, 1998, but I do not take any credit for this victory. I came through grasping God's promises and praying, sometimes at five-minute intervals. I give God all the

glory! I have been drug free since my baptism on May 15, 1999. Praise His holy name! "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." During this crisis, and since my baptism, I have found great comfort and strength not only by reading God's Holy Word but also the writings of Ellen White. God's spirit is using this means to change me. I love this statement I read from Ellen White's writings: "We have reason for gratitude to God every moment that we have the privilege of connecting with Him." I want to stay connected with him and hide in Jesus. ■

Fairview Baptisms



Pastor Justis St. Hilaire and Janaya St. Hilaire

Some time ago, Shani Pittman decided to study the Bible with her mother and father-in-law, who are faithful members of the Fairview SDA Church. As she studied, she became more and more convicted concerning the truths she was learning. She started to attend church and

continued to come when circumstances allowed her to be there. As the Holy Spirit continued to lead her, she eventually decided to be baptized and joined the fellowship in Fairview. Today the members are glad that Pittman took her stand for the Lord and look forward to helping her in her spiritual walk.

Last spring, the Fairview church decided to start a small groups program to encourage its members to come for the purpose of nurturing and doing outreach. As a result, Joline Reid, who was not a member, was invited by some friends to attend a small group that was meeting in Hines Creek. As she started to come to the meetings that were being held there by Norm Johnson, she began to see the Bible in a whole new light. With time and the leading of the Holy Spirit, she eventually decided to join the Fairview church family. Today we are glad to welcome her as one of our newest members and look forward to seeing how God will use her gifts.

On Aug. 21, Pastor Justis St. Hilaire had the



Joline Reid and Shani Pittman

privilege of baptizing Janaya St. Hilaire. This was an exciting day for the entire family as Janaya made her commitment to take her stand for her Lord. Janaya's grandparents, Alex and Lena Yaceyko, were there to witness her baptism, which helped to commemorate the event. This was a very special occasion for the entire family, who were pleased to have the church's support for the witness of this occasion. ■

Happy New Year from Parkview Adventist Academy

As we rang in the New Year, many of us made resolutions to improve our lifestyle. As I look back over the past year, I wonder what I have done to improve the lives of those around me. I am reminded of the many opportunities which I did not take advantage of that have presented themselves to me.

Last October, I had the chance to attend one of the Festival '99 meetings in Calgary, hosted by Franklin Graham. As my friends and I traveled from CUC, we were looking forward to the mini concert that was to feature Jars of Clay. As the concert ended, we discussed our next course of action. Should we stay and listen to the message that would be presented, or should we leave and begin our journey home?

I believe that the decision to stay was the correct one. During the time between Jars of Clay and Franklin Graham, there was an appeal by an organization called Samaritan's Purse. The project called Operation Christmas Child provides shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts to needy children around the world. As I listened to the presentation, I was impressed to become a part of the project, and I picked up a shoe box on my way out.

"What better time to present the Christmas message than at Christmas?" was the question posed to all in attendance. I wanted the students in my science class to be part of such a wonderful program, so I made the shoe box a class project. It was our chance to let someone know that Jesus loves them.

Our outreach started as a class project with the goal of making a difference in the community. Our students felt it was necessary to practice what they preach, and thus began our outreach program. Every year, students attending the religious studies class take time from their classroom activities to perform various tasks in the local community. Everything from raking leaves to food bank drives becomes a personal mission for them, just one more opportunity to show God's love in the community. After all, isn't the role of the church to be a beacon of light to the community?

Becoming a part of the Samaritan's Purse was easy, and it will be one of the chances to make a difference that I did not pass up. "You are light for the world.

A city cannot be hidden when it is located on a hill. No one lights a lamp under a blanket. Instead, everyone who lights a lamp puts it on a lamp stand. Then its light shines on everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine in front of people. Then they will see the good that you do and praise your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

If you would like to get involved with Samaritan's Purse, they can be contacted at:

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by *Alastair Atherton*
Recruiting Officer

As I look back
over the past
year, I wonder
what I have
done to
improve the
lives of those
around me.

■ O N T A R I O

North American Ghanaian Adventists Meet in Oshawa

More than 700 Ghanaian Adventists living in North America and representatives from Europe and Africa camped at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont., last summer for their annual campmeeting and spiritual revival.

It was a spiritual opportunity for the campers to study the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Christian. Vital questions such as "Who is the Holy Spirit? What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? How do the fruits of the Spirit manifest themselves in the Christian family?" were explored through the many presentations and workshops.

