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When the Crunch Comes

It only took a look and Peter immediately remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly." Luke 22:61, 62.

Before this experience, Jesus had said to Peter, "You cannot follow me now." John 13:36. He was not in a fit state to follow Christ, because he had not yet confronted the problem of self.

Peter's life story has been very meaningful to me. His life, so full of failures yet changed through the converting power of the Holy Spirit. This gives me hope. However, I must remember that before Christ could bring about a change in Peter's life it was necessary for Peter to humble himself and weep bitterly.

Peter had a certain devotion that was admirable. When Christ called him to forsake his nets and follow Him, Peter did not hesitate. Afterward he could confidently say to the Lord, "I have forsaken all and followed you." Luke 5:11

He was also a man of ready obedience. When Christ said to him, "Launch out into the deep, and let down the net," (Luke 5:4) Peter, the veteran fisherman, was convinced that this request was an exercise in futility because they had been toiling all night and had caught nothing. However, in trusting obedience he responded, "At thy word I will let

down the net." Luke 5:5

He was a man of great faith. When He saw Christ walking on the water, he said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Matt. 14:28. At the voice of Christ he stepped out of the boat and walked upon the water.

Peter was a man of spiritual insights. When Christ asked the disciples, "Whom do you say that I am?" Peter was able to answer, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." And Christ said, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." Matt. 16:13-16

If Peter were living today, I would consider him a mature Christian. Yet, there was much lacking in his life. When there was questioning among the disciples as to who should be the greatest, Peter was there. He thought that he had a right to the very first place. He had left his boats and his nets, but not his old self.

In speaking to Peter, Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Luke 9:23 Self must be utterly denied. Later, in speaking to Peter again, He said, "Before the rooster crows twice you will deny me three times." Luke 22:34. Jesus made this statement shortly after Peter made the profound remark, "Though all should forsake you, yet will I not. I am ready to go with you to prison



and to death." Luke 22:33. Yet, when the crunch came Peter emphatically announced three times, "I do not know the man." In other words, "I have nothing to do with Him, He and I are not friends: I deny having any connection with Him." Is it possible that Peter had good intentions and meant what he said about dying for Christ but didn't know himself?

Notice how Christ used the word "deny" twice. He said to Peter the first time, "Deny self." The second time He said to him, "Thou wilt deny me." For us, the question is which of the "deny's" we will choose. We must either deny self or deny Christ. There are two great powers fighting each other—the self-nature in the power of sin, and the Christ-nature in the power of God. Either of these must rule within.

Peter denied his Lord three times, and then the Lord looked upon him. That look of Jesus broke the heart of Peter, and all at once there opened up before him the terrible sin that he had committed and the depth into which he had fallen. It was then that Peter went out and wept bitterly.

The same God who led Peter to repentance will give us the strength to choose to deny ourselves and come to Him.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deryk Bodington".

Deaf Ministry Growing In Canada

By Pastor & Mrs. John Blake

Deaf Ministry is alive and growing in Canada, but it has great challenges! It is estimated that there are 66,700 deaf in Canada. At the moment we are aware of only about 20 baptized SDA deaf, though we know that there are also many older deafened who are not counted in this figure. American figures calculate 421,000 deaf in the USA, and estimates vary anywhere from 10 to 50 million deaf world-wide.

Back in 1980, the Christian Record was given the mandate to also include the deaf, along with the blind. Because the representatives who solicit for, and visit the blind, do not generally collect for, or visit the deaf, the deaf work has an unequal basis. At time of writing, the General Conference has appointed a small commission to examine the work and see if it should be reorganized and strengthened. The Deaf Services Dept. at the Christian Record, in Lincoln, Nebraska serves as a publishing house and resource centre producing magazines and books in easy English, and videos in Sign Language. Deaf Services is doing an excellent job with the small amount of funding available—even helping with evangelistic meetings in various countries. However, a staff of only three can barely touch a world need of fifty million. (In the world field, there is one full time pastor for the deaf, and three paid part-time pastors).

In Canada, Pastor and Mrs. Blake have decided to augment the work of the Christian Record, and work as half-time volunteers to develop a ministry to the deaf across Canada (they also pastor the Onoway church in Alberta). They publish a newsletter for the deaf (and those wishing to learn how to work with the deaf), organize a Canadian Camp Meeting for the deaf in conjunction with the

B.C. Conference camp meeting, and travel across Canada visiting the deaf, promoting and helping organize.



Jeff and Melissa Jordan (right) of Andrews University Seminary with Elder and Mrs. John Blake. Jeff Jordan is the only known deaf seminary student in all the Adventist Church.

So far in 1996, Blakes have made two "deaf missionary trips" to visit deaf and organize those desiring to work with the deaf; one to B.C. in February, and a four week trip to Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan in March.

Their eastern trip was focused around the March 16 "Deaf Ministry Day" at the Harmony Church in Toronto. The only deaf ministerial student known in the denomination, Jeff Jordan, was the featured signer/speaker, with his wife, a professional interpreter, voicing his sermon to the whole church. Jeff highlighted his own life story in the deaf world and brought inspiration to the seventeen deaf present. Jeff is to graduate from the Andrews University this December. Earlier this year he taught a new Seminary course in Deaf Ministry with about 25 students. Yet, because of funding inadequacies, Jeff still has no sponsorship or placement in view.

Before leaving Toronto, Blakes worked with Marion Rochford, Judy Spadavecchia and others to set up a Deaf Ministry Coordinating

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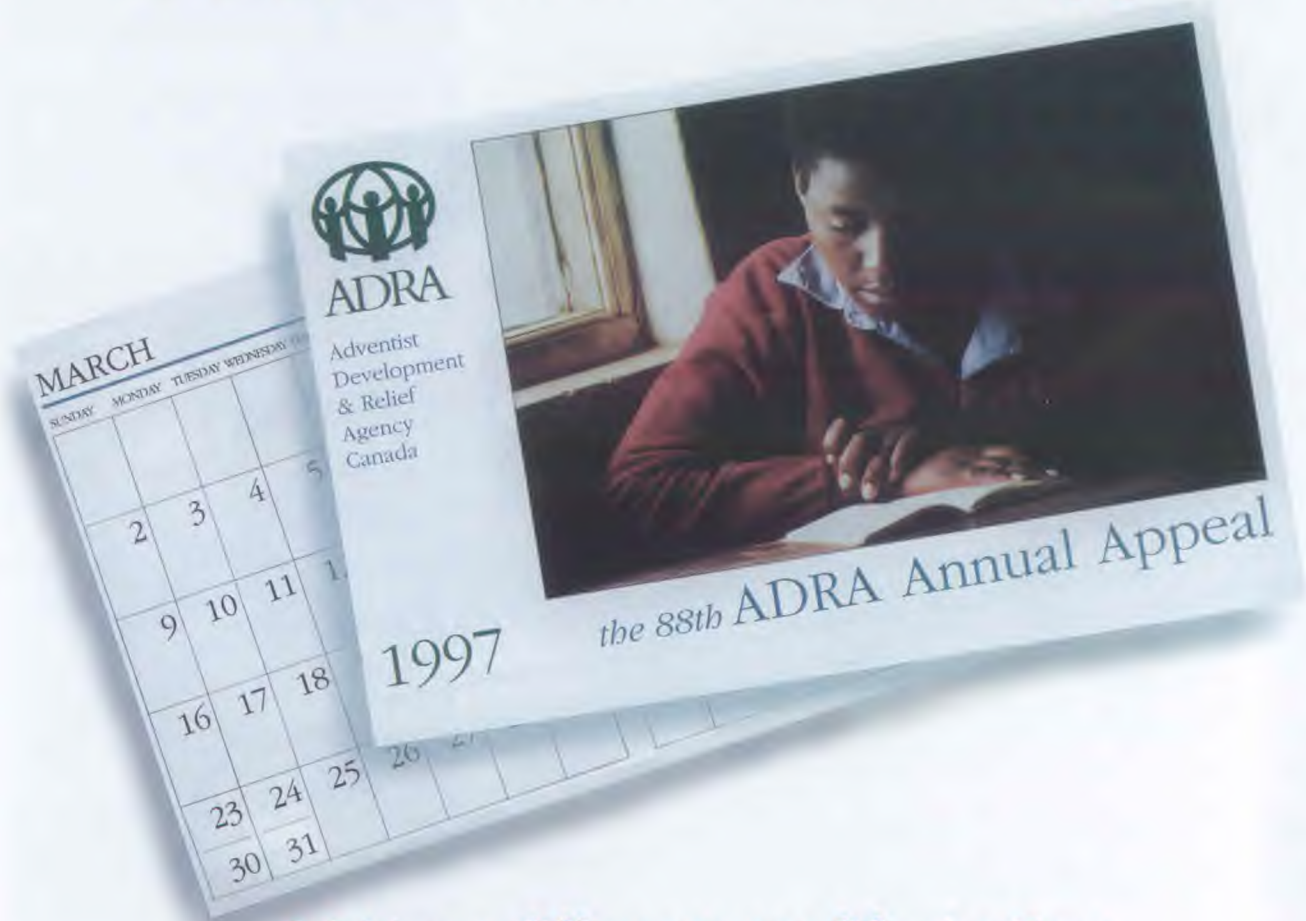
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The 88th ADRA Annual Appeal



Making a difference one life at a time.

