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Dave Williams—Faith, Family and Focus



A GOLDEN NUGGET

Well we do talk a lot about the weather, do we not? Rightly so, for it is one of the things that we all have in common; good, bad or other wise. After one of our rainy spells I heard several folk repeat the same phrase; *"It's nice to see the sunshine"*, inferring, I think, not only brightness and the warmth but the absence of the cold damp atmosphere that was our portion for several days.

Despite the length of time for the rainy spell, it wasn't forty days and forty nights. The old chorus came to mind from Sunday School days:

*Heavenly Sunshine,
Heavenly Sunshine, Flooding
my Soul with Glory Divine,
Heavenly Sunshine, Heavenly
Sunshine, Hallelujah
JESUS is mine.*

What a delightful way to express the Presence of the Lord in our lives, bringing light, warmth, growth and fruitfulness to the life of the believer.

Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley



Joshua, Jackie, Grace and Dave

"I don't believe that God actually causes sickness to happen but I believe that He allows it to happen to force us into a time of reflection, a time to turn all our focus on Him."

Looking back over the past months, Dave Williams has proven his own words to be true. At the age of 36, with a wife and two young children, the last thing he expected to hear was the word *cancer*. However, after weeks of not feeling well and following an intense series of tests, scans, blood work, examinations and consultations with many doctors, the diagnosis was Hodgkin's Disease. It was a shock indeed. Dave faced the questioning, the doubts, but also the acceptance that his life was about to change.

In December, 2006, he began his first treatment of chemotherapy, fully aware of the effects it would have on his body; sometimes painful, always uncomfortable. However, according to his doctors, to date, all is going as planned.

Dave is assured that the treatment is healing his body and more importantly, that through the experience, God is working in his life. He's very thankful for the time that he has been able to reflect upon his life and God's

purpose for him. Throughout these months, he has so much appreciated the support of his wife, Jackie, who is always there with a never-ending reminder of God's promise of daily grace and strength.

His son Joshua also reminds him that people are praying and he knows that his Dad will get better. In tune with the situation as well, daughter Grace offers her own simple but heart-felt prayers for her Dad's recovery.

It is Dave's firm belief that God is bringing the family closer together and He continues to reveal Himself to them. Their faith has been strengthened and as a family, their prayer is that they will emerge from this trial with a new found love and appreciation for each other.

The ongoing support from the Church family is greatly appreciated by Dave and Jackie and they give God thanks for bringing them through this challenging time. Yes, indeed in the time of reflection, Dave's focus has been upon Jesus, the Great Physician. A verse of Scripture that has brought him great comfort is 2 Corinthians 12:9 *"...My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness..."*



Joshua & Grace with their dog, Rody

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Meet our Mayor



In 2005, Woodrow French was elected to be the eighth Mayor of Conception Bay South. Born in St. John's, he graduated from Bishop's Field College and was successful in a number of career choices. Today, he is kept busy with his demanding duties of Mayor of our thriving town and he also works as an Occu-

pational Safety Consultant.

According to Mayor French, the rapid growth in the CBS area presents a number of concerns for its 23,000 residents. Strategically located, CBS enjoys a country setting with all the amenities of an urban center. Recent improvements have been made in water and sewer services and in street upgrading.

With limited income to the town, because of lack of business space, Mayor French is anxious that ongoing improvements will continue as the needs of the town are being met. With a proposed plan in place with the Provincial Government – and awaiting approval – \$120 million could be spent over a 10 year period in the CBS area. Funds would be designated for a proposed small Park Centre as well as a new Town Hall, and other improvements.

Mayor French is pleased with the new sport facility at the ball field, and this will accommodate approximately 1200 individuals who are involved in soccer and a number of other outdoor sports.

Popular youth camps will continue in 2007 but again, because of lack of funding, the limited spaces are sold out very quickly. The Mayor also expresses concern for the seniors of the town and he is happy to report that bus tours and outings will continue. He is hoping that these services will be more accessible for people with special needs. He would like to see more 'policing' in our area, particularly for the safety of our senior citizens.

