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*“Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots (Mat. 15:13).*

*“A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be uprooted (Prov. 12:3).*



# The Parable of the Cliff Edge

Mike Parker

Three men were going on a hiking trip through the mountains. The trip was to last one month. However, as the days went by all three of the men fell in love with the terrain, the sweet mountain air, the beauty of the trees and plants, the gracefulness of the mountain animals and the fresh water in the mountain streams. As the month long excursion drew to a close, the entire trio decided that they would not go back to the city, but rather they would stay out in the wild and make their new home in the mountains.

The three men traveled throughout the mountains for months, and eventually years. Together they explored the rugged mountain terrain. Although the going could get quite rough at times not one of the men regretted the decision to leave the hustle and bustle of city life in exchange for the peace of mountain life. Not one of them would dream of going back. Life seemed to be as perfect as it could be to the trio of hikers.

Finally, one day during their travels, they came upon a cliff. All three of the men stood at the edge of the cliff. The embankment was steep and long. There was a trail leading down the sharp slope, but it didn't appear to be much traveled. They were about to step back from the edge when one of the hikers gasped in awe. The fog that had lined the bottom of the cliff was lifting. Below the trio could see the most incredible thing. The beauty of the scene below made all the wonders they had seen thus far in their mountain journey seem like a dusty old painting. The men stood at the cliff edge for a moment speechless at the beauty below. Finally, one of the men stated boldly, "I'm going down."

"Are you crazy?" asked the second man. "There's no way I'm going down that path."

"But look at what's in store when you reach the bottom." replied the first man. "I'm going."

"I'm staying," the second man declared.

The third man, who had been silent thus far, spoke timidly. "I don't know what to do. On the one hand it does look wonderful down there. But on the other hand," he turned to the second man, "If you're not

going down, I don't think I should either."

So, the first man stepped off the cliff edge and began his journey. The second man remained on the mountain ledge. The third man also remained on the ledge, but stood at the edge of the cliff.

As time went on the three men continued living their lives in the mountains. The first man lived very happily at the foot of the cliff. There was an abundance of everything you could ever need. Although it was true that the journey down the cliff was quite a test, it was even more true that the journey had been well worth the effort.

The second man remained at the top of the cliff. He stayed comfortably back from the edge, rarely even getting close enough to glance down the slope to the valley.

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Although the scenery and life was still quite good where he was, deep inside the man was nagged by the realization that what the first man had discovered was better than what he now enjoyed. These thoughts made him frustrated with his place at the top of the cliff; yet he would become quite upset by any suggestion that he should consider descending the cliff himself.

The third man also remained at the top of the cliff. However, in contrast to the second man he would often stand rather close to the cliff edge. He loved looking down to the valley and often dreamed of how wonderful it would be if all three of the men would move to the foot of the cliff. However, he realized that the second man would never be moved and he himself could not get the courage to go over the cliff edge unless the second man came with him. From time to time, however, when the second man was out of sight, the third man would brave the first few steps down the path, but he would never go more than a few steps for fear the second man would catch him.

Therefore, as time continued to progress, the three men remained in their positions: The first, at the foot of the cliff, living the life he'd always desired and dreamed of; the second, at the top of the cliff, growing slowly more discontented

and resentful and the third, standing at the edge of the cliff, still torn between the two and becoming more frustrated day by day.

For those of you who have been patiently reading and waiting for the completion of this epic, your diligence is soon to be rewarded. I'm sure that, as you read and considered the story, many applications came to your mind and I'm glad for that. However, in the remaining space I would like to share with you some of the thoughts I had in mind when I first penned this little parable.

The journey through the mountains is our walk with Christ. We begin walking, each with our own reasons, but as we spend more time with Him we fall in love with this new world and decide to remain there for the duration of our earthly lives. The former life of stress and pressures is no match for this new life full of splendor and beauty and peace.

As we go along through life in this new territory (that is our relationship with Christ), we continue to reach new heights and discover more and more wondrous things. However, there comes, from time to time, a point of decision - the cliff edge. Each must choose his own path at this point.

Many choose to remain at the level where they are. It is comfortable, and undeniably beautiful and good. However, there remains with them the constant nagging of the thought that going over the cliff edge might significantly improve their present state. This nagging prevents true contentment and can even spawn some bitterness and resentment toward those who have gone over the cliff edge or even toward God Himself.

Some will be torn between the two. The appeal and benefits at the foot of the cliff are highly desirable, but the path to reach that spot is unfamiliar and seems too rough. They are also restrained by the opinions of those who refuse to cross the cliff edge and they would hate for fellow travelers to become upset with them for heading down the path. This dilemma leaves them frustrated with both themselves, with the other travelers at the top of the cliff for staying there and even with

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# Ezra: Lesson in Faith

Felix H. Turner

The apostle Paul wrote of Christians that "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). In another letter it is written: "Without faith no one can please God" (Hebrews 11:6, NCV). Thus, we are "justified by faith," "live by faith," and are enabled "by faith" to please God.

What is really involved in a life of faith? I would say that this is a crucial question, since our eternal destiny depends on a clear, accurate answer (John 3:36).

A brief look into the life of an Old Testament character, Ezra the "scribe" (teacher), demonstrates very clearly what is involved in living a life of faith (see Ezra 7:10).

In the first place, living by faith must be founded upon a powerfully devoted heart. "Ezra had devoted himself ...." Nothing worthwhile can be accomplished without this kind of commitment of heart. Like King David, our fervent prayer must ever be: "Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name" (Psalm 86:11, NIV). Paul urges: "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Living by faith means that we will "work very hard to know ... the Teachings of the Lord" (NCV). Peter wrote: "Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that BY IT you may grow in respect to salvation" (1 Peter 2:2, NASV). Paul makes clear how important this advice is: "Be diligent (work hard and carefully!) to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15, NASV). We must, like Ezra, devote ourselves to an ever deepening understanding of the Scriptures, for "faith comes from hearing ... the word of God" (Romans 10:17, NKJV).

Ezra also "worked hard to OBEY the Teachings of the Lord" (NCV). And so must we if we claim to live "by faith," because genuine FAITH will always OBEY the will of God (read carefully Genesis 22:1-3, 12, 18; Luke 6:46; John 14:15; James 2:14-26; Galatians 5:6). Faith is worthless without a solid commitment to obedience!

Finally, Ezra "taught the rules and commands of the Lord to the Israelites," NCV. After all, he was a teacher. Christians

today, those of us who "walk by faith," are called upon to teach God's word to others so they too may know the mind, heart, and will of God (see Matthew 28:18-20). Paul wrote to Timothy: "And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2, NASV). The believers of the first century "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). If we truly BELIEVE IN the word, we will want to do

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all we can to TEACH IT to others just as Ezra did.

Yes, there are many essential components to a life of faith. Are you "living by faith"?

God bless you as you attempt to do just that!

Fenwick, Ontario

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those who have taken the path to the valley for going without the rest.

However, some, who, despite the difficulty of the journey, step over the cliff edge and start down that path find that the path is rocky, steep and unfamiliar. It is an extremely difficult path to travel, more so than any they had traveled before. From time to time, they long for the comfort of the mountain ledge and they miss the company and friendship of their fellow travelers who re-mained behind. However, when they reach their destination, they realize that beyond a doubt it was worth it all. They are closer to God. Their relationship with the Father is so much deeper than it was before. Their love and appreciation of Christ is greater. Their trust and confidence in the Spirit's guidance, protection and provision is increased significantly.

We now face some questions. Where are we and where are we going. Are we comfortable where we are in our Christian

walk? Are we content to stay at the level where we are? Are we on the edge, torn between our fears and our faith? Are we ready and willing to take the first steps towards a deeper faith and commitment to Christ? Are we prepared to tackle the challenges that will come when we begin to live out this new faith and commitment?

As we begin 1999, I am excited at what God has in store for me, and for all of you - my fellow travelers.

