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## *The Kingdom of Heaven is Like. . .*

O Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!



The kingdom of heaven is like ...

Have you ever tried to describe

something indescribable? For millennia poets have sought to describe love, fear, sadness and the full-range of human emotion. Abstractions are very hard to communicate.

Jesus' ministry was to average folk. Granted, near the end of his life he held audience with rulers and prelates, but for the vast majority of his earthly sojourn he interacted with simple people, like you and me. His teachings and discourse were aimed at them – not at seminary students.

In fact, he disdained the rich, educated elite; not because of their wealth and education, but because their

wealth and education had become idols that prevented them from seeing the plain truth of his life, death and the kingdom he brought.

Simplicity.

“Truly, I say to you, unless you become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom.” Matthew 18:3-5 (ESV).

Children, with their simple faith and humility represent the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Conversely, Jesus told a wise, educated, even earnest scribe, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Mark 12:34 (ESV).

Sometimes I wonder if we are too smart for our own good. I wonder if the high value we place on our own degrees and intellect prevent us from ever

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fully entering into the kingdom of heaven. Like the scribe, we hover at the outer edge, not far from the kingdom but too proud and sophisticated to ever surrender to King Jesus. Too well-versed in higher criticism to get over ourselves and allow Jesus to speak plainly and simply to our deepest need.

This summer, we are moving through a series of Jesus' parables. I guess they are more like similes – word-pictures. In each case, Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is like ...”. I pray that we would have the good sense to let God's forever-king describe His own kingdom to us, without deconstructing and demythologizing these simple similes because they are simply too simple.

I pray that we would all be gripped afresh with the present dynamism of the kingdom of heaven and renew our steadfast hope in the coming day when the kingdom will be seen in fullness.

This summer marks John Calvin's 500<sup>th</sup> birthday. Next to the Bible itself, Calvin's Institutes of Religion has been the most influential writings in my theological formation. In his commentaries on Matthew 13, John Calvin says,

“The [kingdom of heaven] does not receive from us the respect it deserves, unless we prefer it to all the riches, pleasures, honours, and advantages of the world, and to such an extent,

that we are satisfied with the spiritual blessings which it promises, and throw aside every thing that would keep us from enjoying them; for those who aspire to heaven must be disengaged from everything that would retard their progress.”

Repent. Cast aside all things that would slow down the progress of the kingdom of heaven in your life. For some this may include love of wealth or the worries of this life. For others it may include the idolatry of sophistication.

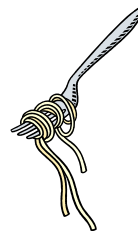
Take Jesus at His word. Let Him speak to your heart. Keep it simple.

*Ray David Glenn*

### ***St. Matthew's House***

**There is desperate need of food such as pasta and sauce, beans, soup, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and any other staples.**

**Please bring them on Sunday and leave them on the pew in the town square.**



*“For by Him all things were created.”*

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## **ST G. MILTON**

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### ***An Opportunity to Worship in Milton***

***Ray David and Brian will be holding an Evening Service, the third Sunday of every month, at Milton Bible Church. Our hope is to reach those in our congregation who find the Crossroads Centre too far to drive, to offer another service in the evening for any who missed the morning ones, an opportunity to come and worship the Lord and hear the Word. Please spread the word that we are BACK IN MILTON.***



First Service, June 21

***Come ! Bring your family and friends to:  
Milton Bible Church, 200 Main Street East,  
6:30 p. m., the third Sunday of the month .***



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## ***God is Good!***

Shelley and I have just experienced an amazing example of God's goodness to his children, and we would like to share it with you. We currently live in a 1000 sq ft. house in Kilbride (North Burlington), with our two young children Ada and William. The house has only two bedrooms, so we were planning to start looking for a new house in the next year or two.

In April we were driving down Britannia Road and saw a "for sale" sign at the end of a laneway, disappearing into the forest. Shelley fell in love, and we drove down the lane to take a glance at the house. When we arrived home we phoned the agent to inquire about the house, and were told that it was heated with oil, and had poor insulation and was very out-of-date. To top it off, there was already a conditional offer on the house, so they wouldn't show us that place. That was fine with me; we weren't really looking yet anyway.

