



## Supportive Criticism

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

recognizes there are supportive organizations in Canada who love the Lord, have burdens of ministry and want to advance the mission of our Church. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Church wants to give opportunity to recognize these groups and has provided a process where they can submit their statements of mission, purpose and bylaws and receive Board action supporting of their organization.

Let me share with you the guidelines these supportive organizations agree to as supportive ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.

### SDACC Independent Supporting Ministries Policy

The SDACC Board of Directors may grant recognition to Independent Ministries meeting the criteria spelled out below and who submit a request to the Board for such recognition:

**Loyalty to the Church** -- Supporting Ministries shall have a written statement confirming that the organization subscribes to and abides by the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and will work as a supporting ministry of the Church, respecting its established organizational structure. Their leaders and representatives shall be loyal members of the Church in regular standing who, by word, action, and publication, shall support and cooperate with the goals and purposes of the Church. Their work shall positively supplement that of the Church in carrying out the gospel commission.

1. **Sound Theology** -- The theological positions of the Supporting Ministries and the emphasis placed upon them shall be in harmony with the fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In supporting these beliefs, the context of both the biblical text and writings of Ellen G. White, as assessed by the Biblical Research Institute and the Ellen G. White Estate, shall be faithfully used. Theological positions not addressed in the fundamental beliefs shall not be promoted.
2. **Clearly Defined Relationship** -- Supporting Ministries and their personnel shall clearly and explicitly state in their legal documents and in their dealings with third parties that they support the total mission of the Church but are independent supporting ministries not controlled by or legally affiliated with the Church.
3. **Territory Clearance** -- Supporting Ministries shall consult with, and secure approval from, the administration of the territory in which they wish to operate, regarding the nature, extent, and duration of services rendered within that territory.

4. **Legally Established** -- Supporting Ministries shall be incorporated and/or be registered as a Canadian not-for-profit/charity organization with a Board of Directors and clear operating bylaws.
5. **Clearly Defined Mission** -- Supporting Ministries shall have a written Mission and Vision statement that clearly defines the direction of the organization.
6. **Position on Tithe** -- Supporting Ministries shall not accept tithe from believers and shall state this on their web site and in their literature. If money received is identified as tithe, the organization will contact the donor with the following choices:
  - a. Allow the supporting ministry to receipt the money and forward it to the conference in which the donor lives.
  - b. Return the money to the donor with the supporting ministry's written policy on tithe.
7. **Supporting Documents** -- Supporting Ministries shall give access to copies of their bylaws and the financial statement (audited if applicable) for the previous year, and agree to make available to the SDACC a copy of the annual financial statement.\*

\*Note: Documents that prove compliance to the above requirements will be accepted as posted on the organization's website in lieu of hard copy documentation. The web address must be provided to the SDACC in this case.

If an independent ministry states they love and support the Lord's church in these times but refuses to agree to the Independent Supportive Ministries guidelines, it seems to me a serious concern should be on the hearts of members about the motives and purposes of these groups and the content of what they say.

The leadership of the Independent Ministries group called **Amazing Discoveries** has been unwilling to enter into an agreement with their local conference in BC nor with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. Why you might ask? That is a good question and if it is important to you, you might need to ask them; however, by not doing so, though invited to do so, should raise a caution of accepting without question everything they produce.

Some of our Maritime members have been circulating a recent DVD by one of their speakers that appears to have a passionate concern over evil creeping into the SDA Church. He says he is supportive of the Lord's church in end times on the one hand and downs the publications and institutions on the other, leaving the impression that anyone or institution that desires to add the spiritual formation (developing a relationship with Jesus Christ) will follow the worldly model of going to a



**Treasury Report**  
Ed Sharpe, Treasurer

2009 has been a good year financially for the Maritime Conference and we are humbly grateful to God for His provision.

Our *unaudited* financial results as of December 31, 2009 are a positive \$223,491. As I review our books to get them ready for the auditors, I will be making further adjustments, both up and down, but I do not anticipate any major change to the \$223K figure.

We had budgeted a \$30,000 deficit for 2009 based on the recommended 95% of previous year's tithe, but, in fact, we received \$91,000 more tithe than the previous year's actual tithe, or approximately 105% of 2008 tithe. This 10% spread between budgeted tithe and actual tithe made a positive difference of \$173,848 to our financial statements.

Another contributing factor in the positive change

was a \$77,000 gift from a U.S. estate that had not been budgeted for.

We are currently at 106.5% of Recommended Working Capital. Working capital is defined as the excess of current assets over current liabilities and is a good indication of an entity's ability to pay its current bills. 100% is the goal and I am told that in years past it has gone as low as 26 to 28%. Again, we are truly grateful for what God hath wrought!

On February 28, 2010 the Board of Directors approved the 2010 Operating Budget based on 98% of the previous year's tithe and a projected deficit of \$68,000. The positive increase to Net Assets for 2009 will allow us to absorb the cost of a number of new initiatives approved for 2010 that contribute to the 2010 deficit. More details on those initiatives will be given to church delegates to the Annual General Meeting, here in Moncton, on March 28. Your Church delegate will be asked to share the information regarding the new initiatives with you.

**New Members in the Maritime Conference**

To the end of December 2009 there were 50 persons who became new members of God's family through Baptism or Profession of Faith. Our pastors have been involved and instrumental in the lives of many of these individuals, while others have been introduced to Christ by family members, friends and during various outreach programs carried out by our churches. Thank you to everyone involved. A brief summary of where these 43 baptisms and 7 professions of faith took place is as follows:

Barnesville Church	9 baptisms 2 professions of faith	Moncton Church	8 baptisms 2 professions of faith
Bridgewater Church	1 baptism		1 prior baptism
Charlottetown Church	2 baptisms	New Minas Church	2 baptisms
Dartmouth Church	2 baptisms 1 profession of faith	North Sydney Church	1 profession of faith
Fredericton Church	2 baptisms	Pugwash Church	1 baptism
Halifax Church	2 baptisms 1 profession of faith	Saint John Church	4 baptisms
Maranatha Church	3 baptisms	Tantallon Church	3 baptisms
Miramichi Company	2 baptisms	Truro Church	1 baptism
		Zealand Church	1 baptism

In addition to these individuals, we also experienced a net increase of 20 members by transfer in to churches throughout our conference. As we rejoice in thanking God for these individuals, we look forward to another year of growth in 2010.

**Bid on this Matching Service Set**

We have received a donation of a gold scalloped edged matching service set, numbered with the crest of Schumann, Arzberg Bavaria, consisting of 1 large plate 11½ inches by 3½ inches deep, and six 7½ inch fruit plates (see photo). These are in perfect condition.

If interested, contact Jullie at [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com) with your bid, before March 31. Highest bid wins with ½ proceeds going to ADRA and ½ to Adventist World Radio.





## Secretary Report

Mogens Sorensen, Secretary

### Conference Board of Directors Information

The Board of Directors held two meetings since the last edition of the Pulse. The following actions are the major items of important information:

- **WORKERS CREDENTIALS:** To approve the following workers credentials: Ed Sharpe: Commissioned Minister License, Roger Robichaud: Missionary License, Paul Llewellyn: Ministerial License.
- **GENERAL CONFERENCE AUDIT SERVICE (GCAS): AUDIT COMMUNICATION LETTER FOR 2008 AUDIT:** To receive the GCAS audit letter of 7 May 2009 and to approve the Conference Administration's response to the GCAS audit letter.
- **GCAS AUDIT STATEMENT 2008:** To receive the 2008 GCAS Audit Statement of 31 December 2008 for the Maritime Conference.
- **POLICY COMPLIANCE LETTER:** To receive the GCAS Compliancy Letter for the Maritime Conference dated 7 May 2009.
- **DEPRECIATION POLICY: POLICY CHANGE:** That no depreciation will be claimed in the year Capital Assets are purchased. Depreciation will begin with the full year following the year of purchase with a full year of depreciation claimed in the year of sale of the Capital Asset.
- **CAPITAL PURCHASES AND SALE OF DEPRECIATED CAPITAL ASSETS: POLICY CHANGE:** That capital purchases of \$5,000.00 or greater require Board of Directors approval and capital purchases up to \$5,000.00 to be approved by ADCOM. All other capital assets are to be approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, sale of depreciable capital assets with a net book value greater than \$2,000.00 require Board of Directors approval and sale of depreciable capital assets with a net book value up to \$2,000.00 to be approved by ADCOM. The purchaser, original cost, net book value, sale price should be detailed in the action to sell.
- **CAMP COMMITTEE: POLICY CHANGE:** That all camp capital assets purchases up to \$5,000.00 are to be approved by the Camp Committee as it falls within budget. Sale of depreciable capital assets with a net book value up to \$2,000.00 to be approved by the Camp Committee. The purchaser, original cost, net book value, sale price should be detailed in the action to sell. All other sales of capital assets are to be approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, all new cabins contracted with the Camp Committee/Conference that are self-funded, require ADCOM and Camp Committee approval. In addition, donations for specific camp improvements or equipment up to \$10,000.00 are to be approved by the Camp Committee. Greater amounts require Board of Directors approval.
- **CONFERENCE PROGRAMS: DONATIONS:** That donations for specific Conference programs up to \$5,000.00 are to be approved by ADCOM. Donations above \$5,000.00 are to be approved by the Board of Directors.
- **CONFERENCE OFFICE SIGN AND PARKING LOT:** To approve the proposed parking lot repair and new sign for the Conference Office. Cost for the projects to be funded by the remaining funds in the Better Living account of \$20,000.00.
- **VOTE OF THANKS: KAY GRAÇA:** To extend a vote of thanks to Kay Graça for her work in presenting a workable Youth Camp Budget to the Board of Directors for 2009 and for volunteering her time to the camp program.
- **PATHFINDER DIRECTOR: BILL HARRINGTON:** To appoint Bill Harrington as the Conference Pathfinder Director.
- **PATHFINDER AREA COORDINATOR: BILL HARRINGTON:** To appoint Bill Harrington as the Halifax area Pathfinder Coordinator.
- **YOUTH DIRECTOR: RESIGNATION:** To accept the resignation of Kelly Loxdale as the Maritime Conference Youth Director effective 31 December 2009.
- **YOUTH DIRECTOR: VOTE OF THANKS:** To extend a vote of thanks to Kelly Loxdale for her dedicated service to the youth of the Maritime Conference as the Youth Director.
- **CONFERENCE CHURCH: PAM SPRAY:** To receive Pam Spray into Conference Church membership. (Miramichi)
- **CAMP COMMITTEE REQUEST: HORSE BARN:** To allow the Camp Committee to begin the construction on the Horse Barn, subject to a minimum of at least \$20,000.00 being in hand before proceeding with the construction and with the understanding there are to be no cost overruns.
- **SDACC 2010 EDUCATION COUNCIL: ATTENDEES:** To approve Chris Dupuis and Karen Landry as the Maritime Conference representatives to attend the SDACC Education Council March 2010. All expenses are covered by the SDACC Education Office.
- **HOPE CHANNEL REQUEST:** To deny the request of the Hope Channel to supply them with a copy of the Maritime Conference membership list names and addresses but rather give the Hope Channel permission to appeal directly to individual churches.



**Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship**

The Board of Directors and Administration of the Maritime Conference is pleased to present a new education initiative for the 2010/2011 school year. The Conference has budgeted an annual amount of \$21,000.00 for scholarships to support Christian education in the Maritimes.

The scholarship will be administered by the Maritime Conference Administrative Committee in consultation with the Maritime Conference Education Superintendent.

**Purpose of Scholarship:**

To financially support Sandy Lake Academy non-constituent students from Seventh-day Adventist families living in the Maritimes to attend Sandy Lake Academy.

**Amount Available:**

- \$3,000.00 per student per school year for dormitory students.
- \$1,500.00 per student per school year for non-dormitory students.
- (Total available for the combined categories: \$21,000.00)

**Qualification:**

1. Parents or student must be a member of a Maritime Conference Seventh-day Adventist Church living in the Maritimes,
2. Student must be in grades 9 – 12,
3. Student must maintain an acceptable grade in all subjects.

**Disbursement:**

The scholarship will be paid on behalf of the student directly to Sandy Lake Academy. The scholarship will be disbursed in two payments:

- Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of January.
- Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of January.
- Dormitory students: \$1,500.00 end of June.
- Non-dormitory students: \$750.00 end of June.

**Application:**

All applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the Conference by August 15. (Scholarships will be awarded while funds are available up to \$21,000.00)

<b>Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship Application Form</b>	
School Year Applied For:	
Name of Parents:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	
Church of Membership:	
Name of Student:	
Age:	
Grade:	
Signature of Local Pastor Recommending Student:	



## Education News

Richard Williams, Superintendent

### Sandy Lake Academy News

Chris Dupuis, Principal

As always we are very busy around here at Sandy Lake Academy. We have just passed the halfway point of the school year and we are now starting to plan for next year. Here is a little update on what we have been doing lately at Sandy Lake Academy.

**SLA Helps Haiti** During the week of Feb 1-4, SLA students participated in a Hiatus for Haiti. Students donated loose change each day to have a hiatus from wearing their uniforms. At the end of the week \$220 was raised to go to Haiti. That money combined with the \$250 that the P-3 class raised with their bake sale shows what generous students we have.

**Take The Roof Off Winter** On Thursday, Feb 4, SLA students, teachers, and parents went down to the lake at the end of our school property for some skating. This activity was a part of the Halifax Regional Municipality's program "Taking The Roof Off Of Winter." 10 students that actively participated received a special red winter hat promoting this event.

**Feb 10: Senior's Tea** The Elementary students welcomed over 50 seniors to our second annual tea. The students put on a program for their guests which included skits, poems and musical pieces. Parents also helped by donating food and their time for this event. The students were very excited to have their special loved ones attend this event.

**Ski Day** Over 35 students headed out to Martock Ski Hill on Thur. Feb 11 to enjoy the outdoors and some physical activity. Although many were sore the next day, everyone had a great time!

**Feb 23: Pancake Day** On Tuesday, when the students arrived at school, they were greeted with the smell of pancakes being freshly made by the staff. Once all the students had made their way to the gymnasium, they were served their special hot breakfast. This annual event is received with great enthusiasm and many empty stomachs.

**Secondary Trips** Students have been very busy traveling this year. At Christmas time we had a group who travelled to Kenya to do some mission work. They had an excellent time that definitely left an impression on them. They were able to have one of our chapels recently and showed us pictures from the trip and shared many of their experiences.

**CAYS** As this is being written many of our students are just getting over their jet lag after spending the weekend in British Columbia at the latest Canadian Adventist Youth Summit. They had an amazing time listening to all the great speakers and even got a chance to go out doing service projects among the people attending the Winter Olympics. The only negative of this trip was that they had some travel delays that caused them to lose some sleep.

**Pinetree** Our secondary students will once again participate in the Pinetree Academy Music Clinic from March 24-28. Almost every student from grades 9-12 will be attending the event this year, which they haven't always been able to do in other years.

**SLA Prayer Mornings** The first Wednesday of every month, from 8-8:15 the staff at SLA would like to invite parents, constituent members, and friends of the school to come and join us in a prayer time. This is an opportunity for us to come together and pray for our school. Our next Prayer Morning—April 7.

**2010-2011 Registration** We are now accepting early registration for the 2010-2011 school year. If you sign up now, the registration fees are substantially cheaper. For the month of March the fees will be \$175, April \$200, and from May forward it will be the regular price of \$250.

**\*Also, the first 7 Maritime SDA students not from the Halifax area will receive up to \$3000 towards next year's tuition, courtesy of the Maritime Conference.** See page 4 for details.

**Open House** We are not having our annual open house as we have had in the past. We would rather be flexible and make a school visit work with your schedule rather than a time we think is good for you. So if you are interested in having someone in your family attend SLA next year, please contact the office at 902-835-8548 or [principal@sandylakeacademy.ca](mailto:principal@sandylakeacademy.ca) to book a visit.

**Newsletter** We are now producing a monthly newsletter that describes what is going on at Sandy Lake Academy. If you would like to be on the email list so that you receive a copy each month when it is produced, please contact Mrs. Boehner at the following email address [mboehner@sandylakeacademy.ca](mailto:mboehner@sandylakeacademy.ca).

**Website** We have a new website that is the new face of our school on the Internet. The website address is still the same as it has been for the last several years [www.sandylakeacademy.ca](http://www.sandylakeacademy.ca). On this site you will see a lot of information, including our newsletter, registration documents, and current photos of activities we have been involved with in the last little while.





**Ministerial/Share Him Coordinator**  
Pastor Ron Nelson

**Sometimes it is difficult** to determine God's Will, but it is precisely in those trying moments that we must choose to seek clarity from God. Understanding of the devil's intention to separate us from the security and safety of Christ, we are reminded that he strives among God's people to divide and manipulate us in such a manner that would destroy us spiritually. Ever ready to urge us to follow our own inclinations, **the devil seeks to undermine the grand purposes of God** for us individually and corporately as His people.



**Thankfully, the Lord has not left us unequipped** to meet the demands of ministry. In our Pastor's Meetings, we were challenged to petition God for the outpouring of His Spirit, that we might hasten His Coming. Herein lies the key to our success under God. It is the Lord's Will to resource us to fulfill His D.R.E.A.M. for the Maritimes!