For over 100 years Seventh-day Adventists have reached out to help their neighbours both at home and abroad. At a global level, ADRA has been working for over 40 years to bring positive change to communities in need. ADRA Canada has established programs and sponsored projects in over 90 countries, and ADRA worldwide helps an average of 10,000 people every day.

This year at the start of the 88th ADRA Annual Appeal, please keep ADRA in your hearts and in your prayers. Get motivated, get involved, commission yourself and help make a difference. The suc-

cess of this program is totally dependent on your active volunteer commitment and enthusiasm.

For an effective fund-raising drive, ADRA Canada recommends that churches begin their campaign in September this year. Net '96 starts in October and will keep everyone very busy with the actual crusade as well as follow-up activities.

Once again, this ADRA campaign provides the opportunity to work together as a Christian community to support the programs that share Christ's love for humanity in a concrete, personal way. United in purpose, let's make a difference!

Deaf Ministry

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Committee for greater Toronto with Judy Lyew as the new Chairperson. The committee is now busy with various projects: a walkathon for fund raising, a fair booth at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf, and gearing up for a special approach to the deaf in Toronto through Net '96 at the Willowdale church. Earlier, Nigel Persuad, had conducted an ASL Signing class with ten members of the Harmony church. A number of the members of this class are now helping spearhead the thrust in deaf ministry in Toronto.

Why is deaf ministry such a challenge? If you are to work for a minority with a special language and culture, you need people who are trained for this ministry. Who will do this? We need fully trained SDA's. (Hired non-member interpreters charge up to \$35 an hour) Deaf members need social interaction. Where will they receive this in a typical church? Who will talk with them and be their friends, visit with them in their homes, pastor them, counsel them, and give them an opportunity to take part in local services? Many who do not know the language of the deaf, can help through funding, writing out their conversation with the deaf, and praying for the ministry. We need many of these willing helpers! However, the most effective work will be done by those who learn the culture of the deaf, and the Sign Language. Each church that plans a strong ministry to the deaf, must also have a strong interpreting program.

Deaf members can become efficient at working for their fellow deaf. However, they need encouragement from the hearing church, as well as training—the same as hearing members! Right now we have three professionally trained Adventist interpreters in Canada, and a fourth in training. They have been a real help to the work, but we need more!

Currently Blakes have been working to (1) develop regional deaf groups that can get together for their

own fellowship, and (2) to encourage interested members to learn sign language and make deaf ministry their special lifetime ministry for the Lord. Blakes have had a significant part in helping get the American edition of *It is Written* "closed captioned" for the deaf. The Canadian edition is not being done because it is edited in Canada, not at the SDA Media headquarters in California.

What can your church do? Net '96 will be "closed captioned" for the deaf. All you need is a 1994 or newer T.V. with a built-in captioning decoder, and a simple RF cable to connect to the local church Net '96 video source. Making captioning available will be a blessing to both deaf and hard of hearing. However, in the long term, the "deaf community" really needs programs in Sign Language. Dedicated interested members need to become proficient in Signing, and train to become workers with the deaf. We also need pastors and/or pastor's wives who have deaf ministry as one of their special interests and skills. Our largest cities in Canada need to set up "coordinating committees" to plan and implement a well thought out long range plan of ministry to reach the deaf in their community.

The Blakes also have a dream of seeing a T.V. program prepared for release on cable in the large cities of North America. It could be prepared in the style of IIW, but "By the Deaf, for the Deaf". The first twenty-six of these programs could also serve as a full-message video Bible study series to be used by the deaf, and by hearing members with the deaf.

Deaf Ministry needs deeply consecrated members who are willing to make a long-term commitment to an unusual ministry, where results are often slow, and the problems very challenging! If the Holy Spirit is talking to you, and you can help with time and effort, or you would like to receive the "Canadian Deaf Ministry Report" newsletter, please contact John Blake: Box 132, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0 or phone: (403) 967-4311 (E-mail: 74532.332@CompuServe.Com)

Native Offering—Taking the Spirit to Canada's First Nations

*by Linda Calderbank and John Howard
Co-chairs, Canadian Native Advisory Group*

In response to recommendations by delegates at the recent Union session, a Canadian Native advisory group has been established to administer funds and plan initiatives for programs among our Native population.

Natives have responded to the evangelistic meetings held in Lillooet, BC, in June. Of the 170 individuals who attended, 20 were Native. Forty baptisms resulted from the meetings, of which five were Native believers, and 20 Natives have requested Bible lessons.

A number of events designed specifically for Natives are occurring in Canada and the United States. In July, several Canadian Native youth attended the first Youth Congress for Native People, which was held in Holbrook, Arizona. A Native camp meeting will take place in Lytton, BC, during the last weekend in August, and everyone is invited to attend.

Offerings received on August 10 for Native programs will enable the Canadian Native advisory group to lay plans to evangelize the Canadian portion of the 200 North American Native nations.

Heritage Singers Open to Sponsors in Canada

Celebrating 25 years of music ministry, the Heritage Singers are planning concerts in a number of cities and would like to include Canada. Any church or conference department or ministry who would like more information about sponsoring this group, contact Max Mace, Box 1358, Placerville CA95667.



ADRA
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Thank You, Canada!

By Kay Bacchus

The hot sun blazed in the sky. Heat waves shimmered in the distance. The wind blew hot through the vehicle's windows. No relief in sight. Pierre* sighed as he checked the rear-view mirror. The caravan of trucks bumped along the dusty Cameroon road. They had left Yaoundé in the early morning and they still had a long way to go.

A shipment from ADRA Canada awaited Pierre in Douala, the chief seaport of Cameroon. This busy, bustling city on the coast of Africa was named after the Douala people who have lived in the area for hundreds of years. As the small truck caravan finally made its way down to the waterfront, many different sights, sounds, and smells accosted Pierre.

After crossing the bridge over the

Wouri River, Pierre took in the busy docks that lined Douala's waterfront. How was he going to find his shipment among the jungle of freight sitting on the docks? Upon visiting the dock master, Pierre was relieved to find everything in order, but expensive. He paid the rent for the warehouse space and he also paid the guard who looked after the goods since their arrival. He paid the dockside workers for loading the precious cargo, and finally he paid for the gas for the trip home. Pierre sighed again as he realized that the truck drivers would be awaiting their pay at the end of the journey.

The bumpy, hot, and tiring trip home was uneventful. Six hundred kilometres was quite a voyage on bumpy, winding roads, but it was well worth it. Back home, an excited and expectant crowd greeted Pierre and his truck drivers. Volunteers lined up to offer their services in unpacking the containers from Canada. It felt like Christmas as 300 bales of clothing were unloaded, along with 40 cartons of shoes for men, women, and children. Ten boxes of knitting yarn, 8 bolts of fabric, 5 typewriters, 2 sewing machines, and some miscellaneous but much needed office supplies were unpacked. Pierre had not yet figured out how to deliver the partridge in a pear tree.

ADRA Canada is not just about shipping needy supplies. In Ouagadougou, Burkina-Faso, several



Unloading ADRA Canada shipment



Construction of a school/church building

wells have been financed and dug, benefitting the women who now walk 5 kilometres instead of 15 kilometres to get fresh, clean water. The "Minures Pitts" project creates compost to enhance gardening. Small dams retain soil and help prevent erosion. The "Bazenga Agricultural School" teaches people how to start and care for gardens, how to irrigate, and offers tips on how to increase crops which can then be sold at market in order to enhance the family's income.

New latrines have been built for



Children attending church in their school

three public schools in Niamey, Niger. Three hundred children are fed once a day as they attend a primary school built by Canadian funds. ADRA has received more land for another ADRA school about 6 miles from the first one.

In Niamvoudou, Cameroon, 300 hectares of prime forest land have been donated to ADRA by a family. This land is near the Niamvoudou College, but funds are needed to develop the land into a school for small business and agriculture. There is also an SDA church nearby. One thousand, seven hundred students attend the SDA Yaoundé College in Cameroon.

The Dogba Project ADRA Canada assisted in funding is now completed. This project provides electricity to approximately 15,000 people including a SDA dispensary and secondary school in Dogba, Cameroon. Health clinics that were established in 1993 in this area are still successfully operating.