The guest speaker for the function was Dr. Robert C. Connor, from the United States. According to African religious history, Connor, popularly known as "the small man with a big voice" was the first evangelist



**Derrick Nichols, president of the Ontario Conference
welcomes members to the Ghanaian international camp meeting**

**Every year
Ghanaian
Adventists in
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meet for
spiritual
revival.**

to Africa to lead more than 500 people to Christ at a meeting series in Ghana in 1980.

Connor spoke on the topic "The Holy Spirit: Brain's Life." He assured Christians that Jesus never fails and that the Holy Spirit brings unity. He used the experience of the disciples of Jesus on the day of Pentecost to emphasize the need for unity among fellow believers. He stressed, "God gave us to each other, and if we come together, the devil can't break us."

Every year since 1991, Ghanaian Adventists in North America meet for spiritual revival. They also encourage one another in the faith and set evangelism plans to reach non-Adventist Ghanaians in North America. This year, it was the turn of the Toronto Ghanaian SDA Church to host the camp meeting, just two weeks after they returned from the Ontario Conference camp meeting, also held at Kingsway College.

Dr. Owusu Antwi, of Valley View University (VVU), the Adventist university in Ghana, used the occasion to promote the university and asked all Ghanaian Adventists and well-wishers abroad to support the institution. VVU is the first full-fledged private university established in Ghana.

Other speakers at the meeting included Pastor Pipim Koranteng (United States), author of *Receiving the Word*; Pastor Kwabena Donkor (Toronto); Elder Kofi Appiah (United States); Elder Joe Kingsley Eyiah (Toronto), Dr. Yeboah (United States); Elder D.N. Yeboah (Montreal); and Pastor Affum Sr. (Ghana). Elder Derrick Nichols and Pastor Dirk Zinner represented the Ontario Conference. Participants attended from Canada, the United States, England, Germany, and Ghana. ■

Celebrating a Decade of Women's Ministries

Chosen and Cherished was the theme of the events held in September to celebrate the 10th anniversary of women's ministries in the Ontario Conference.

And chosen and cherished were the women who came from across Ontario and Quebec as they fellowshiped, worshipped, and were nurtured emotionally, spiritually, and physically during this retreat.

The keynote speakers, from the Southern Union, were Hazel Gordon, an outstanding vocal and keyboard musician; Jacqueline Croumel-Ross, a soloist of great depth and feeling, and Gale Murphy, a composer and pianist who captivated attendees with her inimitable humor.

The seven workshops on Sabbath morning were interactive, fun, inspirational, Christ-centered, and filled with opportunities for emotional and spiritual growth. The workshop presenters were Ermine Leader, Glenda Gensolin, Francis Houston, Gale Murphy,



Jacqueline Ross, Glenda-mae Greene, and Hiede Forde.

The Sabbath afternoon service was a tribute of God's love and care as several musicians shared their vocal and instrumental talent. The celebration supper included two beautifully-decorated cakes, complete with 10 candles recognizing the anniversary. The weekend program was another reminder of how God is constantly choosing and cherishing us as His precious children. ■

*by Jean Turner,
women's ministries committee member,
College Park SDA Church*

News Notes from Perth



(L to R) Victoria, Pastor Doug Pollington, Cathy Pollington, Glenn and Jean Lewis; not present: Tania McGlade

During Net '98, one of our youth accepted Christ, and at the invitation of Pastor Doug Pollington, two more youth joined her in studying the Bible in preparation for baptism. This summer, Candace and Marina Hutchings and Kyle Daigle committed their lives to Christ and were baptized.

Early last spring, the Lord spoke to the heart of Tania McGlade and her mother, Jean Lewis, to begin a

clothing giveaway ministry. We had the room for such a ministry, and a shed was purchased and placed at the Perth Mews Mall to receive used clothing. People came and are still coming and telling their friends about it. The second time we opened, a woman came who was personally involved in a clothing giveaway. Not only has she come every time to help us out, but she is studying the Bible and hopes to be baptized in the spring. Many friends have been made, and much literature is being given away.

A number of people came to the Net NY '99 seminar held in our church. One woman came on a regular basis and is attending church with us now. As a follow-up, we are hoping to involve these women in a study of the book of Daniel with church members at prayer meeting, in hopes of blending in with the It Is Written Revelation series in the spring. What can we say but praise the Lord for giving our little group direction in ministry. As our pastor says, "All He asks is that we keep on sowing seed, and He will attend to the harvest." ■

*by Ruby Richardson,
communication secretary*

Brantford Celebrates Centennial

The Brantford SDA Church is one of the oldest Adventist churches in Canada, being formally organized on Oct. 1, 1899, by the newly-elected and first president of the Ontario Conference, Elder F.D. Starr. Early records indicate that a small company of Adventists met in Brantford as early as 1873.