As a part of that Grand Scheme, we must surrender ourselves moment by moment into His care. Personally, **the issue is not one of commitment, rather one of submission.** We must be a people totally focused on Christ, if we are to realize the fulness of the partnership of His Spirit. May the Lord be honored as we faithfully seek to fulfill His Will in ministry. *Pastor Ron*

The Maritime Pulse is available for viewing on the Maritime Conference website at [www.maritimesda.com](http://www.maritimesda.com) It will be available for viewing within the next few days.

## D.R.E.A.M.

### **Determine / Decide To Do God's Will.**

Laying ego aside, consider your circumstances from God's perspective of redemption and reconciliation.

### **Route the enemy.**

Pray to God and petition Him to marshal Spiritual Forces to aid in the fulfillment of His Will.

### **Earn Trust**

Take the time to listen well and to consider the thoughts and values of others as they pertain to the situation.

Ask clarifying questions.

### **Act Responsibly**

Develop strategies that reflect the way and the will of God. Fulfill God's will for your life in the context of community.

### **Mentorship**

As Servant Leaders we are called to lead and not "drive" the sheep. Use your talents and gifts to resource others to success under God and their love and appreciation of your ministry will empower and enable you to fulfill the dreams and aspirations of God for His people.



### MARITIME CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS

The Maritime Conference office is open Monday through Thursday  
7:30 am to 5:30 pm,  
with worship around 8:00 am.

Please Note:

We are closed on Friday.



**Camp Pugwash**

Richard Williams, Summer Camp Director

Summer Camp planning is beginning in earnest. I am excited to be back in the Maritimes and want to see our beautiful camp continue to grow and develop. We are in the process of hiring the staff for this summer and we need your help! Please encourage any young people who love Jesus and want to lead others to a relationship with Him to apply. We need a strong spiritual staff to accomplish this! We also need a group of volunteers to come in and help us throughout the summer to meet our budget and get the work done. If you are interested, please let me know!

We need to create a place where every child and young person feels safe and can grow physically, spiritually, and socially. The camp is a fun place, but it also needs to be a place to teach the campers new skills, and most importantly, lead them to Jesus. We solicit your prayers for the staff, campers and leadership as we minister this summer.

Staff applications are available through the Maritime Conference office at 506-857-8722 or email [info@maritimesda.com](mailto:info@maritimesda.com), and from your local church pastor or elder. We are past the deadline for applications for staff, but will continue to accept applications until all positions are filled. Currently, we are looking for a cook, kitchen staff, counsellors and waterfront personnel.

Camp registration forms for Junior, Teen, and Horsemanship programs should be available by the end of April. Watch for them in the mail (if you were a camper last year) and at your local church.

**Camp Pugwash dates for 2010 are as follows:**

**Youth Rally** Late April... Watch for more information.

Staff Orientation	June 20-27
Horse Staff Orientation	June 27-July 2
Blind Camp	June 27-July 2
Junior Camp	July 4-11
Teen Camp	July 11-18
Horsemanship Camp	July 18-23
Campmeeting	July 23-31
Day Camp	July 26-30
Pathfinder Camporee	August 6-8



**2010 Olympics Winter Scarf Ministry** - The BC Conference thanks all of the knitters from the Maritime churches who took part in the service project for the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in Vancouver, BC. You contributed 20 scarves towards their goal of 10,000; they actually received well over 3,000 in total from all around the world. Every time the folk use their scarf, they will think kind thoughts of our churches. The seeds have been planted and now we will watch the Holy Spirit fulfill His promise.



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- **RON BISSELL:** To invite Ron Bissell to serve as the senior pastor for the New Glasgow/Pugwash/Truro District as a retired worker.
- **RICHARD WILLIAMS:** To employ Richard Williams as the Superintendent of Education, Youth Director and Summer Camp Director as of 1 January 2010.
- **SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: ELECTION OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENT:** To set the date for the special Board of Directors meeting on 5 September 2010.
- **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:** To approve the transfer of membership of Nathan and Darcie Fletcher from the Fredericton Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Conference Church. (Miramichi)
- **CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT: RON NELSON:** To remove the responsibility for the Miramichi Company from Ron Nelson's pastoral assignment effective 1 June 2010.
- **PASTOR APPOINTMENT: JACQUES MORRIS:** To appoint Jacques Morris as the pastor for the Miramichi Company as of 1 June 2010.
- **PRAYER MINISTRY: DIANE MCGIVERY:** To appoint Diane McGivery as the Conference Prayer Ministry Leader.
- **2010 MARITIME CONFERENCE OPERATING BUDGET:** To approve the 2010 Budget set at 98% of 2009 tithe income with a projected deficit of \$68,000.00 as determined by the 2010 Budget Assumption Notes.
- **SCHOOL CLOSURE: ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:** To approve the closing of the Adventist Christian School (Moncton) in accordance with the SDACC Education Code 1232:05 Discontinuance of School.
- **VOTE OF THANKS: KAREN LANDRY:** To extend a vote of thanks to Karen Landry for her dedicated service as a teacher in the Adventist Christian School.
- **MARITIME CONFERENCE SANDY LAKE SCHOLARSHIP:** To approve in principal the Maritime Conference Sandy Lake Academy Scholarship Application Form.
- **BIBLE WORKERS: SAINT JOHN CHURCH:** To employ Kalman and Kathleen Roller as Bible workers for nine months in the Saint John SDA Church as of 16 February 2010.

If any of you have any thoughts or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact Mogens Sorensen at [mogens.sorensen@maritimesda.com](mailto:mogens.sorensen@maritimesda.com).

**Canadian Adventist Youth Mission Trip—Kenya 2009  
—in memory of Gwen Bader. On December 16<sup>th</sup>,**

7 Maritime young people (Bronte Boucher, Beth Devoe, Jonathan Graça, Julia Loxdale, Rachel Slaunwhite, Amber Smith and Matthew Timm) joined other Adventist Youth from across Canada on a trip of a lifetime to Kenya.

For those of you who know, and even those of you who don't, there was a very special mission trip to Kenya this Christmas. This trip was Canada-wide and featured youth from Nova Scotia all the way to Alberta (and even a little bit beyond!).

The only trouble now is where do I start? To be precise, this trip started over a year ago when our Youth Director Kelly Loxdale approached us about being a part of the mission trip to Kenya. The next giant step though was accepting her offer, taking us on a whirlwind adventure to raise the funds necessary. It truly is amazing how fast time has flown and before we knew it, we were on our flights to Africa!

I won't bore you too much with the details of our journey, there never really is too much to say about long plane rides except to complain about their food or the amount of sleep (or lack thereof) you got on them. There was something spectacular about being in England for our first stop over though. This is where the majority of the group met together for the first time as we went for a tour of Windsor Castle. The opulence and majesty is something that we were quite unaccustomed to. There was something even more spectacular though. I would say that the greatest exhilaration I have ever felt was landing in Nairobi at just after six in the morning, knowing that I was setting foot in a place foreign to everything I have ever known.

It's really hard to comprehend sometimes when you've gone to a new and different place that it really is new and different, especially when going some place in North America where everything is fairly recognizable. Stepping off that plane though, I really felt that I wasn't "in Kansas anymore." Our bodies screamed that something was wrong as we stepped off the plane and felt a warm breeze and saw the sunrise at the equivalent of midnight back home. I'm sure I pinched myself to make sure

I wasn't still asleep on the plane, but sure enough here we were.

Our trip then started in earnest as our drivers tore across the countryside from Nairobi to our temporary headquarters at the Midland Hotel in Nakuru. To say that

driving in Kenya is crazy would be an understatement, it's just one of those nail-biting experiences that you just have to live for yourself. Other than the driving though, something else surreal about Africa is just the land itself. Various times we just had to stop for a while and just stare in awe at God's handiwork.

As we arrived at our hotel, the sun was setting, beginning our Sabbath in a foreign land. Needless to say, after all of the excitement over the last few days we were completely exhausted and more than ready for a good night's sleep! Sabbath is wonderful anywhere, but it is truly special in Africa. That day was the first of many that we got to spend with the children from the East Africa Mission Orphanage. We also went on our very first game drive and got to feel all

touristy for at least a little while.

The next few days were tremendously exciting! Apart from being mobbed by children eager to see us, we

fulfilled the "mission" part of our mission trip. From practically sun-up to sunset we were working in some way to bring a blessing to those in Africa. When we weren't painting the dormitory, we were spending time with these children, developing friendships and getting to know them. They were so joyful and always ready to lend a hand. Indeed, each of us left a little bit of our hearts in Kenya.

Truly nothing compared to Christmas Day or the Sabbath after that. The kids were so excited that it was worth being away from our families for the holidays just to share in their joy. On Christmas we spent the day celebrating with the children, playing games, having special presentations and, of course, giving gifts! The greatest gift of all, though, was the unveiling of the new girl's dormitory, dedicated to the memory of a courageous and selfless individual named Gwen Bader.



