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Summer is over and young people across Canada are back to classes. Two of the schools recently greetings students for another academic year are our sister high schools of Western Christian and Great Lakes Christian. These schools are devoted to teaching those subjects necessary for preparing for a post high school education, in a Christian setting. May God bless these schools in faithfully fulfilling their mandate.

Pictured are the Mr. & Miss WCC and the Mr. & Mrs. Great Lakes courts of honour for this past school year.

Ask the Lord of the Harvest: Prayer and Evangelism

Wayne Turner

When we think of the association between prayer and evangelism, different images and ideas come to mind. We may think of praying for another person to become a Christian – for God to convert someone. We may think of praying for God to motivate someone to become evangelistic. Or we may think of asking God to “make our church grow.”

From a Biblical perspective, we understand that God has given each person the ability to choose his or her destiny. It would be a contradiction for God to revoke this choice and coerce or manipulate someone to become a Christian. If this was possible, what about Paul’s prayer for the Jews in Romans 10:1 or Jesus’ prayer for the world in John 17? Neither are the Jews, as a nation, saved nor does the world know Christ.

Similarly, despite what we see in God’s call of people like Moses and Saul, ordinarily God does not force people to work for Him. He calls His people to labour in His kingdom, commissioning them to take the gospel to the whole world as a loving and obedient response to Him.

Tates in the Church

There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, which Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband, Irri Tate.

Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife, Vege Tate, want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate, who want “our” church to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Corgi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. And of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate who has completely cut himself off from the church.

John Mark Ministries
– Religious (and other) Humour

Neither is prayer an automatic means to self-validation and instant success. If this were true, there would not be a small congregation in the world. God is not a divine errand boy waiting to do our bidding and fulfill our wishes just so that we can feel important and blessed. While we play an important role in each, neither prayer nor evangelism is about us.

The Possibilities of Prayer

Prayer is not merely a spiritual “exercise.” It is an important part of our relationship with God and offers many opportunities and possibilities. A look at some of the prayers in the Bible shows what prayer can do for us.

After the contest with the prophets of Baal and the Asherah on Mount Carmel, Elijah was at the top. God’s miracle had validated him as the prophet of the one true God of Israel. As often happens, a valley of discouragement followed the mountain peak of success. The excitement and elation of the victory were short lived as Queen Jezebel threatened his life. Elijah was afraid and fled to the wilderness. Sitting down under a tree, Elijah wanted to quit. “It is enough; now, O Lord, take my life...” (1 Kings 19:4). Forty days later, Elijah entered a cave on Mount Horeb. God asked, “What are you doing here?” Elijah replied “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” God’s power moved over the mountain in a wind then an earthquake, a fire, then a gentle blowing. Again, God asked why he was there. Elijah gave the same reply. God then, essentially, told Elijah to go back to work: to anoint kings in Aram and Israel, and Elisha as his successor. Further, Elijah learned that he was not alone, as he feared. There were 7,000 others who had not bowed to Baal. Through prayer, God overcame Elijah’s discouragement and taught him that validation does not come through success or the power of the storm. It comes through finding and

fulfilling the will and purpose of God. It is the result of living by faith, not walking by sight.

The prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:9,10), while over allegorized and commercialized, shows another possibility of prayer. Try to imagine what it would be like to have lived all of your life with a name like “stupid.” Jabez (meaning “He who causes pain”) had been stigmatized by his name from birth. He asked God to remove pain by enlarging his territory. Since he is described as “honourable,” this was not simply ambition or a desire for self-exaltation nor was he seeking validation through wealth or power. He was asking God to help him to escape the pain of his past. This reminds us that we can pray for greater opportunities and responsibilities in serving God, if we have been honourable with those He has already given us.

Someone once said, concerning his own prayer life, “God and I have an arrangement. He runs the universe and I don’t try to tell Him how to do it.” One of the most difficult aspects of our relationship with God is remembering our place. God is the master; we are the servants. We are here to do His will, not vice versa. Shortly before the betrayal in the garden, Jesus struggled with God’s will. His prayer “Let this cup pass from me” became “not my will, Your will be done.” Prayer brings us before the throne of majesty and power. It humbles us in the presence of our creator and brings us to surrender ourselves and our wills to God.

Jesus and the Prayer for Workers

In Matthew 9:35-38, Jesus was travelling through the towns and villages connecting with the lives and hearts of the people. He saw their helplessness and hopelessness. They were “distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.” They were discouraged, broken, lost. His heart was touched by their hurt and need. While their lives were ugly, soiled and broken, He had the compassion and vision to see their need for God and the desire to act, to give His life for them. He told his

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Opportunities for Growth in Canada

Jim Hawkins

We are all aware, I am sure, that we are in a significant growth slump in the church in Canada. This paper is designed to help us reaffirm that there are growth opportunities here in Canada, and that many of the rationalizations we have used regarding our lack of growth are really not legitimate. There are at least three groups who are the most reachable in our culture today.

1. The Young

All current research reaffirms a fact that we have known in the past, and is still true today: Those who are most responsive to the gospel of Jesus Christ are the young. Anyone who has worked with youth at all knows that today we are dealing with a different youth. Our first need is to understand generation X. What makes them different?

The one thing that Gen. Xers are turned off from is law and dogma. From this they will run like crazy. A second thing is phoniness. They can spot a phony, a hypocrite, a pretender quicker than you can snap your fingers. Third, they are highly suspicious of anything from the past, they will learn it, be able to regurgitate it back to you, but it has no intrinsically compelling reason for them that they have to be guided by what they have learned. For us, what we learn changes our life. Not for them.

So, how do we reach Gen. X? They will not listen to the Gospel if it is based on law and dogma. They will listen to experience and story. They want to know if it is real and if it works, not just you saying that it does. "Tell me the story of Jesus" was never more relevant than it is now. But even more important than the story of Jesus to them, is your story and how the story of Jesus has impacted your life. And that had better be absolutely sincere and real. If you tell the story in terms of your church, and doing church work, and duty and commitment, or in vague generalities etc., you will turn them off. They have no desire to get

sucked into some organization they neither know or trust, that is going to use or possibly abuse them.

And now we have generation Y coming up who have not yet developed an identity. More than 6 million Canadian youth born since 1980 are now beginning to enter adulthood and the workforce. These post-Gen. Xers are not like you, for they have a whole new set of attitudes, values and beliefs. They refuse to blindly conform to traditional standards and time honored institutions and traditions. As a business leader recently said, "The future belongs to those who can understand them, and are able to bring out the best in them" (A Business report on the internet.).

Today's research indicates that the possibility of bringing youth to Christ is:

- (1. 8-13 years of age: 33%
- (2. 14-19 years of age: 05%
- (3. 20 years old and up: 06%

Without a doubt, this tells us where we need to be working.

2. Those Who Have Lost Hope

These are the ones who have nothing to hang on to or build life on. Every thing they have seen in this world is discouraging and has brought despair. Who are these people? First are those who have grown up under the curse of the big three A's: Addictions, Abuse and Abandonment. There are literally millions of these in our society, but unfortunately, they often do not see the church as being of any significant help to their desperate needs. And second are those who have gone through our contemporary educational system and have been stripped of hope, faith, and a reason for living.

These are the people desperately searching for something to hang on to. And when converted, they often bring multitudes of problems with them. I believe this is one of the dominant things that has killed evangelism the last 20 years in many churches. The magnitude of the problems the newly converted often bring with them is

sometimes overwhelming. We don't know how to deal with them. And since most members are so fragile in their own lives, their faith, and their spiritual life, they have virtually no resources with which to help these people. So it is just easier to not be very evangelistic.

Because these people are so weighed down with their heavy loads, they are very wary of the church because of its tendency to load people down even further. Sometimes we are not too different from the Scribes and Pharisees who "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them" (Matt. 23:4).