To commemorate those early beginnings and God's continued leading, a special 100th anniversary celebration was planned for Oct. 2, 1999, with Robert Folkenberg, who currently serves in the Global Mission department at the General Conference, as the main speaker.

Among the 200 to 300 individuals in attendance were local civic dignitaries, former members, and representatives from the Ontario Conference. ■

Yugoslavian SDA Church Celebrate 30th Anniversary



In the presence of more than 350 guests and those who were hosting the event, the Toronto Yugoslavian SDA Church celebrated its 30th anniversary on Oct. 9, 1999.

A rich musical program — prepared by local members and guest speaker Dr. Radisa Antic, president of the Southeast European Conference — gave real essence to this celebration. As the logo of the anniversary read, "Til here the Lord was helping us," church members expressed thanks to the Lord for the existence of this church. Over the past 30 years, this church became a refuge for those who had left their mother country and had come to the new world.

During the program, more than 35 people received plaques for actively participating in building this church three decades ago; these included Vojo Vitorovic, architect; Milan Milekic, building project supervisor; the late Pastor Kanacki; Pastor Slavko Manestar; and others. ■

■ Q U E B E C

One Hundred Years of Ministry

The Westmount SDA Church in Montreal celebrated its centennial Oct. 1 to 3 — 100 years since the church was organized.

On that Sunday in 1899, A.C. Bourdeau conducted a baptismal service at which 10 people joined the church. That afternoon, a church of 22 charter members was born. Of these individuals, nine joined by transfer, three by profession of faith, and the remainder through the recent baptism. The officiating pastors were A.C. Bourdeau, D.T. Bourdeau, and L.N. Williams, president of the Quebec Conference. At that time, the church was located in a room at 862 St. Laurence St. Since then, the church was relocated twice before coming to its present location in the city of Westmount.

The events of the centennial celebration began



Robert Folkenberg and local pastor Blaine Fults join in the cutting of the 100-year anniversary cake at the Brantford church's centennial celebration

Beginning with 22 members, Westmount grew to 627 during the century.

with a sermon by Pastor John Adams, a former Westmounter who is now pastor of the Calgary Bridgeland church and Calgary South Side company. Orville Parchment, president of the SDA Church in Canada, conducted the Sabbath School lesson, and Pastor R.O.A. Samms, former pastor of Westmount and former president of the Quebec Conference, was the speaker for the divine service.

On Sabbath afternoon, with former pastor Wayne Martin as chairperson, the program featured the pioneers — some of them, at least! On Sunday, an impressive baptism of three individuals was conducted by our new pastor, Mansfield Washington Edwards, who arrived in September, just in time to take part in the centennial event. His polishing touch to the program was welcomed and greatly appreciated. The day ended with reminisces and a brunch. Many old-timers connected the past with the present.

The centennial year ended on Dec. 31. There were at least three programs, all about the pioneers, a social evening with a centennial cake on Dec. 28, and a baptism on New Year's Eve. What better way to end the year and to begin the millennium!

Our shut-ins were not forgotten; they were visited with fruit baskets and flowers, and arrangements are afoot to bring those who can sit up to a midday service some time in the new year. To all of our guest speakers and visiting friends, thank you most sincerely for coming. To the centennial committee members, your hard work was greatly appreciated, and to our members, thank you for your support. ■

*by M. Lee,
communication department*



(L to R) George Warren, Emelyn Campbell, and Cynthia Tomlinson stand with Pastor Mansfield Edwards on the day of their baptism

■ **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

No Holding Back



Eight students and staff children were baptized together at Fountainview Academy

During this school year, many staff at Fountainview Academy, located in Lillooet, B.C., have been meeting and praying every day for the conversion of each of our students. The Lord has been answering our prayers, and the young people who chose to be baptized are on fire for the Lord. Their testimonies in short follow. At present, our enrolment consists of 33 young people, so the baptism of this many students and staff children represents a substantial number of our school family members.

Desarae Wideen, Grade 9 — “This was my decision to be baptized. I had wanted to do what was right but was holding back in some areas of my life. Other students and I had some bad magazines and music CDs. One evening, two of my friends made a dramatic decision to break all their CDs and tear up their bad magazines. It was the prompting I needed, and I joined in. With this out of my life, I wanted to step forward and commit all of my life to Jesus in baptism.”