## When 'Bible Studies' Are Unwanted, But Only God's Word Will Do

By Jonathan Martin

Very often in personal ministry, we find ourselves dealing with people who are, for one reason or another, not ready to commit to personal Bible study, yet we sense that God's Word is the only thing that can really help them. Many times I have found this to be quite frustrating. I would listen and try to give a little bit of good advice, but always felt like I was missing something in my ministry, some sort of Bible exposure-lite, to help people in need of spiritual help, but who don't know it.

I recently went through this experience with my next door neighbor. For some time, we could tell from the yelling coming from the house next door that things weren't very good, even for a house with three teenage girls. I'd always had a social relationship with this neighbor, saying hello and sharing some chit chat once in a while, but when he told me that his wife had just walked out for good, I knew that chit chat was not what he was looking for. Neither was he looking for traditional Bible study. He had grown up a Christian and was constantly hounded by his pious mother about coming back to church and just "did not need it from his next door neighbor."

One night I went to his house armed with a handful of Bible promises I wanted to share with him. He appreciated the beautiful promises of scripture and we talked about how God allows trials in our life ultimately for good.

A few days later I went back planning to do more or less the same thing. This time, the floodgates were opened, and all his frustration with both God and his mother came

out at me. I realized that I wasn't getting anywhere, so offered prayer and then went home.

I prayed that God would show me how to reach him. Here was a person who was going through a difficult time and was interested in God; at the same time, not ready for Bible studies. A few days later, I had the idea to bring with me a compilation of scripture songs by the Adventist group Trilogy Scripture Songs. My neighbor unsuccessfully fought back tears for almost the whole hour as we listened to the songs and read along in the Bible. After that, I gave him the book *Steps to Christ*.

The next time I saw him, he was a different person. Not only had he read *Steps to Christ* completely, but was on his second reading, and was just joyful and praising God. As I write this, I'm preparing for our first Bible study this evening, and have given him the book *Ministry of Healing*, which he is almost through reading. It's been very rewarding to see such a dramatic change in a person, and also encouraging to have these scripture songs with me for the next time I encounter this type of situation. I've been using them with the "atheist" widow of a recently deceased church member, who is enjoying them very much and I don't think it's overly optimistic for me to predict that Bible studies are waiting down the road there as well.

Sometimes ministry is all about having the right tools for the right job. Very often, it is not the mind that needs to be reached, but the heart. Ellen White talks many times about the need to have Bible readings as well as prayer with our neighbors. I don't think she's talking about 'Bible studies' as we typically understand them. I think she is talking more along the lines of what I was doing—sharing the Bible in a way that touches the heart.

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On Sabbath, we came to have an intimate understanding for Toto's song "I Bless the Rains Down in Africa." After an amazing excursion to Lake Naivasha the heavens opened upon us, probably to aid us in expressing our sorrow for having to leave this wonderful place. But seriously though, we were drenched, absolutely and entirely. But regardless, I think that it just made the trip all the more complete.

The next few days are rather typical of your average tourist. We spent large amounts of our time cruising around the Mara on game drives hoping to spot the local fauna, and boy, were we blessed! Kelly even remarked that it was more like a zoo than a safari, but we didn't mind. We did do more than just game drives. We visited a few of the projects that A Better World has been working on, and even held VBS for some of the Massai children. Though it might not have been as fun as being at EAMO, we still had a blast!

I can't believe how quickly the two weeks flew by and I really didn't want to leave, but our visas had expired. And so I bid farewell to that beautiful country, those wonderful people and the extraordinary weather; yet deep down in my heart I know that I will be back, it's only a matter of how soon. I want to thank everybody that contributed to make this trip possible, but especially Mother Loxdale who convinced me to get out of my comfort zone and live for other people. I, along with all of us, have been changed by this experience, but it is only a small glimpse for what God has in store! Goodbye everybody! God bless and be with you! Matthew Timm



## Teaching Spiritual Formation at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary A Responsible Approach from a Christian and Adventist Perspective

The teaching of courses in spiritual formation in universities and seminaries has become a matter of much debate in the last couple years. Recently, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary has been under scrutiny for offering courses in spiritual formation to students in its Masters programs and to pastors in a new Doctor of Ministry concentration.

With the dissemination of New Age and Eastern spirituality in popular books, the media, and websites, Christians of all denominations have become aware of the dangers of these “new” approaches to communion with the divine. Seventh-day Adventists are naturally concerned about this new trend because spiritual formation has been one of our core values since our beginning as a denomination 160 years ago. For over a century we have advocated and promoted through conferences and publications the subjects of personal Bible study, prayer, and devotional life, children, youth and young adult discipleship and growth, small group and women’s ministry, and many other approaches to spiritual growth and sanctification. And to that end the shelves of our Adventist Book Centers and of other Christian bookstores are filled with such publications.

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary believes the responsible thing to do is to be pro-active in this matter and to teach its students and pastors regarding the genuine in spiritual life. Our courses enunciate clear biblical, theological and Adventist principles. We are diligent to select good academic books on this subject and the choice of books we adopt for our classes does not mean we accept all of these authors’ points of view. Yet we believe one goal of graduate education is to impart the skill of discernment and we desire to teach our students to be deep thinkers and not mere reflectors of other people’s thoughts. By God’s grace, we intend to be faithful to our mission as we equip our students to become good mentors and ministers of our faith and heritage and as they assist church members to deepen their journey with God.

An organization by the name of *Lighthouse Trails Research* has made various accusations about our Seminary teaching contemplative and emergent types of spirituality. We do not teach such approaches to spiritual development. Such accusations have also been lodged against other conservative Christian institutions and seminaries. In 2007, Moody Bible Institute prepared a detailed response to these accusations and friends of our Seminary may find reading it interesting ( <[http://www.moodyministries.net/crp\\_NewsDetail.aspx?id=7080](http://www.moodyministries.net/crp_NewsDetail.aspx?id=7080)> [http://www.moodyministries.net/crp\\_NewsDetail.aspx?id=7080](http://www.moodyministries.net/crp_NewsDetail.aspx?id=7080)).

Please join us to pray for the theological and spiritual growth of our students.

Denis Fortin, Dean  
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary  
Andrews University

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small room, have some candles, pictures and repeat words or phrases in repetition until there is “an experience.” Really! The listener should seriously question not the concern he presented over the worldly version of Spiritual Formation as he rightly points out some spiritual traps, but suggesting that every Seventh-day Adventist group endeavoring to encourage a growing spiritual relationship with Jesus will submit to a Pentecostal speaking in tongues repetition experience.

I have serious concern when attacks are made on the Church and its institutions in the forum of going to the member of the pew. Should the Independent Ministry make its challenges about what they are concerned about and from time to time there may be need for a “prophetic” pointing out of sin in the forum of the member in the pew or should they focus on speaking to those in leadership in the local church, conference, Church in Canada or higher organization? Of what benefit is pointing out believed sin in a non-supportive way to our local church members? I can tell you the down side, many members in the pew become confused about their personal faith and become unsettled about their loyalty to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The fruits undermine our

church, gives support to a non-supportive group who refuses to work with the organized Seventh-day Adventist Church.

You, of course, have a right to chose what you will listen to or share with others. It amazes me how these circulating DVDs become almost an underground movement of exciting revelations. One of the main points of the presenter was we need to get back to our Bibles so we can know the times and can identify sin so we will not be deceived. This is good counsel and if it is true to him, then he would follow the model of loving his church in a supportive way.

As your spiritual leader in the Maritimes, I pray you will sincerely consider what you are doing when you circulate DVDs from non-supporting ministries among the members in our churches. If there are issues that need to be addressed, my experience has been most leaders and boards are open to listen. I pray we will love our church as Christ did and be willing to give of our lives to glorify our Lord and not bring it shame.

May 2010 be the year we practice the presence of Christ.

Pastor Ken

**Women's Retreat**

By Celest Corkum



**Meet Jennifer Jill Schwirzer,**

author and songwriter, who has been a guest presenter with Shelly Quinn on 3ABN and done taping for the Adventist Media Center for the *Keeping the Faith* TV program.

She will be our Women's Ministry Retreat speaker this September 17, 18 & 19, 2010 at Camp Pugwash.

More information will be given in the June *Maritime Pulse* and at campmeeting. Plan now to keep these dates open for having a great weekend together.



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**Real Magazine**

The first issue of *Real* magazine was mailed to more than 3,000 children in January, taking Christ centered content into the homes of unchurched children across North America.

The names on the subscriber list were submitted by Adventist preteens, grandparents, teachers, and others wanting to share the gospel with young friends and family members outside the church. Subscription are free to unchurched children ages 9-15.

"I know there are thousands of church members who yearn for the salvation of their loved ones, neighbours, and friends," said Randy Fishell, editor of *Real*. "*Real* provides a nonthreatening way to introduce Bible truth to children at an age when their hearts are especially open to the gospel."