But our task and mandate from Jesus is to bring people to Him (this we call evangelism). But the task that

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Lives Changed by Fear

Max Craddock



There were special ceremonies on September 11, 2002, to remember the events of one year ago, the day about which many have said, "Our lives have been changed forever". The events of that day in the United States were terrible and would have been unbelievable, except we were able to see them with our own eyes on television. The loss of life climbed into the thousands and left many families to mourn family members or friends who simply went to work that Tuesday with no particular reason to be fearful. Yet it turned out to be a day that will surely live in infamy.

The Christian lives every day understanding that physical life is short at best. Death may come as the result of a terrible, insane act. Death may come as a result of a tragic accident on the highways, in the workplace, at home, etc. Death may come as the result of a lingering illness or a sudden attack...but it will come. Every Christian lives daily understanding that no one has a guarantee of long physical life.

Looking back over the year one might ask, "If our lives were changed forever, what were those changes"? The changes for those who lost family and/or friends are a given. The hatred and anger that resulted from these events has made some people harder and less forgiving. Some have been made fearful of going about their daily lives because they "know" another such attack - likely worse than that of September 11 - is sure to come. For some, racial prejudices have been sharpened. The list could go on.

One change that took place almost immediately happened on the following Sunday morning. Church buildings were filled with more people than in the weeks before. A revival had taken place and people "turned to God". When public events, cultural, sports, etc., began again they were preceded with the singing of "God Bless America", a song seeking God's blessing and guidance. It was a moving experience.

However, before long the numbers attending church services began to fall back to the pre 9/11 days. The singing of God Bless America became a "production number" and every performer tried to out shine whoever sung or played the song before them.

Would it be fair to say that while fear may turn people to God for a while, it often does not last? A Biblical example might be Nineveh in the days of Jonah. Nineveh was a city of evil people and became the target of God's just punishment. Jonah went to preach there - after a "fishy trip underwater" - and his message was one to strike fear in the hearts of the inhabitants. There may have been a lot more to the message than is recorded in the book of Jonah, however, the record given there surely gives the sense of his preaching; "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned" (3:4b). What the people of Nineveh knew about God we can only guess. The results of the message and their knowledge of God are clearly demonstrated as they repent, from the king down. The response of God to their repentance is that he does not destroy them as decreed.

If the story of Nineveh ended here, it would be a powerful lesson on the lasting power of fear to change lives. However, in later years God would have to reverse his decision and bring the city down. At one time they had repented but as the years came and went, their fear subsided and they returned to their former way of life.

While fear may be a force to cause change for the better in some lives, love is a much more powerful and rewarding motivation. When the love of God really takes hold of a person's life true and lasting change takes place.

The apostle Paul is a wonderful example of this truth. It is no surprise that Paul would write such things as, "For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14). In this passage Paul is talking about the work of taking the gospel to the world. When he met Jesus on the road, the last thing on his mind was love, especially toward Jesus. He was on his way to persecute Christians. However, he came to believe the words of Jesus who said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16, 17).

Years after his conversion Paul would write, "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).

9/11 has come and gone. Another such day may be in the future because there is evil in the world. However, may each of us understand that change that comes because of fear is not likely to improve mankind for long. The Love of God, demonstrated by the giving of Jesus as the sacrifice for sin, changes people for life. Paul taught about the on-going, life-changing effects of the love of God in Romans 6 when he says, "...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we TOO may live a new life" (6:4). Also, "You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness" (6:18).

Obeying God because of fear will not likely stand the test of time. Obeying God, in response to his love, will.

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Evangelism Through Youth Ministry

Rolland J. Bouchard

What a world we live in... Sex, drugs, and rock and roll are at an all time high. Peer pressure is beyond anyone's control. Homosexuality is running rampant, integrity is compromised, and morality is condemned. What a world we live in! A person can't walk around a corner without seeing some kind of billboard that is selling its product with sexuality. Televisions can't be turned on without adultery or immorality flooding the screen. Most movies and sitcoms promote some kind of loose morality, whether it be drinking, pre-marital sex, drugs, or homosexuality. What a world we live in! Religion is condemned, humanism is praised, hedonism is recommended, selfishness is supreme. What a world we live in! We have shootings in high schools, drugs in elementary schools, sex in Junior High, and God accepted nowhere.

It is no wonder that kids are so confused today; there is no standard after which to structure their lives. Peer pressure leads them to believe that it's OK to have sex before you're married, that drugs are not harmful, that homosexuality is perfectly normal. What is the standard of the world? How long are we going to let our children be dragged through the trough of ungodliness, lost and confused? Are we going to stand idly by and let the world teach our children that immorality is the standard? Or are we going to take a stand and teach our kids the truth...the only standard?

We need to reach out to our young people and bring them a message of hope. Adolescence is the most confusing time in a person's life. It is a time when they are becoming independent, and searching for who they will be. It is a time of extreme identity crisis, when they are being told by everyone who they need to be, and how they need to live. That is why it is imperative that we help them to see that the only identity is in Christ Jesus our Lord - that if they want to become someone with hope and purpose in life, they can - that we have One who gives us identity.

Evangelism through youth ministry is essential in today's day and age. Our young people need Jesus, and we need to give Him to them. But I'm not just talking about teaching them and studying with them, I am talking about having them experience identity in Jesus, helping them undergo the Christ-like life. Jesus said, "if anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself daily, take up his cross and follow me." We need to help our kids be cross carriers. Give them something to stand on. Jesus is the solid rock. All other ground is sinking sand. Let's tie our youth to the rock, anchor them solidly in Christ. This is where they will find the identity, hope and purpose in life.

Identity crisis is a major issue among our young people today. It is very understandable considering the amount of pressure they are under to become a person of the world. At the same time they have pressure from mom and dad to become the person that they want them to become, as well as pressure from the media to adopt the identity they are promoting. So where is it that they turn?

What a time this must be. There are so many changes happening, so much confusion. This time is likened to an earthquake. It shakes up a person, and alters their being. It is chaotic and tumultuous. It is frustrating. Identity seems so elusive, but much sought after. While being an earthquake, adolescence is also a time of discovery, a time when children become adults and

discover independence. I remember full well the crisis I felt when I was a teen. I remember the feelings of confusion, the physical changes, the mood swings, and frustrations. I remember the secrets I kept from my parents, the friends that I spent time with. All of this was to find out who I was and who I wasn't. To find out who you are, you first must find out who you aren't. I was so confused, sexually, morally, and psychologically. I was lost in a sea of people without faces. I surrounded myself with friends who were also lost, blind leading the blind. Thankfully there were people who didn't give up on me, people with faces. There were people who believed in me, and encouraged me—people with one thing in common, identity in Christ. I remember in high school, there were so many people trying to be "cool". They wanted to fit in at any cost. They were all searching

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True Faith Produces a Life Full of Actions, Not a Head Full of facts

Ming Paul Lee

How could a story from Kosovo, the killing fields inspire us?

The missionary had been in jail for more than 2 weeks. He was stuck behind bars in a Kosovo prison because he had tried to tell others about Jesus Christ. Other missionaries tried to negotiate for his freedom, but day after day they were turned down. Eventually they received the good news that their friend would soon be released, so they went to the jail to tell him.

The missionaries discovered that their friend had been witnessing to his fellow inmates, and when they told him that he was about to be let out of jail, he said, "No, not yet. Give me another week. I

need more time to share the gospel with these people."

Eight weeks of experience in Prizren, Kosovo reminds me that the prison in Kosovo is never pleasant, even at the best of times. It is a Muslim nation and behind bars can be most unfriendly.

As I recall one beautiful morning the class was full of students and all the tables and chairs were occupied. I asked Bujar, a college student and our translator, who was studying with us, if he would walk up the hill so that we could study the Gospel of John while looking down on the beautiful river, mountains and the ancient town. As we were coming down the hill after our study Bujar


told me that if he and his brother Dritton were in another country, they would become Christians. My response was, "When you know Jesus, what are you going to do with Him?" These brothers were baptized, a big step for these young adults, living in a Muslim community. Bujar is now not only leading the Sunday assembly but is off to Albania to assist in a church planting with an American Missionary.