In Chad, nine buildings have been built, but seven of them lack concrete floors and benches. During the day, these buildings are used as elementary schools for over 2,000 children. In the evenings, these same buildings serve as adult literacy training centres. On Sabbath these structures become a church. The Central Africa Union has about 72,000 SDA believers.

In the country of Central African Republic, Project Tricycle is allowing crippled and handicapped people autonomy for the first time in their lives. One thousand of these three-wheeled chairs (purchased with ADRA Canada funds) have been distributed to individuals improving their lives by allowing them to go to school and have a job.

In Bamako City, Mali, three distinct women's associations have been established focusing on micro-enterprises, managerial skills, and education in hygiene and family planning.

Each delivery of goods to the

towns and villages of the people of Africa is a triumph. Each family helped to improve their lot in life through education and training is a testimony to the complete dedication of our ADRA workers like Pierre. It gives those at the home base a sense of fulfilment to be a part of this exciting work. Everywhere ADRA Canada goes, the saying is said again and again, "Thank you, Canada!"

**Pierre C. Deshommes is working in Cameroon as the Sub Regional ADRA Director for the Central Africa Union Mission.*

NET '96

RE-IGNITES EVANGELISM!

Jesus said, "All power is given to Me." We can tap into that power through prayer.



Mark Sabbath, September 14, on your calendar.

A great prayer conference will be uplinked from Orlando, Florida, at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EDT. This is a 90-minute program with guest musicians and a special message by Charles Bradford, retired General Conference Vice President. Also scheduled are a youth pastor and two teen-age workers.

We stand at the brink of the greatest evangelistic effort in the history of the Adventist Church. But if there aren't spiritual resources, this is only empty technology.

Pray for the success of NET '96 and watch for the Prayer Conference on Sabbath, September 14.

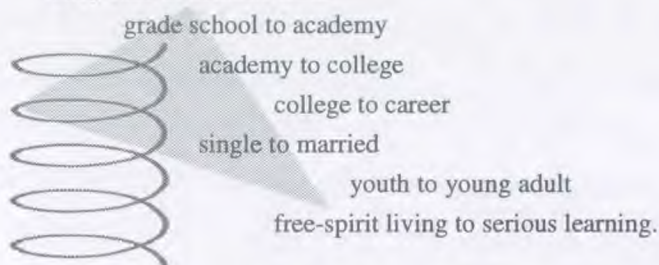
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The Plan Has Come

Why do we need it?

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TRANSITIONS. A one-word descriptor precisely describing 1996. Youth, particularly, find themselves in the center of generations which, instead of lasting 20 years, now end every four years.

They face transitions from—



But those changes we've all faced. They aren't anything new. Today, however, is different. **What was is not good enough.** Young people can no longer rely on certainties such as preparing for a career and knowing there is employment when they graduate. Technology changes faster than anyone can imagine. Just the process of transfer of information is modified constantly.



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THE CHALLENGE. Providing a relevant, marketable Christian education is the challenge facing Canadian Union College as the school year 1996-1997 begins. We must keep pace with changes and developments particularly in the way university education is delivered. In the context of these major transformations we want to continue fulfilling **our mission—which is offering quality education in a Christian context.**

Sure. CUC has enjoyed a measure of success. There are famous physicians, dedicated frontier mission appointees, hundreds of ministers, teachers, church leaders and professionals everywhere who have received their education at this college. However, Bill Gates in *Lessons from the Computer Industry*, suggests that **success is a lousy teacher** and an unreliable guide to the future. "What seems the perfect business plan or latest technology today may soon be as out-of-date as the eight-track tape player..."

Seventh-day Adventists do, however, have a reliable guide for today and one for

the future, too. There are basic guidelines written years ago which fit today's uncertainties exactly. Like this: "Every student is to exercise brain, bone, and muscle. True education is the harmonious development.... All our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools."

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THE PLAN will assist in providing a relevant, marketable Christian education for our youth. CUC will spiral up with an air of destiny and an irresistible, hot product. We'll have created a sense of excitement so tangible that students will vie for admission!

"What is The Plan?" you are anxiously asking.

The Plan will provide

1 Financial assistance for students. Government cutbacks, unemployment, and financial disasters are frequently heard discussions in the media and around the dinner table. Our Seventh-day Adventist students in Canada deserve our education but many cannot afford to come.

2 Cutting-edge technology. A 21st century, technologically enriched classroom encompassing telecommunications, satellite access, video and digital components, and optical technology is essential to train 21st century teachers. High-speed internet services and state-of-the-art computer laboratories are also necessary.



3 Enhanced, marketable academics. Students must have adequate preparation for continued education or entrance into the workplace. With new programs and changes in technology there are many equipment needs necessary to assist our professors in providing a quality and marketable education.

4 Work opportunity. This will not only lessen the economic crunch for students but enhance a well-balanced educational experience.

5 Capital improvement. A new library, renovation of the Administration Building and the completing of the landscaping are all projects inherent in an academic environment.



YOU ARE INVITED

to commit just \$100 per year for the next five years as an investment to empower the youth of this church to receive a quality, Christian education at CUC. **When** you sign your name to that commitment and mail it to us, you will have become a vital contributor to the growth and spread of the gospel in the world through Canadian young people dedicated to the dream of a bright future.

You, then, become one of the spirals which will move upward forever!

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THE COMMITMENT. You know that not much is accomplished unless the masses (that's all of us) do our part. And, you're understandably apprehensive. "Will my money be invested properly?" "What assurance do I have that CUC is, in fact, a good place for our youth?"

We wish you could live and work here as we do. **Your answers to those questions would resound with a ringing "Yes."** Since you probably do not, you'll have to take our word for it. That means the testimonies of our faculty who teach, lead, discuss, and motivate all the while making it as enjoyable as it is educational. You'll want to read what our students say, too. With a campus full of young people, the campus is forever transformed with energy and a unique, matchless spirit. What they say gives the heartening assurance that we need to embrace this new adventure.

- 1. Send your gift to the address below or
- 2. Mark your gift **The Plan** and place in a tithe envelope in your local church.



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Senate Hearings In Newfoundland

May Impact Education and Minority Rights In Canada

David R. Streifling, PhD, Superintendent of Education

On Tuesday, July 9th, a delegation from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Newfoundland appeared before the Canadian Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, to express our concerns in consideration of the resolution to amend the Constitution of Canada, Term 17 of the Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada. The meeting took place in Hotel Newfoundland in St. John's. The five member delegation consisted of David Crook, Conference President; David Streifling, Superintendent of Education; George Morgan, Constituency Appointee; Mrs. Christine Castagné, concerned parent; and Barry Bussey, Legal Counsel. Later in the day Jonathan Curlette represented Seventh-day Adventist Schools on a panel of seven students who were invited to the Senate Committee.

To begin the hour allocated to the Seventh-day Adventists, Elder Crook expressed our appreciation for the opportunity to appear before the Committee, and introduced the group. Brother Morgan followed, briefly reviewing the history of SDA Schools in Newfoundland, and stressing their continued importance to not only SDA families because of the implications of Sabbath observance, but also to the other minorities which we serve. Next, Dr. Streifling gave an overview of the SDA Educational system worldwide, pointed out a number of significant ways in which SDA's are educational leaders, and provided a number of indicators which suggest that the SDA schools in Newfoundland are above the provincial average when it comes to system outcomes. Sister Castagné then emphasized the need for SDA schools from a parent's point of view.

Brother Bussey presented the legal side of our concerns. He identified the rights which are protected

under the present Term 17-i.e. the right to operate denominational schools, to employ teachers, to set curriculum; and the right to public funding. He identified a number of common misconceptions surrounding the issue-i.e. the myth that government cannot reform the system to achieve greater efficiency and better outcomes without a Constitutional amendment; the myth that minorities have consented to give up existing rights; and the myth that minority rights will continue to be protected under the revised Term 17.

He also presented the Church's position that rather than full funding for SDA schools (which at present results in the highest per student cost of any schools in Newfoundland), that we "be given a grant of funding per student equal to the average cost of educating that student in the Province's new schools. The shortfall, if any, of educating our students would be picked up by the Church and the parents of the child."

Of major significance to Seventh-day Adventists and minorities throughout Canada was the larger portion of Brother Bussey's presentation on minority rights. Citing extant judicial decisions, and making reference to a number of Acts of Government, Brother Bussey emphasized the impropriety of using a majority vote to expunge the rights of a minority without their consent. He stated "we argue that the Provincial & Federal Governments may legitimately amend Term 17 through the use of Section 43 (of the Canadian Constitution); the fact that they relied in part on the Referendum of September 1995, has tainted the whole process and in our view brought the administration of justice into disrepute."