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*Blessed are all who  
fear the LORD, who  
walk in his ways.*

(Psalm 128:1)

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# EDITORIAL

## Do You Believe?

Wayne Turner



At first, the news story sounded contrived. A young man put a gun to a girl's head and asked, "Do you believe in God?" When she said, "Yes." He responded, "Why?" and without waiting to hear her answer, pulled the trigger. How many times have we heard or used such a story as a hypothetical sermon illustration, "What would you do if this happened to you?" Some years ago, a brotherhood legend told of an eldership who, masked and armed, broke into a worship assembly demanding that those truly willing to die for Jesus should come forward.

The story of the girl is real. She was one of the victims in the school massacre in Littleton, Colorado. Her name was Cassie Bernall. She had gone into the school library to read her Bible. In fact, she was known for carrying her Bible at school. She was neither shy nor ashamed to be seen as living for Jesus. And, when it really came down to it, she was not afraid to die for Him. What a remarkable example this young woman has left us!

Jesus warned his disciples that they would be hated and persecuted. By his own experience, Paul could say "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." (2 Timothy 3:12). Both Peter and John warned their readers not to be surprised by painful trials, rejection or hatred (1 Peter 4:12; 1 John 3:13). Paul invited Timothy to join him in suffering for the gospel (2 Timothy 1:8). In the early centuries of Christianity, persecution and death were an unfortunate but often inevitable part of following Jesus. To the church in Smyrna Jesus said "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

The suffering of early Christians caused a significant change in the meaning of one word. Jesus sent his disciples into the world as his witnesses to testify to things they had seen and heard. The Greek word for witness is *marturos*. So many of these witnesses suffered and died for their testimony that this word took on a new meaning, that of one who suffered because of their testimony. Thus, we call a people who suffer and die for their faith martyrs.

Living in the religious tolerance and freedom of North America, the idea of actual martyrdom seems remote to us. Occasionally we hear of the martyrdom of Christians in third-world nations, but even those are rare. What we have called persecution has been little more than ridicule or harassment. Instead of having to face government persecution such as the Christians of the early centuries endured, we enjoy the protection of law. We are rarely forced to really confront the priority we give our faith or our willingness to die for Christ.

Certainly no one wants to see any person suffer or die. However, one might wonder if faith today has become too much concerned for comfort and convenience rather than conviction and commitment. What would happen to the church if more people were forced to stand up and even die for their faith? How many church members would quietly slip away into the darkness, never to be seen again? It is only natural for people to want safe-

ty and security - to rest easily in their comfort zones.

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) Jesus spoke these words in the context of finding and losing life. Those who seek to save their lives will lose them but those who lose their lives for Him, will find life. Saving our skins means losing our souls. Each Christian takes up his/her cross knowing that there are no comfort zones on a cross - only suffering and death. The way of Christ is not for dabblers and triflers. Eternal life is for those who will make faith in Christ and love for God the first priority in their lives.

Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20). Paul saw himself as dead - crucified with Christ. No longer pre-occupied with the day-to-day concerns that distract most people, he was free to stand up for Christ - to confess his faith in Jesus before multitudes that included governors, kings and even emperors. According to history, Paul ultimately gave his life for that faith. He died in total trust, knowing the One in whom he had believed and to whom he had entrusted his eternity. Such a wonderful and powerful faith!

Hebrews 11 lists the great people of the Old Testament who made faith their priority. Many suffered and died because of their faith. Verses 37 and 38 say "... They were put to death by the sword ... destitute, persecuted and mistreated -- the world was not worthy of them." By their faith they stood out from the rest of the world. Therefore, "God is not ashamed to be called their God." (verse 16). God responds, with pride, to those who make faith their priority and are willing to suffer and die for Him.

For the sake of our own souls and for all those around us who are lost in sin, we must make having an active, vibrant faith the priority of our lives. We need to avoid merely perpetuating the routines of religion and to stand up for Jesus before the world. When asked, under any circumstances, "Do you believe?" we must answer with a clear, unflinching "Yes!" that is stated not only by our words but also our lives.

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## What An Answer Can Cost

**E**xactly what happened that day in Littleton, Colorado we may never know. The experts will present theories as to why and lawmakers will present sweeping legislation in the hope that it will never happen again. In the end, the question will be lost and a miraculous moment will be overlooked then forgotten. The media wants the question to disappear. After all, the gunmen were targeting athletes who had treated them poorly. Did you know that there was another target? Athletes were not the only chosen target on that terrible day. One victim was not an athlete but a teenage Christian who openly professed her faith and trust in God. It seems that everyone in that high school knew one thing about this special young lady. They knew she loved God and so they asked her the question.

The question went something like this. Do You believe in God? Simple, straight, and the gun in her face made it very direct. Her answer came to the ears of a teenager holding a gun to her head. I don't know if she whispered her response or screamed it in defiance but we all know that she said it. "I believe" was her answer and the bullet left the barrel of the gun and her life here was over. Her testimony, however, had just begun.

Facing a gunman who had already shot and killed some of those around you, what would your answer have been? Maybe the question should be "what is your

answer"? I understand that there is no gunman facing you as your eyes glance at the words on this page. I was in a teenage class and I asked them the same question. "Facing a gunman, what would your answer be?" Some said they did not know what they would say in that situation, some were sure they would respond by confessing their love for God. Then I asked the second question, "Would they have even known that you are a Christian?"

What is your answer? The young lady who lost her earthly life was in the habit of confessing her love for God. This was not the first time that she had looked into the eyes of one that hated the God that she loved. It was her practice to challenge people with the word of God. The decision to confess her trust in God was made long before she faced the gunman in the school that day.

One day Amy and I rushed into the restaurant to grab a quick breakfast. You understand that we barely had time to talk to each other let alone a stranger. Plus this stranger was different. I realize that we are all different, but he was really different. His hair was so matted and tangled that there would have been no hope for a brush or comb. The only option for the hair would have been to shave it all off. Plus, I was in a hurry. I received my food, looked once in his direction, then I walked away. You understand I was in a hurry.

A few days later I found myself focused on a teenager who was telling the story of how the young girl was shot for saying she believed in God. With tears staining my face, I thought that if ever faced by a gunman who makes me choose life or Christ I would confess his name. However, when there was no gun, I answered "not today Lord."

We say that if ever faced with the great life threatening tests of our faith, somehow we would pass them while at the same time allowing the daily opportunities to be squandered. We answer the question "do you believe in God?" We answer it in our everyday actions. In church circles there is a lot of talk about evangelism and at the risk of over-simplifying things, it seems that evangelism comes down to two things. Knowing the word and seizing the opportunity. A key phrase for good evangelism may well be "No Excuses".

Paul sat in a Roman prison awaiting death when he told Timothy to not be ashamed of his chains for the gospel is not imprisoned with him. In Second Timothy the prisoner, Paul, told the young minister, Timothy, to guard the treasure, set afire his gift, pass the gospel on to faithful men, and preach the word. Facing death Paul's concern was the spreading of the gospel.. Interestingly Paul sought every opportunity to share the gospel while it seems that we seek every excuse not too.

Know the word, seize the opportunity. It all starts at home! Teach your children to share the good news.

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## A Faith That Will Not Shrink

**I**n this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

On April 20, 1999 at 11:30 am, darkness came over the Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Two young men were presented with a choice and chose evil over good. Before they turned their guns on themselves, they murdered 12 fellow students and one teacher and injured many. Yet, even in darkness there is light.

When Cassie Bernal was in her early teens she gave her parents lots of trouble. She was rebellious and was getting into some things that scared her parents. Cassie's parents denied her any activities that were not church related. Yes, they even forced her to go to church. Cassie reacted as many teenagers would. However, Cassie began to make friends with some in the youth group at church and Cassie's heart began to soften. Cassie went with her youth group to a retreat weekend and came back a changed young woman. Cassie's mother remembers Cassie telling her that she knew that her parents would find it difficult to believe that she had really changed, but that she would prove it to them by her actions, and prove it she did. Cassie's parents thanked God for the change that they saw in their daughter.

Two days before her death Cassie made a video with her church youth group. They were hoping to use the video to encourage other young people to deepen their faith. Cassie shared her faith on that video. Did Cassie know just how soon her faith would be tested?