I am reminded of what I read a few days ago, "Never tell a young person that something cannot be done. God may have been waiting for centuries for somebody ignorant enough of the impossibility to do that thing." I was "fearful" to tell Bujar to be baptized that day or to "rush" him, but we must surely have confidence in the Word. "What are you going to do with Jesus when you know Him?"

If you're praying with us for souls in Kosovo, will you consider going with us or assisting someone to go? Let your heart speak to you. The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us but that we will hear Him.

I am ready to return to Kosovo.

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Our Other Brethren

Eugene Perry



In recent months, I have been involved, with others, in preparing a Fifty Year History of Great Lakes Christian College. This is to be published in book form and is targeted for distribution at the 50th birthday celebration on August 17th. This exercise has brought to the fore memories of a very pleasant time of togetherness, warm fellowship and combined activities with some brethren with whom we no longer enjoy the same relationship or participation.

These brethren were very actively supportive in the early years of the college. They were involved in initial planning, fund raising, financial support, volunteer construction work, fruit and vegetable canning, food preparation and prayer. Some were on the board or members of the staff. Their children made up a good percentage of the enrollment for a time.

What happened? The following explanation is quoted from our attempt to write a history of the GOSPEL HERALD during that period. There was "a disturbance in churches in the United States over questions having to do with cooperation of congregations in evangelism and other projects. The violation of congregational autonomy seemed to be a central question in the controversies. Those who opposed such cooperation visited Canada through their publications and in person and won over some churches to this position. These then began to look on their brethren as being in error and exercised efforts to teach them more accurately in these matters. The GOSPEL HERALD could easily have become involved."

Concerning the situation in Canada at this time, Ray Miller wrote, "...nearly all of the controversy existing in this country exists in theory only (and would not even trouble us in theory without the 'help' of certain brethren). To fight and divide (in our feelings, if not literally) over such questions is to fight a straw man that does not exist."

However, as so often happens in such circumstances, fellowship cooled and division evolved. The situation today is, sadly, quite different than that remembered so fondly. Those pushing this position in the U.S. (earlier identified as "anti") have come to be known as Non-Institutional (NI) churches. They identify themselves as "sound brethren" or "faithful churches" and the rest of us as "liberal", "unfaithful" or "institutional" churches.

Considering the questions being argued to be more matters of opinion and judgement than matters of faith the

GOSPEL HERALD tried to encourage continuing fellowship by refraining from giving space or attention to the controversy and by continuing to recognize these people as brethren in the Lord. However, believing these to be matters of faith they tended to find it difficult to make this a "two way street". Consequently, there has been a gradual parting of the ways to the point that in many cases we know very little about each other.

It has occurred to me that many readers of the GOSPEL HERALD would appreciate being updated on the current situation among these people. Thanks to Brian Sullivan's good work in an item entitled "The Lord's Work in Ontario Canada", published in the February 15, 2001 issue of TRUTH MAGAZINE, I am able, with his permission, to provide the following information. (Similar information for the rest of Canada would be welcomed). Numbers in brackets are the reported average attendance at the time.

The Bancroft church (20) does not have a full time evangelist but has developed several preachers over the years and has been involved in starting the new work at Whitney (12) where Larry Fuller began work about three years ago.

In St. Catharines (Garden City) (45) Roy Diestelkamp serves. At Glencoe (12) young men from other churches serve as visiting weekend preachers. Steve Rudd, with others, started a congregation in Hamilton (25) about eleven years ago. An older church in Jordan (85) has had a part in starting a number of other churches. It is currently, we understand, seeking a full time preacher. William Stewart preaches at Kingston (4). In London (23), Brian Sullivan of Wellandport does the preaching.

The Peterborough (12) church began about eight years ago and is served by Peter McPherson. Smithville (30), an older congregation, is served by Chris Nicholson whose father, James D. Nicholson, works with the church in South River (40) which was started in 1979 by a group from Sundridge. South River has developed several gospel preachers and spawned one new work.

In Timmins (30) local men preach and teach. Michael Stephens serves the active church in Wellandport (56). A church was started in West Toronto (38) almost four years ago and is served by Chuck Bartlett and David Dann.

The Interactive Bible Web Site also shows for Canada, Nestor Falls and East Toronto in Ontario; Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat in Alberta and Moncton in New Brunswick. Average attendance figures are not provided.

Most of these churches are energetically evangelistic through periodic gospel meetings, Bible correspondence courses, fair displays, newspaper advertising, etc.

I have tried to maintain a friendly relationship with many of these people and would like to see improved fellowship with them.

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Bramalea: A Gospel meeting with Steve May was planned for Sunday, September 29 through Tuesday, October 1. The theme of his lessons was "Why We Believe in Jesus." They will be held at the usual times Sunday and at 7:30 on Monday and Tuesday. A new family in the area is Michael and Vanessa Hendricks, with their daughter, Angelique, from Cape Town, South Africa via New Zealand. We also welcome Kernesha Baird, who has just graduated from high school in Trinidad.

Brantford (Costain): In our location at Costain-Johnson Community Centre, we have seen over a dozen new regular worshippers. We have been connected with about 70 new families through our summer programs in literacy, crafts, sports and

Bible lessons. New programs for the fall include a daytime adult Bible class, a girls' club for pre-teens, a movie-makers club where kids will script, act and videotape a Bible story, a tiny tots preschool and regular Bible class and worship times. Rick Gamble has an opportunity to conduct a weekly Bible study with nearby employees of a manufacturing plant. Judith Alexander spent six weeks in Japan with the Let's Start Talking program.

Meaford: On August 20 the ladies held their year end secret sister party at Joyce Knight's. Sunday, August 25 about 75 people from the area congregations, as well as some visitors from town, met together here in Beautiful Joe Park for an afternoon of fellowship in song and light refreshments. Wednesday, August 28 was the last of our midweek backyard meetings for this summer. Attendance averaged between 40 and 45 most evenings through the summer. On September 6 the third annual prison party was held for elementary school aged children. About 25, including several visitors from the community, were present. That same evening, about 20 traveled to Tintern to be present to share in the 50th anniversary celebrations for Wayford and Wilma Smith who had formerly served with the congregation

here. The annual Georgian Bay Fellowship took place on Saturday September 14. Steve May from Sundridge brought two lessons from 1, 2 Peter on the theme "Precious Faith". Steve also spoke two additional times on the same theme during the adult Bible class and morning worship sessions the next day.

Newmarket: Laura Branscombe was baptized on August 1. Kevin and Rilla Samuel moved to Newmarket at the end of July.

North Bay: Prayers for little Natasha Hacquard have been answered, as she just returned from the hospital in Ottawa and received a clean

bill of health with regard to her heart problems. Kris Klemm has moved to North Bay from Nicaragua and Johanna Klemm is returning from her work with the UN in Afghanistan for the past six months.

Stratford: The congregation had a Retreat on the weekend of September 6-8 at Camp Omagh. A Marriage Seminar is planned for the second weekend in October.

Sundridge: Gil and Betty Chartrand were married in June and a week or two later, were baptized into Christ. Other baptisms include Daniel Lawrence and Michael Ling, who were baptized at Strawberry Point Camp. Ten people have recently moved away; to Huntsville, the Wilke family and Hilda and Marilyn Skinner; to Cambridge, Frances Merritt and to London, Duane and Lacy May.

Tintern: An Open House for Wayford and Wilma Smith's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated on September 6. The annual outdoor worship, followed by a pot-luck dinner and activities was held at Balls Falls on September 1.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd.): Danielle Carswell was baptized on Saturday evening, September 7.