Unbeknownst to Shelley, that night I prayed "God, if you want us to have this house, please make it available". We then let it go. After a few weeks we found that we were still interested in the house so we phoned to see if the house was available, and it was; the offer had fallen through. We arranged to visit the house, and I fell in love with the property too. It is 7 acres, mostly woodlot, with a large ravine, a stream running through the corner, and some open space for gardening. Exactly the kind of property we were looking for, with the ability to be self-sufficient should the need arise. For those who don't know, I have two concerns that prompt me to prepare: I expect that orthodox Christians may become persecuted in Canada in my lifetime; also I foresee that the worst case outcome of the coming energy crisis is a return to a subsistence economy.



The house is a 2700 sq. ft. well-maintained bungalow, state of the art 1957, complete with relay controlled lights and a bomb shelter. The fact that the bathrooms are mint green and hot pink, all the walls are panelled and nothing has been upgraded

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in 50 years would be a deal breaker for most, but not for us. Shelley is quite easy-going and home renovation is my hobby, making it a perfect fit. We talked to the agent about the possibility of making an offer conditional on the sale of our house, but he informed us that they would not accept such an offer, having been burned by one already.

What were we to do? We stepped out in faith, and started asking for references of ethical real estate agents. After receiving the same recommendation from a number of people we hired a Christian real estate agent, Ian McSporran, to sell our house. What a blessing to have a Christian agent. He prayed with us after we listed the house, and when we discussed the house we wanted to buy, and the associated logistical issues, he replied that if God wanted us to have the house, everything would work out

The commission included a staging consultant who gave us good advice on how to arrange the furniture and prepare the house for sale. God softened our hearts so that we would be willing to do everything the stager suggested, and provided parents to help us complete the list. So we started to get ready for listing, trusting that if God wanted us to have the house, it would still be available once our house was sold. Preparations involved a little painting, lots of packing and de-cluttering the rooms as suggested by the stager, along with a few minor repairs and finishing the planned laundry room cabinets. After 3 weeks with help from family we were ready to list. The house had never looked so good; why hadn't we done some of these things before?

We arranged for Ian to come by Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> to list the house. At that point everything started to move very quickly. Monday at noon the videographer came to take pictures of the house. Monday night we signed the papers to list the house, Tuesday a full colour brochure was ready, and we had our first showing. By Wednesday at noon we had an offer, the house was sold Thursday, and by Friday night we had bought our new house. Lord willing, we move June 5<sup>th</sup>, and should be in the new house by the time this is published. God is good!

One of the things that really struck us through the whole process was the peace that we both felt. Every time we could have been anxious because things were not exactly what we planned for, we felt peace, and we trusted, and God took care of us.

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As we look back we can really see God's hand at work; here are just a few highlights. The location is closer too both our parents. The price we paid is approximately the land value. We didn't expect that we could afford anything south of Hwy 401 with that much land, but God provided. When we listed our house, the price went up \$10,000 over the price recommended by the agents 3 weeks earlier. When we bought the Kilbride house, it had been on the market for a year, so we thought that our house might take a while to sell, but we sold in just two days! God knew that Shelley would have struggled to keep the house tidy with two active young children. The house listed at the best time of the year with the spring flowers out, and no bugs yet, about a two week window, isn't God's timing best! To top it off, the selling price was only \$5,000 less than asking price, very good especially considering this is a soft market. There is more, but I think you get my point.



As we think back on what happened we might ask, why did God do this for us? Am I preaching a prosperity gospel? Was it because we have been especially good Christians lately and God is rewarding us? Not at all! God wants good things for all of his children and He has given us this new home because He loves us, not because of anything we have done. In similar ways He wants to bless all of his children.

As a member of the futures group, I also think that God may be reminding us of his love and faithfulness, as we think about our next home for St. George's after Crossroads. In God's time all will become clear. It may be before we are ready, or after our patience has run thin. God will provide for his children in his time. God is good!

***Kelvin Loveless***

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## ***Historic ACNA Synod***

*Following his return from the inaugural synod of the North American Province, the editors conducted a brief interview with the Venerable Charlie Masters, executive archdeacon and national director of ANiC.*

### ***Was there a particular moment that was a highlight for you?***

There were many. One that I particularly remember was the Tuesday afternoon. To everyone's amazement not only were the Constitution and all the Canons ratified as presented, but Archbishop Bob Duncan was able to announce that afternoon, that one full day early this Provincial Assembly had completed its work and that the Province was now officially a reality.