Cassie's faith was tested at 11:30 am, April 20, 1999 at her high school, the Columbine High School. Hearing the gun shots and warnings, Cassie was hiding with her classmates under the tables in the Library. A gunman came into the room and asked if there were any Christians present, Cassie got slowly and deliberately to her feet. The gunman asked, "Cassie, do you still believe in God?" Cassie's friends report that she hesitated before answering, not because she doubted her answer, but because she knew the pain her answer

would cause her parents. Cassie's answer was a simple, "yes." The gunman pulled the trigger and Cassie died. Cassie's faith was tested and proven genuine.

Cassie's parents, when interviewed, were the very definition of mixed emotions. They grieve the loss of their child, as any parent's would but they are also filled with joy because of the victory Cassie had in Christ.

Those with little faith and a strong attachment to this world cannot begin to comprehend what Cassie did. You see they believe that this life is more important than their faith. Cassie knew differently. Cassie had learned to value her faith. She held unswervingly to her hope and passed from this life to the next in victory not defeat.

How can we develop a faith like Cassie's? How can we be sure that when our faith is tested it will be proven genuine?

Faith comes through hearing or reading the Word of God. In building faith, there is no substitute for study. Our parents, Sunday school teachers and preacher may teach us, but we must also study on our own. We need to ask the questions that are causing our doubts and hindering our faith and seek the answers in God's Word. We must keep asking and keep seeking until we find the answers.

Faith comes through regular times of worship. We come together to praise God, but there is also a "one another" element in our worship. We are to be spurring one another on to love and good deeds. We are to be encouraging one another when we come together (Hebrews 10:24-25). We do not attend worship assemblies, devotions, Bible studies, etc., just to be encouraged, but also so that we can encourage others. Faith remains in a state of infancy if we attend just to be encouraged. This kind of faith is passive and dependent on the ability of the worship leaders to encourage it. Mature faith knows that when we sing from the heart we are encouraging others. Mature faith knows that our attendance and participation will encourage others. Mature faith knows that our greetings and conversations can be used to encourage

others. When we get outside ourselves and participate in the ministry of encouraging others, we find our faith deepening and we are encouraged.

Faith comes from serving. Do not wait for your faith to grow and become strong before you begin to serve. If you do, you may find that your faith never really grows. Get involved with your local church. There are literally hundreds of opportunities. I have often witnessed the fastest growth among those who were involved and ready to do any good work.

Faith grows when we see our prayers answered. Unfortunately, we keep better records of the occasions when our prayers are not answered. Those we have prayed for do not get better. We prayed for peace in the church, but the battles continue. We prayed for our mom and dad, but they divorced anyway. We can each list in very careful detail all the occasions when it appears that our prayers were not answered. Could we list with the same careful detail all the occasions when our prayers were answered? When we have prayed for safe travel and arrive safely, do we thank God or take it as chance? When we pray for food and remember that we have never gone hungry, do we thank God? When we have prayed for our sick friends and relatives and they have been healed, do we thank God or talk about the miracle of modern medicine. When we have prayed for God to just get us through the day and He does, do we give Him the credit, or do we say that the day wasn't as bad as we thought. I wish that I could explain to you why some prayers are not answered. At one time I thought that I knew, but not any more. I have too often seen the raw and savage grief of unanswered prayers to think that I have any answers. I do know, believe and trust that God knows best. I do believe that somehow God will work all things out for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). Faith grows when we see our prayers answered.

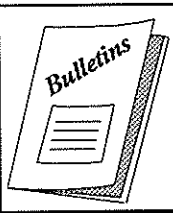
Faith grows when we remember that God is with us in all of our trials. I cannot even begin to imagine the pain that the people of Littleton, Colorado are going through at present. I do know that God is with them and that He will get them through it and that their faith will be stronger on the other side of this.

In times of great darkness, God sends light. In the midst of pain, He provides comfort. When our faith is most severely tested, He sends strength.

*"We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved"* (Hebrews 10:39).

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## We Have Seen His Glory

Brian Cox

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

We read the Gospels and long for the physical presence of Jesus. We long to just sit with Him. To hear him teach, WOW! Would that be great. To sit on the mountain and hear Jesus' voice as He shared what we call the Sermon on the Mount. To hear from Jesus' own lips what we read in red in our Bibles would be heavenly. Surely our faith would be increased. We read of the disciples praying with Jesus and think "wouldn't that be great?" Prayer would never be the same again after we had prayed with Jesus. To simply enjoy a meal with Him as many did would be great. To walk with Him as He traveled throughout Judea and Galilee would certainly be heavenly.

However, fantasizing about what it would be like to be in His physical presence may close our eyes to His glory present in our world. God's glory is all around us. If we would just open our eyes we might see it. I see His glory in a beautiful sunrise after a stormy night. I see His glory each year in the beautiful new growth of spring. I see His glory in the birth of a baby. I saw our two children born and have never been the same since. Birth is still a miracle. I see His glory in the love, companionship and intimacy found in marriage. I see His glory in the fellowship of those of like mind, faith and values. This fellowship is so close that the Bible calls it being brothers and sisters in Christ. His glory is in a bond so close that we become a spiritual family. Open your eyes today and see His glory. It is all around us.

Physical birth should certainly be viewed as a miracle, but spiritual rebirth is an even greater miracle. Spiritual rebirth is not about people achieving or eventually

being good enough, but about Christ acting on a heart hardened by sin's deceitfulness. The miracle of spiritual rebirth is about that heart softening, turning to God and being forever changed. I see His glory in every life made new with sins forgiven, washed as white as snow. The result of His glory is not forgiven sinners but saints made holy by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Although we do not have Jesus' physical presence with us, we can see His glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Open your eyes and see His glory.

Newmarket, Ontario

## Burning Priorities

Rick Gamble

He's best known as the Roman leader who crucified 6,000 slaves for following the gladiator Spartacus in a bloody revolt that defeated the empire's fabled armies seven times. In 73 B.C., Crassus Marcus Licinius finally crushed the rebel force of 90,000 and lined the main road to Rome with cross after cross after cross, each covered with a writhing renegade abandoned to the unhurried horror of crucifixion.

But Licinius was as ruthless in business as he was in battle. A slave trader and the empire's biggest real estate baron, he also owned Rome's only firefighting company. When flames broke out in anyone's home - and fires were common -- it was the emperor's slaves who showed up with a special water chariot and a bucket brigade. Trouble was, no one would spring into action until a deal was struck, and the terms were always the same. Licinius would save the home and contents only if he was given title to the house, and the owner became his tenant for life.

Deals born of desperation. And they're no less common today. Young people, worried the world is passing them by, jump at every fad and fetish dictated by a culture that demands complete obedience in exchange for approval and acceptance.

Middle aged men and women betray their spouses but, for many, the sex is just a way to silence the alarm on their biological clock as it warns of their looks and long-denied dreams slipping away.

Then there are the subtle, insatiable addictions to what society calls success. Though the compulsion works the same, the narcotic varies: an all-consuming career, a child forced to live out the goals of a driven parent, or a need to control everything and everyone. People feed their habit, hoping to fill their heart with something -- anything -- that won't seep away and leave them empty and alone yet again.

But the most tragic desperation is seen in the devastated Christian who makes a single, sordid mistake then chooses the darkness of continuing deceit instead of the healing light of repentance and restoration. Redemption is right in front of them, but fear and shame prevail.

In every case, the desperate end up on a cross of utter capitulation, or strike a deal that enslaves them for life. Our Licinius is the lie and the sin in us -- the deceptions that pressure us to make deals with the perceived enemies of time and deterioration, age, ego, selfishness and sexuality.

The eternal life and love of Christ have freed us from all those things. The real tyrant is our recurring fear of mortality; our inability to keep our eyes on the ageless or our minds on the Almighty. Real peace and security will come only when we sense profoundly that nothing can blackmail us into bondage because we've been liberated from the desires, demands and deceptions of life. This is not our home. Next time your house is on fire, don't bargain. Let it burn. You've got another one waiting.

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**POINT BY PERRY:**

**Affirmation  
Needed**



**M**y wife is an excellent cook. I enjoy the food she prepares. I eat it heartily and in good sized helpings, often taking seconds. Beyond this, I am afraid that I tend to take it for granted and fail to praise her cooking or thank her for catering to my likes. Surely it is obvious that I enjoy the food!