The presentations were followed by a number of questions and com-

ments from various Senators. During the interchange it became evident that the Canadian Senate takes very seriously its role as protector of minority rights. The general tenor of the question and answer period suggested that the Senators from both sides of the house were sincerely trying to understand the issues as Newfoundlanders saw them, and the manner in which questions were often phrased suggested that they were succeeding. Their comments on several issues indicated that they were seeing things differently in Newfoundland from what they had been given to see in the national Capital. For example, a number of senators appeared genuinely surprised when they learned that our Church had not been consulted prior to the recent announcement that a "framework agreement" had been reached between the churches and government allowing educational reform to proceed without amending Term 17. (This agreement involving the other major churches was announced in April but appears to have fallen apart since then.)

The future remains uncertain, except that major reorganization of the Province's school districts has begun. Will there be any support for our schools in the new order? Will we lose all of our educational reserves, our equipment, and even our buildings? How will our teachers and students be accommodated? We trust that God has his solutions to these dilemmas. It is our hope that this presentation to the Senate Committee may help to provide a brighter future for SDA schools in Newfoundland, and also for the rights of minorities across the nation.

We ask that our people all across Canada make this a matter of continuing prayer in the weeks and months just before us.

Listeners Respond to VOAR's 24-Hour Broadcasts

The new 24-hour broadcast ministry schedule introduced by VOAR earlier this year is generating increased public response over the air. At the same time, VOAR-Canada's Adventist Radio Network station in Newfoundland—is actively conducting a public outreach effort through participation in several public events.

Programs Added at Minimal Cost

"We prayed about this new phase of our ministry for a long time before going ahead," says Cameron Beierle, station manager. "Listeners have been urging us to expand service hours for several years, but the funds and staffing to make it possible just were not available. Our budget was stretched to the limit already. Then when the programs were made available at little to no cost through our contacts in the Adventist Radio Network, at Three Angels Broadcasting, and through other syndications, we knew we could make this work."

The VOAR management committee voted to proceed after studying the costs and weighing the ministry opportunity. As the three-month trial period concluded, the committee members were pleased to see projections had been accurate. Only a few hundred additional dollars per month cover the expenses of adding more than 240 hours of outreach monthly.

Nighttime Audience Responds

A sample of the responses to the service shows the new nighttime audience ranges from young adults to senior citizens. One young woman called, saying, "I'm awake quite often during the night because of my schedule. I find it a real comfort to have VOAR with me during those hours. It seems every time I turn on your station I'm hearing just the message I need for that time."

Prayer Line Always Open

The VOAR management committee was particularly pleased to see that VOAR's prayer phone service would be enhanced with the overnight broadcasts.

Beierle says, "We have offered a prayer request line to the listeners for the past several years, but have only been able to operate it while staff were in the station. Now, through the generous services received with one of our overnight programmers, there is an 800 number listeners can call to talk with a prayer counselor any time. The prayer line is never shut down."

Beierle says radio listeners are often the faceless population who are unknown to any area church, yet are the most in need of compassion. Calls like the one below often come back from appreciative callers:

"Thank you for prayers offered for my family on VOAR's prayer line. We are experiencing God's answers. My husband and I are now in marriage counselling, and things are looking up. Thank you for the work VOAR is doing to bring us closer to the Lord. We are finding such peace from it. I appreciate all the programs so much I don't listen to any other station now. VOAR has all I need."

Leadership in Public Events

The 24-hour on-air programming is supported by increased involvement and visibility for the station in off-air public events.

VOAR recently co-sponsored a 15-venue Compassion Canada Newfoundland Tour by international artist Bobby Michaels. Michaels shared his testimony and music at the St. John's SDA Church to begin the concert tour. Newfoundland gospel singer Wayne Ralph also performed during the service, and VOAR broadcast the program live. The tour benefited child development programs around the world. Several children found sponsors immediately following the broadcast, reports Charles Crane, Compassion Canada Atlantic director.

For three years VOAR, the St. John's SDA Church, and the Beothuk Pathfinders have participated in the annual March for Jesus procession in St. John's. The non-denominational global worship event took place in over 200 countries this year with millions of participants. The march began in New Zealand and wound its way across the continents back to the

starting point. The St. John's march launched the North American portion of the event. Between 1,500 and 2,000 people showed up at the rally and walk in St. John's to sing and pray together along the walk route through the capital city. VOAR has received international recognition for its supportive role in the rally which brings Adventists and other Christians together to sing praise songs and to pray for each other and their cities and governments.



Bobby Michaels, recording artist and co-founder of Musicianaries International, takes calls from VOAR listeners during promotion for the Bobby Michaels Compassion Newfoundland Tour in May, co-sponsored by the station.

Shortly after the march, VOAR welcomed Walter Arties to St. John's. Arties is recognized for his work with the Breath of Life broadcast and other work with the Adventist Media Centre, and for his compositions and recordings. He was in the city to participate in the Avalon Mission through the Billy Graham Association.

Beierle says, "The station needs to be visible where Christians are gathered publicly. We participate where we feel there is common ground and an opportunity for witnessing, and at the same time confidently upholds the special message the Adventist church has to share." VOAR continues doing both through participation in public events and declaring the Advent gospel through 24-hour broadcasting.

VOAR encourages fellow Adventists to provide comments and input on this growing outreach. You may write to them at:

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CHER International Canada- Improving Children's Lives Around the World

by Ralph Juriansz
President, CHER Board of Directors

In 1981 a group of Adventist pastors, teachers, and laypeople founded a charitable organization dedicated to assisting children in third-world countries. Children's Health Education and Relief (CHER) International Canada aims to relieve poverty, offer support for education, and provide medical assistance for children around the world. CHER is a registered nonprofit charity, and its office is located on the Kingsway College (ON) campus.

"We desire most of all to help destitute children receive a Christian education and the daily care and love they need," says Ralph Juriansz, president of CHER's board of directors.

Currently, CHER is sponsoring children in Malawi, India, Bangladesh, Mexico, and the Philippines. Following are some highlights of CHER's projects and progress.

Mexico—CHER is involved in providing for orphans in the Hogar de Refugio Infantil Orphanage (see article on this page). The school building which houses students from grades one to six was constructed by CHER in 1992.

Malawi—A food program is being established in villages where CHER-sponsored children live. The coordinators in Malawi report, "Our first Christmas deliveries were to Thambani and Nsambe, a round trip of over 500 km, mostly on poorly-maintained dirt roads. We used a large flat-bed truck to carry our more than two tons of goods, which included sugar, rice, salt, dried fish, cooking oil, soap, clothes, and other gift items. We also carried the equivalent of a large shoe store, as a local manufacturer loaned us over 800 pairs of shoes. This enabled us to fit each student properly. We were able to pay for the shoes we used and return the remainder.

"The program at each school included assembly for the entire school with a Christmas program put on by the CHER students and teachers. The natural talent of the students shone in a delightful drama presentation of the Christmas story. We included all the students in the giving of gifts which included either a dish, clothes, shoes, pencils, or other supplies. No one went away empty-handed. The gifts to the CHER students included a food package, soap, pens, exercise books, a pair of shoes, and underwear. Thanks to the Lord's blessings, we were able to give gifts to around 2,500 primary school students."

Philippines—CHER students have achieved commendable success in their studies and are also active in extracurricular activities. During a youth crusade, graduating CHER students assisted the children's division and distributed literature. A staff

member regularly meets with CHER students to share their joys and problems not only in school but also at home.

India—During the annual week of prayer, 10 children gave their hearts to Jesus. On the annual sports day, CHER children were given gifts of soap, uniforms, shirts and pants or dresses, pairs of socks and shoes, and pencils. Every day the school provides a well-balanced nutritious lunch for all CHER students. The teachers take a keen interest in visiting CHER children's homes and counselling the students and their families, in order to support their education. On health day all CHER children were given checkups by a doctor and a talk on cleanliness and hygiene.

The CHER staff and children around the world thank their sponsors for their love and support.

Canadians Assist Mexican Orphanage

"We wanted to bring you up to date about happenings at the orphanage, the many ways Canadians have helped in our ministry, and how God has blessed," write Bob and Annette Mason from the Hogar de Refugio Infantil Villa Juarez in Sonora, Mexico. Numerous Adventist groups and individuals have donated their time and skills to activities at the orphanage over the past year.

Valuable Construction Assistance

A group from Parkview Adventist Academy and Canadian Union College (AB) assisted with construction earlier this year, followed by groups from Cariboo Adventist Academy (Williams Lake, BC) and the Salmon Arm SDA Church (BC). With their help, the

orphanage's original five buildings and four houses are now fully finished.

"Following the damage caused by Hurricane Ismael last September, we were so grateful for the help we received from various churches in Ontario, British Columbia, and Alberta. The entire cost of the repairs was covered," the Masons say.

Public Health Outreach

With the assistance of the B.C. Paraplegic Association and Children's Health Education and Relief (CHER) International Canada, the air force transported a collection of equipment for the handicapped, including 59 wheelchairs and many walkers and crutches. The dental surgery clinic welcomed Dr. Bob and Bev Connors (Oshawa, ON) and Dr. Dave Brodeur (Calgary, AB), who

treated children at the orphanage and residents of neighbouring villages.