Almost at the very moment, Bishop John Guernsey jumped up to the microphone and asked if he could bring good news. He then reported that he had just that minute received a text message from Uganda; the Church of the Province of Uganda had just done two things. (1) They had given their full and unqualified endorsement, and their recognition of the new church and Province ACNA as being fully Anglican. (2) As of that moment, all Bishops, clergy and congregations in North America who had been living under the care, protection, and jurisdiction of Archbishop Orombi and the Province of Uganda, were now officially transferred to the Anglican Church in North America.

In that moment, as all those who had been under Uganda stood, we all applauded and welcomed them; in a profound way, this assisted us all to grasp the fact that this was real and that the Lord was in it. In a way, it was a visual reminder right there and right then of what the Lord had just done!

### ***How would you characterize the Canadian influence in ACNA?***

Acknowledging the obvious fact that I am hardly objective, I have to say that I really believe the Common Cause Partnership, and now the new church, have afforded us Canadians an opportunity to participate and to contribute in ways which have gone far beyond our numbers relative to the total numbers of members of ACNA.



Canadians at the synod

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In large measure, I believe this is due to two main things: (1) Internationally and in relationship to the developing Common Cause Partnership, GAFCON,

and now the new church and Province, Bishop Don has been our best and most important ambassador. His obvious commitment to the cause of Anglican orthodoxy, his tireless sacrificial work, his wise leadership and involvement at a high-level internationally as well as his regular reminder to all meetings of the unique things that are associated with the Canadian scene, though we are relatively few in numbers, he has kept the developing church well aware of us and favorably disposed to us because our leader representing us is such a godly, wise leader. In a very real sense we all have been riding on his “coat-tails”. (2) The new church leaders have been very appreciative of our willingness as Canadians to come under a North American Church. Rather than insisting we keep to ourselves to protect our distinction as Canadians, we have “jumped in”. Mindful that in some sense small Canada entering a big Province is brave, I believe they have tried to include many Canadians right from the start.

There were many Canadians involved in many of the committees preparing for Provincial Assembly. Many spoke. Some hold office in various ways. We’re definitely right in there.

### ***What is the next step for the North American province?***

In many ways the new Province is like ANiC. The job now is to get on with the job. Our Mission statement is: “reaching North America with the transforming love of Christ”. In that regard, Archbishop Bob at his Wednesday night installation as Primate and Archbishop mentioned three things that I particularly remember: (1) seek to plant 1000 new churches in the next five years, (2) encourage all our members in personal witness and evangelism. (3) Archbishop Bob challenged folk to make Scripture memory part of their life no matter how young or old they may be, in order to reverse the trend of Biblical illiteracy in our church, and to assist people to have a relationship with the Bible which is consistent with “abiding in the word”.

The next Provincial Council Meeting is to be this December here in the Toronto area. Again, Canada is right in there. Again, there is lots of work to do; ANiC is a big part, and certainly all that we are involved with is a big part of what the Province is involved with.



Archbishop Robert Duncan, Chancellor Hugo Blankenship, and Archdeacon Charlie Masters.



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## ***Salt of the Earth, Light of the World***

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*You are like salt for all mankind... But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is to be thrown out and people trample on it.*

*You are like light for the whole earth. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl, instead he puts it on the lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so they will see the good things you do, and praise your Father in heaven. [Matthew 5: 13 – 16]*

I see us in ANiC plus our wider ACNA as commanded to be the ‘salt and light’ that the gospel speaks of. We have been ‘sprinkled’ across this great continent and we must do what salt does, for if it loses its ‘saltiness’, we are told it is fit only to be trampled on... a warning surely. As I have reflected on this passage, I see the hand of our Lord, or ‘the mighty arm of God’ at work through us who have chosen orthodoxy. We have a message, the one true faith: one Lord who suffered and died in order to save us from our sin... Jesus risen from the dead on the third day, Jesus ascended into heaven, who sits at the right hand of God the Father, Jesus who will judge the living and the dead. We are to be salt and light. If we lose our ‘flavour’ in this age to become part of the ‘worldly way’, adopting a more ‘permissive’ gospel to gain favour, we shall indeed lose the salt of the faith once given to the saints.