As I write this it is the annual time when most of us are telling our mothers in one way or another how much we love and appreciate them. This is good! Why just once a year?

Likewise, most of us try to remember our wedding anniversaries and use them as an opportunity to express and demonstrate our love and appreciation for our spouses. This is good but why so seldom? Is it, as some have said, "He/she knows that I love and appreciate her/him. I said so at the wedding."?

The very busyness of our lives, the diversity of our activities and the different directions we take during much of our time argue the need for affirmation of our feelings. Occasional neglects, differences and diversions can result in seeds of doubt. Frequent affirmation of affection and appreciation not only does wonders for the recipient and pays back bountiful dividends but also serves a much needed function in surfacing feelings, commitments and obligations that we have allowed to be buried under the demands of our daily activities.

Peter was asked three times by the resurrected Jesus, "Peter . . . do you love me?" Each time he responded, "Lord, you know that I love you". Certainly the Lord, who predicted Peter's denials when he was vehemently declaring his loyalty and readiness to die for him, knew that Peter loved him. Nevertheless, Jesus also knew that Peter needed to affirm that love and embarrassed him by asking him to do so (See John 21:15-17).

We believe that nothing is hidden from the Lord. That being the case, why do we need to pray? Since he knows our hearts, why express our devotion? Since he knows

our needs before we ask, why do we need to ask? Simply put, there is a need for affirmation. We need to say it and the Lord is pleased to hear it. It exalts the Lord, reminds us afresh of our relationship with him and dependence on him and strenghtens our faith and resolve to serve him. *ecp*

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You may or may not have known that magazines have, because of their cultural and educational qualities, received special postage rates from the Canadian Postal Authority for many years. More recently, with the formation of the Canada Post Corporation, it became apparent that these low rates were seriously affecting the bottom line of that organization. The result has been that the Department of Canadian Heritage (presently led by Shiela Copps of Hamilton) has been designated to provide a subsidy for magazines so that the corporation receives a more equitable return for its services.

In the process of accomplishing this changeover it was required that magazines wishing to receive the subsidy reregister. In order to be able to continue sending out the GOSPEL HERALD without raising the subscription price to an unviable level we submitted our application. Over the year that this has been in process we have discovered the following:

1) All management and processing must be done in Canada. To her disappointment, we had to take the typesetting and formatting away from our daughter, Linda Hammett, since she had moved to Ohio.

2) The percentage of space used for advertising is limited. We were okay on this one.

3) Subscriptions are classified as "Bona Fide" or "Controlled". Although we did not, at first, realize this, it now appears that any subscriptions for which we are paid less than \$12.00 per year are considered controlled. This \$12.00 minimum rate was supposed to be in full effect by January 1999. We are thus late in announcing it and unable to provide advance warning or encourage renewals at the old rates up to some stated deadline as is usually done when rates are increased.

4) We are not supposed to carry any subscriptions that are more than three months in arrears. Brethren, if you are behind,

please pay up.

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# FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN



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## God's Angel Messengers

Prophets Messengers, Part 1

*(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of nine articles submitted by Katheryn Maddox Haddad. Haddad and her husband, Richard, are members of the North Shore Community Church of Christ. Both a writer and speaker, she has a BA degree from Harding University in English, education and Bible, and part of an MA degree in Bible. We appreciate her contribution to this page. LCH)*

God has both angel warriors and angel messengers. There is some written in the Bible about angel warriors, but there is much more written about angel messengers.

Actually, the word "angel" comes from both Hebrew and Greek words meaning "messenger". People were just as frightened at the appearance of sword-wielding angel warriors as they were of gentle-speaking angel messengers. Both were critically powerful in their own way. On earth, men are normally a kind of angel warrior; women are normally a kind of angel messenger. So, hang onto your hats, ladies. Let's wing our way through the scriptures and see how this can be true. Ready to go soaring?

Messenger angels with good news told Hagar that she would have numerous descendants through her son, Ishmael (Genesis 16:7-16); showed Hagar where there was water in the desert (Genesis 21:17-19); told Abraham and Sarah that they were going to have a baby in their old age (Genesis 18:9-15; 19:1); and told Jacob to return to his homeland of Canaan (Genesis 31:11-13).

Messenger angels told Moses to return to Egypt to free the Jews from slavery (Exodus 3:2-10); told Samson's childless parents that they would have a son (Judges 13:2-16); told Elijah where there was food (I Kings 19:5-8); told Daniel when the Jews would return to Jerusalem, and when a Savior would be born (Daniel

8:16-10:21); told Zechariah that God would help him rebuild the temple, remake the priestly garments and crown, etc (Zechariah 1:11-19; 3:1-9; etc.). (By the way, Gabriel seemed to be both left- and right-brained, since he was both a warrior angel and a messenger angel.)

Messenger angels told Zechariah that he would have a son, John the Baptist (Luke 1:11-19); told Mary that she would bear the Savior (Luke 1:26-37); told Joseph that Mary would bear the Savior (Matthew 1:18-24); told the shepherds that the Savior had been born (Luke 2:8-14); told Joseph where he could flee from the slaughter of babies in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:13); told the women that Jesus had come back to life (Matthew 28:1-7; Mark 16:107; Luke 24:1-10); and told the apostles that Jesus would return through the sky in the same way that he had left (Acts 1:9-11).

Messenger angels told Philip to travel down a certain road (Acts 8:26); told Cornelius to send for Peter to find out the will of God (Acts 10:3-8); told Peter to leave his jail cell (Acts 12:6-10); told Paul that he and the other passengers would be saved from a storm at sea (Acts 27:23-24); and explained to John heavenly events through history until the end of the world (book of Revelation).

Interestingly, only one time did angels bring bad news. That was when they told Abraham and Lot that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed (Genesis 19:1-22). *There were two other kinds of angels--protection angels and destruction angels. They were angels of action, "men" of few words.*

We could liken prophetesses to angel messengers. Indeed, there were many prophetesses in the Bible. First, we need to understand what a prophet(ess) was.

The word "prophet" comes from the Greek word *prophetes* and refers to a divine message received directly from God. To the pagan Greeks, this word meant someone who received oracles from the gods.

To understand the word better, we need to look at the word prophesy translated from *prophetateuo* in Greek and *naba* in Hebrew. In the older Hebrew language it means "to pour out". A good explanation is found in Joel 2:28a and quoted in Acts 2:17a. "In the last days, God says, I will POUR OUT my Spirit on ALL people. . ."

The emphasis is not in pouring out God's Spirit. That was done in the Old Testament, too, to certain individuals. This passage is emphasizing that God will pour out his Spirit to everyone.

What or who is God's Spirit that was poured out on the Day of Pentecost to all believers who were baptized (Acts 2:38)? In John 14:16-17 and 15:26, Jesus said that he was going to send *another* Counselor, the Spirit of Truth. So, what or who is the truth? John 16:13-14 says that God's Spirit is truth, and John 17:17 says that God's Word is truth. John 1:1 and 14 says that Jesus was the Word, and Jesus in John 14:6 said that He was the truth, and no one could come to the Father without this truth.

Therefore, since Jesus was going to send *another* Counselor (John 14:16), He was the first Counselor and the Holy Spirit was the other Counselor. In fact, Isaiah 9:6-7 says that "unto us a child is born, to us a son is given. . .called Counselor". In both cases, Jesus was the Word and the Holy Spirit is the Word.

And when are the "latter days"? Hebrews 1:2 says that the latter days began when Jesus came. So, in Acts 2:17, the Spirit that was poured out "on all people" was the completely revealed Word of God that had been held back until Jesus overcame death for us. What to do to be saved was finally revealed, something that they could not do under the old law. (Hebrews 9:15 says that the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection was retroactive onto Old Testament believers.)

The second half of Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17 says, ". . .Your sons and daughters will prophesy. . ."