"These are all people who cannot afford private dental care, and there is no other service available," the Masons say. "There is tremendous need in the villages for basic health care, education on simple matters of hygiene and health, and dental care." The Masons are using simple books and videos to introduce young people to information about alcohol, drug abuse, and AIDS.

Evangelistic Activities

Orphanage staff give regular Bible studies in the Indian villages and have had two series of meetings, which led to 12 baptisms this spring. Several individuals who visited the orphanage on personal mission trips did double duty as construction workers and musicians; Carmel Spence (Brampton, ON), Bob Richardson (Chilliwack, BC), and Anthea Hii (Vancouver, BC), while others such as Richard Matzele (Chilliwack, BC) and Bob Haines (Westbank, BC) concentrated their talents on construction work.

Hii, who is a concert pianist, taught many of the children and staff the basics of keyboard and organized a Christmas concert by her students. Richardson partly financed his trip by the sale of vocal tapes he had made of hymns. "That tape is a favourite with each of the houses here at the orphanage," the Masons say.

More Volunteers Needed

Two young or young-at-heart volunteers are needed at the orphanage for the next school year. Ideally, volunteers would arrive in September or early October and remain for six months. One person is needed for grounds and general contracting work, and another for helping with English classes at the on-site primary school.

The Masons will be in Peachland, BC, until the end of August and can be contacted at 604/767-2220.

Health-Wise by Raymond O. West, M.D.

Caffeine Makes the Scene with Our Teens

It has become pretty trendy with high school kids all over—a love affair with coffee. And it's no wonder, considering the multiplication of coffee houses and espresso bars, carts, and kiosks all over North America. Perhaps it's true that they had their early beginnings in the Pacific Northwest, and from there they have spread like baby bunnies. The Specialty Coffee Association of America counts close to 3,500 coffee bars. That's up from 200 just four or five years ago.

Consider now, our nation's public health experts are aggressively contending with those powers that encourage teenagers to smoke. Is the result that our kids are giving up nicotine in exchange for caffeine? Or are they simply adding a new drug locked in the coffee bean? Maybe. Listen to the words of a teenager out of Ann Arbor, Michigan. "I am addicted to coffee, I guess. If I don't drink coffee every day, I get a headache and I feel awful."

However, it's probably not the coffee only. The setting in which it is sold appeals to our youngsters. You don't have to be 21 to purchase a latte. There's no cover charge. You can sit for hours, if you wish, over one or two cups, and the cost is a matter of loose change. It's a great way to socialize, and it won't stunt growth. It surely beats alcohol!

Still, caffeine is a drug, and pediatricians fear that our teens may have more susceptibility to the dark side of caffeine (over a long period of time) than adults.

And along with this, note that it isn't just teenagers. One coffee shop worker reports, "I see third and fourth-graders in here all the time." She adds, "I remember one little girl who couldn't reach over the counter ordering a cappuccino." Wouldn't it be interesting to know if some are ordering decaf? Probably not, for it isn't just the taste and that delightful coffee aroma that makes it popular. It's the "caffeine-high," the "bon vivance" as well.



Coffee's caffeine is an "upper," but is that so bad? While some experts are not so sure, it does appear that the caffeine kick is followed by headache and fatigue, a "downer" that can be best relieved by another cup.

Too many repetitions, and the caffeine leads on to familiar side effects. Restless sleep, and for that matter, restlessness any time. Add jitteriness, or if you like the word better, "hyperactivity." Stir in erratic heartbeat, and, along with cream and sugar, a robust dose of unwanted calories.

The Specialty Coffee Association of America, quoted above, estimates that there will be 10,000 coffee bars of one kind or another by the end of the century. The saying used to be "There's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil." And now there's an awful lot spread all the way across North America. Apparently our teenagers are buying into it with enthusiasm. Too bad, isn't it, when we consider that it represents another "vice" to give up—not only the caffeine but the excessive calories that accompany it. And doing so can save a lot of money as well.

For all of that, it's not as bad as nicotine or alcohol or marijuana. But we don't really need it; a caffeine-free day is a desirable goal for any and all of us.

Youth Join Chatham Fellowship



Following a recent crusade, five young people joined the church by baptism. Left right are Pastor K. Peter, Ryan Lachine, Mathew Lewis, Asher-Lee Chisholm, Trevor Pye and Daniel Violante.

Bethel Baptism



Evangelist David King, assisted by Pastor E.V. Richards as well as by Bible workers successfully launched a "Free at Last" Crusade. This photo shows the 23 persons who joined the church by baptism at the conclusion of the meetings.

Large Baptism at Mississauga Church

The Mississauga Church experienced Pentecostal showers during a spring crusade that was held April 13 to May 18, 1996. The evangelist was Dr. Earl P. Cameron, resident pastor of the church. Twenty-four power packed messages were presented over this period. These messages revitalized and strengthened the existing members and was instrumental in adding 65 precious souls to the membership of the church.

This crusade was unique in that it had a family focus and saw several families taking their stand together.

Special thanks was given to Miriam Francis, Hugh Smith, Delton Bailey, Wayne Williams and Andreas Millas. These Bible workers laboured tirelessly to help many make their decisions for Jesus Christ.



Newly baptized persons stand with Pastor Earl Cameron and Miriam Francis (at left) after joining the Mississauga church family.

Christian Musical Will Debut in Ottawa

Songs titles "There Is Hope," "He Is Risen" and "He'll Be Our King" are unusual titles for songs in a musical, but these are some of the songs that will be heard as the musical "Prince Of Peace" debuts at the Centerpointe Theatre on October 11, 12 and 13 of this year.

The "Prince Of Peace" was written by Harold Hellam of the Smiths Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church. Harold did not set out to write a musical; but during the Gulf war, a gruesome news report inspired Harold to write the song "Freedom." Later he wrote other songs about man's quest for freedom. The musical finishes with the coming of Christ who brings true freedom to a hostile world.

There is quite a large interest in the area in this musical. Most of the singers have been recruited and rehearsals have started in the St. James Anglican Church in Merrickville. Christians of all faiths have come forward and volunteered their time and talents on the production work. We pray that all will discover and comprehend the message that Jesus is soon returning to this world.

Mona Hellam

Two Join Toronto Ukrainian



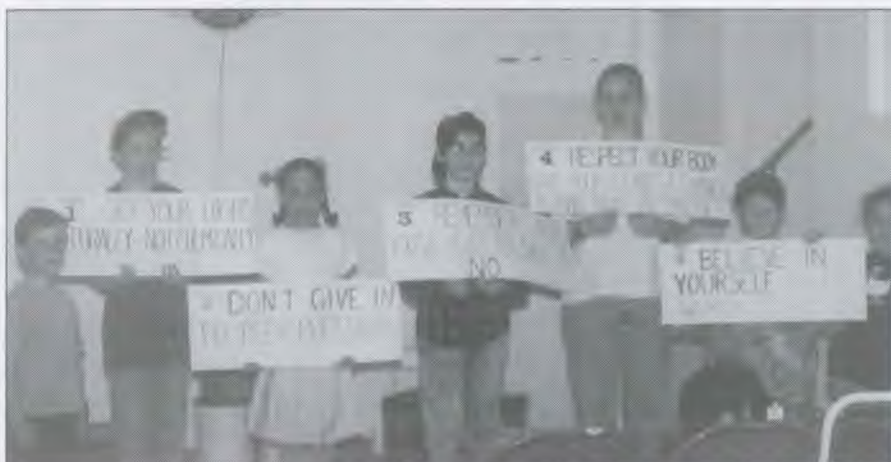
June 22 was the baptism day for Alex and Switlana Madwedovskay pictured here with Pastor and Mrs. Popovitch.

Community Service

The volunteer director of the Moncton Christian Food Bank, Laurie Melanson, spoke to the Moncton SDA Church one Sabbath, about the commencement of this community service. It began with \$5.00 and two cans of soup and some hungry, needy people. That was in 1988. He and his two brothers stepped out in faith. Laurie said, "The Bible says 'Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.'" Their small undertaking grew. Today, they serve 800-900 persons a month who come to their doors for help and food. Many of our Moncton Church members, under the leadership of Bob Bannister, go on each food drive held during the year. Mr. Melanson extended his thanks for our participation. Our church supports the 'Blue Barrel' by bringing food year round to our church each Sabbath. We thank our Lord for this way we can help those in need.

Safety Kids

The students of New Minas Seventh-day Adventist School, located in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, performed the musical "Safety Kids", first for their parents and then in two area public schools for over 600 children and their teachers. The 7 students (Grades 1-8) and their teacher, Mrs. Roschman, were happy to be able to share this message of drug prevention with others in their community.



