



The Signal

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331 CBS Highway

Perspective

In the midst of a busy afternoon, the little boy accidentally had a serious mishap, requiring an immediate visit to the emergency unit.

Amid the crying and frantic attempts of the sister to keep the wound covered, the distraught mother maneuvered her way through the busy traffic.

She soon learned the wound would require stitches.

The 7 year old daughter, who had remained amazingly calm, must have sensed the anguish and concern. In a calm reassuring voice, she reached out to the mother with these words "Mother, it's going to be okay. He's going to be fine."

And in fact, in a little while he was fine.

Yes, as so often happens, a little child leads. We need to pay attention!



excited children.

Upala is the second poorest region in the country and this is evidenced in lack of education and medical aid and dysfunctional families are prevalent. Many children are expected to drop out of school by grades 4, 5 and 6 to work on the farms.

In 2010, 8.4 million shoeboxes were collected world-wide, with just over 740,000 from Canada. For the past three years, Newfoundland and Labrador has collected the highest number of boxes per capita.

At most of our distribution sites, we were given opportunity to interact with the children by singing and playing simple games. However the main purpose of the shoebox ministry is to share the love of Jesus. When the children receive their boxes, they also receive a Bible story book, in their own language, called "The Greatest Gift". At each distribution event, a short presentation is made and the children are given an opportunity to accept Jesus into their hearts. They are then given another opportunity to participate in a 12 week discipleship program, conducted by local church leaders. We were privileged to attend a 'Graduation' ceremony during our visit.

At each distribution site, the children were organized into different age groups, and patiently sat in rows. It was very moving to watch the children with their hands folded reverently in prayer; their eyes closed just waiting to open their treasures.(Picture at lower right)

Individually, we were asked to prepare a shoebox to personally deliver to some specific child. I shared mine with 5 year old Kertin (shown in the picture). She was in awe at receiving so much.

The shoebox is not the greatest gift. The message about God's love is what matters most. However, the little shoebox you pack is the opportunity to share the gospel with a little child. I am so thankful for the blessings I received from this ministry trip to Costa Rica. I pray that God will touch your hearts as we will soon prepare for another collection. Thank you to all who have helped in previous years. God bless you.



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Shoeboxes may be picked up at the church on October 9th and the Ingathering will take place on Sunday November 13, 2011. Thank you for your interest and support.

Coralie Dodge (Local coordinator)
Operation Christmas Child

Sharing the Love of God

On April 22, 2011, I arrived in the little town of Upala, in beautiful Costa Rica, and began the most amazing experience of my life.

Along with 24 other workers involved with Operation Christmas Child, a division of Samaritan's Purse, we were involved in 7 distribution adventures in 6 days.

Local Church leaders usually made the necessary arrangements and when we arrived at these very remote villages, we were always met by very

Corps Officers' Corner



It was Tuesday, September 13th, 2011 and I don't know how it happened. Something must have snapped in my brain. I must have slipped a cog or something, but there I was down on Water Street last week, with my credit card out, making the purchase. With some ambiguity and deep concern, I placed my purchase in the back of my van and drove home, deeply relieved that I did not have time to use the thing that day. I tucked it in the shed and prayed for rain. But, no – the next day dawned bright and glorious. I sneaked up to the shed, and looked at the gleaming metal of my new

Trek 7.1 speed bicycle. I gingerly crept up on it, lifted its light frame and took it outside. With nowhere to run, nowhere to hide – it was time. The battle lasted 30 minutes and the odometer said just over 7 kilometres. My legs and body said 4 hours and 700 kilometres. Who knew there were so many hills here in CBS? They might not look like hills – but those things we call slight inclines become mountains to an old guy on a bike. But I needed to exercise, and biking is my chosen method – so I'll do it again – next year!

You know – just as the body needs exercise – so does our spirit. As Paul said to Timothy (1 Timothy 4:8) *“for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”*

Our spiritual muscles need to be stretched and strengthened. The ‘exercise routine’ for the spirit is reading scripture, praying, practicing faith, worship, spiritual fellowship, Bible study, just to name a few. We used to sing as children, ‘read your Bible, pray every day and you’ll grow, grow, grow.’ So, give it a shot. We have a variety of ‘exercise’ groups at the Citadel here. We meet on Sundays at 11 and 6.30, and we have a ton of groups that meet during the week. Come and exercise your spirit with us.