We know that there were prophetesses both before and after Jesus. That was nothing new. What did the prophets and prophetesses say? They said the actual thoughts/words of God. They were not interpreters or ministers or anything else. Once they wrote it down (which some did,

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# NEWS

- EAST -



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## ONTARIO

**Ajax:** The Ajax brethren report that 790 attended the Training For Service meeting in Toronto. It was followed by a good meeting in Ajax with brother Michael Tackett.

**Beamsville:** Earl Greene of Newark, NY plans to be with the congregation on May 30 for a "congregational celebration of their faith." The congregation took a special contribution for refugees in Kosova and raised \$285.00. Donald and Dianne Perry arrived home following their semester at Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba. A group of young people led by Shawn Williams from Michigan and Arkansas are coming back to conduct a VBS in July. Joint Sunday evening services of the congregations in the area will be held in Beamsville - June 6, Tintern - June 13, St. Catharines - June 20 and Grimsby - June 27. In late April, Natasha McMillan and Chuck Lock completed their work in Papua, New Guinea and will arrive home after spending their last month in Australia. The brethren participated in the area-wide hymn sing at GLCC on May 12.

**Bramalea:** Twenty-five women attended the ladies retreat led by Lillian Lourenco with special guest speaker, Aileen Fraser from Warren, MI on the subject of prayer. The "Prime Timers" (Sixty-Plus) session at Camp Omagh from July 5-8, will be led by Walter Straker from this congregation. Daniel and Betty Amanatey moved back to Montreal, due to a work transfer. Daniel Whittington left with a group from Harding to work in a campaign in New Zealand.

Ashley Whittington, daughter of Evan and Debbie, put on her Lord in baptism on Monday, April 26. Keith Whittington, son of Owen and Linda, was baptized on Thursday evening, May 6.

Building expansion began on April 29 and by May 12, the block walls were up for

the basement. Mark and Leslie Stowe and daughters, Jenny and Jamie, who attend Rochester College, are expected to place membership on May 16.

**Collingwood:** Ten from Collingwood attended the Georgian Bay Singing in Owen Sound. They had a pot luck dinner on April 25. On April 30, they held a devotional service at the Sunset Manor.

**Fenwick:** The GLCC chorus was at Fenwick, April 17 & 18. New hymn books were purchased in memory of Harry Gilbert and Elsie Comfort and we are meeting to learn new songs.

**Grimsby:** On Saturday, March 27, Mark Addison, an elder for the Mentor Church of Christ in Mentor, Ohio, was the special guest speaker for a Teacher's Appreciation evening, and the singing group "Living Water" also participated. Plans are to hold a Vacation Bible School on August 23-27.

**Hamilton (Fennell Ave.):** "We thank God for the addition of a new sister in Christ, Carolyn Johnson. A meeting with Michael Tackett of Key to the Kingdom is scheduled for November 14-16.

**Newmarket:** They have been having a special Friday evening singing fellowship at their building. Guest speaker was Keith Thompson, who had just returned home from down south. On May 28, a special presentation was being made by Great Lakes Christian College Chorus.

**North Bay:** Rick Orton was baptized April 4. "Let us rejoice and give glory to God. Please pray that we will meet his needs in helping his family with their spiritual growth." Also, pray for Nicole Brassard, as she begins her new life in Christ. Nicole was buried with Christ in baptism on April 18.

The brethren had a Marriage Encounter Seminar with a full slate of participants.

**Owen Sound:** "The area singing held in Owen Sound on April 11 had an attendance of 105. Nathaniel Metherel was baptized into Christ on April 18. The Owen Sound ladies renewal is scheduled for September 17-19. Katheryn Haddad of the new North Shore Community Church of Christ in Essex County will be the guest teacher. This year the renewal will be at Camp Anesh, a Girl Guide camp located on the outskirts of Owen Sound. The church is sending \$250 to Trevor Laycock of the Carman, Manitoba church to assist

in his mission to Brazil. Our contribution for the first four months of the year has averaged \$1,077 per week. Our budget is \$1,030.20." *Walter Hart*

**Port Colborne:** Richard Maddeaux graduated from Rochester College on May 8 with highest honors, summa cum laude, and tied two other students for Valedictorian.

**Sarnia:** "We welcome our new evangelist, Dennis (Skip) Francis, and his wife Kay. They have four children: Kristin, Sean, Brian and Mary." They arrived on May 3. The congregation has new song books through a memorial gift of Maude Silver's family. June 12 and 13 is "Open House" for the community.

Ethel Dennis celebrated her 90th birthday on June 6. Wanda Spiers plans to go to England on May 12 for training in tropical diseases and then on to Ghana.

**Sault Ste. Marie (Pinehill):** The brethren fed over 100 people at the soup kitchen. Mabel Whitehead celebrated her 91st birthday, March 26.

**Stoney Creek:** Services begin at 10- July 4 thru September 5.

**Stratford:** Their "Spring Sing" is planned for Sunday May 30, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Special "men's nights" "ladies nights" and "young folks bowling" have been enjoyed by the church family. In their cell groups, they've been studying the Gospel of John. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 11-14. On May 1 the brethren passed out brochures entitled, "Just Christian" trying to encourage the community to come worship with them. The Wayne Speer family from Tirana Albania report that the congregation has grown to 250 members.

The Ministry groups are doing well. The congregation is now supporting Itaku Titus Owen at Nigeria Christian Bible School.

**Thessalon:** They had a special song service March 28. On May 8, a group of boys from GLCC, called "4-Ever His" sang. Sonia Bailey had cancer surgery. Two car loads of ladies went to Sudbury for their ladies day.

**Thunder Bay:** The theme this year is "Building a Healthy Church." A van load of people left for Regina to attend Spring Renewal. The young people had a youth event at the Ellis' house. On May 2 they

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### SASKATCHEWAN

**Moose Jaw:** Members of the congregation are involved in regular services at the Senior Care Homes in town. These times with the older people are very enjoyable, and the seniors especially seem to enjoy the old-time hymns.

The ladies have met for Ladies Bible Study every other Tues. morning for the winter & spring months. They have studied a wide variety of topics and the classes have been well attended. The ladies take turns teaching the class and the teaching has been excellent.

We support three men in Nigeria and Velma Forman in Papua New Guinea, as well as other support given as requests come in during the year.

This congregation is involved in collecting non-perishable grocery items for the Moose Jaw & District Food Bank and medical supplies for Velma Forman & her clinic in Papua New Guinea. Our total poundage donated in 1998 to the Food Bank was 1,004 lbs. and several large boxes of medical supplies were mailed off during the year to Velma.

Quite a number of our ladies are involved in baking muffins or cookies for the Hunger in Moose Jaw--Children's Muffin Program. These baked goods are given out to children in Moose Jaw who may have come to school having had no breakfast, or who come to school with no lunch.

On January 23rd, 1999 the family of Ed & Helen Elford hosted a come & go tea at the building in honor of Ed's 80th birthday. Ed & Helen have been a very active part of the congregation here in Moose Jaw since 1987.

On January 30, 1999, the congregation here in Moose Jaw lost a sister in Christ, Mrs. Edith Brown, at the age of 86 yrs. Edith, or "Grandma" Brown as she was known to so many, had been part of our congregation for many, many years. She will be missed. Edith was predeceased by her husband, Malcolm, and three grandsons. She is survived by 13 children, 51 grandchildren, 112 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchildren, as well

as other relatives.

As I write this, we are looking forward this coming weekend to having Larry Deal (Dauphin) with us to present his series "Finding My Place in God's Plan" on Saturday & Sunday.

**Regina:** The congregation held a "Friends' Day" on March 14 as a special day to invite and bring visitors.

Sister Martha Krogsgaard passed away on March 14 at the age of 98.

Members of the congregation have given or committed \$3600 to their Let's Start Talking teams. The first team was scheduled to leave in May for Tijuana, Mexico.

On April 5, Donny Reddekop, 16, was heading off for heart surgery in Toronto. The congregation was helping with some of the expenses involved with this.

Spring Renewal with Larry Yurk and Jeff Nelson was held April 9-11.

**Saskatoon:** Our congregation responded to a recent plea for assistance to the refugees from Kosovo. A total of \$3128 was given toward this cause and forwarded to Partners in Progress.