Safety Kids stay safe from drugs. The students are holding up the Play It Smart Safety Rules. From left to right they are: Curtis Prevo, Michelle Knowles, Naomi Alleyne, Crystal Johnstone, Jennifer Lockhart, Jodi Knowles, and Rebekah Alleyne.

We Need Help

Missionary-minded people to build up an Adventist church in rural Cape Breton.

The building is already erected, now we need as many ideas as we can get and as many people as will help to spread the gospel and fill the chapel. We are just an hour away from the Cabot Trail. Why not vacation in beautiful Cape Breton and lend us your talents? We will provide accommodations if you will visit people, preach for us, put on a seminar, have a musical program, give Bible studies, give out literature or any other outreach program you have in mind.



The West Lake Ainslie Wayside & Community Chapel in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia was dedicated to the glory of God in August, 1994. The sound of music, which is played from speakers in the belfry during Sabbath hours, carries out across the lake.

Please contact Rhoda or Angus Lanceleve at 3669 West Lake Ainslie Rd., R.R.#3, Inverness, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia B0E 1N0 or phone (902) 258-3817.

Bonnie Parsons

Evangelistic Crusade

Pastor Victor Gill will be holding an evangelistic crusade in the Dartmouth Church from September 6, 1996 through to October 11, 1996. If you know of interested persons in the Dartmouth area, please send names to: Jane Smith, General Delivery, St. Croise, Nova Scotia B0N 2E0.

A Search For Leaders

From June 22-24, 1996, for the first time in Quebec, an intensive training session for French volunteers was held at Val d'Espoir in order to establish the Disaster Response Program, a joint project sponsored by ADRA and the Quebec Conference.

The Board of Directors of the Quebec Conference Community Services was in charge of the preparation of this project and the training session. Chairman of the board, Alain Normand reports that 12 pioneers were trained.

In each regional team, there must be the regional coordinator, the chief of operations, the liaison officer, the person responsible for volunteers, the person in charge of gifts and the public relations officer. In addition, each region needs to have at least one or two relief teams.

Considering the size of Quebec, the ideal would be to set up a basic team for each of the 16 administrative regions of Quebec, i.e. 96 people, to which we should add at least one relief team, or 96 other Adventists, which makes a total of 192 people.

Do you see why we are sending an S.O.S.? We need 182 leaders. We need Seventh-day Adventists from all cultural backgrounds. This is a golden opportunity to become integrated into the Quebec society and show one's solidarity with the eventual victims of disaster in the new country. We are also counting on the pastors (or their church leaders) to share the information and recruit leaders.

For more information on the different positions and the fall training session please contact Alain Normand,

Provincial Coordinator,
91 Chemin Taché,
Cantley, Quebec J8V 3G8
Telephone (819) 827-8035
Fax (819) 246-6051.

This Camp Meeting Outshines Others

Torrential rains, floods and closed roads did not deter Quebec members from attending camp meeting. While no meeting was in progress on Friday afternoon, the big tent collapsed because of high winds. However, the spirits of the worshippers were not dampened and they responded eagerly to the presenters.

Highlights of the week included presentations by Guy Valleray, and Gerard Latchman and a marriage seminar by Voice of Prophecy's David Smith. Suzanne Arteaga of the Inter American Division appealed with passion in her story of redemption and Elder Baptiste's powerful sermon evoked amens from over 1000 listeners.

Westmount Church Renovates Historic Landmark



When the covering fell off their sanctuary ceiling last year, the members of the Westmount SDA Church in Montreal realized they would finally have to tackle renovations to their 83-year-old building. In April 1996, they proudly gathered to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the project.

The church was built in 1913 by a Presbyterian congregation and was acquired by the Westmount SDA Church in 1971. The building is a Westmount historical landmark, classified as a "heritage edifice."

The \$800,000 renovation project was not a routine undertaking. The ceiling of the main dome is lined with fabric, and the insulation is made from horsehair. Massive heat loss through the ceiling had damaged 300 of the clay shingles; moisture would build up and freeze, cracking the shingles. Ice deposits on the roof of the main dome would periodically come loose

and crash down on lower-level roofs.

Pastor Jason McCracken remembers one particularly loud crash which occurred in the middle of a Sabbath sermon. "I was preaching about the Second Coming of Jesus. I told them, 'It's going to be even louder than that!'"

The renovation has resulted in a much brighter interior for the church. The drab gold-painted canvas lining the dome was replaced by a fabric developed to cover aircraft wings. It was installed on new wooden strapping, painted white, and hand-ironed from the inside. The horsehair insulation is now protected by vapour

barriers. The original light fixtures have been retained, but the state-of-the-art bulbs are brighter and more energy-efficient.

For the first phase of the renovation, the church received \$500,000 from its insurance company since deterioration of the dome was largely caused by water damage. Much of the remaining \$300,000 was borrowed. Approximately \$500,000 worth of brickwork is still urgently needed, and the members are seeking funding from a provincial government subsidy program for the restoration of historic churches.

Manitoba/Saskatchewan

Ordination

On May 25, 1996, Pastor Darren Godsoe was ordained to the gospel ministry. Darren Rendall Godsoe was born in Quill Lake, Saskatchewan when his father was pastor of that district. He was married on May 28, 1989 to Sandra Lynette Jewkes.

When Pastor Godsoe was in the eighth grade he came to the conclusion that he wanted to be either a minister or an accountant. During his high school years his interest in these two occupations continued, with his preference moving back and forth between the two. It was sometime during grade twelve that he finally settled on the idea of serving the Lord as a pastor. He was convinced of God that the church needed good pastors and that perhaps the Lord could use him in full time ministry. He received support in this direction from his family, many of his teachers and others.

Pastor Godsoe graduated from grade thirteen at Kingsway College in 1986. He then attended Canadian Union College and graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology degree. In 1992, after over two years of study at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Andrews University, he was granted a Master of Divinity degree.

Upon his graduation from Canadian Union College he was called to the ministry in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. On May 1, 1989, he started as the pastor of the Prince Albert/Rosthern/Shellbrook District. After his graduation from Andrews University in 1992, he was assigned to the Quill Lake/Nipawin/Melfort District. In August 1995, he



was asked to pastor the Moose Jaw/Tugaske District which position he occupies at the present.

Elder Harry Sackett charged Pastor Godsoe to remain true to his calling, to speak plainly and courageously to love and to be an example to all those in his charge, and to take heed unto himself and unto the doctrine so that he would save both himself and those that hear him.

Elder Lester Carney welcomed Pastor Godsoe into the ministry. He welcomed Sandra as a supportive partner and encouraged both to persevere unto the end.

Sylvan Lake Baptism



Mark Soper firmly believes that the Holy Spirit was directing him when he walked into the Sylvan Lake church that Sabbath morning. The sermon reached his heart, and he responded eagerly. Bible study followed, and Mark was baptized by Pastor Ron Nelson. As Mark walks this new road, as the only one of his family, friends, and associates, we pray for him God's blessing and sustaining grace.

Christian Witness



Morrell Eldridge, formerly of Alberta, was baptized in Kalispell, Montana by Gerald Schulze following a crusade by Verne Snow. Morrell had been greatly influenced by Albert and Bonnie Nahorney when he lived with them in Edmonton.

Lacombe Baptism

In the evening of June 15 the church family and friends of the Lacombe Community Seventh-day Adventist Church met for the special occasion of the baptism of the Rumble family: Garry, Ethel, Liela, and Cory.

Pastor Cotton has had Bible studies with the family for seven months after which they all expressed their desire to be baptised. The church family welcomed them into the family of God.

Patricia Anderson
Communication Secretary

Adventurers Learn First Aid



On the weekend of June 14-16, 25 families from four Central Alberta Adventurer Clubs met at Foothills Camp for a weekend of fun and spiritual growth.

Thirty-two Adventurers worked on honors that included: "Pearl Gate", Insects, Sky, Camping and First Aid. During the Sabbath morning service the children, parents and staff were invited to sign their names on the beautiful "Heaven

Scene" backdrop, signifying that they wanted to live in heaven with Jesus. At the "Family Blessing" Service, all parents had the opportunity to affirm their children. Pastor Cotton, the guest speaker, spoke about the traditional family blessings of Bible times.

Ruth Riffin, Alberta Adventurer
Club Co-Ordinator

A Bird's Eye View of B.C.'s Hispanic Camp Meeting

The Camp Meeting season is here! For the Israelites, this was a time of Holy Feast and Solemn Convocations (Lev. 23). For us, it involves more than that. Camp Meeting is a time for Spiritual Renewal and Christian Fellowship.

This year the Hispanic Camp Meeting brought together people from not only the province of B.C. but also from other Canadian Provinces and from the United States. Our Camp Meeting took place at Camp Hope from June 28 to July 1.