In his leisure time, our Mayor enjoys spending time with his wife, son, daughter and grandchildren. As well, he enjoys reading and takes pleasure in his volunteer work with the Canadian Cancer Society.



Wiseman Centre—Home for the Homeless



On April 11, 2007, The

Salvation Army Wiseman Centre on Water Street, St. John's, reopened its doors for ministry. Representatives from the federal, provincial and municipal governments attend-

ed, as well as members of The Salvation Army. Commissioner Christine MacMillan, Territorial Commander, cut the ribbon to officially open the facility.

At a cost of \$3.6 million to remodel and refurbish the former facility, the new centre now has accommodations for homeless men consisting of 20 shelter units. Ten individual apartments, will provide supportive housing on a long term basis. The shelter units are available for men desirous of participating in a six week intense program called "Life Skills Program" which gives direction and assistance in personal hygiene, financial planning, janitorial work and cooking. Help is also given to compile resumes and once work is secured, assistance is given to find permanent accommodations. The goal is to help the men to become as independent as possible.

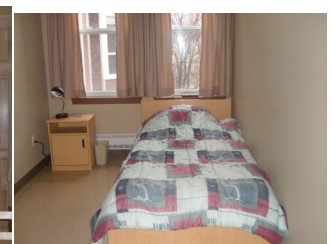
Clients participate in regularly scheduled Bible Studies, chapel services and AA meetings. Trained counselors are on hand 24 hours a day.

Other programs and ministries are being offered at The New Hope Centre on Springdale Street as well. This is a drop in center where a hot meal is provided every Tuesday for street people. Once a month, a worship service is held, along with a nutritious meal. Counseling and referrals are provided to those who wish to avail of the same, along with a men's fellowship and craft time for ladies.

The Wiseman Centre will provide a safe shelter for people facing challenging circumstances in the St. John's and surrounding area.



Part of an apartment (Long Term)



Shelter Unit

Walter and Abby Dawe They blazed the trail



Walter Dawe was born on March 28, 1892, one of nine children of John James Dawe and Elizabeth (nee Cave). His siblings were George, William, John, Allan, Lydia, Alfreda, Irene, and Mary. Back in those days, most

people in rural areas, lived off the land. Walter and his brothers were no exception.

They were expert trappers and hunters. Each brother had his own territory. It was common for them to walk a minimum of 17 miles per day. Sometimes they would go in the woods for a week or two, and then arrive home with their catch. Someone once commented, *"What Johnny Dawe's crowd haven't got killed, they've got frightened to death."* The boys also tended vegetable gardens, cut logs in the woods with a buck saw and hauled them out with a horse. In the summer they would float them across a pond or down a river and in winter they hauled them across frozen ponds with the horse. That was very laborious work. Sadly, two brothers, George and John died as a result of accidents in the woods.

Walter married Abby Stanley and they had four children, Lydia, Melba, Byron, and Herbert. Walter continued with the work his father had taught him. He sold wood from the logs that he had cut and traded or sold furs from the animals that he had caught. It seemed everyone was poor but self sufficient. In order to survive, it helped to be creative and hardworking. During the depression years, they also had a shop but it didn't thrive very well. Money was very scarce and it was not a good time to have your own business. Eventually, they discontinued this venture.

In 1908 The Salvation Army had it's beginnings in Long Pond, pioneered by John and Elizabeth Eason. However, their first few meetings were held in the old United Church in Topsail until a proper barracks (Army Hall) could be built. Walter, and several men cut enough logs to build the church which was completed within a year. It was well built but small with a seating capacity of 30 to 40 people. The roof was flat and the seats were like stools with no backs. There were four posts in the centre of the church on which hung kerosene oil lamps for lighting, and in the middle of the floor was an old pot belly stove with funnels going up through the roof, which served as a chimney. The stove was the only source of heat and what a heat it was!

Walter became the Corps Sergeant Major in 1917, a position he held until 1966.

In the 1930's Walter Dawe and his family moved to Salmonier Line to carry out the same kind of work. The men did the trapping, hunting, logging, and farming, while the

women did the cooking and ran the household. The logs that were cut into lumber would be taken to Johnny Butler's Community Shop in Foxtrap and sold for food and supplies. Other ventures included clearing land and cutting the trees with bucksaws and axes. They also would remove the stumps with winches, very hard work indeed.