We are blessed in this congregation with many people who give their time and energy to volunteer programs in our community. We rejoice and thank God for the dedication of EVELYN MOONEY in serving immigrants through the Open Door Society. During a special banquet for volunteers on April 16, Evelyn received an award for nearly 20 years of service in teaching English to immigrants. While Evelyn wishes to remain a servant behind the scene, we feel honored that she has so unselfishly served her community for so many years and we want her to know how much we appreciate her. Evelyn was previously granted the Saskatchewan Medal for her involvement with the community.

We will be having Mark Roberts as the summer Intern for our congregation this year. Mark is completing the second year of the Bible College program at Western Christian College. Mark is the son of Kerry and Lavonne Roberts of Dauphin, Manitoba.

We have received some encouraging news from Allen Close of Lexington, South Carolina. Allen served as a minister in our congregation for several years before moving to Lexington. He recently underwent surgery to correct a problem with his heart racing. The surgery was successful but a pace maker had to be installed prior to his release from hospital. Allen has reported his belief that many

prayers have resulted in his continuing recovery. He is now back to work and will be able to resume all his normal activities.

**Weyburn:** In April, the congregation welcomed Lyndon & Janelle Ross and their family who recently move there.

On April 11, sister Alice Henderson passed away at the age of 82.

The congregation welcomed Jim Dempsey as a new brother in Christ when he was baptized on April 11.

### MANITOBA

**Carman:** Our lectureship really left us with a lot to think about, what are my grace-gifts, and how can I use them in my ministry? If we continue to consider these questions, then this year's lectureship will have been very successful.

We were blessed to have Sonshine from Western Christian College encourage us on April 9.

The youth group enjoyed a weekend in Bismarck at the Youth Rally on April, 23-25.

On Sunday, April 25, brother Art Toews passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Left to mourn his passing are his wife Barb and daughters Mandy, Becky and Jolie and one son, Harley, mother-in-law, Jennie Morgan of Carman and four brothers and sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews, also many brothers and sisters in Christ. His strong faith in God and his assurance of heaven kept him strong and courageous to the end of his battle with cancer. Art was 54.

**Winnipeg:** Recent baptisms include Trevis Linton, Willi McQuaid, Michael Hill, Vincent Hill and Wes Myrchak.

The congregation is considering a proposal to change the time of our Sunday morning services for the months of June, July and August. If adopted, Bible School will be at 9:00 a.m. and Worship at 10:00 a.m. If you are planning to visit the church in Winnipeg during the summer, please phone to confirm the times.

Lord willing, Rolland and Laurie Bouchard will be moving to Winnipeg near the end of June. Rolland will be our new youth worker.

The young people held a 24-hour Relief Famine for refugees in Kosovo and raised almost \$3,000. A van load went down to the Bismarck Youth Rally. As well, our youth had a weekend winter retreat.

Kids Rally was a great success, involving many of the youth and adults in working with the various learning centres. Valerie Turner and her fiancée, Russ Quirey, came up from Oklahoma to assist.

# NEWS

## - FAR WEST -



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### ALBERTA

**Edmonton:** Although we had no baptisms in April, our small group Bible studies continue to lead the work of sowing and watering. There are about fifteen one-on-one studies going on at this time that, with prayer, will bear fruit in the days and weeks to come.

The big event for April was the annual Alberta Spring Fellowship held April 2-4. We had an excellent turnout, averaging over 200 people for each lecture, and with 384 in attendance on Sunday morning. Most of the congregations in Alberta were represented at the lecturship, and some came from Saskatchewan and British Columbia. J.J. Turner and Philip Slate both gave excellent lessons. Many from the congregation in Edmonton worked hard to make sure that the children's classes, billeting, singing, and refreshments were looked after. Thanks to all who travelled from distant points to attend the weekend. A special contribution was taken on Sunday, at which time over

\$24,000 was given and pledged towards our building fund.

The elders have commissioned a group of men to develop some plans for the day that we outgrow our current building. Many different options are being examined, from renting a facility to building a new building.

Our monthly Parent Talk discussion was held on April 24. We continued our discussion of "Kids in Worship," focusing on practical measures to prepare for worship and train our children to participate in and appreciate worship. This ministry to parents began last fall, and has grown tremendously. Thanks to Bruce Haddinott, deacon of the Bible school program for leading the discussion.

Coming up on June 4-6, we will be hosting a Gospel meeting on the theme of "Truth". Charlie Kymes, pulpit minister for the Crosstown Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma will be sharing six messages on truth that weekend.

*David Ford*

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Ming Paul Lee:** Ming Paul and Suwanna Lee are holding fund raising events to raise money to aid refugees in the western areas of Europe. They have already raised money for survivors of Hurricane Mitch in Central America. Lee and his daughter, Suganya, have previously spent three summers, working with refugees and churches, teaching English and distributing relief items.

This year they plan to work in a summer

camp in Croatia, help rebuild schools in Bosnia and distribute relief of seeds, farms tools and animals to returning refugees.

**Vancouver, (Oakridge):** Several Oakridge members went to Chilliwack for a fundraising dinner/auction hosted by the Central Valley church. This was to raise travel funds for Velma Foreman, who will be returning to Canada from Papua New Guinea in June. In October, she will return to Papua New Guinea to continue nursing.

The young people spent a weekend away at a special retreat.

In May, Brother Ray Fillion will visit and give an update on his work in Haiti.

We are about half way to our goal of \$4,000.00 needed to buy the complete curriculum from Sunset International Bible Institute. This material will be used to train men and women all over the lower mainland.

**South Burnaby:** As a mission of kindness, each month a number of members take brunches to give out downtown.

April 15-17, a youth rally was held with 100 young people and chaperones in attendance. 12-15 teens were unchurched friends of our youth. For fun, a video of the whole weekend was taken and set to music.

Missions to keep in your prayers: Milton Diaz (Oakridge, Vancouver); S. Abraham (Bangalore, India); Velma Foreman (Lae, Papua New Guinea); the Rawicks (Nelson, BC); and Erol and Debbie Dogan who have just left for Jerusalem.

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Many Christians will be familiar with Peterson's translation of the New Testament, "The Message". He is now working on the Old Testament. Some do not care for his work, thinking it to be too radical. They are committed to their favorite translation, rejecting all others. As Peterson writes, "In most English translations, the Psalms sound smooth and polished. Elizabethan rhythms and styles dominate. As literature, they are beyond compare. But as prayer - God-directed expressions of anger, praise and lament - most English translations miss something vital." He says "the Psalms are not gentle - they're earthy and rough. They are not the prayers of nice people, couched in cultured language. But they have an immense range of gut-level honesty and passion that provides them with terrific energy." A very moving translation.

*Finding God in Unexpected Places by Philip Yancey, Moorings, Nashville, Tn. 240 pages, \$24.99 (Cdn)*

Philip Yancey is an outstanding evangelical writer. No doubt many of our readers have appreciated his recent books, "The Jesus I Never Knew" and "What's So Amazing About Grace?" This particular book, published a few years ago, contains articles from Christianity Today and other magazines. He writes on several themes: "Finding God Without Really Looking", "Finding God on the Job", "Finding God in a Fractured Society", "Finding God Among Headlines", "Finding God in the Cracks" and "Finding God within the Church." Very stimulating reading. You will find yourself re-reading many of the chapters.

*The Ten Commandments, The Significance of God's Laws in Everyday Life, by Dr. Laura Schlessinger with Rabbi Stewart Vogel, Harper Collins, 319 pages, \$35.00. (Cdn).*

The terrible atrocities in Colorado and Kosovo have alarmed even the most hardened of people. The headlines scream for a return to the moral principles of the Bible. We are seeing a continual breakdown in the moral fibre of the nations. Many of these

nations were originally founded on Biblical principles.

The author of this book is a remarkable individual. She has taught at the University of Southern California and Pepperdine University. She hosts her own internationally syndicated radio program in which she "preaches, teaches and nags" about morals, values and ethics. We usually ignore the insights that the Jewish people have into the Old Testament. They can help us to understand these Scriptures as they are people to whom they were originally given.