Waterloo: The annual Men's Retreat at Camp Omagh was held on September 13 & 14. The Widow's Fellowship group will begin meeting in October, with plans to actively invite more community ladies who would benefit by this fellowship. We were saddened to hear that Dr. Tony Tabora, a medical doctor and preacher in Honduras, was gunned down in the street with an assault weapon.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Moncton: Tim and Diana Johnson and Jeannine Williams worked at Maine's Camp Ganderbrook July 26-Aug. 4. Four hundred evangelistic pamphlets were mailed out in the community.

NOVA SCOTIA

Kentville: Katrina Barkhouse and Ryan Van Tassell obeyed the gospel on July 7. Miriam Steadman put on Christ on August 4. On August 16, Dawn Kerr and Helen Morrison became Christians. Three more from Liverpool, Nova Scotia were baptized as a result of World Bible School correspondence courses: Susan Millett had her sins washed away on March 31, and Wilfred and Wendy Moreau were added to God's family on June 28.

Shubenacadie, (Mill Village): We have enjoyed a number of visitors this summer. Every Wednesday night in August we

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gathered from six to eight o'clock for Cowboy/Ranch Vacation Bible School. This included fellowship meals, activities and classes. It was well received with local visitors attending. Our Wednesday evening class consists of students from age two to age eighty. George and Pat Mansfield, from Stratford, Ontario arrived on August 18. George spoke on Sunday. On Monday to Wednesday mornings a class for children was taught by Pat while George taught the adults. Attendance and interest was good. George and Pat are considered "family" to all at Mill Village. - David Hallett

NEW YORK

Buffalo, (North Buffalo): Rose Dozier moved back to the area and has placed membership.

MISSION NEWS

Sendai, Japan: The mission team of Jonathan Straker, Joel Osborne, Ben Berry and Crimson Ruhnke are studying Japanese five days a week, from ten to twelve o'clock, Tuesday through Saturday, with seven different teachers. They have set up a system of points, where the first one to speak English in the morning, loses four points, second loses three, third loses two and fourth, one. No points deducted if they speak Japanese all day. They are studying with four young ladies from a private Christian school who have requested to know more about being baptized. As part of their responsibility to the Sendai church, they are helping a smaller congregation at Hachinohe. They drove up there in their van September 2 and 3, each taking a turn driving on the left side of the road with the steering wheel on the right side and found it quite interesting. They have been having weekly studies with the young ladies and have averaged twenty four at their Tuesday night devotional. Joel has led singing in Japanese at worship in the Sendai congregation.

Great Lakes Bible College

Short Course: Nineteen students attended the World Missions course taught by Evertt L. Huffard and Donald Perry, August 26 - 30 at Camp Omagh. The weather was warm and the power-point classes were enjoyed by all. Fall semester has seven full time and ten part time students. Six classes are offered at Waterloo and one at Tintern. Three students are taking internet classes this semester.

Fifty years, God be praised! On August 17th, many gathered at Great Lakes Christian College to celebrate the 50th birthday. What a party! What a celebration! The school took on a carnival atmosphere, with



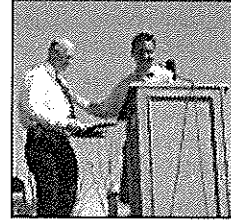
Business Director, Don Whitehead and Board Chairman, John Kirkland, along with a seven-foot tall bulldog greeting our many visitors and welcoming them to our celebration.

Children with painted faces or wrapped hair, fished in the fish-pond, rode the ponies, and were spellbound by the antics of Skippy (Don MacMullin). Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa met old friends, shopped crafters lane or revisited school days at our huge historical display. All were mesmerized by the performance of the world renowned Burlington Teen Tour Band that marched around the school and then presented their field show in the back soccer field. Following the performance of the Band, the crowd gathered to pay tribute to



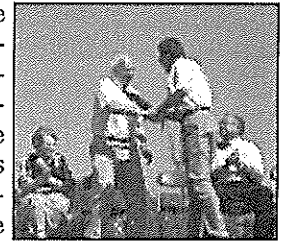
the heritage of Great Lakes Christian College. Gathered with the crowd were representatives from the provincial, federal and regional governments, and the Mayor for the Town of Lincoln. Our very special guests were past and present presidents, principals and deans of Great Lakes Christian College and Great Lakes Bible College. Greetings and congratulations were voiced by the dignitaries and commemorative certificates presented to Great Lakes and accepted by President Art Ford. All presidents, administrators, principals and deans of Great Lakes Christian College and Great Lakes Bible College were honoured for their years of service to the schools and presented with a commemorative medallion depicting Ellis Hall. Presidents and administrators being honoured were Gordon McPhee (1952-54) (accepting was his

daughter Ruth Wilson), Bruce Merritt (1952-61), Geoffrey Ellis, Christian College (1961-84), Bible College (1996-01), Edwin Broadus (1980-90), Tom Clark (1990-93), Art Ford (1987 to present). Principals and



Deans honored were Eugene Perry (1957-72), Max Mowrer (1973-78), Walter Dale (1979-81) (accepting was his wife Eileen), David Carruthers (1981-87), Brian Boden (1994 to present), Roy Merritt (1968-80), David McMillan (1984-93), Harold Parker (1988-91 and David Knutson (2001 to present).

Following the ceremony, some of the pioneer students from the first two years of Great Lakes Christian College cut and served the 8-foot birthday cake. Later in the evening the crowd was well entertained by the Juke Box Junkies (the Boland brothers and friend) and the evening closed with a devotion of praise led by Joel Lock (96). But the celebration was not over. We gathered together Sunday morning for an open-air service in the chapel of God's creation to worship and praise the One who sustains us and has blessed us the past fifty years and continues to watch over us. The time of worship and praise was led by men of the Great Lakes community; alumni, board members, staff and friends, and a thought provoking lesson presented by Don Smith (74).



A great weekend of celebration! A great weekend of fellowship! A great weekend of thanksgiving and praise to our God upon whom we will continue to Build Foundations of Faith.



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(The help of Barbara Lewis in gathering news is appreciated.)

ALBERTA

Calgary: Cecil Cox, minister of this congregation for several years, passed away on July 20 after a battle with cancer. Presentation from the successful SALT mission trip to Mexico was held on August 18.

Edmonton: We are sad to see some of our Asian population move from our city and congregation. Shee Heng and Poh Poh Chia and their daughter, Eliana, moved to Richmond BC in July. Also, Woo and Won Jeung, their daughter Stephanie, and their two nephews, Chris and Steve all moved to Coquitlam BC at the beginning of August. Woo and Won were converted to Christ

and His church in Edmonton. With the arrival of fall our small group Bible studies are starting again. Every year we have 6-8 small group weekly Bible studies throughout the Edmonton and surrounding areas. The small group studies are an effective outreach tool that we use. This year we are starting with 6 small groups and we are praying that God will bless these groups to get the good news message out to the lost in our area. The summer months blessed our congregation with a good number of visitors from out of town. We had visitors from as far south as Louisiana and as Far East as Newfoundland. Randy and Sandy Jones liked it so much that they moved here from Louisiana to stay for a few years. (Actually, Randy had a job transfer that brought them here.) We welcome them to Edmonton and look forward to getting to know them better. On Sunday mornings we are studying the Holy Spirit, Wednesday evenings, habits of a loving heart, and a class on evangelism.

(Dave Friesen)

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford: The Central Valley congregation ladies hosted a special women's retreat at the Heritage Valley Resort on the outskirts of Abbotsford on Oct. 4 & 5. Featured are Velma Foreman, currently home for PNG, Pam Gross and Debbie Faught, both from the Monrovia church in Madison, Al. All three will be speaking on the theme of "Exploring the Mind of God". Norm and Jen Weir left on Sept. 9 on their "visiting sponsoring congregations/vacation" trip.