*Real* was developed by the editors of *Guide*, the SDA publication for juniors and earliteens. Published bimonthly, *Real* contains true stories, puzzles, fun facts, Bible studies, and other spiritually uplifting content that appeals to young readers. The magazine encourages children to begin a saving friendship with Jesus and challenges them to live for Him.

Do you know a child who needs to receive *Real* magazine? Sign them up for a free subscription at [www.ShareReal.org](http://www.ShareReal.org) or mail the child's name and address, along with your name and address, to *Real Magazine*, 55 West Oak Ridge Dr, Hagerstown MD 21740.

**HalifaxAreaAdultSinglesGroup (HAASG)**  
*(a social group strictly for singles)*

The singles group has just celebrated our third anniversary at New Ross Farm. We enjoyed sleigh riding, snowshoeing and a lunch of veggie hot dogs, etc. cooked over a woodstove. Next month we plan on skiing at Martock. These events help to keep our Christian relationships strong. We are open to young adults, middle-age & seniors of both genders. Several folks have joined who have no church affiliation or they attend other churches. HAASG has travelled to the New Minas, Middleton and Lunenburg areas; if there are other churches with singles who want to host an event or join, contact Gwen Simmonds at 902-444-2219 or [gsimmonds@consultant.com](mailto:gsimmonds@consultant.com).

**PATHFINDERS IN THE MARITIMES**

Bill Harrington, Conference Director

It is so great to see the renewed interest of Pathfinders and Adventurers in our Conference.

**Fredericton Pathfinders:** Dennis Muehlhauser is now the Pathfinder Director.

**Middleton Pathfinders:** The Middleton Eagles are trying to get 'off the ground.' Robert Lightbourne started the club in Sept. Right now they are working on getting a logo for their uniforms, as well as completing a few honours. They are looking forward to the camporee in Pugwash in August.

**Tantallon Pathfinders:** The Pathfinders baked delicious cookies which were added to the Christmas fruit baskets distributed to shut-ins and seniors on Dec. 21.

**Zealand Pathfinders:** The Pathfinders held a bake sale in Dec. and brought in \$400.00.

The Zealand church officially inducted the Zealand Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs into the church on Jan. 23, 2010. The induction service was integrated into the church service. The Pathfinders and Adventurers marched in carrying their flags, the Bible and an altar with their law written on it (which they each signed as their pledge to keep the law). They invited guests and all participated in the service by leading out in song service, offering prayer, collecting the offering, performing special music and Scripture reading.

Following the opening program of the service, the Pathfinder Director, Lisa Bennett, welcomed everyone to the induction service, said a few words about the groups and explained the meaning of the Pathfinder emblem. Then both groups sang their club songs and recited their pledges and law. Pastor Fournier read a charge to the parents for their part in helping these young people to grow in Christ. He then had a special prayer for the groups and their leaders and welcomed them into the church. Pastor Fournier then presented his sermon which he had prepared specially for the youth, (but enriched all who attended) titled "Jesus' Call to Excellence."

Do you have a canoe or archery equipment that is gathering dust? Would you like to donate, sell, loan or rent it to the Maritime Pathfinders? This equipment is needed for the camporee in August. If so, contact: Bill Harrington at harringtonhaven@eastlink.ca.



The Zealand Pathfinders marching in with the altar, flags and Bible. Carrying the altar-Brittany Brewer, carrying the Canadian flag-Jordan Bennett, carrying the Pathfinder flag-Zoe Brewer, carrying the Christian flag-Theresa Young, carrying the Bible-Cole Hutchins



L to r: Angela Young (Adv. Instructor), the 5 Pathfinders, Lisa Bennett (PF Director), (front row) Jacob Bulmer, 2 Adventurers: Taylor Bennett & Anna Young. Missing from photo: Trevor Bulmer (Adv. Director).

**Pathfinder Appeal**

The Zealand Pathfinders need your help! We are a small group of 5 Pathfinders that has just begun. There is a Pathfinder camporee this summer in Pugwash NS that our group would love to attend. We are doing our best to raise the funds needed to attend; however, the cost is great and raising the amount of funds needed to cover all of the expenses in a short time requires the help of those that are willing to support our youth in their endeavors. Anyone that would like to help support the Zealand Pathfinders in their efforts, can forward any donations to the Zealand SDA Church-Pathfinders, 1155

Route 616, Keswick Ridge NB E6L 2N8. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**A note from the Conference office:** Please remember to send in your Adventurer and/or Pathfinder Club Yearly Application form. A few clubs have not registered as yet. This needs to be done before your Pathfinders can go to the Camporee in August at Camp Pugwash.

**Appreciating Our Native Peoples Camporee  
August 6-8, 2010  
Camp Pugwash**

Open to all Pathfinders belonging to a registered club. The events will be depicting the daily lives of our native peoples. There will be canoeing, archery, crafts and games.

Some invited guests are: Monty Church-SDACC Native Ministries Leader, Jamie & Sharon Shield of Ontario, Marlene Michael of New Brunswick and Bryan Sweeney of Cape Breton.

Contact Bill Harrington to register your club at [harringtonhaven@eastlink.ca](mailto:harringtonhaven@eastlink.ca)

**Design Contest**

Design a patch for the upcoming 2010 camporee at Pugwash.

Requirements are as follows:

- No larger than 4 inches X 4 inches
- The shape is the designers choice
- The theme is "Appreciating our Native Peoples"
- The camporee name is "Pagwe'ak Ewi'gat" meaning Pugwash Camp

Our native people, the Mi'kmaq, were associated with teepees, birch bark canoes, hunting, fishing, gathering. Feathers were a significant part of their ceremonies. This will give an idea of some things to put on the patch.

There will be a prize of \$25.00 for the winning patch.

**SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

- April 30 Final registration for Camporee
- June Investitures (clubs to choose date)
- June Election of Directors for the coming year (Pathfinder year is the same as the school year, the club leaders need to be elected in June)
- July Register Club with Conference. The certificate will be given to the clubs at Campmeeting.
- August 6-8 Camporee, Pugwash NS
- September Staff Training (dates pending)
- September Begin club meetings

# NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

## BARNESVILLE

### **Astronomy Presentation**

On Friday evening Mar. 19 a DVD astronomy presentation will be presented at the Barnesville church; a deep-sky actual viewing (if the night is clear), followed by a light, hot drink. Plan to bring your friends and neighbours, as everyone will enjoy looking up and into God's wonderful creation. The telescope is capable of bringing in the rings of Saturn and the moons of planets, the valleys and hills on our moon, constellations and much more. Contact Delcia at 506-648-9582 for more info.

### **Quilting Ministry**

The ladies in the Barnesville church continue in their faithfulness by quilting on Wed. afternoons. The leader says that she talks to the Lord and asks Him to inform the church ladies of folk who could use the spiritual or physical lift by receiving something that was hand-made, just for him or her, or their newborn infant.

In the past, an adult quilt was received by a special needs person and when that person traveled from house-to-house, the blanket went along. The caregiver, a lady in our church, reported that the person was so excited to use 'his quilt' that when he recently passed away, the family-in recognition of the joy that was received by the item-displayed the quilt at the funeral home. The Holy Spirit goes before us and prepares the way when we are faithful to show others the love that God has blessed us with for His people.

Since the fall of 2006, 19 adult quilts have been distributed to those in need due to fire, displacement and other events. Two babies will be born in our community during this upcoming May and their quilts will bring the number of baby quilts to 90. God has put His love in the hearts of our 'quilt ladies' and they make themselves available for this wonderful outreach. Our quilts have been distributed throughout the

Maritime provinces, including 2 quilts to newborn twin boys in St. John's NFLD. The parents were quick to send a thank you note and were honoured that the ladies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Barnesville would do this for their new infant sons. Pray for all of the contacts that are made through this ministry.

## BRIDGEWATER

### **VOAR Radio Tower**

VOAR is now available in Bridgewater and the surrounding communities! Not only does our local church enjoy Christian radio, but other Christians in the area are tuning in as well. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for all of the time and energy that Bill Estey, Jim Hebb and Richard Naugler



have put into this project, as well as many others who have lent a helping hand when needed. A special thank you to Pedro Graca for using his skills to help put up the tower. Thank you to the Maritime and General Conference for the blessing of financial aid. Thank you to our church members who freely gave out of their own pockets to make this dream come true.

### **IT IS WRITTEN APRIL 2010**

The *It Is Written* Evangelistic meetings with Bill Santos will be held mid April 2010. Pastor Leroy has organized a door-to-door campaign with questionnaires to educate the community about the series and also to let them know of the weekly IIW program time change from Sunday to Saturday at 11:00 am on CTV. Richard Naugler's Sabbath class is formulating mail-out response cards

for Bible study, to encourage interest for the *It Is Written* series.

There is a series of meetings by DVD being held at the church on Tuesday evenings. This series introduces Sheri Peters and deals with dysfunction and the spiritual answer. Sheri has gone through horrific experiences and has frank discussions with guests that share their stories to help others to heal.