Thanks to the Graham Amys of Guelph for bringing this excellent book to my attention.

## Western Christian College Promotions and Appointments



Scott Roberts

President John McMillan is pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Scott Roberts from Associate Dean to Dean of the post secondary College program. Mr. Roberts has also been appointed Vice President of the school to supervise campus affairs and to be in charge when the President is away. These two roles have been very capably filled for four years by Mr. Bill Ulrich, who has resigned to pursue other interests. Mr. Ulrich has also been the principal of the academy program. The school is still searching for a principal for the academy. This role will now be separated to develop a separate identity for the Academy program and the College program. The College program has purchased the Dauphin Pentecostal Church building across the street from the main campus. Renovations will be completed this summer and the College program will begin classes there this fall. Mr. Roberts has been teaching in the College program since 1994. He has distinguished himself as a very hardworking teacher, organizer, and administrator.

Long term employee and the President's secretary, Mrs. Carol Harvey, will become the College program secretary this fall. Mrs. Carolyn McMillan has been granted an educational sabbatical leave to complete her Master's degree in English and history

and to prepare to join the College faculty. These moves will strengthen the College as we work toward accreditation of the College, which is expected by 2002.

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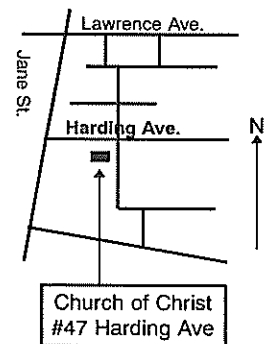
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(Anyone who has stories and memories from "Strathmore Days" they would like to share in printed form are asked to send them along to us for inclusion in a book of memories. Send them to: Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ, 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, Ont., M4C 1N3 or send by email to: maxc@sympatico.ca)

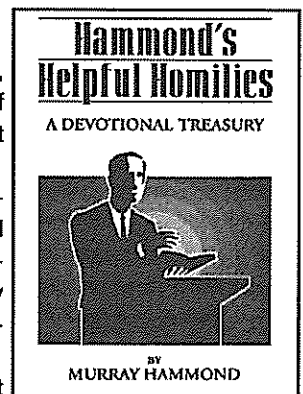
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## Mission News

### Okinawa - Joe Cannon

Brother Cannon reports baptizing a 70 year old woman at the church in Ishikawa. She had faithfully attended for a long time before making this decision.

On a visit to Singapore, Joe preached for the Moulmein Road Church on a Sunday and did seminars for the 300 member Pazir Panjang Church where 2 young men were baptized.

Joe and Rose Belle plan to "take a break" from September until January.

### Ukraine

Rick Pinczuk reports the baptisms of Valentina Ferusenko who has been attending for two years and Oksana Petrenko, a young law student who came to Jesus through her brother a Christian for two years.

Newly developed relationships with publishers and distributors in Kyiv provide access to Bible dictionaries, atlases, concordances, handbooks, commentaries, etc. Financial assistance is needed to prepare "Spiritual Food Baskets" containing a set of basic Bible reference books to be donated to each of the 100 congregations which meet regularly in Ukraine.

## Help Needed

Lloyd and Geraldine McDonald returned recently from Michigan to take up residence in Windsor, Ontario. Geraldine is suffering from cancer. Her condition began in the colon requiring surgery and a permanent colostomy. The cancer has now spread to her spine and organs, and she has a limited prognosis. Lloyd has a degenerative joint disease with a deteriorating spine, arthritis and a minor bipolar disorder. Lloyd may face surgery soon to counteract the effects of these conditions that are causing massive migraine headaches.

While the McDonald's were in the waiting period before OHIP took effect, Lloyd was hospitalized with an angina attack resulting in considerable debt. Lloyd is earning his living as a substitute teacher. Lacking a car, he is unable to accept rural appointments where most of the opportunities are presently. Help is needed for transportation and for hospital and medical bills. The North Bay Church of Christ is accepting contributions on behalf of the McDonald family. If you can help, please direct your donation to the church, Box 745, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8.

*Geoffrey H.*

## Youth Rallies On-Line

A new website has been launched in the internet of Youth Groups and Youth Ministers everywhere. It's purpose is to serve as a directory of upcoming Youth Rallies offered by the Churches of Christ. It will provide all the details of a Youth Rally in a selected region "within just a few clicks of the mouse".

It is called "Rally Net" and is located at <<http://welcome.to/rallynet>>. An on-line Rally Submission Form is ready for input.

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especially Paul), what they wrote would be considered the actual words of God or the Word of God, the Bible.

Did these prophetesses prophesy in formal public assemblies? Let's look at them:

Exodus 15:20 says that Miriam, the prophetess, Aaron's and Moses' sister, led the women.

Judges 4:4-5 says that Deborah held court to handle people's disputes. It was not a religious gathering. When she actually prophesied, it was in private to Barak (Judges 4:6-7).

2 Kings 22:14-23:1 tells of five men going to see the prophetess Huldah who lived in Jerusalem. She prophesied to them in a private meeting, not in public. It was the king who called an assembly of the religious leaders to pass the prophecy on.

Nehemiah 6:14 tells of a prophetess, Noadiah, who had tried to intimidate Nehemiah but gives no details.

Isaiah 8:3 tells of Isaiah marrying a prophetess, but it never says anything about what she said or did other than have children.

Luke 2:36-38 tells of Anna, a prophetess. After seeing baby Jesus in the temple, she told everyone she knew that the Messiah had come, but she told them in private. Only priests spoke at public gatherings in the temple, and then not very often.

In the Christian era, there is one specific reference to prophetesses. Acts 21:9 tells of Philip who had seven unmarried daughters who prophesied, but it gives no details.

*We look forward to next month's article on Earth Angels.*

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Great Lakes Christian College requires personnel for the following positions:

### ● Food Services Director

This individual will be responsible for the overall management and supervision of the school cafeteria. Duties will include food preparation; menu selection; supervision of kitchen staff; food and supplies ordering.

### ● Part-time Cook

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had a Prayer and Praise night and on May 16 a evening song-fest. A Sunday school picnic is planned for June 13.

**Tintern:** Relief items and money were collected for the Kosovo refugees. A church family portrait is to be taken on Fathers' Day.

**Toronto: [Bayview]:** Jeremy Knight was a guest speaker, as well as the adult Bible class teacher on April 11. The GLCC Chorus is scheduled to visit on May 30.

**Toronto [Strathmore]:** Paula and Jenny Molina are back from Honduras where Paula was teaching school for a year. The singing group, Autumn made a presentation on April 4. On the 2 the Spanish campaign fellowship had Carlos Pantoja's of Puerto Rico as guest speaker. Santiago Molina and Gerry Ellis flew to Honduras to do follow-up work following Hurricane Mitch. Michael Riley was baptized on April 4.

**Waterloo:** Bill Schwarz has completed his radiation treatments and seems to be doing fine. Geoff Ellis left on May 8 for Georgia, USA, from whence he was flying to Finland and Russia. Four courses are being offered on the Internet through Great Lakes Bible College.

**Welland:** Magnar Knutson passed away on May 6, and the funeral was held in St. Catharines on May 10. See obituary.

**Windsor:** Javier Cuarezma spoke about the relief for people in Central America on April 18. Annie Keenan celebrated her 102 birthday on Tues. April 20. The Prendi family from Albania and the Vasilavsky family from Belarus moved in.

Jeremy Hoover graduated with highest honors, summa cum laude, from Rochester College on May 8 and tied two other students for Valedictorian.

#### QUEBEC

**Verdun:** "We had great rejoicing in the congregation when 3 girls from the DeBilly family put on Christ in the water's of baptism. Christina, Orelie and Lydia had been studying with Diane Saumur when they all came to the decision to turn their lives over to Jesus on Sunday the 4th of April. Our sugar camp visit included 61 persons with a lot of visitors.

