

# Canadian Field Newsletter

UOLUME 2 • no.2

MARCH 2005

# "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me." John 13:8

The ordinance of feet-washing has been especially enjoined by Christ; and on these occasions the Holy Spirit is present to witness and put a seal to this ordinance. He is there to convict and soften the heart. He draws the believers together, and makes them one in heart. They are made to feel that Christ is indeed present to clear away the rubbish that has accumulated to separate the hearts of the children of God.

These ordinances are regarded too much as a form, and not as a sacred thing to call to mind the Lord Jesus. Christ ordained them, and delegated his power to his ministers, who have the treasure in earthen vessels. They are to superintend these special appointments of the One who established them to continue to the close of time. It is on these, his own appointments, that he meets with and energizes his people by his personal presence. Notwithstanding that there may be hearts and hands that are unsanctified who will administer the ordinance, still Jesus is in the midst of his people to work on human hearts. All who keep before them, in the act of feet-washing, the humiliation of Christ, all who will keep their hearts humble, and keep in view the true tabernacle and service, which the Lord pitched and not man, will never fail to derive benefit from every discourse given, and spiritual strength from every communion. These ordinances are established for a purpose. Christ's followers are to bear in mind the example of Christ in his humility. This ordinance is to encourage humility, but it should never be termed humiliating, in the sense of being degrading to humanity. It is to make tender our hearts toward one another. Review & Herald, May 31, 1898

## TORONTO

On February 5, 2005, it was with much joy that we welcomed Sister Edeline Cosby from the Philippines into fellowship with us, along with her husband Chester. Br. Chester had been patiently waiting for his wife to receive her appropriate papers to come to be with him in the U.S. and join with him in being a member of the Toronto Church. We wish them both God's richest blessings and happiness in their new life together. Having met Sister Edeline, we know that she will be a powerful asset to the Lord in this part of His vineyard.

There are special meetings every Sabbath afternoon in the Toronto church. The meetings include multimedia presentations via computer and are meant to help members to not only know the topics themselves but to learn how to teach them to others as well. Every other Sabbath afternoon the studies are centered on subjects which include prophecy, signs of the times and present truth. The alternate Sabbaths, the program involves going through the Church Manual so that all members will be informed and live up to the principles that we adhere to as a church.

Sis. Leila and Sis. Edda are back from their trip. They visited the Seychelles Islands and stayed with a new group of members. They were encouraging and teaching them which was much appreciated by the people. After they went to Mauritius, which is a French island. They spoke to an SDA minister and he was happy to have a Reformation Study course and he said he would make copies of it for others and he would study it too. The minister gave an address of a group of reform-minded members but they only spoke French. One lady's husband spoke some English and could translate but he was not a member. They asked him to study the reformation course and translate it for the others. Then they also visited Arab countries like Oman and Dubai but are safely home now. May the Lord bless the seeds that have been sown!

## LONDON

"...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. This is the thought that comes to my mind every time I meet a new soul that has interest in following the Lord. The work in London is still going forward thanks to the Lord. Recently we have been having the support and constant presence of Br. Chester and his wife from Detroit. About a month and a half ago I met a young fellow who had just lost his belongings. The place where he was staying caught on fire and almost burnt down completely. The Lord put him on my way and we helped him as much as we could. Since he had just become homeless so we offered him shelter. In this way we had the possibility to get know each other better and also to share from the wonderful news of our Mighty Saviour Jesus. I felt there was something even more complicated than the material loss of his belongings but I did not know what it could be. As he took part in some of the Bible Studies I had, the Lord touched his heart and then he revealed to me the other part of his life.

He had a wife and child here in London, but due to some mistakes of his, he could not live with them. He had heard me saying that with God all is possible, so he asked me whether that could apply to his personal life. He asked, "Could God forgive me and help me fix my home?" He decided to ask his wife to forgive him and for another opportunity to be reconciled, but this time with God's help. She accepted. He invited me to meet his family. At that meeting his wife expressed her thankfulness towards the Lord, because she had been praying for that reconciliation to happen. She had never expected it to happen so soon. We began studying God's word, trying to strengthen their commitment to each other and to build the future commitment with the Lord. He has been attending our meetings on Sabbath. He is a great help because he is a musician. I would ask you to pray for this couple. There have been other examples like this one at the Lord continues his marvelous work in this city. The Lord has been adding new souls to the Church, people with a lot of potential for God's kingdom. Let us all support the work with our prayers and doing all we can in Jesus' Holy Name.