### **Inn From The Cold**

Several churches in Bridgewater have opened their doors to the homeless this December. The outreach program is called "Inn From The Cold." Each participating church is available one night a week for those who have no place to sleep. Our church is open on Tuesday nights and members volunteer to spend the night at the church in order to provide those less fortunate than we with a warm and safe place to sleep.

## DARTMOUTH

### **Year of Evangelism Programs**

The Year of Evangelism may be over, but Dartmouth is continuing on its quest to reach out to its local community. After 25 years on its site, the church has placed a lighted sign to attract its neighbors and make it aware of its events. Some elders in the church took it upon themselves to go door-to-door to invite the neighbors to the health seminars. Between these 2 methods of advertising, quite a few new faces showed up to the two 8-Weeks-To-Wellness series that ran in Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb. Then Dartmouth hosted a Raw Foods Seminar Feb 14-18 with an average attendance of 25. What was even more outstanding was a follow-up program with 13 in attendance.

## FOX POINT

### **Prayer Ministry**

Members of Fox Point church have joined together to enrich their prayer lives in this new year. We have begun a new effort called Prayer Partners. The idea is for each

member to join a small group of their choosing to pray together every week. Many have joined in to form their groups, some even meeting over the phone to pray together! What a difference it can make when God's people meet together to pray. We are very excited to see how God will begin to work as this project continues to grow.

### **Sunday Is Coming Meetings**

The church in Fox Point gathered on the weekend of Jan. 22 as Pastor Dan Wilson presented a four-part series "Sunday Is Coming." He spoke of the world and the modern church merging under a great spiritual deception, and of the imperative to trust in His Word. Of particular significance were the promises of God being presented as our only hope, and an alert to 'Wake up' to the character-transforming power of God. Against the backdrop of Sabbath and Sunday issues, many questions were asked. The closing Sunday night was highlighted by a wonderfully prepared agape supper and communion service.

## **HALIFAX**

### **Adventist Youth Programs**

This is a special invitation for you, your family and friends to join us for the Adventist Youth Program being held at Halifax church on March 13 and 27.

We invite you to come and learn more about Jesus through Christian interaction, Bible study, games, song, testimony, drama and praise. This year the Youth Ministry dept of our church has set a wonderful goal, we will proclaim the message of Jesus, His love and free gift of salvation. Not just in the church building, but also at the food bank and in the neighbourhood through door-to-door evangelism.

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart. AY is not just for youth. AY is a training ground for the youth of the church. It is where they learn how to give service to God and to develop spiritual vigor through hands-on involvement. We all have

to start somewhere, come out and enjoy the programs that we plan with our church family in mind.

### **Rejoice-Just Claim It Concert**

We will be having a concert *Rejoice -Just Claim It!* on Saturday March 20 at 7:00 pm at the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, located on Hammonds Plains Rd. We are hoping to raise funds from this concert to aid 5 youth leaders from our Halifax SDA church in attending the 'Just Claim It-Youth Congress and Prayer Conference in Columbus, Ohio April 7-11. Tickets are available now, please show your support by purchasing a ticket. Time is short, but we are hoping to raise approximately \$6,000.00. Church, God is able! He has more in store for us than we can think or imagine.

We are excited about this concert because we will be having some of our local talent in addition to the Acadia University Gospel Choir and Christian recording artist and worship leader Martine Kelsey. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mar. 7—ADRA Brunch for Haiti

Mar. 13—District Sabbath at SLA, with Grace Macintosh, SDACC PARL

## **MONCTON**

### **Memories**

By Irene Powell

I used to walk to the church from my home, Davida Morton and 3 children walked with me, when we went to prayer meeting. We always walked in the spring and summer when her car wasn't working.

The first time I went to the church was the week before I was baptized. Everything was new to me and very different from what I was used to. I was baptized on a very warm afternoon with many more candidates by Pastor Pollock. He had just finished a crusade and John Fonn was the singer.

On the main floor they had at least 2 or 3 Sabbath school classes. The class I went to was on the left side of the church. Allan Reeves and Floyd Matthews shared the teaching. They were very good teachers. On the

right side was a class with Bertha Girvan and later Davida Morton teaching. The children had their classes down in the basement.

Jim Wilson was the president and Cliff Patterson was the treasurer, Doreen MacArthur, his secretary. The conference was joined on the side of the church, Grace Reeves worked there also. Pastor Don Corkum was the pastor, along with his wife Phyllis and 3 children. They left for another position and Pastor Boyle and wife and a daughter came from England. They were here for only a short time, and then Pastor Bruce Atkins and Pastor Barry Hubley followed and then others.

I remember going ingathering and we went by teams and came back to the church, counted the money to see which team got the most. It was all in fun-I was on Doug MacArthur's team, also Gene Milton had a team.

They used to have a nice VBS, many children came from the homes around the church. They had their oranges in the basement. I remember Mrs Margaret Coolen was the head of it. I helped her when they came in. After that, Lerena Richards worked at them. We used to have a corn boil at the park in the fall.

We can't forget Mrs Taylor who was always asking someone home for dinner. Had her table and chairs full with friends and strangers. She was a lovely woman, loved to cook and entertain. I was at her home many Sabbaths and went down on prayer meeting night for lunch and then we would walk up to the church together.

We had a good secret sister program. Had a party at Christmas and Karen Schofield looked after it. Karen was good setting up the party. At Christmas time the city always had their parade on Saturday morning and they went by our church just when the pastor was starting his sermon. The bands would play and you couldn't hear him, but they would soon pass.

Most of all we could feel that God was there and when we left we felt blessed. The one who gave me my

first Bible studies in the church was Fred Kierstead and he knew his Bible well. I am glad I met Doreen MacArthur and she made me understand and to know my Lord much better.

If anyone has memories of going to our church on St. George St, please write me at:

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64 Blossom Ave  
Riverview NB E1B 4Y7

## MONCTON FRENCH

### **ADRA Project for 2009— SEEDS OF LOVE**

We are glad to report on how God led us and blessed this project. As planned, last spring the Moncton French church was able to start a community garden to assist the needy of our community with fresh vegetables during summer and fall. Church member, Ronald Bastarache, provided us with an acre of land and led out in the project. We were able to use his equipment and expertise. The Community Services leader and ADRA ambassador (Annette Leblanc) coordinated the volunteer workers who saw to the weeding and harvesting.

Because of the location of the garden, one hour outside of Moncton, we incurred some difficulties in recruiting helpers. However, some church members donated time now and then. We had help from friends, from Christians from other denominations who heard of the project through the agency of the Christian Food Bank. The project ended up being a great unifier, as it brought together different communities of faith, families—parents with their teens; even those more advanced in years (70 and plus) made their contribution. All this was done in an atmosphere of love, each one grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.

God has tremendously blessed SEEDS OF LOVE. We have harvested more than 6,000 lbs of vegetables. The local food bank was more than happy to redistribute the produce to

their regular clients, who for once, could enjoy fresh food. Laurie Melanson, the food bank director, shared the surplus with the Food Depot who redistributed the produce among the other food banks in Moncton. Besides this, we have been able to assist different charitable organizations within our area. Among these are Teen Challenge—a rehab centre for youth with drug addiction, Karing Kitchen—a centre that provides meals daily to the needy, Crossroads—a shelter for abused women. We have received words of appreciation from Karing Kitchen, Crossroads and the food bank. Yes, we did make a difference in many lives.

After assessing our project for this year, we are encouraged to renew the experience for next year and the years to come. We are currently looking to secure land closer to the church. We have requested permission to use a parcel of land either from our sister church, the English church in Moncton or on the Maritime Conference property.

In the meantime, God has led us in securing a piece of land in Coverdale for use for 2010. When the owner (a perfect stranger to us) was approached and explained our garden project and need for land closer to our church, he generously offered us an acre from his land. He even volunteered to till it and enrich it with manure.

We praise God for His leading, for inspiring Ronald Bastarache, for the support of the church board that 'Okayed' the project, for Annette Leblanc who coordinated the work, for the helpers who donated their time and energy. All glory to God who blessed us with such a harvest and such a joy!

### **Community Services/Fundraising**

On June 28, a carwash was held downtown Dieppe to help raise funds for ADRA. This was a first for Annette Leblanc, as well as for the team of volunteers she recruited. Special thanks to the many businesses that helped in this project: Irving for location and water, Canadian Tire

and Home Hardware for all the car wash products. The team was cheered with treats: garlic fingers (from Greco), Pizzas (from Pizza Delight) and drinking water and cookies (from Sobey's). Some ten members participated from 10 am to mid-afternoon and this in spite of the rain. They were glad to turn in \$365 for ADRA. People who stopped in for a car wash were handed pieces of literature, as well as brochures explaining the work of ADRA.

Another \$300 was raised through a yard sale in Dieppe. This money will help fund our local church community outreach. Here again, visitors were invited to help themselves to copies of *Steps to Christ* and booklets on different Bible subjects. They were given opportunities to sign up for Bible studies.