Be assured of our love for you in the Lord!

Majors Lorne and Barb Pritchett

God can make a way!

After much anticipation, the driveway was finally completed. In preparation, a backhoe had dug and cleaned away the debris. Loads of top quality crushed stone had been dumped and flattened for a good solid base. Then more than two inches of hot steaming asphalt was poured, spread and then steam rolled again and again. A perfect finish!

However, less than two months later, what did we behold? A three inch green plant had crept its way all the way through and was flourishing. A miracle indeed!

How great is our God! Through the soil, the crushed stone and the asphalt, this tiny plant not only survived, but was thriving.

Never underestimate God's power and plan for His creation! Yes, God makes a way when there seems to be no way. With God's strength, we can survive even the most difficult obstacles.



Major Cora Dodge

Many people may not look forward to growing old. However, as Maurice Chevalier said, “Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.” So let's be thankful for each new day and live it to the fullest.



A Family Affair

Congratulations to Corey and Ellen Pardy and their son, Nicholas, who were recently enrolled as Senior Soldiers by Major and Mrs. Wayne Green (previous Corps Officers). CSM Nic Dobson holds the flag. Corey and Ellen also give leadership to the youth of the Corps. CBS Corps is proud that the Pardys have taken this step and have set the example in providing a Christian standard for the home.



Congratulations to Zachery Marshall who was recently chosen to be one of the 7000 official Medal Bearers from across Canada, who participated in the 25th Anniversary of the Rick Hansen Relay.

Happy Birthday Wishes



Signal staff members
Lt. Colonel Mona Stanley,
(Proofreader) on September
21st (80) and Major Winston
Dodge (Editor) on September
24th (70)



God bless you both with health, happiness and joy in His service.



We Need More Heroes

In a recent Sunday morning worship service, Lt. Colonel Ralph Stanley introduced Mr. James Peach to the young people. He proclaimed him as a hero for saving the life of a young boy over 64 years ago, while he was on Military service in Scotland. The children were delighted as they looked at his photo as a young man and also the commendation he received from the Government commending "Ordinary Seaman James Peach, RNRTS" for his act of bravery. (Related story Volume 2, Issue 2, 2006)

Congratulations



Victor & Evelyn Howlett
Married September 12, 1950
Happy 86th Birthday Evelyn on
October 27th



Dolly & Melvin Rideout
Married August 23, 1951
Happy 60th Anniversary



Walter & Maisie Bishop
Married September 15th, 1952
59 happy years together !



Lon and Sylvia Baird
Married September 15th, 1953
Best Wishes!



RALLY DAY 2011—LIVE LOUD



“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes....” Romans 1:16 NIV

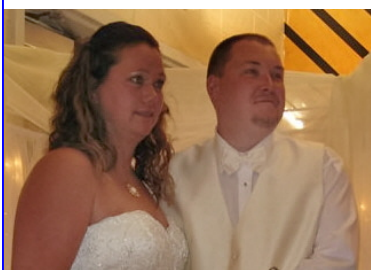


SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Under the leadership of Zita Butler, The Community Care Ministries Volunteer Group is getting ready to serve a nutritious meal of cereal, toast, milk and juice. This is the 8th year the School Breakfast Program has been operating at St. George's Elementary. Between 80 and 100 children are served twice a week. Seen in the photo (L-R) are Maisie Bishop, Vangie Wiseman, Major Lorne Pritchett (Corps Officer), Lorraine Martin, Judy Vey, Paul Edwards (School Principal) and Zita Butler. Other community groups help as well, such as Kiwanis Club, Scotia Bank and the Town of CBS Office and councilors. Other volunteers are welcome to help serve.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Rhonda (Bussey) & David Breen
August 6, 2011



Amanda (Hale) & Adam Lockyer
August 6, 2011



Heidi (Eason) & Tyson Simmonds
June 18, 2011



Holly (Penney) & Michael Bailey
September 3, 2011

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