Carla Weich, Grade 10 — “After seeing Net '98 and this year, Net '99, I know Jesus is coming soon. I saw I needed to turn to God and be ready. My Bible classes at Fountainview Academy, proving God by the works of His creation, strengthened my faith and trust in God to dedicate my life to Him publicly in baptism.”

Tamara LaRoy, Grade 11 — “I felt empty inside and wanted something to fill that spot. During Net '98 meetings at Fountainview Academy, I was not listening to the Holy Spirit, but this year I was. The meetings brought me to my decision to let Jesus fill my life.”

Calya Prouty, Grade 9 — “Because I came from basically a gang, I chose friends at Fountainview Academy that I thought would be bad. When they chose to follow God, I saw the power of God changing

their interests and desires and giving them peace and happiness that I didn't have. Like my friend, Tamara, I felt empty inside and wanted to be full of real happiness!"

Subir Mondol, Grade 12 — "I was baptized at 13 years of age, but I went off with the bad crowd and lost my interest in any type of religion. I was having a whole bunch of fun until I became like the prodigal son. It's so amazing how God created so many steps in a special pathway leading me to Him. Even if I wanted to go the wrong way, I couldn't miss God's lessons for me and the path He had laid out.

"At the Net '99 meetings and the academy Bible conference, I realized that being lost is very hard. When you try to run away from your conscience, you cannot, even if you try to. It is always there. It's very hard to reject God's guidance when you realize that when you are on His team, you only have to fight Satan, but when you are on Satan's side you have to fight God, the Holy Spirit, your conscience, the impressions from church services and meetings — all leaving you without peace.

"The Thursday before I was baptized, I was not completely sure that I would go ahead and be rebaptized. I was fighting in my mind, but I finally realized that I had nothing to lose if I said yes to God today, but if I didn't, then the struggle would go on. I finally said, 'Yes!' I came to Jesus, gave my heart to God, and now I want to reach out to my brothers."



Nellie Nadeau had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists before applying to Fountainview Academy; this year she was baptized along with several classmates

Nellie Nadeau, Grade 12 — "One year ago, Fountainview Academy seemed like a very interesting school: organic agriculture, work education, and staff who were all members of the Seventh-day Adventist church — what was that? My interest in spiritual things was growing at this time. I was looking everywhere, from Buddhism to Christianity, to God in nature, et cetera. But I didn't understand where God was leading me.

"It took two months at Fountainview Academy to realize, and to understand the real God. During these two months I argued, I wondered, I asked, I rejected, and finally, I accepted! I didn't understand why reading the Bible every day was important. Then a week-of-prayer speaker, Paul Volk, challenged us to read our Bibles at least 15 minutes every day for two weeks. Something

was pushing me to do it. I started with 30 minutes a day, and what happened? I couldn't stop! I couldn't live without it! I was addicted to my Bible! And more, I was in love with it!

"Since then, my heart opened. Since I am from Quebec and did not understand English well, I had a hard time following the messages in church. From this time on, I could understand everything, and Ellen White's books were a new discovery for me. The Holy Spirit really opened my heart, and I realized how much I had hurt Jesus by my sins, and how much I really need Him. I realized how great is the beauty of His love, and how much I need to help others find this peace and joy that I have found. I felt this great need to get married with Jesus, as fast as I could.

"One week before the baptism, even if I was excited, I knew Jesus was in my heart. There was a beautiful peace taking place in my soul. I was ready. The day of my baptism, I looked at my seven other friends joining me in baptism and realized that they were going to be my sisters and brothers. My joy was complete, but it was just the beginning!" ■

■ KINGSWAY COLLEGE

Students Experience 30-Hour Famine

Forty Kingsway College students participated in their annual 30-Hour Famine on Nov. 19 and 20. This event is organized by the Student Association and Campus Ministries. The objective is to experience a tiny bit of what it is like to be homeless and hungry.

The "famine" started at 1 p.m. on Friday. The students and their sponsors spent Friday evening singing, discussing various spiritual topics, and praying. The group experienced a wonderful closeness to each other and to God. At 11 p.m., it was bedtime, homeless style. With only sleeping bags and blankets, the girls



While fasting for 30 hours, Kingsway students made sack lunches for homeless people in Toronto

spent the night in the gym, while the boys slept in the student lounge. On Sabbath morning (no breakfast, of course), the group had their own Sabbath School and church service, with most of the students carrying water bottles with them.

At noon, it was time to make sandwiches for the homeless. The students had solicited donations of food items from various grocery stores; they also received food and monetary donations from the ABC, Ontario Conference employees, New Life Church, and the Kingsway College Parents Association. Sack lunches were prepared, consisting of two sandwiches, an apple, a granola bar, and a drink. Encouraging sayings and Bible verses were typed up and included in each lunch bag. The group then boarded the bus for Toronto. They split up into groups of four, carrying boxes full of sack lunches, which they delivered to the homeless on the streets.