Those who have been involved in outreach projects confess that it was hard work, but worth it all because of the spiritual blessings and joy it brought. As they put their hands to the plow, they were able to see God's hand leading. Thank you God for the privilege of being workers with You!

### **Bible Study Groups**

**Dieppe** Members from this area are hosting weekly prayer meetings in homes. They are currently reading and studying weekly one chapter from *Preparation for the Latter Rain* by author Dewitt S. Osgood. They are grateful to brother Gordon Osgood for the opportunity to read it in French and for the many blessings they are enjoying.

**Saint Antoine** Lucille Gagnon praises God as she sees the labour of so many years (20+) take root. For the last two years, a Bible reading group has been meeting. A systematic reading of Genesis with parallel reading from the last chapters of Revelation has helped this little nucleus of Bible students (6 regular visitors and 3 members) gain an overall picture of God's plan and purpose. In the process, they have been exposed to fundamental Bible teachings of God's last-day church. We solicit your prayers for commitments.

**Moncton U** Every two weeks, the students are meeting on Friday evening in the basement of the campus church. Their friends are invited to join them in prayer and Bible study. This has been an opportunity to meet with administration to secure authorization for our meetings and to acquaint them in the process with what our Church stands for. We welcome this opportunity to share the Adventist perspective with the other students from many religious backgrounds. Our prayers are that, as they prepare for a successful life here, they may discover God's glorious plan for them.

## NORTH SYDNEY

### **Good Samaritans**

The Cape Breton Post recently ran an article entitled: "Good Samaritans made sure health board's wind-blown money was recovered." According to the article a gentleman by the name of Ken Jardine was headed to the bank with a briefcase loaded with hundreds of \$50 and \$100 bills belonging to the local health board. A sudden gust of wind blew the case from his grasp and the money went flying down the main street in Sydney Mines. Two men and two women jumped out of their cars and started chasing the money. Jardine said, "It was unbelievable, money was sailing in the air carried by the wind. One of the women was running down the street in full flight chasing a \$50 bill. Everyone that helped me, they were just great." The 2 women were Elaine Parsons and her sister Elizabeth. Elaine is a member of the North Sydney SDA church.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

From January 18-22 the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in North Sydney where five denominations were involved, Presbyterian, United Church of Canada, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Seventh-day Adventist. Although our church is not a big fan for organizing a worldwide super church, which hasn't happened since 1908 when talks in that direction first began, it was a rewarding experience to associate with other

Christians as observers. Many agreed that the most interesting part of the meetings was when we broke up into four discussion groups to answer questions that were prepared in far off Scotland. This became a source of good-natured humour. When the groups returned to the assembly room their reports were presented with an opportunity for responses from the floor. The questions and reports were not based on doctrinal issues but on views on which all felt that they were already united. Aid to Haiti, food banks, and shelters for the poor and abused were some of the discussions that grew out of the questions. Contrary to what some readers may believe, this week of prayer was not just about praying, nor was it only an attempt to create a super church. At the outset of Christianity, Jesus Christ was a mixer, even with those who didn't agree with Him. He associated with the poor, the rich, the diseased, theological opponents, hated tax collectors, religious leaders, and a misled prostitute. Come next year we'll be there again.

### **Church Programs**

The North Sydney church is involved in several community programs. A monthly collection of canned foods, headed by Dale McQueen, is turned over to local food banks. Another member, June Johnston, has been working at the local food bank on a regular basis for a number of years. Help also is offered to a shelter for abused women. Just recently our church board approved the use of our church basement facilities for a Restorative Justice program. This program is intended to help youths who are in danger of falling through the cracks. Rather than see them becoming involved in crime, the program is set up to help them become involved in learning a better way. We don't run the program, but we supply the facility to other very capable and professional people who are good at what they do.

## PERTH-ANDOVER

### **Translated Services**

We are happy to announce that our church has been having translated

services. We have a large number of French-speaking members that are attending our church and therefore are having the sermons translated into French. Our church has also organized a French Sabbath school lesson study for our French-speaking members. What a blessing it has been.

### **Meet the Church**

With both French and English languages represented in our church family, getting to know each other has been a little challenging. Not wanting language to be a barrier, we have included a new element to our group worship service called "Meet the Church." During this five minute weekly sharing time, one member of our church is asked a few questions about where they are from, their family, their work, their hobbies and things that are spiritually meaningful to them. The sessions are translated so that we can all share and get to know one another in a more personal way. It's amazing how much you can learn about somebody in five minutes...even if you've been sharing a pew for years.

## SAINT JOHN

### **Bible Workers**

It is with great joy that the Saint John church welcomes Kalman & Kate Roller to their midst. Both are very talented in music, which adds a beautiful dimension to our church. They both have extensive training and experience in evangelism. Their primary goal is to lead out in the church with Bible studies, inspiring us to future growth. They studied under David Asscherick, of ARISE Institute.



You will remember him from his amazing sermons that we enjoyed at Pugwash campmeeting last summer. I recall his enthusiasm and now we have a couple that have trained under his teaching; we are blessed indeed.

### **Health Evangelism**

Our future projects are enrolling 300 in Bible studies, presenting the Life Style program that we learned under the direction of Vicki Griffin at campmeeting. Bill & Marjorie Akerley are planning to conduct the health seminars.

Everyone is excited about the plans for Rudy & Jeanie Davis, of Bayside Natural Health Center, to conduct a health seminar in Saint John on Sept. 6-9. Their coming is the week after the Atlantic Exhibition in Saint John, where we plan to have a booth and give out invitations to people to come and hear about our healthy lifestyle.

Jenipher Chitate, who works for the Irving Corp., has opened the door for health talks, to be led by Ruth Rayburn-Arsenault and Kate Roller. Please pray for God's blessing on all these plans.

### **ST. GEORGE**

#### **Assurance in Jesus**

Once again our church has been blessed with a visit from Pastor Ron Nelson and his wife, Sandra. His all day seminar on "Assurance in Jesus" was a true blessing. We have one lady that is now coming to our church as a result and one that has just moved to Saint John and wishes to attend church there. Praise God!

### **TANTALLON**

#### **Christmas Fruit Baskets/Hampers**

Nelson Hubley, Social Committee Chairperson, organized the preparation of 35 Christmas fruit baskets on Monday Dec. 21. The Pathfinder children baked delicious cookies that morning which were added to the fruit baskets. These were distributed to seniors and shut-ins of the community later that day. Twenty Christmas hampers were prepared by RosaLee Morash, Community Services

Leader, and distributed between Dec. 16 and 23 to those in need.

### **HAITI DISASTER RELIEF**

**Halifax:** Will be hosting an ADRA brunch for Haiti Mar. 7.

**St. George:** January, unfortunately, brought the horrific disaster in Haiti. And, as the world watched helplessly, wanting to assist, ADRA and the SDA Church in Canada sent out an appeal for funds to help these people. Our church family responded and raised a final total of \$1,685.00.

**Perth-Andover** hosted a benefit supper for Haiti on Feb. 7. The Wednesday Evening Fiddlers were present to perform during the evening. \$1,800.00 was raised to help with ADRA's efforts in Haiti. Our church family experienced the earthquake in Haiti in a very deep way as numerous church members are from Haiti and still have family there.

**Tantallon** church received a special offering amounting to \$1,615.00 for ADRA to assist with the Haiti earthquake which took place on Jan. 12, 2010. Heather & Ken Harrington hosted and prepared an ADRA fundraising Valentine's Day dinner on Feb. 14, at the Community Service Centre. The delicious Italian meal was enjoyed by approximately 30; donations given for ADRA totalled \$417.00.

### **BAPTISMS**

**Jim Hebb** was baptized on Dec. 19, 2009 by Pastor Leroy Corkum. He and his wife Arlene are members of the Bridgewater church.



### **Barnesville Membership**

**Additions** For the Barnesville church, 2009 was a special year of celebration. Our former pastor, Ron Henderson, travelled from Alberta to officiate at the Jun. 6 baptism of several of his friends: Taylor Burke, Emma Cummings, Heather Totten and her children, Jake, Terrance and Samantha Totten. Debera Sabean had been studying with church elder Clydetta O'Dell for about a year and was also baptized on Jun. 6 by Pastor Jacques LeBlanc. The baptism took place at the Maranatha church in Hampton. Later in the day, the Barnesville church family gathered for supper and a special vespers program to welcome the newest members of the church family. On Jul. 30 at Camp Pugwash, Craig Kelemen and Mark Pentz made their public commitment to follow Jesus all the way and were baptized in the Northumberland Strait, by moonlight, with Pastor David Asscherick officiating. On Sept. 5, the Barnesville church family viewed the video of this milestone event and officially welcomed Craig and Mark to membership. We thank God, and rejoice with the angels, for these nine lives dedicated in service to Him.