Burnaby: On Aug. 4, Erol Dogan's sister, Holly Hewitt of London, ON was baptized. She and her daughter, Nicole, returned to their home the fol-

lowing week. On Aug. 18, Allen Kellar, was baptized. Taking advantage of a beautiful summer evening, Dan and Jean Beckett hosted a sing-along in their back yard on Aug. 23. John and Jan Dale delighted our Albanian families by bringing pictures of their relatives that John had taken while in Albania teaching English through the "Let's Start Talking" series in August. Shee Heng and Poh Poh Chia and their daughter, Eliana, who have moved to Richmond from Edmonton, and Glen and Debrah Eddie, from Prince George, were welcomed to our fellowship.

City Church (E. Vanc.): The Spirit of Life Bible Institute, under our supervision, will offer three courses this fall. Abe Lincoln's course on I Corinthians will be at the Oakridge building. The course on Daniel with Ted Stewart and Abe Lincoln's course on Acts will be offered at the Counsellor Training Service building in downtown Vancouver. Anyone interested in getting excited about reaching the lost with the gospel or understanding the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and the church should seriously consider this last course. Sisters in Christ began their study of "Jesus, The One and Only," at 642 East 55th Avenue, in Vancouver. The class allows plenty of time for discussion and prayer. The Chinese class is continuing on Saturday evenings.

Kamloops: Roderick Onoferychuk, who was baptized in August, is in Sweden doing a semester there to complete his law degree. He studied with Dane Bengard while interning with a law firm in Kamloops this summer. We have averaged baptizing about one a month, but all but one has moved away. Our last five converts have gone to other locales, making it hard to maintain a steady membership and/or show growth here. It is hoped that the all-week Bible camp conducted in August will lead to new contacts, as 10 to 12 children who attended were not formerly connected with the church. Debbie Davies and her family, moved from Kamloops to Prince George in August.

Main Street: The Main Street church has launched our program of "Christian Community Services" in the downtown Vancouver area. After initially mailing out 2,000 brochures, there were a number of responses: from people needing help with choosing a career to people with domestic problems. The next mass mailing will go to 25,000 people. Main Street will need the help of as many Lower Mainland

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Christians as possible if response to the first mail-out is as good as the initial one was.

Maple Ridge: The LIFE home Bible study class was held in the Don Johnston home.

Oakridge: Deed Saunders, whose legacy made possible the site for the Oakridge building, celebrated his 90th birthday on Sept. 2. He still attends services regularly. Ray and Elizabeth Sawyer, also original members of the Oakridge church, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15 with a cruise to Alaska, a gift from their children. Joyce Hooper, and her sister will be leaving for Mexico this month to continue their work in the slum area of a town south of the New Mexico border.

Prince George: An attractive brochure was created to distribute at the Vision Canada 2002 Seminar. Just over a year ago, we were a church struggling to survive, ill equipped to revive ourselves. In the year Garth Hilton has been here, the church has been revitalized. We must raise another \$30,000 U. S. to replace funds currently used for Garth's salary. One other evangelist, the Pete Heiniger family, arrived in July, and we feel we need one more to form a team capable of reaching this city of 80,000 people plus another 70,000 living in the surrounding area. Prince George is situated near the geographic centre of the Province. There is not another known church of Christ for seven hours in any direction Our vision for the future is to use the Prince George church as a base for planting others along the barren corridors of central British Columbia.

Surrey: Verna and Everett Gregoire, formerly of Winnipeg, now live here. Verna had a stroke and a heart attack last February leaving her in a wheelchair. She is currently at home but the house is not wheelchair friendly and they are wait-listed for a one bedroom, wheelchair friendly apartment. Everything with the help of the church family will be ready to move at a day's notice. She would love a note. Until they get settled you can write to P.O. Box 40032 New Westminster, B.C. VCM 6J7. We enjoyed a meeting on Saturday, August 24, with Brother John Grubb of Georgia. His focus is on teaching the Bible as we teach English. We have people from every nation and particularly a large number of people born in Asia who want to learn English. The Surrey congregation Homecoming was held on September 6, 7, 8. On August 25 we rejoiced with the

angels in Heaven when our grand daughter, Amanda Liver was baptized by her Grandfather, Frank McLure

Vancouver: Burnaby's youth minister, Mike Parker, took 20 young people from various congregations in the Lower Mainland and Victoria to Portland, Or. for the annual "Faith Quest" retreat over the Labour Day weekend. This year's theme was "Unseen Warriors" and focused heavily on prayer. The speakers were Wilson Parish and Jack Williamson. Approximately 580 people were in attendance.

Ming Paul Lee - If you interested in mission work in Kosovo by going yourself or assisting someone else to go please contact Ming Paul Lee at mingpaul@uniserve.com

SASKATCHEWAN

Estevan: In July we rejoiced at the baptism of Santana Jacobs. August saw the wedding of Chris Jocelyn and Sherry Paslawski. Congratulations to each of these young people on their special days. The congregation continues to be encouraged by the number of new people who have been attending our worship services in the past few months. We are praying for their growth. Clearview Christian Camp: Clearview Christian Camp has just completed the largest building project seen at the camp in the past 15 years. Spring 2001 and 2002 saw the completion of 6 new cabins capable of sleeping 12-15 campers each. We also completed over 200 maintenance projects. Thanks to all who gave time or money to make these projects successful. We had a good summer at camp with over 180 campers during the weeks and a total of over 490 people involved in the total program of the camp (Including weekends such as Family Camp, etc). God has blessed the camp and we want to share that joy with you. (Tim Pippus, Chairman of the board) Carl Johnson,

former missionary to India and Samoa, passed away on Sept 7. Carl had been injured some months ago in an accident involving a tractor-trailer. (He was the brother of Mabel Bailey of Thessalon, ON.)

MONTANA

Three Forks: We had 5 Sojourner couples visit from July 20 to August 2nd. They came primarily to assist with our building project but they also door knocked and delivered flyers to the whole town. As a result several contacts were made. One of the contacts made was Daniel Smith, who after some study, was baptized and added to the Lord's family. The construction of our new building is progressing very well. There were record highs in our attendance over the summer.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA: The Micronesian Bible College graduated its third year students on Sept. 6, and awarded Bible Certificates to second year students. Velma Forman left Lae the following day, spent the night in Port Moresby, and flew to Singapore that afternoon, where she waited three days for a flight to Vancouver, arriving on the 12th. She will spend a month visiting family and churches in B. C. before heading south to Memphis and Nashville, where she expects to help arrange for a container to be shipped to PNG. Coming back this month are Jason and Sheryl Moriarty, Calgarian missionaries in Madang. They will be in Canada and the States until December.

Haiti: Raymond Fillion returned from a visit to Haiti in August. He explained, "The main reason for my trip was to look at how best to operate the school in order to use the money we have available as wisely as possible. The final decision was to build only one classroom this year and operate on two shifts: from 8-12 and from 12:30-4.00. (We have a total of eight teachers.) We also decided to start our first satellite school for 3 to 6-year-olds. It is one hour's walk from our base and will open in October. We have 314 kids registered and for the last month we have been refusing others every day. This is terrible, but we have no choice." (The school opened just 3 years ago with 86 children. The following year there were 150, the next year 254. Another classroom and 2 more teachers are desperately needed. Haitians have a different educational system than ours. Schools go only from kindergarten through a 9th year. Why don't we care enough about educating and feeding children in Haiti as much as we care about furnishing entertainment and luxuries for ours?—BL)

Bakua, The Gambia: "I am so overjoyed to inform you that our God has opened another door of evangelism for the growth of the church. This is the ripe mission field in Sierra Leone, where I spent two weeks. I took 100 Kilos of tracts and printed material and ran out of them within a few days. Brethren in war-torn Sierra Leone have not received materials since the outbreak of the 10-year Civil War that has left that nation in ruins. Hence my

appeal that you (Mission Printing) triple the volume you have been sending us to meet the growing demands both in the Gambia and Sierra Leone."