“At first it was kind of scary,” says Stephanie Van Wort, a Grade 12 student who is the AYBL (Adventist Youth for Better Living) leader for the Student Association, and was the coordinator of this year’s program. “But the people were so grateful and kind, we soon lost all fear.” It really felt like we were making a difference in their lives, and at least for one day they would not have to go hungry. Even if they have forgotten us, it was an experience I will always remember. I will remember the thank you’s, and the appreciative smiles they gave.”

On the way back to Kingsway, the students sang songs and shared their experiences of the day. The day was so busy that they almost forgot they hadn’t eaten for 28 hours! At 6 p.m., some of the students went to the principal’s house for the regular Bible study, while others just rested. At 7 p.m. it was finally time to eat. Soup and sandwiches had never tasted so good! The students had obtained sponsors for their participation in the famine, and several hundred dollars were raised for ADRA to be used for a special project. Lisa Mercer, from ADRA Canada, joined the students at supper, handed out calendars, and delivered prizes to the students raising the most money.

Going hungry for just a few hours and at the same time providing food for those who live in hunger was a very rewarding experience for all. ■

■ SDA CHURCH IN CANADA

Canadian Ordained in Russia

After 23 years as a social worker, Heinz Volk, of Summerland, B.C., retired, but he did not settle down to a life of inactivity. Despite a heart attack and subsequent surgery involving six bypasses, he went to Russia as a volunteer English teacher.



Pastors Volk and Leonid with their wives and a few of the teachers and members of the Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk English Church

Arriving on Sakhalin, an island on the eastern coast of Russia, Volk, who had been an elder in the Penticton, B.C., church for 20 years, was asked to also be the pastor of the English church associated with Russian Sahn Yook University. This church is made up largely of high school and college students. Most of them are the only Adventists in their families, and face parental opposition.

Although 12 years ago most Russians were still afraid to attend church, these young people are not afraid to witness for their Lord. Some have persuaded some of their friends to be baptized. Most arrive at church at 10 a.m. and stay until 8 p.m. Besides translating for the services, they are involved in the church’s outreach programs. These weekly programs include visits to an orphanage, prison ministry, ministry to a drug rehabilitation center, children’s story hour, Bible studies, and a church service for invalids and destitute seniors.

Last summer, the Far Eastern Siberian Conference received 14 recommendations for pastoral ordination, of which eight were accepted. Volk was among them. Also ordained was Leonid Zachariah Leonidovich, a Moldovan, who serves as associate pastor of the English church and teaches theology at Russian Sahn Yook University.

The university is the only Adventist institution in the East Russian Union Mission, which is the largest in the world. It offers degrees in theology, linguistics, and computer science and is licensed to offer a degree in music. The associated English Language Institute has as many as 600 students.

One reason for the popularity of the school is that students can learn their target language from native speakers. Our teachers include Filipinos, Koreans, Japanese, a Ghanaian, a Congolese, Canadians, and a 69-year-old American. Canadians are especially in demand, both in the university and at the language institute.

Anyone willing and able to teach for a year and join this vibrant young church can contact Heinz Volk, vice president, at russia.samyook@snc.ru. ■

by Pastor Song Won Moo, president of Russian Sahn Yook University

■ NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

Guide Starts 2000 With Flying Colors



The Guide staff looks forward to a colorful future. (L to R) Randy Fishell, editor; Helen Lee, assistant editor; Brandon Reese, designer; Jason McCracken, marketing representative

Prayer changes things — including Guide magazine.

Guide wanted to print every issue in full color starting January 1, 2000, but it didn't look possible without increasing costs to subscribers. The Guide staff gathered with friends at the Review and Herald Publishing Association for a special prayer session.

"I felt the least we could do was pray," says Randy Fishell, editor-in-chief. "Within ten days, everything fell into place, as we reconfigured on a different printing press. Kids deserve the best, and that's what we try to give them."

As a local junior Sabbath school class leader and father of three young boys, Fishell knows what today's kids need. "I think it's vital for kids today to see that heaven is on the horizon and that we are a prophetic movement. That's the big picture. The little one is that Guide provides tangible examples of not only how to know God better, but also how to relate to other people. It's an important tool for young people as they grow."

Fishell is joined by two new faces: Brandon Reese, designer, and Helen Lee, assistant editor. Born in Korea, Lee comes to Guide from Southern Adventist

University, where she majored in English and religious studies.