### **BIRTH**

**Isabella Brynn Boyd** was born on January 2, 2010, to Christy & Alex Boyd of Fredericton NB. (8lbs 11oz) A baby sister for Madeline. The Fredericton church held a baby shower on Jan. 30 at the Sorensens, where fun and games were enjoyed by all in attendance.

**Abigail Anne Walker** was born on January 22, 2010, to Gina & Jeremy Walker of Hubbards NS. A baby sister for Lindsay. The Walker's are members of the Fox Point church.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Gladys Brawn** celebrated her 70th birthday on Dec. 25, 2009, at the home of her daughter Elaine Peterson. All 5 of her children were present along with 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

On Jan. 23, 2010, **Lorne Totten** celebrated his 80th birthday as well his 80 years of continuous, faithful attendance at the Barnesville SDA church. The church was formed by charter in 1930, just a few months after Lorne was born.

Lorne's grandfather, Robert Totten, dismantled his own barn and used the lumber to construct the original church building. Lorne has served his church through the years as head elder and deacon; he has supported church school, work-bees



and fund-raisers. Lorne supports Women's Ministries pie-making projects by supplying the apples and serving as chief apple-peeler. Through times of sorrow and loss and serious health concerns, through times of joy and celebration, Lorne was a faithful role-model for his children, Sharon and Melvin, for the succeeding generations of his extended family, and for all the children who have grown up in our church and community. His marriage to Marlene in 1968 was the first wedding performed in the church building we now occupy. Lorne is the consummate Adventist—he loves potlucks and campmeeting and 3ABN. Our church is enriched and inspired by Lorne's faithfulness and his distinction as the only member who has had continuous attendance since the church was born eighty years ago. We thank God for his consistent Christian example and the blessing he is to our congregation.

### CHILD DEDICATIONS

**Nicholas Clarke**, son of Nicholas & Ruth Clarke, was dedicated by Pastor John Fournier in the Zealand church.



### OBITUARY

**Eva Gertrude (May) MacDonald**, age 100, died quietly Feb. 7, 2010 at the Northside General Hospital in North Sydney NS. Born Sep. 5, 1909 in Little Bay West, Nfld, Gertrude, was the daughter of the late Simeon T. and Edith I (Warren) May. Gertrude was a member of the Dorcas society and enjoyed the weekly quilting sessions at the North Sydney church. In Sept. 2009, a party celebrated the occasion of her 100th birthday. She is predeceased by her husband Daniel MacDonald; parents; 12 brothers and sisters and a son-in-law. Surviving: son Kitchener (Carol) MacDonald of Baddeck, NS; 2 daughters Elizabeth MacDonald of North Sydney, Patricia MacPhail of Sydney River, NS; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

### SOCIAL FUN ACTIVITIES

**Charlottetown** youth and adults mingled together during the new year/games night activities in our church. Puzzles, games and music made this fellowship time very enjoyable.



**Dartmouth** held a valentine social on Feb. 13, that included vespers (singing love songs found in the hymnal) and eating ice cream sundae.

**Fox Point** has been busy showering two new moms with love! First one was for Amber Lennox on Jan. 30, we await the arrival of this precious bundle of joy.

On Feb. 13, we gathered to welcome little Abbie, daughter of Gina & Jeremy Walker. A very interesting game was played where all the ladies brought a baby picture of themselves which was posted on a large board. Everyone was to mark down on a piece of paper who they thought each one was, the answers were revealed at the end of the evening.

**Perth-Andover** held a baby shower for Roseline & Sylvio Alexis, who are expecting their second child.

**Tantallon** hosted a New Year's eve potluck supper at Dave & Yvonne Crook's home, followed by a fun time bowling. A wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of the New Year.

**Zealand** women's ministries enjoyed a Christmas get-together at Pizza Delight in Fredericton. Another fun Valentine social was held on Feb. 13, including a fun-filled evening of games, giving out of Valentines and a great lunch.



### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

**Barnesville's** Christmas eve program consisted of a narrator and 4 very young people who performed before a 'shadowbox' curtain. The result was a very quiet presentation as the narrator presented Mary's situation, her troubled, yet joyful, ponderings and finally the wonderful birth of her baby boy. The Magi and shepherds were there as well to celebrate the awesome birth and to give their gifts and hearts to our Saviour.



Charlottetown invited Ron Nelson to present his 3-part series entitled "The Assurance of Jesus," followed by a concert on Feb 20. The series had a strong message to the congregation of reading our Bibles and praying both individually and as a church.



Bethany Devoe made a presentation about the Kenya mission trip, she highlighted her opportunity to show love and minister to the less fortunate children in Kenya.

North Sydney's annual Christmas play was a success considering they have a small congregation to draw actors from.



Pastor Steeves and associates hosted a delightful supper where during the supper testimonies were given expressing important spiritual events in the lives of those present.

Tantallon held a special Christmas fellowship meal after the worship service on Dec. 19 at the Community Services Centre. They were happy to welcome Reverend Sara, with her husband and children, who attended from the Grace Presbyterian Church, as they are renting Tantallon church at this time.

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<b>March</b>	Women in the Church Focus	
Mar. 6	Women's Day of Prayer	Churches
Mar. 7-13	Adventist Youth Week of Prayer	
Mar. 13	Adventist World Radio	Offering
Mar. 20	Disabilities Awareness Sabbath	
Mar. 28	Annual General Meeting (FSR)	Moncton
Mar. 27	13th Sabbath—East Central Africa Division	Offering
<b>April</b>	Stewardship Focus	
Apr. 3	Missionary Magazines-Signs	
Apr. 8	Clerk Statistical Report Due	Conference
Apr. 10	Stewardship Sabbath	
Apr. 10	Christian Record Services Cda	Offering
Apr. 17	Literature Evangelism Sabbath	
Apr. 24	Education Sabbath/Sandy Lake Academy	Offering
Apr. ??	Youth Rally	Camp Pugwash
Apr. ??	Summer Camp Applications available	Churches
<b>May</b>	Community Services Focus	
May 1	Community Services Sabbath	
May 8	Youth Sabbath	
May 8	ADRA Canada	Offering
May 15	Single Adults Sabbath	
May 27	Campmeeting Reservation Response Deadline	
May 29	GC Session Project	Offering
<b>June</b>	Church Growth and Evangelism Focus	
Jun. 1	Maritime Pulse Deadline	
Jun. 12	Women's Ministries Emphasis Day	
Jun. 12	Canadian French Work	Offering
Jun. 23-Jul. 3	General Conference Session	Atlanta

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**Tickets:** Adults \$15 Children (5-16) \$8  
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## THE TRAVELLING BIBLE

Source: Inter-American Division, SDA Church

The Travelling Bible arrived in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Jan. 7, 2010, just days before the 7-magnitude earthquake hit the city, killing thousands and leaving thousands more homeless. The Bible had previously been in Puerto Rico. Dozens of SDA church leaders, government officials and church members welcomed the unique Bible at Toussaint Louverture Intl Airport’s diplomatic room. About 20 members of the media were present to document the event.

The president of the Protestant Federation in Haiti joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church to receive the multi-language Bible, which was hand-delivered by the delegation from Puerto Rico. The Bible was then taken in a caravan through the city of Port-au-Prince for the second of many celebrations. “It is my privilege to hand you this traveling Bible,” said Pastor Jose A Rodriguez, president of the church in Puerto Rico, as he handed the Bible to Theart St. Pierre, president of the church in Haiti. “We hope that this Bible can be a light to shine and guide Haiti. Read the Bible, Practice the Bible.” Pastor St. Pierre, along with his team of union, fields, institutions and church members, pledged to read the Bible and promote Bible reading throughout Haiti. Church leaders, members and community leaders participated in transcribing Bible passages and reciting scripture. They also enjoyed a special exhibit of the oldest Bibles in Haiti.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, nearly 3,000 people gathered at the Auditorium of the Bible in Port-au-Prince for a huge celebration. About 120 government officials and religious leaders were invited as special guests. Among them were representatives from the presidential office, the Apostolic Nuncio, the President of the Protestant Federation, a representative of the voodoo church, political leaders and dozens of ministers from other evangelical churches. Each guest read a Bible passage from the Book of Joel in French or Creole, and each received a special Bible from Adventist leaders. In addition to Bible-themed Sabbath activities, church leaders distributed some 450 Bibles to female inmates and police guards at the Petion-Ville Women’s Prison after a special Bible-focused program.

Over 15,000 young people and church members marched with Bible in hand through the streets of Port-au-Prince on Jan. 10. Using loud speakers, leaders invited listeners to read the Bible. More than 15,000 Bibles were given away during the march. In addition, Pathfinders and Pathfinder Master Guides sang special songs about the Bible.

The Traveling Bible left Port-au-Prince on the morning of Jan. 12, towards Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, just hours before the earthquake hit.