We also rejoice at the return of Lee Gordon from Trinidad. He left two years ago for the British Bible School in England where he completed their two year program. He wishes to find ministry work in Ontario but meanwhile he will be of great assistance to the many ministries of the Verdun church. We continue with our search for financial support for the English work in Verdun. *Chris Blackwell*

#### NEW BRUNSWICK

**Moncton:** Cindy Dallaire, a nurse in her mid 30's, was baptized on April 18 with 8 people present. Charles Isenberg from Bowling Green, KY is scheduled for a special weekend meeting on May 28-30.

#### NOVA SCOTIA

**Mill Village:** The new building is near completion. It has approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor, with a kitchen and utilities. The upper floor will have an office, nursery, washroom and auditorium with a cathedral ceiling (15-18 feet). It is wheel-chair accessible. The cost is around \$100,000, with an outstanding need of

\$40,000. June is occupation month. *David Hallett*

#### MICHIGAN

**Ann Arbor:** Sarah Anderson was baptized on the evening of March 27.

#### NEW YORK

**North Buffalo:** May 16 the Lewiston brethren were coming for a fellowship night.

**Camp Agape:** This Christian Camp has a teen week, August 8-14, and is seeking a director for the week. Contact George Kohlbacher, (716) 649 7059.

#### One Nation Under God

The ONUG mailing effort which first did a mailing in the whole of USA and then under the title "Good News is for Sharing" covered all of Canada, has, over the 10 years since it began, sent out 115,250,000 mailers to 5% of the world's population. Varna, Bulgaria, the Caribbean, Recife, Brazil, the Czeck Republic have been covered.

South Africa, Namibia and Botswana are being targeted for 1999.

#### Western Christian College

"Mission and ministry interest is high with two Let's Start Talking teams, one to Ukraine and one to Mexico. Two Vacation Bible School teams will serve churches in Canada and the northern United States. Four students plan to accompany Lloyd and Barbara. Deal of Oklahoma City to Uganda. Bill and Wendy Ulrich are planning a mission of teacher in service to Namwianga, Zambia.

*From Western Christian Messenger*

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# OBITUARIES

## Maria Kolesnikow

Sister Maria Kolesnikow passed away on April 5, 1999 as the result of an apparent hit and run accident. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of over 64 years, Yvan; her children: Andy and wife Linda of Montreal, Nick and wife Regina of California, Valerie and husband Villen of Toronto, Lily and her husband Jerry of Toronto, and Tanya of Oklahoma. She was predeceased by two sons, John and Victor. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She will be missed by those of her church family and many other friends and neighbours.

She was born in Pheiffer, Russia where her family suffered under the repressive rule of Stalin. She met her husband, Yvan, in Berezino while working in the kitchen of a cement factory. While they did not speak the same language, her German and him Russian, they fell in love and married in 1934. They lived with his family until WW II when the Germans invaded their city. Becoming refugees they went to Poland and then to Germany where they faced great hardship until the war ended. They moved to Belgium and then on to France. After a while they applied to the UN to be relocated and they were sponsored to come to Canada.

Maria loved her family and was looking forward to going to California this summer for her grandson's wedding. She always had pictures of family in her purse to share with any who were interested. She enjoyed walking and always had friendly conversation with everyone she met on her walks. Maria was loved for her friendly interest in others, adults and children, her cheerful smile and warm greeting. Since coming to Strathmore in 1994 she and her husband have come to be loved and appreciated by all.

We thank God for her life and pray for her husband, Yvan, and family as they deal with this sad loss. While we expect death as we grow older, it is very hard when that death comes as the result of an accident, perhaps especially a hit and run. However, we thank God for the hope and promise that, in Christ, death is the door out a world of trouble and sorrow into the presence of God. A service of praise and thanksgiving for Maria's life was held at the Strathmore Blvd. church building on April 10th. May all who mourn find peace and comfort in

the promise of God. *Max Craddock*  
**Magnar Johannes Knutson**

Magnar Johannes Knutson, faithful servant of God, died May 6, 1999 at Welland County General Hospital at 80 years of age. He was born June 10, 1918 in a place called Summercove near McCord, in Southern Saskatchewan to Martin and Malvina Knutson. Magnar was the oldest of 7 children.

Magnar was a cherished brother of Erling Knutson, Estevan, Saskatchewan, Arnold Knutson, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Mable Forgay, Red Deer, Alberta, Kenneth Knutson, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was predeceased by brothers Martin Jr. and Clifford. He leaves many nieces and nephews, one of which is here today, Darwin Knutson from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Magnar was the beloved husband of Joan (Roemer) Knutson for 53 years. Dear father of Sonja and Phillip Clifford (Brisbane, Australia), Fred and Suzanne, Bramalea, Ontario, Dave & Patricia, of St. Catharines, Ontario, and Betty & Harold Bruggen of Welland, Ontario. He will be missed by eight grandchildren; Melanie Doyle, Melbourne, Australia, Jared Doyle, Brisbane, Australia, Allison, Mark and Jonathan Knutson, Georgetown and Nicole, Eric and Ian of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Magnar devoted his life to spreading the good news of Christ, and was a minister and evangelist for over 60 years. He also served on the Boards of Directors of Great Lakes Christian College and Omagh Bible Camp.

He grew up and was educated during the depression of the 30's. He heard the gospel through J.C. Bailey and came from the waters of baptism with the desire to preach. He grew up in faith through the teachings of Dan Sinclair, J.C. Bailey and Wilfred Orr. He attended many winter sessions of the Bible Schools in Saskatchewan. He also attended a year at W.C.C. specializing in Bible Studies.

At the age of 20 he was asked to come to Bannerman where he assisted preaching and teaching several new members of the church. This he did faithfully riding a bicycle from place to place. Later he began working with Wilfred Orr in construction and preaching. These two worked well together and became the closest of friends. They held meetings together, teaching Bible Camps, etc., throughout the west. Magnar travelled some with J.C. Bailey and learned much from him. It was

then that he became acquainted with the brethren at Birnell St. in Winnipeg and he was asked to preach for them. Magnar also worked in the Forest Farm effort in Whitewood, with Herb Forman, where several families were added to the church.

In 1946, on May 24th he married Joan Roemer, a school teacher, and began full-time work with the Birnell St. Church of Christ in Winnipeg. Magnar also encouraged small outlying congregations and moved to the Nepawa area. A small meeting house was erected and there were about 10 families who met there.

In 1957 the Knutsons sailed for Oslo Norway to help establish the church there. Magnar was the first of the missionaries to preach in Norwegian, having learned this as a first language from his parents. It was a tremendous challenge and privilege for Joan and the family as well. During their stay in Norway, Magnar had the privilege of traveling to North Norway to preach. He also held meetings in Stavanger, Bergen and Moss in Norway and in Stockholm, Sweden and Denmark.

In 1962 they returned to Canada and worked for 2 years with the Bayview Congregation. At that time they began to hold afternoon meetings with a small group who had already started the Newmarket congregation. The Knutsons moved there in 1964. They lived there for 12 years and the work grew steadily as Magnar baptized over 100 during this time. The congregation built a beautiful building and they were debt free by the time Magnar moved in 1977. For 7 and a half years they worked with a youth minister and did an effective work with students from the University of Regina. Joan's young woman's class of 20-27 women is still bearing fruit for the Lord.

With all of their children back in Ontario and grandchildren arriving every year Magnar and Joan moved to Collingwood, Ontario in 1984 and worked there for 3 years. When full-time work was becoming a heavy load they decided to move to Welland to help another elderly couple, S.F. and Maxine Timmerman to work with the small group there. You could never say that Magnar retired. He stayed active till his health made it impossible to continue on. His spirit and zeal lives on in his children, grandchildren, and the people he taught. He was a light in the lives of everyone he touched. Now he is at home with the Lord he loved and adored.  
*- as read by son-in-law, Harold Bruggen at the funeral*





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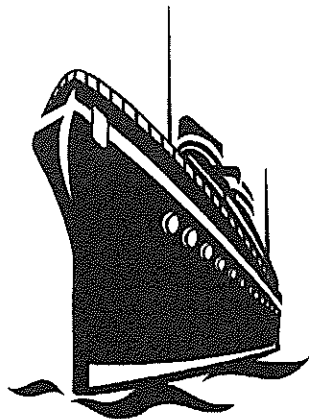
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