Reese comes from North Carolina, where he designed an alternative weekly newspaper. "I used to love reading Guide," he remembers. "Now I want to make Christianity interesting for kids. I want Guide to be a quality magazine that kids will enjoy, where they can't wait to turn to the next page." ■

by Tompaul Wheeler

DoorWays Sharing the Gospel in a New Way

Since The Quiet Hour's first radio broadcast in July, 1937, one clear goal has guided the ministry: to bring people to Jesus. As better methods become available, The Quiet Hour adapted them to help share the story of Jesus around the world, first through radio and printed materials, and later through television, audio and videotapes, and the Internet. Even though times have changed since those early days of live radio broadcasts, our commitment to soul-winning remains the focus of all we do.

That's why we're so excited about our new radio broadcast. Beginning Sunday, Jan. 2, The Quiet Hour is introducing DoorWays, a new 15-minute radio program to replace The Quiet Hour radio broadcast. We think you'll love its great themes of God's saving grace and power, with fresh new perspectives on Christian living, end-time issues, family life, and current health topics.

Phil Robertson, producer of DoorWays, will be combining several of the best elements of successful Christian broadcasts: "Our goal is to create a program to introduce people to Jesus and to help them learn more of His life-changing power. Every broadcast is designed around this theme." ■

Net NY 99 News

Tape orders for Net NY '99 can be made by phoning 800/253-7077 between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. ET Sunday and Monday, and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, or by downloading the order form from the web site. A set of video tapes costs US\$159 plus shipping. The set includes 24 messages on 12 cassettes, a bonus tape with Pastor Doug Batchelor's conversion story and his sermon The Unsinkable Ship, plus one set of the Storacles of Prophecy. A set of 24 audio cassettes is available for US\$75. The set of cassettes comes in an album cover, but does not include the bonus tape or Storacles. All



tapes will be available in January, 2000.

Web site update: The #1 question people are asking is, "Will the web site continue?" The answer is yes, as long as there is interest, which should be for some time to come since the series is still being hosted on a delayed basis in a number of parts of the world and in North America. More series are planned for the early part of 2000. Downloadable RealAudio files of the meetings will be added to the web site in early February, a feature that will be particularly useful for overseas users. Questions can still be submitted via the Your Question link, so if you faxed in questions that weren't answered on air or online, enter them now! ■

Rodders Invite New Members

"Christ Restores" is the motto of the Adventist Rodders Club (ARC). Though only two years old, the family-oriented group has grown to include about 250 families in five countries. This fun group is finding ways to use their interest in cars as a way to reach people with the love of Jesus.



The line-up at the Upper Columbia Conference youth rally; special guest speaker was Ron Whitehead, associate youth director for the North American Division and ARC regional contact person for Michigan

The club's web site can be found at www.techline.com/~leiske/adventistrodgers.html. The site includes a mission statement as well as information about the history of the club, schedule of events, photo tours of past events, links to regional ARC web sites, and an online sign-up form for new members. You may also join the ARC by writing to Adventist Rodders Club, 38 Schafer Meadows Lane, Montesano, WA 98563. Dues are optional but not required.

An ARC Ameri-Cruise is planned for July 2 to 6, 2000. Plans are being made for a cruise to Wyoming or Colorado. Look for details on the ARC web site or via local representatives. ■

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■ Announcements

The Surrey Seventh-day Adventist Church is looking for the following missing members listed below with their last known address: John Watson, born 1977, Keene, Tex.; Jelena Watson, born 1935, Vancouver, B.C.; Wray Caldwell, Surrey, B.C.; Mary Breckenridge, Surrey; Shawn Bochar, Surrey; Donna Beverly Bochar, Surrey; Jean Fraser, Surrey; Dale Felt, Surrey; Suellen McConnell, North Delta, B.C.; Peter Bierling, Surrey; Ed Lenz, Delta, B.C.; Martina and Glen Pedersen, Vancouver; Dolores Ramirez of Surrey; Darcy Van Ochten, Port Alberni, B.C. Anyone with information should contact the Surrey SDA Church at 604/591-2922.

■ Legal Notice

Legal Notice: Notice is hereby given that the Quebec Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold a special session at the Westmount SDA Church, Apr. 2, 2000. The regular business meeting of the session will be called at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Apr. 2, 2000. The regular business meeting of the session will begin at 9:00 a.m. All matters pertaining to the general session — elections, reports, etc. — will be on the agenda.

Hector Jurado, Secretary

■ Births

Ryan Jonathan Tie Murley was born Jan. 29, 1999, to Joe and Donald (Grecian) Murley of St. John's, Nfld.