The Almighty God is raising up more to be like us, more flavour will be added to our Christian flock, more leaders, more teachers - more salt, more light. That light must shine brightly, it was given to be seen. In verse 15, ‘the lamp stand’ must shed light for all to see, never to be hidden or covered over. We must take care that this light never goes out; we must be alert and watchful in all we do and say. If we become slothful the light will disappear, and once lost we shall not see our way clearly; anyone asking ‘the way forward’ shall become as lost as we. ‘Set the light high’ says Matthew 5, vs. 14 ‘as a beacon for all’.

***Annette Harris***



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## ***REACH OUT UPDATE***

Reach Out is pleased to announce that we have decided to support two new local mission partners, the Navigators and Shifra House. Below there is a description of what they do, in their own words. Please check out our "Missions Board" in the town square for regular updates from our mission partners.

### **The Navigators of Canada**

Navigators of Canada is an evangelical non-profit organization with a long history of working with individuals and churches to fulfill Christ's great commission to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) by multiplying laborers for Christ across Canada and overseas. Our mission is to reach, disciple and equip people to know Christ and to make Him known through successive generations. We work on campuses, in our communities and around the world. We work one-on-one; we work in small groups. We seek to motivate and equip ordinary men and women to fix their eyes on Christ and to become fully devoted followers of Him. We encourage Christians to live by faith, feed on the Scriptures, and walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Shifra Home**

"SHIFRA", meaning beautiful, was the name of a midwife (Exodus 1:15) who protected and nurtured life. At Shifra Home we have the same goal in mind! Shifra Home, located in Burlington, is a Christ-Centered maternity residence for young, pregnant women and teens. Our home provides accommodation, pregnancy counseling and other support services to young women during their pregnancy, childbirth and for a period after the birth of their baby. Our home is open to all.

### **A final reminder from Reach Out**

Remember to help yourself to some "WELCOME CARDS". Help us share the good news of Jesus Christ with your friends, neighbors and co-workers. "No one lights a lamp and then hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house." Luke 11:33

Blessings,  
***Ray Smith***

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**SHIFRA HOME WRITES**

May 29, 2009

Dear Mr. Smith,

I was so pleased to receive your letter indicating that St. George's Anglican Church has adopted Shifra Home as a monthly donor for the next two years. We have already received a contribution. We are absolutely thrilled to have your support of our ministry and to partner together to provide a safe haven for young women and their babies.

Today Shifra Home is a supportive, supervised maternity home for young women. It is the first and only one of its kind in the region of Halton. Since opening its doors in August 2006, Shifra Home and its contributors have directly impacted the lives of over 42 young women and babies. This is only the beginning of the wonderful impact we are having on the community.

Your donation makes a difference in the life of a young mother and her child. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude in helping us to realize our vision, our mandate and our dreams. In addition to our mission of providing a "safe haven" we are supporting young women spiritually and emotionally as well as providing the necessities of life such as furniture, baby items, and clothes to help ease the burden as they transition to independence and a new life. The generous support received from our community allows us to provide a comfortable environment, learning opportunities, and outreach into the community.

Again, we thank you for your gift and hope that you will continue to support Shifra Home.

Blessings,

Lisa Hoekstra, Director of Community Relations

*Revelation 4: 11*

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

[KJV]

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## ***STUDENT SUMMER MISSIONS***

Our young people have taken seriously the Mission Statement of St. George's Church, "disciples making disciples". In Acts 1:8, Jesus promised His disciples that they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and even to the remotest part of the earth. If we could expand Israel to Canada size, and imagine comparable distances, then we would see how our youth are accepting this challenge by their witness in Toronto, Kenora, Manitoba, and Kenya.



**Leanne Metsa** is in a program called "Revolutionary Internship", serving at a Pentecostal Church, Christian Centre Church, a few blocks from Jane and Finch, Toronto, (which will be our Jerusalem). This neighbourhood is often viewed as the Canadian version of the Bronx. Originally Leanne was going for the period May 5th to June 21<sup>st</sup>, but because of a scholarship set up by this church she has been able to return for the second part of the program, July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A typical morning consists of an hour each of prayer, Bible study and teaching. The afternoons are spent visiting seniors in low income buildings or hanging out with neighbourhood children, through girls' club or one-on-one mentoring. In addition, Leanne visits the shelters for the homeless downtown, talking with people who have been in jail, or lost their homes and families through gambling or other addictions. She has learned much about the value of building relationships through taking that step of faith and making herself available to God when He calls her to speak to a stranger on the bus, in the grocery store or on the street. And she has found that He will give her the words and the courage when she feels speechless and shy.

