



The Signal

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A GOLDEN NUGGET

When all else fails –
read the instructions.

Many of us have had
the experience of proceeding
to the task to be frustrated by
lack of success – and that
frustration is only exceeded
by our embarrassment when
we have heard the voice quot-
ing those familiar words:
Read the instructions. Think
about it.

“There is more to it
than meets the eye”, to use
another old cliché.

I believe there is an
assumption that if we read the
instructions we will follow
them. It may be helpful to
remind ourselves that there
are expectations in our rela-
tionship with Jesus Christ.
To know Him, yes, and to
follow Him.

Luke 9:23 – Then He said to
them all, “If anyone would
come after me he must deny
himself and take up his cross
daily and follow me”.

Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley

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The name ‘Alex
Mercer’ is well
known to residents
of CBS and far be-
yond. Who will for-
get the little girl
with the happy smile, the friendly,
bubbly personality and the little girl
who quietly accepted a painful ill-
ness which finally took her life?
Young and old alike were impressed
by her inner strength and her wis-
dom beyond her years

At the 4th annual “Forever,
For Always, For Alex” walk-a-thon
on May 28th, family and friends
gathered and raised almost \$10,000.
This amount will be donated to
charities and local organizations in
which Alex was involved. Her
friendly, happy spirit will live on in
the hearts of those who knew and
loved her.

In keeping her memory
alive and promoting Alex’s admi-
rable characteristics, Topsail Eleme-
ntary School, CLB and CBS Minor
Soccer each present annual awards
to deserving students who display
friendliness and give encourage-
ment to others.

The school presents a
“Friendship” award and the CLB
honors the “Most Spirited Cadet.”
In her honor CBS soccer sponsors a
Fun Day which is a festive celebra-

tion and Alex’s parents present the
achievement awards.

On the school grounds is
“Alex’s Way”. Dedicated to her
memory, it is a popular walking trail
and a favorite place for the children to
wander and play. On the sign (pictur-
ed below), a beautiful butterfly and a col-
orful rainbow remind us of hope and
new life.

Her parents Bernard and
Louise and her brother Riley (who also
shares her birthday), remember not
only Alex’s sickness and passing but
also her laughter, her bravery and her
faith in God.

Alex attended Sunday School
and sang in the Singing Company at
The Salvation Army in CBS and will
be remembered fondly by all who
knew her.

Alex’s mom, Louise, says the
‘Walk’ will continue as long as people
are willing to give their support.



This is located at Topsail Elementary School

No "Ordinary Seaman"



It was 1945, and 19 year old James Peach found himself in Portsmouth, England. This was a long way from his home in Flat Island, Newfoundland.

He had just finished working for three years at The Salvation Army Anchorage Home, where his aunt, Brigadier Carrie Peach was in charge. He enjoyed helping out

with chores in such a happy, comfortable setting.

However, duty called and Jim joined the Royal Navy Reserve Tug Services attached to the Royal Navy. In due course, he became part of a crew of 35 capable seamen. Their work included going out to sea to tow in war time ships which had been badly damaged by torpedo fire.

At one point, his ship, along with about 30 other carriers, was involved in towing huge concrete blocks across the English Channel to Normandy, France. Word had been received of a possible invasion by enemy troops and so construction began for additional space at the docks for the supply ships to unload their cargo.

Arriving back in England, from this venture, he was sent to Scotland to wait for orders to join another ship. On a cool, autumn day, perhaps thinking of home, Jim decided to go ashore and by chance, he met another seaman from Placentia, Newfoundland, just embarking from a nearby ship. Jim was glad he had borrowed a heavy military gray coat for the wind was keen as he walked along the pier.

All of a sudden, he heard a noise. Someone was calling to him. As he turned he noticed some young boys a little too near the edge of the pier. Thinking that was the reason for the commotion, Jim called to the boys to move away. Then he walked nearer to see for himself. To his alarm, a little boy was fighting for his life in the chilly waters. With no thought for his own safety, he jumped in, clothes and all, including the gray coat. Even with this heavy water-soaked weight pulling him down, Jim managed to grab the frightened boy and headed back to the pier.

By this time the boy's father had been alerted and he anxiously knelt down and despite the great distance, he managed to pull his son upward with his leather belt. In the excitement, everyone left, leaving Jim in the water with no way up. Finally, after he

swam to a nearby barge, a couple of men pulled him from the water. He joined the thankful family for supper and was able to spend time with the 3 year old, James Martin McGourgan, who was happy to be safely home.

Jim put this adventure in the back of his mind until one day he received a call from his Naval Commander. It was an invitation to a special meeting at the Drill Hall. Sitting among the dignitaries and special guests, and a little embarrassed by all the attention, Jim was requested to share his heroic story much to the delight and admiration of his fellow seamen.

A couple of months passed and quite unexpectedly Jim received a certificate of appreciation from "The Royal Humane Society", commending "Ordinary Seaman James Peach, RNRTS", for his brave action. This certificate still has a prominent place at Jim's home in Foxtrap.

Just a few years ago, through work connection with an offshore drilling company, Jim's son, Bill, met a fellow worker from Scotland. In conversation one day he happened to talk about his Dad and the story of saving a boy's life. Through computer technology and hours of research the rescued boy was located. Before too long, Jim received a letter from the other Jim, and they also talked on the phone. Jim Peach was very surprised to learn that the little 3 year old boy had also received a copy of the presentation from the Humane Society.

Jim was touched by his words. Young Jim said "I often looked at that certificate, and I would point to it and say 'that's Jimmy Peach'" And no doubt, many times, he recalled that fateful day, in 1945.