■ Weddings

Dorothy Waterman and **Daniel Adolf** were married Nov. 10, 1999, in Abbotsford, B.C., and are making their home in Abbotsford.

Melanie Oslund and **Stéphane Beaulieu** were married Aug. 15, 1999, in Ryley, Alta., and are making their home in College Heights, Alta. Melanie is the daughter of Roger and Mavis Oslund of Ryley, and Stéphane is the son of Léger and Darquise Beaulieu of Malartic, Que.

Melinda Jane Bohner and **Devin William Jollimore** were married on Oct. 3, 1999, in Halifax, N.S., and are making their home in Mount Uniacke, N.S. Melinda is the daughter of Barry and Caroline Bohner of Halifax, and Devin is the son of John and Katherine Jollimore of Tantallon, N.S.

■ Anniversaries

Courtney and **Bette Gimbel** of

Chehalis, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 27, 1999.

Will and Hanna Koppers of Mission, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 24, 1999. The Koppers have four children: Reiner (Elizabeth), Ralph (Esther), Ron (Kerstin) and Linda (Doug) Larsen. They have eight grandchildren.

Rudy and Stephanie Kwiram of Abbotsford, B.C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17, 1999. The Kwirams have one son, Ryan, and one grandson.

■ Obituaries

Violet Coolen was born Feb. 14, 1918, in Fox Point, N.S., and died Dec. 5, 1997, in Chester, N.S. She was predeceased by her husband, John. Surviving: son Reid (Margaret) of Fox Point; brother Floyd (Annie) of Halifax, N.S.; sister Marie (Donald) Soper of Dartmouth, N.S.; and two grandchildren.

Albertina (Hanelt) Fenogenv was born Feb. 22, 1902, in Klechche, Ukraine, and died Jan. 9, 2000, in Kelowna, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Nicholai. Surviving: son Walter Lipke; daughters Lydia Gross, Marta Frolenko, and Alvina Juice; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

W. Scott Hubley was born May 25, 1947, in Halifax, N.S., and died Oct. 16, 1999, in St. Margaret's Bay, N.S. Surviving: companion Lauren LeBlanc; sons Steven, Thomas, Jeffrey, and Peter; daughter Amy; twin brother Vince of Seabright, N.S.; and sister Heather Horne of Halifax.

Leslie John Kaytor was born Jan. 31, 1916, in Serath, Sask., and died Aug. 22, 1999, in Brantford, Ont. He acquired and donated the land where Hamilton Mountain SDA Church now stands. Surviving: wife Lillian of Brantford; son David of Kitchener, Ont.; daughters Joyce (Timo) Kaarima of Toronto, Ont., June (Leslie) Mitton of Florida, and Dawn (Dave) Oliver of Florida; brothers Andrew of Craven, Sask., Tony of Regina, Sask., John of Regina, and Peter of Southey, Sask.; sisters Helen of Victoria, B.C., Joanne of Brantford, Wilma of B.C., and Marie of Winnipeg, Man.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Goldie Large was born Apr. 24, 1908, in Drinkwater, Sask., and died Nov. 4, 1999, in Kelowna, B.C. Surviving: husband Jack; sons Bob, Brian, Dennis, Phil, John, and their spouses; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

George MacLean was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Hopewell, N.S., and

died Nov. 29, 1999, in Surrey, B.C. He wrote for several church magazines; served as a pastor, chaplain and radio evangelist in the Maritimes, Ontario, B.C., U.S.A., and Pakistan; and planned and built churches in Nova Scotia, Oregon and New York. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy. Surviving: sons Robert of Kyoto, Japan, and Derryl (Margaret) of Delta, B.C.; daughter Cherylene MacLean (Larry Arany) of Riverside, Calif.; sister Ethel Fullerton; and two grandchildren.

Helen Louise Meredith was born June 23, 1918, in Mawer, Sask., and died Nov. 30, 1999, in Surrey, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon. Surviving: Colin and Dale of Langley, B.C., daughter Trudy Vulivent of Saskatchewan; and five grandchildren.