Please pray for protection for Leanne, physical, spiritual and emotional. Pray for strength and energy to serve with her whole heart. And pray for the formation of deep bonds in



Christ within the group with whom she serves.

**Ryan Wilson** is spending his summer at Manitoba Pioneer Camp, (which is really in Ontario), on an island in Shoal Lake, the western-most part of Lake of the Woods and about an hour from Kenora, (which probably isn't much like Judea).

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His program is varied and looks to me to be exhausting.

July 6 -11, Ryan was counseling at Discovery Boys Camp, boys ages 8 - 11.

July 13 - 20, a Leadership Training canoe trip.

July 20 -25, counseling at Quest Boys camp, boys ages 10 - 13.

Please pray that in the next few days Ryan would get some rest and good travel connections.

August 2 - 8, Ryan joins the St. George's youth mission to St. Bede's, Kinostota, Manitoba.

August 8 - 28, counseling again at Classic Boys camp, boys ages 8 - 16.

August 29, home for a week of laundry before starting Grade 12.

Ryan asks that we pray that the Lord be made known in some way through him to his boys. Please pray also for Ryan's health, as with so little time off it is easy to get run down. And finally, being on an island with limited trips "abroad" can produce cabin fever. Mail and care packages would really be appreciated! ([rwilson\\_14@hotmail.com](mailto:rwilson_14@hotmail.com) or Manitoba Pioneer Camp, Kejick Post Office, Shoal Lake, ON P0X 1E0)



**St. George's Youth Group** will be going as a Youth Mission Team to Kinostota, Manitoba, (our answer to Samaria) from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. These young people, Cynthia Bousfield, Cameron Chambers, Emerson Chambers, Nathan Hicks, Eli Hicks, Sean Horricks, Chris Kerr, Alyce Wilson and Ryan Wilson will be led by the Rev. Scott Walker, with Joe Biggar,

Anita Chambers, and Emily Rigo as able assistants.

Pray for good health, physical stamina and safety for our young people. Double that prayer for the adults accompanying them! Please pray also that by serving others they may be drawn closer to the One who came to serve them. Remember in prayer Scott's and Anita's families back home.



**Leah Culver** departs July 29<sup>th</sup> for the 'remotest part of the earth' - Kenya - for the month of August. That is many miles and time zones from Moffat! Leah will be going to Butula, a small village of about 250 people in western Kenya - I cannot find it on my map - with 'Children of Bukati' through Guelph Campus ministry associated with the Christian Reformed Church.



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Goals are to provide the children with uniforms so that they can go to school, and to distribute food in the school. They also plan to build a school and provide desks and chairs. Another goal is to live in solidarity with the people of Kenya in the Christian community.

Leah will be billeted with a village family. One house in the village has electricity, but there is no running water and only outdoor plumbing. On the weekends she will be attending Faith and Culture seminars, one in Karen, (outskirts of Nairobi) and the other in Eldoret in the Rift Valley. Leah feels called to love not only the people that she will be with, but also those in the community where she will be living. Half of the children are AIDS orphans but there are no “street kids”. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings or neighbours automatically look after them. Forty percent of the adults have AIDS.

Leah asks for prayer for her personal health and safety in travel, to, from and within Kenya. Please pray also that she will discover commonalities in the Christian faith through the seminars that will result in solidarity and unity ‘across the water’. And pray that she will be a blessing to those who have so little, and in turn be blessed by them.

***Suggestion: Write on a card the names and prayer requests of our young mission partners and tuck it into your Bible to be used when you have your daily devotions.***

***Pam Bales***



***Dear***

***Brothers and***

***“For by Him all things were created.”***

***Sisters,***

Our Youth Summer Mission trip to St Bede's Kinosota, Manitoba is coming up quickly. We are departing from Hamilton on August 2nd at 6:30pm and returning to Hamilton on August 8th at 5:48pm.

So what will a typical day at St Bede's look like for us? Our week will revolve around Vacation Bible School in the mornings and service projects in the afternoons. Our day will begin and end in prayer. We will also have teaching times, and Bible study. Allow me to sketch a rough outline of a typical day:

7:45am – Morning Prayer and devotion all together

8:30 – Breakfast

9-12 – VBS

12 – Lunch

Afternoons – Service projects such as scraping and painting over graffiti at a fire hall, scraping and painting a church, projects for elderly parishioners, and building relationships with youth in the area.