Following the war, Jim eventually returned to Newfoundland, married and settled down to a life of fishing in his home town. However, through the resettlement program he sold his home and his fishing gear. He, his wife, Mary, and their young family made their home in Conception Bay South. Jim has been living here now for almost 40 years.

Jim recently celebrated his 80th birthday. He's in good health, attends church regularly and always has a pleasant smile for all.

To a little boy's family, "Ordinary Seaman James Peach" will be remembered for performing an extraordinary act of bravery.





Margaret and her husband Edgar

A Gifted Lady

In the past 10 years Margaret Rodgers has painted between 50-60 scenic pictures and written 22 books of poetry, consisting of over 1900 poems. This is quite an accomplishment for someone who readily admits she had no special talent.

Margaret grew up in St. John's and attended her home church regularly, although she never professed to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. She married Edgar in 1958 and shortly after, they moved to Conception Bay South. After the arrival of their 5 children, Margaret faithfully took them to church.

In 1980, Margaret required back surgery, following a spinal injury and the recovery was long and painful. A few years later, on a Sunday morning, unable to get to her own Church she called a neighbor, Kip Perry, to ask if he would take her to The Salvation Army with his family. The music of the band and the prayers of the people left a lasting impression upon her heart and she gave it a lot of thought.

A few weeks later, on a Monday morning, Margaret knelt by her bedside and prayed the 'sinner's prayer'. She felt Jesus say "It was for you". Life took on a whole new meaning. She had a hunger and thirst for God's Word. She asked many questions. She grew as a Christian and in her walk with the Lord. In 1992 she was enrolled as a Senior Soldier, and later, joined the Songsters and taught Sunday School. She also led a Bible Cell Group in her home. For a period of time, she was the League of Mercy Secretary. She also assists with the School Breakfast Program. In many of these activities she shares her musical talents.

However, while attending a Women's Aglow meeting one evening, Margaret prayed for a special anointing from the Lord. She believes now that the answer to that prayer came in her ability to paint and write poetry. Her first painting (seen in the picture) came to her by inspiration as she looked at a little card. In the picture was the face of Jesus overlooking a waterfall and she began to paint it. As she finished the picture, inspirational words came to her, just as readily, and she penned the following:

*This living water came and covered me;
He freed my soul from shame and set me free.
And now I know for sure that His love is mine;
He has filled my soul with peace Divine.
His Holy Spirit was His gift to me;
He filled my mouth with praise, thank God I'm free.
To worship Him in everything that I do
and be more loving, kind and true.*

**He filled my
mouth with
praise,
Thank God, I'm
free**

Thoughts and verses come to her as she spends time alone with God. Margaret is a woman of faith and prayer and she continually shares her testimony in song, word and certainly by her Christian living.

Her favorite Bible verse "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13) is reflected in her living from day to day.

Please Note:

Open Air Service

Beginning at 6:00 pm, Sunday, July 2, 2006
CBS Town Hall Parking Lot.

Flower Service

3:00 pm on Sunday, July 9, 2006



Margaret's first picture that she painted.

PICTURE THIS



New Junior Soldiers enrolled on June 4, 2006 Left back row Major Lyndon Hale, C.O. and to the right, Jerry Mercer, Flag Sergeant. Front row: from the left, Noah Sheppard, Jarod Hillier, Tiffany Burt, Hillary Barrett, and Dylan Pardy



Meadow Creek Nursing Home service by our Community Care Workers.



Dylan Fewer playing in one of our Sunday Morning services, for our offering.



Taylor Cassell singing in a Sunday Morning service.

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His greatness! Let everyone that has breathe praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Psalm 150: 1-2, 6



Angels on Earth

For the past three years I have been a paraplegic. I have been very fortunate to have the support of my family and many friends.

During this time I have been given many gifts; among them is my collection of angels. There are window sun catchers, Christmas tree ornaments, decorative pins to be worn on my coat and ornaments to be placed on a special shelf or table.

I feel that there is a message for me in these angels. I believe that the people who gave them were sent by God. They encourage and strengthen me on my spiritual journey as well as in my everyday living as a paraplegic.

In the Bible there are many occasions where God sent angels to bring a message to people here on earth. In *Genesis* angels appeared to Abraham and Sarah to tell them that they were going to have a child, even though they were both old.

An angel gave Mary the wonderful news that she would be the mother of Jesus, God's Son, and Saviour of the world.

Each one of us has family and friends who give us their time, their talents and their treasures to ease our burdens and to help us in trying situations. We must always remember that they are doing what God calls them to do and to be His angels here on earth. We may feel that we have never been visited by an angel, but maybe it was God who sent that friend when trouble came with your rebellious teenager, or that friend who shared your burden of sorrow when someone you loved died. Only God would know the struggles you and your spouse were having when God placed it on the heart of a lady at church to give you the 'Devotional Book for Couples'....

Looking at my angels reminds me of God's goodness toward me and that He still has work for me to do.

God is not finished with YOU yet! Ask God where He wants you to be, where He wants you to go; how He can use you and how you can be an angel here on earth.

We need to be ready to respond to His call to us, to offer ourselves to relieve the struggle of someone else. In that way, we too, can become 'angels on earth'.

Mona Caines

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Editor's note: Mona (Porter) Caines is my sister-in-law. She was involved in a serious car accident in December 2002, and after months of recovery and therapy, she is now at home confined to a wheelchair. However, this does not limit her ministry and service to others. She faithfully attends All Saint's Church and is still active in prayer and Bible studies. She also continues her ministry in visiting a number of nursing homes regularly.

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