Donetsk, Ukraine: Could it really be possible that we are in our second year of work here in the Ukraine? In ways it has passed fast and in other ways (the meat market, no water, no electricity, no pressure, 84 steps up to our apt. etc.) it seems like a long time!!! We really do love the work, so that makes all the irritations a bit easier to handle. Our second school year with Ukrainian Bible Institute started on August 12 with about 40 students. Jay Don opened our beginning chapel with a lesson on 'Commitment to Excellence' to encourage each student...Our Academic Dean and his wife, Denny and Linda Sneed (who teaches most of our ladies' classes), Administrative Dean Natasha Shevchenko, the translators and the secretary were all introduced. I was introduced as being the one who "pays" the faculty each month, and also will assume some of the ladies' classes this year. Our dean of students, Chris Swinford, and his family were in Lviv, (Western Ukraine) helping some of our UBI graduates learn how to get their church started. After telling something of my background to open my class, I asked each lady to give hers. It was thrilling to hear their stories. So many of them lived most of their lives in a Communist/Atheist environment. To hear the exciting ways they each came to the Lord through campaigns or meetings sponsored by American churches where they heard about the Lord and were baptized is just spine tingling! Many were given Bibles for the first time and were all so eager to learn. One lady quoted Isa. 61:5,6 saying she knows it is Old Testament but she likes to think of Americans as the foreigners who came to their land and brought them the saving message. It is so important for each of us to realize how much good has been done over here by thousands who have shown love and care to these people...you have impacted these people more than you will ever know. Our summer was spent preparing for classes and visiting the orphanages. Teresa Fillmon and her husband and children were here representing "His Kids". They had brought several items to take out to the orphanage where the babies with aids are. There were medicines, musical mobiles and lots

of waterproof cloth with which to line the baby beds, as the babies wear NO diapers (can't afford them). Jay Don and I had also bought mobiles, walkers and medicines with money given to us by REACH and our friends and family. In late July we received two big boxes of toys purchased from a Bible study group in Vancouver, Wa. They were sent to us to give to children at orphanages BUT customs got 'a-hold' of them first! We had a royal battle getting them, but our God is greater than their corruptness and, after paying lots of duty, the toys were released to us... We delivered clothes and shoes sent by Don Green and friends... and spent several hundred dollars given to us to buy seven baby beds, walkers and play pens for these babies. We also delivered many of the toys, medicines and food to the orphanage which works with children who have cerebral palsy and down syndrome, are blind, retarded or have other physical handicaps. In late August, we received 5 big boxes of clothes collected by the Calgary church without incident. The staff in each place feels DEEP gratitude and send huge 'Thank You's! Tim and Mina Burrows, missionaries in Mariupol, were advised to fly back to the States for tests when he showed symptoms of a heart attack. (Excerpts from letter from Mary Lee Rogers)

Ethiopia: Construction of a new intermediate school for deaf children in grades 5 through 8 is nearing completion in Awasa. Students completing four grades in the towns of Matoria and Santarica will be housed with Christian families while they attend the school. Working with the deaf has been one of the biggest blessings to the work in Ethiopia, as people become convinced that the deaf can be educated as well as the hearing. Most of the deaf are from destitute families seldom given the same opportunities as others. On the same Compound, a World English Institute is just being completed. This school provides computer training while using World English Bible School lessons as student's learning assignments. It is hoped this experimental program will be a success in teaching the gospel to college students, government workers and business men and women in the city of Awasa. A water well for the two schools is being completed as soon as the rainy season is over. In the meantime, water needed for the construction has been transported on a trailer in a 55-gallon barrel pulled by a donkey. Its driver called it a "4-wheel drive" operation.

TWO PASSINGS OF NOTE:

J.T. Bristow of Vancouver, Washington, died of a massive heart attack on August 18. A close friend of Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers, they had received e-mails from him faithfully since their going to Ukraine, the last one just a week before his death. They said his e-mails were full of humour and great wit, always making them laugh. He was the main person responsible for the Rogers move to Canada where they served for 20 years. Brother Bristow had made a number of trips to Vancouver, and several have used a very effective chart that he printed to convert people.

Stanley Shipp, widely-known gospel preacher, missionary, and visionary, was killed in a car accident in Abilene, Tx. on Aug. 25, and his wife, Marie, severely injured with broken ribs and a punctured lung. A memorial service was held at the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Tx. on Aug. 30.

"Stanley's evangelistic ministry stretched into many countries, and included missions in French-speaking Europe, discipleship training, and church planting in North America. Recently he had been involved in relief missions among the poorest of the

poor in rural Haiti. When the Murragh building in Oklahoma City was bombed, the next day Stanley took some interns with him to minister to the hundreds of people there who were in desperate shock. Again, when the World Trade Centre was attacked a year ago, Stanley was there at Ground Zero the next day to pray with people, comfort them, and bring God's grace to them through an unimaginable nightmare. He was in Vancouver numerous times over the years as a theme speaker for the BC Spring Fellowship or for short meetings.

"Stanley was a very high-impact servant on a personal level, too, having been involved in the interning of hundreds of people over the years from all over the world. These people carried the impact of Christ in Stanley into their own lives and ministries to other people. I can't imagine how many people, children and adults, would describe him as their 'best friend.' He was always learning more about how to love and serve people by doing it. And he always seemed to have someone else learning along with him. He was my primary mentor and encourager, and a great friend to our family."

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Some congregations made the commitment to support the Spanish ministry for two or five years. They have done so and we are grateful for their support. In the last five years I have lost most of my support from churches in Canada & USA. Strathmore Blvd. has been supporting the Spanish ministry with more than 75% of my salary.

The Spanish work has been doing well in the last 15 years. Hundreds of people have heard the gospel in their own

language and many have been baptized. Hundreds of Bible correspondence courses have been distributed across Canada, USA & Latin America. At the present time the Spanish congregation is made up of 16 families, and we have visitors most Sundays. There are also several personal Bible studies in progress.

I would like to continue spreading the gospel here in Toronto, but because of the lack of support the Spanish ministry may end this year. If you are willing to help with this ministry or you need more information, please contact the elders at: Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ. 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON, Canada M4C 1N3 – or if you prefer, contact me directly at: (416) 751-6879 or via email: smolina@sympatico.ca.

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My God bless you.
In Christian Love,
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for a face to wear, posers, who dressed like another person posing to be someone else. But there was one guy who seemed to have it all together. He didn't walk around faceless; he had confidence and was purpose driven. Everybody knew him, but not everybody liked him. You see, he had identity when all others lacked. He was a Christian.

Every person wants to find happiness, stability, purpose, and hope. And there is only one place to find it. JESUS CHRIST, and Him alone. Unfortunately the world has it's own set of standards that supposedly offer this happiness. The world is a liar!

It is scary, but we need to face the facts that our children, as much as we protect them, are going to come to a point where they have to decide. And if they are searching for identity, they will probably take the word of whoever seems to be offering it. The world is a very convincing enemy, one that won't be easily defeated, but one that must be overcome. We need to help our kids see the bigger picture. If they see it, they will know that it is only two dimensional and shallow. It's like looking at a picture of a house, and then looking at the house. The picture is merely an image with no depth; the house is the actual item. It is more than just what you see. It has depth. The world is offering an image of happiness, not happiness itself. It is only two dimensional, not allowing for depth. A relationship with God offers depth. It is reality, and not just an image. It is the only true happiness, not to be confused with any other.

This is where evangelism through Youth Ministry comes into play. If we want our young people to be people with identity and purpose, then we need to help them. They need to see Christ at work within us, and they need to have Christ at work within them. That means we are helping them to experience Christ in any way that we can.

Edmonton, AB.

A Man of Grace and Grit, Paul, Profiles in Character by Charles R. Swindoll, 356 pages, \$21.99 (U. S.)

Charles Swindoll is the author of many books from the evangelical point of view. He is now in the process of a series on "Great Lives from God's Word." He uses very graphic language in describing the life of this great man. Paul is seen as a man who, like us all, could only be saved by the grace of God. Charles Colson is seen as a man who made a similar dramatic change in his life.