5 – Evening Prayer / devotion Guys & Gals separate

6:00 – Dinner

7:00 – Swimming, Hiking and free time

Please pray for our youth as we seek to be a blessing to St Bede's. Our theme verse is Matthew 20:28: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." May the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified as we seek to serve.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible! Your generosity has been a huge blessing. We are all very excited for this trip. If you had told me just a few weeks ago that we would raise nearly \$5,000, pay for all our flights, have a place to stay, meals for the week, ministry opportunities in abundance, two churches to partner with St George's (St Bede's and the Outreach Gospel Mission), a visit from Bishop Malcolm Harding, and have 13 people going to Manitoba, I would have told you to get praying. But here we are ready to GO in obedience to Matthew 28:18-20 and to our mission at St George's, "to be disciples making disciples." Please hold the youth up in prayer as we prepare for this exciting trip. And may God bless you all!

***Scott Walker***



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## TINY

It was while recuperating from a heavy cold, that my mind turned to reflecting on the past. For some reason memories returned of those halcyon days of being a teenager, and the relatively carefree days of little responsibility and a lot of hope. Days that may sound familiar, days that we hope have not disappeared or been lost to future generations.



Flipping through this chapter of an unfinished life story, my mind came to rest on an entry titled Tiny. Now Tiny was one of those persons who will always remain in my mind, not only for who he was and what he did, but also for the impact he made on my life. To describe him belies his nickname, for in stature he was in fact over six feet tall, solidly built, with a moustache, a commanding nature - and a reputation.

As with most teenagers I was one of a group of local lads who used to gather in the evenings on street corners or go to the 'flicks' on Saturdays or Sundays, with no set criteria or modus operandi, but at the same time having no desire to cause trouble. I can't remember how it began, but at some point one of the group mentioned that there was a youth group that had opened in a small wooden hut next to the local Anglican Church. So in true democratic tradition we talked about joining with rather negative results, until one mentioned that there were girls there too. Needless to say this tipped the balance, and so we became members. There we encountered Tiny.

Meeting Tiny turned out to be not so intimidating as first imagined. We began to fit in very well, and I did not find the religious part of the membership overpowering because of my grounding in Gospel Hall Sunday School. My own relationship with Tiny was good, to the point where he singled me out to go for an interview for an Outward Bound course in Scotland for a month. This was successful. I remember him as a man of faith with a true focus on God.

However, back to the story. There was a member of the group called Bryan. One day, he met me with the news that he had bought a used post office van. Well, the temptation was too great, and we arranged for five of us to go for a spin in this acquisition one night. Now I have to mention that Bryan had only a provisional license, and the law stated that he had to have a qualified driver in the passenger seat, and display 'L' plates on the front and rear of the vehicle to indicate that he was learning to drive.

We decided to ignore the rules. Bryan arrived minus the 'L' plates and driver; I was designated as qualified, even though I had never driven anything in my life except an elec-

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tric milk cart when I was thirteen. Throwing caution to the wind, we piled into the van and off we went. It was dark, which we felt for some reason gave us a sense of protection from the law, and all was going well when we decided to take a short cut through this narrow lane. As we made our way, we were passing through a growth of trees when one of the lads spotted a dark car just a few seconds before another shouted ‘courting couple’. Well, this was like a ‘red rag to a bull’, and I will leave the ensuing revelry to your own imagination, but the upshot of this was that after we had passed, the same voice in the back shouted ‘it’s a police car’.

To say that the whole atmosphere in the van went from positive to negative in the space of half a second would be very close to the mark. Plenty of suggestions followed on how we could get out of this predicament, but eventually we hit a main road and breathed a sigh of relief. All seemed fine as we took off, but this proved to be short lived, when once more from the back came the words ‘he’s after us’, followed by the police car bearing down on us, bell ringing (they had bells in those days).

Well, as you can imagine, our options were not all that great, so we pulled over to contemplate our predicament and waited as the police car door opened and the officer got out. We were contemplating our fate, especially Bryan, when all of a sudden the voice in the back exclaimed ‘it’s Tiny!’ (Did I forget to mention he was a police sergeant)?