We had activities for all ages: great messages, time for sharing, youth programs and children's programs, and women's groups. Our guest speakers were: from Merritt, B.C., Linda Rothenberger (Women's Ministries), from Rutland, B.C., Paul Antunes (Youth), from Portland, Oregon, Eliseo Orozco (Youth),



Pastor Bravo, Oronzco, Alonso and Leon.

from NAD, Elder Eradio Alonso (Assembly Messages).

Pastor Jim Leon and I saw the positive results that this time of spiritual growth induced in all of us present at the meetings.

David Bravo
B.C. Hispanic and Global Mission
Coordinator

Maranatha Project At Fountainview Academy

Standing on the hillside watching the two dormitories mushroom up was awesome. "It's unbelievable" was the comment heard over and over by the staff and students from Fountainview Academy. A self-supporting school, the academy is situated on 700 acres in the Fraser Valley, 12 miles south of Lillooet which is mile "0" on the gold rush trail of the 1860's north to Barkerville.

The huge, rugged, snow-capped mountains rising sharply up from the mighty Fraser River present a most picturesque view from every direction; a constant reminder of God's creation. Both dorms enjoy this most gorgeous view. Three floors high, 30 rooms, a Dean's suite plus piano rooms, recreation room, laundry, washrooms and a large living room area complement these dormitories. The two 3,350 sq. ft. dormitories had all the walls up, the roof completed, half the siding on and windows and doors installed in two weeks. Sixty-three Maranatha family members made the building project a success under the able guidance of Richard Visscher, construction superintendent. There were 12 full-time construction workers and some student help.

Eight women volunteers helped the



Dormitory at Fountainview Academy. Maranatha Project March 31-April 13. Both dormitories were erected in two weeks.

head cook, Margie Visscher and her staff in the kitchen of the cafeteria who served a total of 98 people.

Some activities planned by Andy and Claire Jones, project coordinators, included a tour of historic Lillooet, a trip to fallow deer farm, a hike to the Fraser River, to a lovely lake and a tour of the campus with its several industries. Evening vespers speakers gave a talk on the history of Fountainview. Testimonies were given by Pastor Peter Ford, volunteers and workers. Students presented a wonderful choir and musical concert of piano and flute. A talent show highlighted by the Visscher

family musical and Jim Reiswig's "Candy Store" act was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Two students, Jonathan Visscher and Keith LaRoy, put together a delightful video of the project.

During the construction of the boys' and girls' dormitories interaction between students and volunteers formed a special bond. Many volunteers look forward to returning to help construct the planned academy building.

We praise the Lord for safety during this project, for making new friends and enjoying God's beautiful creation that surrounds the Fountain Valley.

Kamloops Groundbreaking For Church Addition

A ground breaking ceremony for the addition to the Kamloops Church building took place May 6, 1996. William Olson, Treasurer of the BC Conference gave a brief message of commendation

and encouragement.

Pastor Steve Yaceyko led out in the ground breaking service. Ralph Ellison, Building Committee Chairman, had the opening prayer. Jeanette Bennett present-

ed a brief history of the Kamloops Church. Eva Houchen gave a history of the current church addition project.

Plans for the church addition began in 1991 when Malvin Atwood was the pastor in Kamloops. Good lumber was salvaged from an old Safeway store and bought for \$2,500. In 1993 the Kamloops church bought a lot which would be used for parking and at the same time free enough space for an addition to the church building. The addition with an area of 2,376 square feet will have a large fellowship room, two classrooms, bathroom facilities and storage space.

The Kamloops church members are thankful for the Lord's leading in the church addition project. The added facilities will not only make the church building more functional, but will also enable the church to serve the community more effectively.



Left to Right: Pastor Steve Yaceyko, Bill Olson, Ralph Ellison (Chairman, building committee), Lewis Rusk, Roy Witse, Walter Cherney, Leonard Horning, Erik Makela.

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ANNIVERSARIES

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Annabell and Doug Lewis



Douglas Lewis, first elder of the Chatham Seventh-day Adventist Church, and his wife Annabell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, May 1 at a beautiful ceremony conducted by Pastor Kingsley Peter.

Doug accepted the message after a Revelation Seminar in 1987. Prior to that he was a Baptist. The doctrine of the Sabbath attracted him to the Adventist church.

Born in Chatham, Ontario, he moved to Detroit where he joined the Navy. Later he was employed at General Motors.

His wife, Annabell is a singer and has performed at several programmes.

A fellowship meal followed when relatives, friends and church members feted the couple for their long established home.

WEDDINGS

CHOKKA - DUWAL

Dr. Sudhakar (Sonny) Chokka and Ramila Duwal were married in the Edmonton Central Church on June 23, 1996. Sonny is the son of Rao and Florence Chokka of Red Deer, Alberta and Ramila is the daughter of Sabitri Duwal of Nepal. The ceremony was performed by Pastor C. Schultz from California and Pastor Ian Cotton. The couple will be making their home in San Bernadino, California.

COTTON - FELDKAMP

Adrian Cotton and Maggie Feldkamp were married on May 27, 1996 at the Feldkamp home in Redlands, California. Adrian is the son of Pastor Ian and Averil Cotton of Lacombe, Alberta and Maggie is the daughter of Dr. Irving (Bud) and Pam Feldkamp of Redlands, California. The outdoor ceremony was conducted by the groom's father. The couple will be making their home in Spokane, Washington.

SCHAFFER - PAYNE

Dana Payne and Richard Schaffer committed their lives to each other in a beautiful ceremony at the Victoria SDA Church on July 21, 1996. Perry Melnychenko officiated. Dana is the daughter of Melbourne and Geraldine Payne of Winnipeg, and Richard is the son of Leon and Joyce Schaffer of Sidney, BC. The couple will make their home in Yakima, Washington.

BIRTHS

BROUSSON-Caitlyn Dayle was born to Stephen and Trish on April 19, 1996.

DEBOER-Kirk and Wendy DeBoer (nee Kierstead) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Ryan Bruce Emerson born on November 15, 1995 in Red Deer, Alberta.

WILSON-Glen and NoraLynn (nee Leiske) along with delighted grandparents Wayne & Gail Leiske, Jim & Marelyn Wilson are blessed by the birth of a baby girl-Shayla Tori Nicole born July 8, 1996 in Oshawa, Ontario.

OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER-Laura (nee Crack) was born July 4, 1915, in Blackpine, B.C. In 1919, she moved to the Peace River country where she spent most of her growing years on the family farm. On November 30, 1939, she married Vern Alexander and they moved onto her father's farm. Laura and Vern had three children: Betty Ann, Thomas Franklin and Andrew Robert. They settled in Maple Ridge and retired in Mission. Laura accepted the Adventist truth in 1987.

On April 13, 1996, she fell asleep in Jesus. The funeral service, officiated by Pastor Terrence Davin, was held at the Mission SDA Church, and Laura lies in the Hatzic Cemetery.

DEGERING-Etta B. Degering, author of the much loved My Bible Friends series, died March 13, 1996 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 98. Well known for her writing skills, Mrs. Degering used her talents as an editor, librarian, school teacher and educational and Sabbath school secretary. She and her husband spent time in Canada when he was president of Oshawa Missionary College.

Mrs. Degering is survived by her son Harvey and daughter Trudy Johnson; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

DOVICH-Fred passed away May 25, 1996 in Creston, British Columbia. He was born on February 16, 1915 at Lonesome Butte, Saskatchewan. Fred was married in 1943, and to this union were born two children, Judy and Larrie. In 1981 he married Jean Wellington. Fred leaves to mourn his loving wife Jean, son Larrie, daughter Judy (Wiebold), five grandchildren and five sisters.

Pastor David Giesl officiated at the funeral service assisted by Frank Owens. Fred is resting in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Erickson, British Columbia.

IZZARD-Louise was born October 14, 1901 at Boylston, in Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, and passed away at the Northwood Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 24, 1996. She had lived a full and interesting life. Left to treasure their memories are five daughters; Muriel MacKinnon, Celestia Parsons, Mary Izzard, Patricia Izzard, and Margaret Slawter, four sons: Carman,

Norman, Daniel and George. Interment was at the Heatherdale Memorial Gardens in Westville, Nova Scotia.

KANTOR-Vickie (nee Kotanko) fell asleep in Jesus after surgery in London, Ontario, February 11, 1996. Vickie was a member of the St. Thomas SDA Church and the service was held there February 14, 1996. Officiating was Pastor Jeff Potts from Terrace, B.C., a close family friend. Vickie's sincere unselfish love for the Lord and her fellow man was evident at the service, by the respect and love shown by all her family and friends. God gives each one of us talents, and one of Vickie's was to comfort and show love to others. Vickie was a supreme example of this philosophy. Her husband David, and daughter Sarah, along with her family and friends are now waiting to see that smiling face and hear her laugh again at Jesus' soon coming.