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far contry." Proverbs 25.25

www.imssdarm-bg.org www.ims.truepath.com canadiansecretary@yahoo.ca

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH REFORM MOVEMENT

3897 BLOOR STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA M9B1L6 • 416-239-3700

# MISSIONARY TRIP IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

It is important that we support those people and their families that have dedicated their lives to being gospel workers. We ask that you would:

- drop them a note of support now and then for encouragement;
- support them with your prayers and offerings.

Here are their Contact details:

## • In Calgary

Br. Kelly Schultz & his wife Carla. phone: 403-512-8274 314-4000 Somervale Crt. SW Calgary, Alberta, T2Y4J3

#### • In New Brunswick

Br. Conrad Bosse email: conradbosse@hotmail.com

#### • In London

Br. Oscar Oviedo & his wife Magnolia email: gatoscar\_2001@yahoo.com

#### • In Vancouver

Br. Michael Mitov & his wife email: michael@imssdarm-bg.org

# • Canadian Field President

Br. Gary Foster & his wife Diann email: sdarmusa@aol.com

# Please pray for:

- Upcoming Canadian Field Committee meetings.
- Missionary work that is going on throughout the Canadian Field including our workers.
- The publishing work.
- Strength and Unity amongst God's people.

#### WEB CORNER

Our Canadian Field website is currently being used by over 7,000 visitors per month.

Did you know that you can get Sabbath School lessons and other great resources there was well?

You can even take the KYB and Miracle Makeover course online!

Br. Conrad who is the Bible worker in New Brunswick went on a missionary trip through the Province of Quebec to visit interested souls in different areas. This is his report:

# **Quebec City:**

I visited Quebec City and met many interested souls. They had many interesting questions for me. The work of the gospel spread as they invited me to meet other people there beyond my initial contacts. There is much interest and it seems that the truth and I are welcome there. It is especially that we pray for these interested souls and the continued work in this city as there is no a fulltime worker there. This is a picture of one of the interested families.

# **Montreal Area:**

I went in Montreal area for the work and had fellowship with our members there. Br. Ivo and Sis. Sonia introduced me to an interested soul, and praise the Lord, she is ready for baptism. Her name is Daniella and she is very good friend to Br. Ivo and Sister Sonia.

Daniella speaks Bro. Ivo and Sister Sonia's language and also speaks and understands French. She doesn't speak or understand the English language. May the Lord continue to richly bless the work in Montreal.

# **Granby Area:**

I went to Granby to meet the interested people there. They are a very interested and loving group of people. We had wonderful fellowship together and they were very happy for the teaching that I gave to them. They asked me when I would come back. I also noticed that their comprehension of French is getting much better since I had last met them at the Montreal Church one year ago. It was my first time visiting them at Granby and it was a great experience.

When I first arrived in Granby, sister Maria invited two missionaries from another denomination to listen our message but they didn't stay. These two young ladies were French and Spanish speaking.

Sister Maria shared with me some difficulties they are having because they are a Spanish community and would like a French worker who is comfortable in French speaking to involve them more in the French community. However, they are trying very hard to learn the French language and culture.

We need to pray that the interest that is here in Granby would continue to grow and be preserved against the enemy. This area needs our support and possibly a worker to service this community.







We are developing new websites and literature. These will include material specifically targeted to health topics. If you are interested in submitting content (writing and pictures) for them, or helping out in other ways such as programming, please contact John Formosa at: canadiansecretary@yahoo.ca

The Canadian Field Newsletter is published bi-monthly for members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church Reform Movement, Canadian Field. This publication is complimentary and carries interest submitted by members of the organization. We reserve the right to make changes as necessary. To Submit news, contact your local church secretary or send directly by contact details on the reverse.

THE ORIGINAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENSTIST MOVEMENT FOR REFORM OF 1914, BUILT UPON THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF THE ADVENTIST MOVEMENT OF 1844.

Printed in Canada by IMS Publishina