We were ordered out of the van looking rather sheepish, wondering what was going to happen next. We were lined up on the side of the road by a virtually speechless Tiny. To this day, I can remember the look of disappointment on his face and his search for words. When they eventually came it was first with the voice of authority, letting us know the ramifications of breaking the law, and secondly making us aware that he was in a dilemma on how to handle it. After giving us instructions to walk home, and Bryan to return with a qualified driver, his final words to us were ‘I will have to think this over’.

He never mentioned the incident again, and as time passed I realized that there might have been many reasons for the decision that he made. It was not a decision based on duty for sure, but I feel that it was one that gave me witness to his Christianity, for several months later, when he was asking for candidates for confirmation I put my name forward and was confirmed. As with many others who have been provided by God for growth on my journey, I will always give thanks to Him for the enlightenment given through an ordinary police sergeant.

The last I heard of Tiny, he had retired from the police force and moved to North Wales, where true to his nature, he had joined the ministry. As my journey has

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***“All things have been created through Him and for Him.”***



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matured, it has been a reflection on the past that has shown me where individuals like Tiny have influenced my path. Being taught by example is a necessary part of our learning curve, and is something that has been shown by the greatest teacher of all, the Lord Jesus. Where would we be now without Him?

***Roger Harris***

### ***ICE FISHING***

A long time ago, when I was a teenager and part of an ISCF group in my high school, I was invited to the home of an ISCF staff worker for a city wide meeting to plan a missionary tea. I found my self sitting in the living room across from a tall nice looking high school boy that I had never seen before. We sat in silence! looking at the floor! not daring to speak or even to smile! Suddenly the thought came to me that he probably felt just as shy and embarrassed as I did. So I looked at him, cleared my throat and said 'My name is Mary MacLennan and I go to Westdale'. He immediately gave his name (which I don't remember now) and said he was from Delta. The ice was broken and our stilted introductions turned into a conversation about the groups we attended and I found out he played football for the Junior football team at his school! Cool!

Why am I telling you this? Because I learned something that God never lets me forget! Most, if not all people hesitate to introduce themselves, start a conversation, or break the ice but are quite happy to join in. And if they feel shy, out of place, or a stranger, to have someone hand them a 'life line' is a wonderful gift! They will never forget it! And you will be meeting some of the nicest people on the planet! Especially at church!

I try to see who is standing alone or a couple who are not talking to other people, or the person in the pew next to me or near me that I don't know. Starting with 'Hello! , my name is Mary. What is your name?' I have met: a bishop's wife, another woman who had been coming to an Anglican church for 2 years and I was the first one to speak to her, new people who are eager to be asked to help with anything in the church etc.

Jesus wants us to fish for people. So get your hook in the water!

***Mary Krucker***

***"For by Him all things were created."***

### *Standing Firm Against the Wind*

I had been attending another church not far from St. George's. I had always driven to it by another route until one day it was suggested to me to go by the North Service Road. Many times I had seen the sign for St. George's by the roadway as I would drive by. "St. George's, Anglican, interesting..." would go through my mind. This went on for quite a while, always thinking about St. George's. Until one day as I was driving by, the road sign had blown down by a strong wind. I pulled around through the Crossroads Centre parking lot, drove up to the sign, picked it up, attached it to the nearby sign post with strong tie-wraps to secure it from the wind and drove on to my normal Sunday service. Then, the following Sunday, driving past, again the sign had blown down; this time I pulled in directly beside the St. George's sign, picked it up, double secured it to the nearby sign post. But this time I was told to "go inside", and in I went. And I have been attending ever since.

It is pretty amazing how I was called to pick up a road sign, so that it will stand firm against the wind, just as St. George's has been called to stand firm against a different kind of wind.

*David Keech*

### *The ordering of Scott Walker to the Priesthood*

*June 28, 2009*



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## Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is  
your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the  
heavens.

From the lips of children and infants  
you have ordained praise because of  
your enemies, to silence the foe and the  
avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the  
work of your fingers, the moon and  
the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of  
him, the son of man that you care for  
him?

You made him a little lower than the  
heavenly beings and crowned him  
with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of  
your hands; you put everything under  
his feet: all flocks and herds, and the  
beasts of the field, the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea, all that swim  
the paths of the seas.

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how majestic is your name in all the  
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