KINNEY-Elizabeth (nee DeMerchant) was born in Rosine, New Brunswick on June 30, 1895, and passed away at the Riverview Manor in Bath, New Brunswick on May 16, 1996, in her 101st year.

She married John Kinney in 1915. They were farmers in Piercemont, New Brunswick until their retirement. After her husband's death in 1975, she made her home with daughter Maxine Giberson until 1991, when she became a resident of Riverview Manor.

She is survived by three sons, Basil, Milford and Clifton; three daughters, Gladys Banks, Maxine Giberson and Mary Kuntz; also 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was an active member of the Perth-Andover Seventh-day Adventist Church. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Roger Robichaud. Interment was at the Bristol Community Cemetery.

KOLEBABA-Annie (Kuruliak) of Yorkton, Saskatchewan passed away on June 8, 1996. Annie was born on July 15, 1903 and married Nicholi Kalebaba in 1923.

Annie was predeceased by her husband, Nick, in 1975. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters: Mary Parkes and Joyce Allen; one son, John Kalebaba; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor John Boardman, and interment took place in the Yorkton City Cemetery.

KONDRATS-Zelma was born in Russia in 1909 and passed away June 15, 1996 in Oshawa, Ontario. Zelma came to Canada in the early 1950s. Her husband predeceased her in 1982.

Zelma was a nurse and worked in London, Ontario where they lived for many years.

The funeral service was conducted by pastors Barry Bussey, George Clarke and Cyril Millet.

She was laid to rest beside her husband in Mount Lawn Cemetery in Oshawa.

KOTANKO-Fannie, formerly of R.R.3 Simcoe, passed away peacefully at Norfolk General Hospital, on February 5, 1996 in her 95th year. Fannie Zandra was the wife of the late Samuel Kotanko, mother of Michael (and his wife Olga), William (and his wife Anna), Simon (and his wife Michelle), David

(and his wife Nancy), Lily Malarski (and her husband Peter), Kate Rewega (and her husband Fred), Elsie Janaway (and her husband Ross), Ruth Rajtrowski (and her husband Nick), Lena Marshall (and her husband Max), and Ellen Rosenberg (and her husband Charles); loving grandmother of several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Doug Pollington of the Simcoe SDA Church.

KRZEMINSKI-A memorial service for the late Mieczyslaw was held in the Armstrong Funeral Chapel in Oshawa on June 22. His memory is cherished by his wife, Ernestina; his four daughters, Ursula, Christina, Renata, Wanda; his six grandchildren, Emoh, Abokan, Tyrone, Ahy, Melissa, and Vanessa.

The service was conducted by Pastor Glen DeSilva.

LANDRY-Frederick Alexander was born in Sainte Marie de Kent, New Brunswick on June 29, 1909 and died on April 13, 1996, in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Fred was educated in the little Tankville, New Brunswick school. Later, he attended Maritime Academy in Memramcook.

Fred was married to Thelma Kelly, who predeceased him in 1990. Surviving Fred is one sister, Evelyn; one daughter, Sheila O'Brian and husband Danny, their two sons, Matthew and William.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Roger Couty.

MACHINSKI-Funeral services for John Machinski were held in the St. Albert Adventist Church on June 24, 1996.

John was born January 16, 1916 and died June 19, 1969 in Edmonton, Alberta. He was deceased by his wife Rose in 1959. In 1960 he was married to Emily.

John and Emily lived in Alberta and operated a farm north of Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

John leaves to mourn: his sons Albert, Eddy, Richard, Gerry and Jimmy, and one daughter, Marlene. Also his wife Emily and three children; Clarence, Shauna and Kevin.

MILLNER-Audrey Joyce (Tong) was born in the Chatham, Ontario area November 27, 1928. She passed away all too suddenly in St. Michaels Hospital in Toronto on June 26, 1996 in her 68th year.

She rests in the assurance of the "blessed hope", but for now will be deeply missed by her husband, Cecil, their two daughters, Charlene Millner and Sharon Iwanochko, son-in-law, Myron, their precious granddaughter, Katherine and one sister, Thelma Walton.

Katherine's great-grandmother, Reta Millner, wife of deceased Ontario Conference President, Albert E. Millner also deeply mourns the loss of her loving daughter-in-law, Joyce.

What a great reunion awaits these caring families of Oshawa and Ajax, Ontario!

The memorial service was conducted on June 30 by College Park Assistant Pastor, William Kelly and ADRA Canada representative, J.W. Wilson.

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NICKS—Orie Nicks, beloved husband of Mary, father of Doug and Murvin, passed to his rest in Edmonton on June 12, 1996. Orie was born in St. Albert in 1904. His family moved to a homestead south east of Erskine in 1905. He grew up, attended school, farmed, married Mary Shaw and lived in the area till 1951.

After they joined the church in 1952, they moved to the Lacombe area in order that their two sons could attend CUC Academy and College. After 22 years in B.C. they returned to Edmonton, close to their sons.

Orie Nicks will be sadly missed by his loving wife Mary, two sons, Doug (Karin) and their children, and Murvin (Carol) and their children, and one sister.

Pastors Jim Burgess and Bill Wigley officiated at the funeral service and the interment at the Erskine Cemetery.

O'CONNELL—Thomas (Topper) was born July 6, 1994, and died February 4, 1996. His brief life had a profound influence on those who knew and loved him. Tommy was deeply loved by his foster parents, Don and Marilyn Topper, and their children Kara, Lee, Rita and Jana. The funeral service in Stratford, Ontario, was conducted by Rev. Murray McDermott, assisted by Pastor Milton Amorim. We long for heaven where Tommy will at last be healthy and whole and in our arms again.

PERRISH—Sophia (Nykylyk) was born September 5, 1909 in Myrnam, Alberta. She

died May 22, 1996 in Simcoe, Ontario. In 1930 she married Michael Parrish. They moved to Simcoe, Ontario where she was a member of the S.D.A. Church. Three daughters are left to mourn—Evelyn Weyand, Mary Crepeau and Marta Perrish. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive. Doug Pöllington spoke words of comfort to the family and interment followed at Jericho Cemetery.

PETERS—Lillian Esther was born November 20, 1907 in Half Prairie, BC. In 1933 she married James Peter, from Winnipeg. They had three children: twins, Georgina and Phyllis and a boy, Gordon. In June 1995, after a fall she was hospitalized for seven months before she passed away on January 12, 1996. She is lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Georgina and Phyllis; one brother, and one sister as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor V.J. Puccinelli assisted by Dr. Graham McMorland and Ian Pong. Lillian was laid to rest at the Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

RHYNOLD—Audrey was born in Kingston, Ontario on June 20, 1928, and passed to her rest on April 6, 1996, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 30 years. She leaves to mourn her husband, Brent Rhynold of Halifax; three sons, Wayne, Brian and Paul. Her body was laid to rest in the Sonora Cemetery.

SERROUL—Louis was born in Bras d'or Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and passed away at North Sydney, on July 1.

He is survived by one daughter, Charlotte McLachlan; four sons; Robert, Edwin, Lionel and Hubert. He was predeceased by his wife Susan in 1976.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor John Lyons of the North Sydney SDA Church.

STARK—Clifford was born in New Brunswick in 1917 and passed away on May 11, 1996 in Oshawa where he and his wife Ona had lived since moving from New Brunswick in the 1950s. Cliff worked for many years at Maracle Press and at Home Health until his retirement in the early 1980s. Left to mourn are his wife Ona, and their only child Jeanne.

A memorial service at the Kingsway Pioneer Apartments in Oshawa was conducted by pastors Barry Bussey and George Clarke of the Ontario Conference.

SWARTZ—Lillian (nee Huff) was born near Edmonton, Alberta. She passed to her rest on May 16, 1996 in Wetaskiwin, Alberta at the age of 93. She is survived by two sons, Edwin (Bud) and Harold (Hal), nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Lillian and her husband joined the church through colporteur evangelism in 1936 and were active members of the SDA church in Wetaskiwin.

SYLVESTER—Lurine was born in Sherwood Content, Trelawyn, Jamaica on February 5, 1922. She was a member of the church in Linstead, Jamaica. She passed to her rest on June 9, 1996.

Mrs. Sylvester leaves her daughter Gloria Russell; her son Lloyd; one sister and two brothers. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Gerhard Christiansen with interment at York Cemetery.

ZAHARA—William was born in Dreau, Alberta on September 1, 1931 and passed away at his home in Kelowna on June 9, 1996.

Bill was a successful businessman in Alberta and B.C., and for some of those years was a literature evangelist and also worked for Christian Record Association. He became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1962.

He was married to Greta Madsen on September 2, 1952. She survives him as well as his children: Debra Tabaka, Cheryl Couture, Barbara, Dallas, Darrell, and Kevin. Three brothers, three sisters, six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survive him.

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