Like others of his mindset, Swindoll speaks of Saul's "roadside conversion" ignoring passages like Acts 22:16 which show his conversion was not completed until he had obeyed the gospel commands in their fullness.

The author sees Paul's conversion as "From Raging Bull To Bleating Lamb". He acknowledges the great influence of Barnabas "The Son of Encouragement."

Many outstanding quotes are to be found in this book. For example "Christian leaders who become pawns as they focus on pleasing people are pathetic wimps."

Swindoll offers "A Four-Part Plan for Powerful Preaching". First, always stay on the subject - Christ. Second, always speak the truth without fear. Third, always start where your audience is. Fourth, always

surrender the results to God.

The author has these words on his study wall: For every achievement there is a price. For every goal there is an opponent. For every victory there is a problem. For every triumph there is a sacrifice. Finally he says, Effective ministry and opposition go hand in hand.

The Serpent of Paradise, The Incredible Story of How Satan's Rebellion Serves God's Purposes, Erwin Lutzer, Moody, \$20.99 Cdn.

In the Forward R.C. Sproul writes, "I found this book a veritable treasury of Biblical insight ... it is positively brilliant. It is the best treatment of the work of the enemy I have ever read."

We can give a hearty "Amen" to the author's contention that "the Bible alone is sufficient for a rule of faith and practice." He shows that in the beginning that Satan claimed to have "a revelation that supposedly was equal to or even superior to the revelation of God." Further, "Adam and Eve, like the dog in Aesop's fable who dropped its bone to snatch at a reflection in the water; discovered that they had traded fellowship with God for a mirage." Also "The five lies in Eden form the heart of all occult religion, whether in ancient Babylon or modern America."

Lutzer demonstrates that the plan of Satan can be vividly seen in our day. This is powerfully illustrated by the way Satan perverts God's plans for sexuality. He says, "Kill them or corrupt them! That has been the devil's strategy throughout the history of the world. Immorality, sexual perversion, pornography, child molestation - our own society bears the marks of such corruption."

Lutzer asserts that God uses the devil for His own purposes. This is a very interesting but controversial point. In discussing this the author's premillennial views come out. His arguments will challenge your thinking.

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In the 1960s through the 80s, Arthur Burns was chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve System and the ambassador to West Germany. He was a personal friend and economic counselor to a long line of U.S. presidents. He wielded huge influence.

He was also a Jew. So it was a surprise when in the 1970s he began to show up regularly at a Christian group that met once a week for fellowship and prayer at the White House. He was welcomed, but no one knew quite what to do with him. Week after week, year after year, different people took turns ending the meeting in prayer, but Arthur Burns was never asked to do this.

One day the leader of the group was a newcomer who didn't know Arthur Burns, and at the end of the meeting, he turned to him and asked him if he'd close in prayer. Some of those who had been coming to the meeting for a long time looked askance at each other. What would Burns do?

He never flinched. He stretched out his hands to join hands with the others

in the circle. He bowed his head. "Lord," he said, "I pray that you would bring Jews to know Jesus Christ. I pray that you would bring Muslims to know Jesus Christ. Finally, Lord, I pray that you would bring Christians to know Jesus Christ. Amen."

"Just getting hot, eh? Please read on for another meaty matter."

Bible teacher Charles Trumbull wrote that he was once confronted with a rather uncomfortable question asked by a speaker at a convention he attended. The man asked, "Is your kind of Christianity worth sending to the non-Christian world?" He didn't ask, "Is Christianity worth sending?" Of course, there is no question about that, but what about your kind? Is your kind of Christianity what the non-Christian world is waiting for? Is your kind of Christianity what is needed to revolutionize their lives?

In the winter of 2000, a highly explosive question was posted to me for answer. Two high school students wanted an answer. "Is Prophet Muhammad a false prophet?" One of the English teachers told them that he was and she

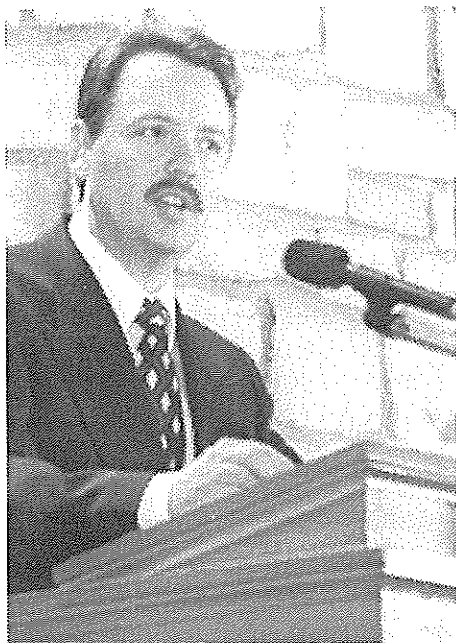
had left Kosovo a few days before. Here, I was alone to answer in the Muslim community of Kosovo. If one is seeking for danger, this is the place to come. It was an experience that I treasure.

However, the question that I always ask my students is, "What are you going to do with Jesus, when you know Him?" Some of our young adults have taken the steps to follow the Shepherd. It is most encouraging and inspiring to teach English and share our love and faith with the eager and delightful students. We all have seen many young people in Canada, wearing WWJD - What Would Jesus Do. I have come to love and am growing in my love for the people of Kosovo and dearly want to share what WWJD means to me. If you are ready to share what WWJD means to you, write me. We have students for you to teach English and share your love and faith in Eastern Europe.

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Do Anything For Her"

OBITUARIES

Margaret May Cargin

Passed away peacefully at Grove Park Home in Barrie on Friday, August 16, 2002. Margaret was in her 93rd year. She had recently moved from Toronto to Barrie and was looking forward to her new home there.

Margaret was the wife of the late John Cargin. She leaves to mourn her passing one son, James, his wife Lois and grandson, Sean, sister-in-law Kay Stevenson, nieces Thora Whittington, Ardath Sanna-White, Bonna Snowden, and nephew Ed Stevenson along with her Strathmore Church Family. Brothers Grant and Eldon Stevenson predeceased her.

Margaret was born in Meaford, Ontario on November 30, 1910. She came to live in Toronto in the 30s and worked for several years as a switchboard operator at the Bank of Montreal. (The building she worked in has since become the Hockey Hall of Fame in downtown Toronto.)

A significant event occurred one day when a man from Bell Telephone came to her switchboard. His name was John and the rest is history. John served in the army in the early 40s and afterward, in 1944, they were married. On May 18, 1946 they were blessed by the birth of a son, Jim.

Margaret was a faithful member of the Strathmore Blvd. congregation for many years and is remembered for her encouragement of others in their service to God. She published the congregation's bulletin for many years and, up until the last few months, had been responsible for keeping up the mailings of the bulletin to former members and interested individuals across Canada and the US.

Many remember Margaret as the lady who kept records of attendance, baptisms, births, deaths, wedding, etc. and, with a welcoming smile, greeted those who come to worship services.

The writer, assisted by Marlon Molina, conducted a service in Margaret's memory on Monday, August 19, 2002. May God bless all who mourn as we give thanks for a life lived in service to God.

Max Craddock

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disciples "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field." Could they have shared this prayer without at least "tasting" the heart, the loving compassion from which it came?

A similar account is found in Luke 10:1-3 where Jesus is sending out apostles and seventy others to go ahead to the places where he would be going. He makes the same statement, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field." Note verse 3, "Go...behold I send you out..." After they have prayed for workers, they are to go themselves. Prayer is not a substitute for participating in the harvest. It is a preparation of our hearts and minds before we "go."