Trella Mae (Cook) Novleky was born Sept. 29, 1925, in Sexsmith, Alta., and died Sept. 30, 1999, in Calgary, Alta. Surviving: husband Ivan; sons Dennis (Shelley), Greg (Laura) of Calgary, Alta., and Richard (Yvonne) of Moncton, N.B.; sister Alene (Milton) Cliffe of Winfield, B.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Clifford Reid was born Jan. 11, 1911, in Toronto, Ont., and died Dec. 17, 1999, in Oshawa, Ont. Surviving: sons Thomas and Ivan; daughters Evelyn Huggins and Evelina Parr; brothers George and Earl; sister Dorothy Woodrow; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Susan Margaret (Thompson) Robison was born Apr. 21, 1913, and died Nov. 21, 1999, in Salmon, Arm, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy. Surviving: sons Ernie (Pat) of Nanaimo, B.C.; daughters Joyce Robison (Larry Keetch) of Vancouver, B.C., and Hazel (Paul) Poslowsky of Campbell River, B.C.; brother Alec Thompson of Barhead; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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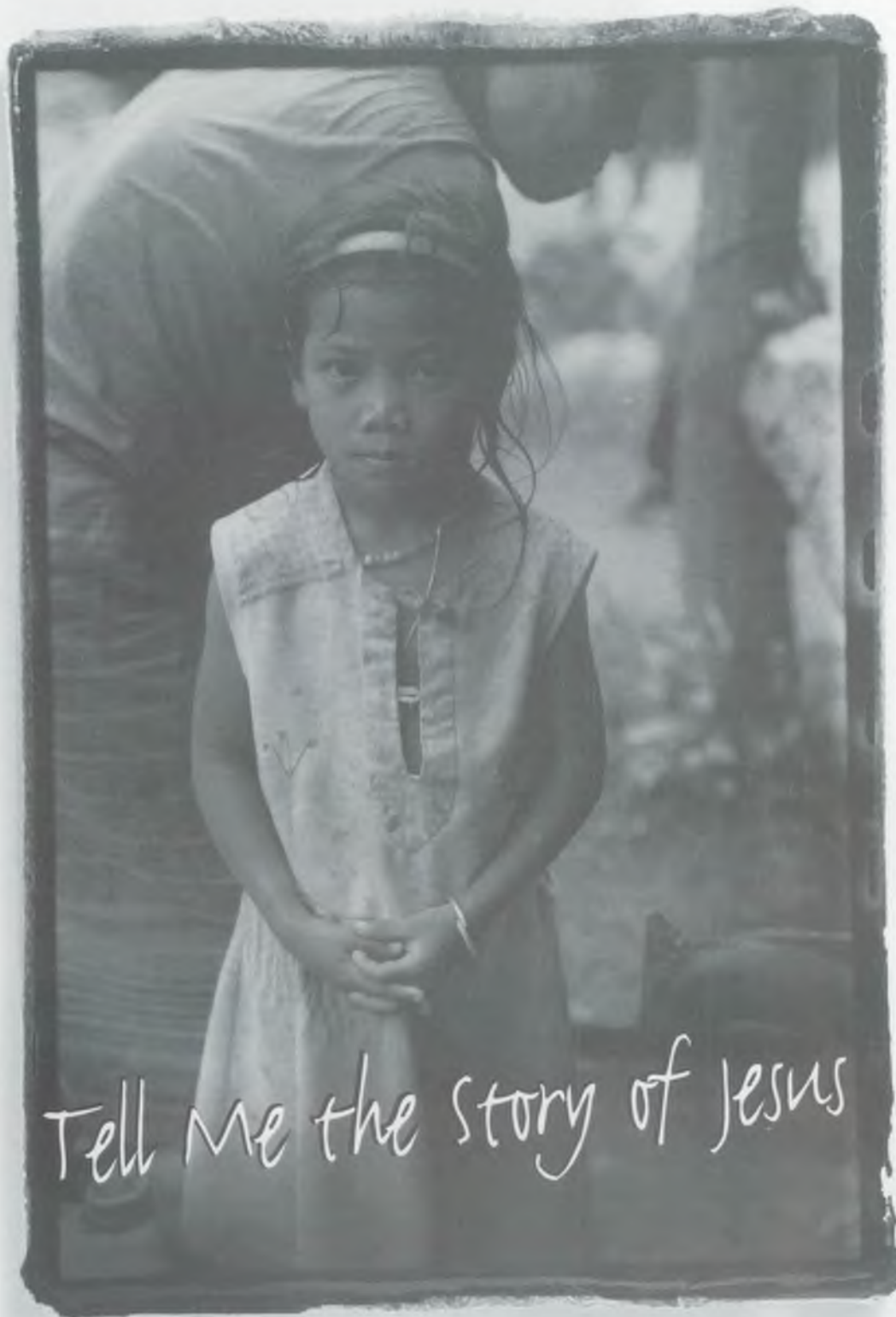
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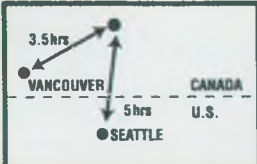
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