The family commuted back and forth with the different seasons. Byron came home when school started, and when June came he would return to Salmonier Line. I remember stories of long, lonely nights and not seeing any visitors for long periods of time, except for the men who came at different times of the year to work in the sawmill. Then in 1944 Byron married Alice and eventually, Walter sold the property and they returned to Long Pond.

In later years, I remember visiting my grandparents in Long Pond and as a little girl seeing the fox furs stretched out on long pieces of board to dry around the kitchen near the stove. He also bred and raised mink to sell their fur. He would keep them in small individual cages, with a water can attached to each cage for the mink to get a drink. As kids, we would poke sticks into the cages at the mink until Granda caught us and told us not to do that. The mink would get saucy (agitated) and we were afraid of them. Granda said they would bite us if we poked our fingers in the cage. We never did.

Whenever we went to visit Granda he would take us out to the garden and we picked huge home grown strawberries. This was a special treat for us. But most of all we loved the stories he would tell us. As soon as he'd finish one we would say, "Tell us another one Granda."

In 1958 it was determined that another new church would have to be built. There was little money, and once again people gave their time and labour. However, supplies were needed to complete the job. They were unable to obtain credit until Walter offered to sign personally for the necessary supplies at a local building supply business. The church was finally completed after a long time, and was located a short walk further up the road just west of the previous one. Walter worshiped there for the remainder of his life. One of his favourite choruses was *"When Jordan's cold billows are rolling, dear Jesus will hold up my hand, No sorrow, no fear my soul knowing, While marching to Canaan's fair land."*

"A little more fighting for Jesus, A little more praising His name, And we'll march to that bright golden city, We're marching to Canaan's fair land."

He lived a Christian life and attended The Salvation Army until his death in 1971. (Abby died the previous year) He relied on God and believed His Word to the fullest. Many times he experienced the joy of answered prayers in times of trouble and would stand in church and tell people about it. His faith remained strong to the end and he's now *"marching in Canaan's fair land."*

Submitted by Donetta Neil

**"Tell us another one,
Granda."**



99th Corps Anniversary—May 2007 Cutting of the Cake

Left to Right: Majors Lisa & Lyndon Hale, Corps Officers;
Mrs. Evelyn Canning, on behalf of the Senior Soldiers;
Major Lorne Pritchett, Guest Speaker; CCM Woodrow Snow



New Home League Secretary commissioned

Left to Right: Major Lyndon Hale, CO,
Lydia Penney, HL Secretary; and Major Lisa Hale



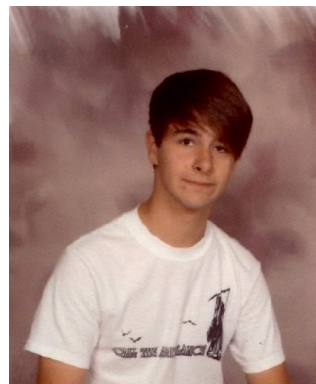
New Creations

These ladies make caps for new-borns and afghans for the Janeway Hospital patients, and caps for the cancer patients at the clinic. Altogether, they have knit about 120 items.



Home with a Heart Program For single mothers

Left to Right: Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley, BA Committee Chair;
MHA Elizabeth Marshall—Topsail; Majors Lyndon & Lisa Hale, COs;
MHA Terry French, CBS—Holyrood presenting a cheque of \$2500.00
for the program



Carter Snow who was nominated for the youth Volunteer of the year 2006 award lives in the CBS area and attends The Salvation Army (CBS Corps)

Carter's band, called "Distortion", raised and donated \$150.00 to help a resident of CBS who suffers from Cystic Fibrosis. The monies helped to purchase a vest which assists CF sufferers with their breathing.



Shown above is Zita Butler receiving the 2006 Citizen of the Year Award from the CBS Lions Club. This award is given in recognition of dedicated and unselfish service to others. Seen with her are Jennifer Pennell and Mayor Woodrow French.

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