In both accounts, the disciples are told to pray to the Lord of the harvest. It is important that we remember that the seed, field, crop, harvest and increase all belong to God! As His workers, we may have different roles ("I planted, Apollos watered, God gave the increase.") There is a danger of confusing our role with God's. We are to do our best as sowers and reapers. He provides the increase. True success does not come through our plans and methods, but through His glory, majesty and sov-

ereignty. "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

What Did Paul Pray For? – Prayer and Evangelism for Paul

1. Courage to speak (Ephesians 6:20; Philippians 1:19)
2. Wisdom (Ephesians 6:19)
3. The circumstances/environment in which we live/preach (1 Timothy 2:1-7)
4. Opportunities – an open door for our message (Colossians 4:2,3)
5. The spread of and response to the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 3:1,2)
6. Other Christians
 1. Knowledge, understanding, fruitfulness (Colossians 1:9,10; Philippians 1:9-11)
 2. For God to work in/through them (Philippians 1:4,5)
 3. For God to be glorified through them (2 Thessalonians 1:11,12)

Conclusion: The Need to Rediscover Prayer

Prayer is not a means by which we manipulate God or others to our own wills. It is where we encounter God, surrender our wills to Him, share his love and concern for the lost, and renew our faith and commitment. Through prayer we discover the passion, compulsion and joy of sharing the good news with the lost. The statistics say that many congregations today are stagnating or in decline. Some are attempting to instill life by "pumping up" their worship assemblies. Yet, is it a coincidence that as evangelism has declined, so also has personal prayer and Bible study?

There is an interesting "sign of the times" that may help answer this. There is a song that has virtually disappeared from our hymnbooks over the past several years. It is a prayer song that says

"Lead me to some soul today. O teach me Lord just what to say.
Friends of mine are lost in sin, and cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care. And few there are who pray.
Melt my heart and fill my life. Give me one soul today."

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is to follow that is to train people in the art of following Jesus and helping them learn the skills and joy of ministry in His service (this is called discipleship). And finally our task is to guide them in learning how to constantly grow deeper in their spiritual lives through the practice of spiritual disciplines so that they can become the leaders and teachers we so desperately need in the body of Christ (and this is called mentoring) My assessment overall is that we do a very good work in evangelism when we do it, but our work of discipling people is not very good on the whole, and mentoring is almost non-existent. This desperately needs to change.

3. Those Making Major Life Transitions

The first group that I would suggest are most reachable is new immigrants. Probably the most reachable group today are the Chinese from the Mainland who are immigrating to Canada now. But many others are coming from S.E. Asia, from Russia and eastern European countries, and from Central America. These are people who have many needs in getting settled into a new home country. They need lots of help in getting through all the mountain of paper work needed to get SIN numbers, medical coverage, jobs, and often to learn the language. LET'S START TALKING has taught us much about the value of using the Bible as a textbook for teaching English.

My wife Carolyn and I have been incredibly blessed by inviting into our home over the last few years, 10 Chinese, and 4 Russians, some in family groups, others as singles. They have lived with us free, while we helped them move through all the

tasks of settling down in a new home country, then finding an apartment to live in, and helping them get it furnished, finding where to shop for their ethnic foods, etc. We believe that our task is to let people, not just learn about Jesus, but really see what Jesus living in me looks like in a real and tangible way.

Another reachable group is the newly married or new parents. When people make major life transitions such as marriage or having children, they often come into a time of great teachableness. We need to be ready to be there to assist them in those teachable moments.

Another reachable group is the newly moved. One of the things we are experiencing today is the fact that people do not have the degree of denominational loyalty that they once did. To find a church that is real, open, friendly, and responsive to them and their needs is what they are looking for. The huge mega-church is attractive to some because of the many programs they offer. But for many people, they don't want to get lost in the big church. They want a group of people who are real and that they can grow with. Be there for these people. The more mobile our culture becomes, the more of these people there are. Be there for them, and make them welcome. Create an atmosphere in your home and church where they want to come back.

Obviously, we have but skimmed the surface of looking at those who are most reachable in our culture today. Our task is to have eyes and ears that are open to the opportunities for growth, and allow God to bless us with the will and the way to help these people find their way to God.

Delta, BC

Letter To The Editor

There are some observations that I would like to make based on the September 2002 issue having to do with the report on the Churches of Christ in Canada. You say: "It is thrilling to see that Canadians have been involved in evangelism throughout the world. However, where is the vision and passion for preaching Christ to Canada?" Having spent many years preaching in Canada, I share with you in this concern, and especially in the lack of effort on the part of the Canadian churches as a whole in evangelizing in the Province of Quebec.

Yet, having said this, I think it would be of interest to your readers to know of the progress which has been made in that province over the past twenty or thirty years. The report in this most recent issue of Gospel Herald indicated a lack of information as to churches that have either disbanded or organized in Quebec since 1991. While it is true that there is no longer a church meeting in Lachine, for example, this congregation moved near the center of Montreal and is now meeting at 2401 St. Jacques. It includes groups worshiping in English, French and Ashanti. The church in Sherbooke was also listed as having been disbanded, but more recently that work has been revived and there is a church now meeting in that city.

There is also a Spanish-speaking church meeting in Montreal, making a total of six churches now meeting in the Montreal metropolitan area. One of these, the church meeting at 2500 rue Charland, has elders.

In addition, several new congregations have been established over the past ten years, in Laval, Joliette, Shawinigan-Sud, Broughton-East, Levis, St-Lambert and Chicoutimi. The total membership in all the churches in Quebec is much greater than the 264 indicated in the Gospel Herald. These newer churches, along with some of the older assemblies, are being served by brethren native to Quebec, among them Yvon Beaudoin, Roger Saumur, Sylvain Arcenault, and Jean Grenier. The two last mentioned received training at Heritage University (formerly International Bible College) in Florence, Alabama.

Thus, while Quebec has been to a large degree neglected or over-looked as a mission field by many of the Canadian churches, the Holy Spirit has been moving in that province and the results, while leaving much to be done, have been very encouraging.

Fraternally yours,
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Sunday, November 3rd

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6:30		Great Lakes Chorus	
7:00	Keynote address:	To the Ends of the Earth	Truitt Adair

Monday, November 4th

9:00 a.m.	Chapel	Remember your Creator . . .	Gregory Smith
10:00	"Building Bridges in the Church"		
	Ladies' Class:	Reclaiming Broken Relationships (Part 1)	TBA
	Men's Class:	Resolving Congregational Conflict (Part 1)	Geoff Ellis
11:00	Plenary address:	Characteristics of Healthy Churches	Truitt Adair
		————— <i>Noon Lunch: GLCC Presentation</i> —————	Art Ford
1:30	"Trusting Rebuilt Bridges"		
	Ladies' Class:	Friends Again -- Friends for Life (Part 2)	TBA
	Men's Class:	Congregational Health & Healing (Part 2)	Walter Hart
2:30	Plenary address:	Foundations from Eternity	TBA
		————— <i>5:00 Supper</i> —————	
7:00	Keynote address:	No Other Foundation -- 1 Cor. 3:11	Wesley Jones

Tuesday, November 5th

9:00 a.m.	Chapel	Let No One Despise Your Youth	TBA
10:00	"The Embarrassed Christian"		
	Ladies' Class:	Ashamed of the Gospel?	TBA
	Men's Class:	Ashamed of the Gospel?	Tim Johnson
11:00	Plenary address:	Characteristics of a Healthy Church	Truitt Adair
		————— <i>Noon Lunch: GL Bible College presentation</i> —————	Dave Knutson/Walter Straker
1:30	"Using my Right to Speak Out"		
	Ladies' Class:	Making Friends -- to Tell About Jesus	Jackie Wall
	Men's Class:	Making Friends -- to Tell About Jesus	Tim Johnson
2:30	Plenary address:	I Believe . . . 'Lord, Help Me Act Like It'	Drew Chapados
		— <i>5:00 p.m. Supper: "Estate Planning & GLCC/GLBC"</i> —	
7:00	Keynote address:	One Lord -- One Faith -- One Baptism	Truitt Adair

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