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Israel, a land of contrasts

by Peter McManus

Whether you call it a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, or an Evangelical Press Trip to Israel, they're essentially the same. However, pilgrimage sounds...well...rather religious and holy.

In early December 2010, fourteen journalists from Canada, the USA and Mexico made this crossing. "This is the trip of a lifetime!" we all affirmed.

Going to Israel is a study of contrasts to be certain. "Every stone has a story," Tsion Ben-david, our tour guide noted, and what stories they were!

Landing in Tel Aviv, you can see how modern Israel has become. Skyscrapers, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, giving one a sense of a kingdom wanting to emerge on top, to be ahead of the game.

Israel, under the leadership of David Ben-Gurion re-established sovereignty over their ancient homeland and became a democracy 62 years ago in 1948. Established for less than half of Canada's 143 years, Israel has become a world leader on many fronts. Israel is one of the world's major tourist destinations providing her main source of

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A team of 14 journalists from across North America sit down to an authentic lunch which would have been a normal meal 2,000 years ago. Kefar Kedem is a replica village showing what life was like for shepherds and sojourners in the time of Jesus.

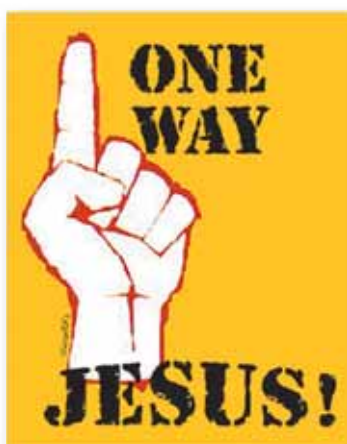
We need another Jesus Movement!

by J. Lee Grady

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I became a serious Christian at the tail end of the Jesus movement. I was too young to remember the hippie beads, tie-dyed shirts and "Jesus Is Groovy" slogans, but the songs were still popular when I was in college (from musicians such as Andrae Crouch, Love Song and Barry McGuire), as were the movies (especially *The Cross and the Switchblade*.)

The Jesus movement was like a spiritual tsunami that washed over hundreds of thousands of young people in the late 1960s and early '70s and brought them into a personal relationship with Christ. Some of these kids had been



drug addicts and social misfits; most were just average Joes and Janes who discovered that Jesus is a lot more exciting than traditional churches had led them to believe.

Because the movement was pioneered by untrained leaders it sometimes resulted in abuse. But despite its flaws, it gave rise to a new musical genre (contemporary Christian) and new denominations (Calvary Chapel, Vineyard). It also fueled organizations such as Bill Bright's Campus Crusade for Christ and made it a powerhouse of evangelism for the next decade and beyond.

Lately I find myself waxing nostalgic for those days—not because I want to return to the awkward fashions and hairstyles of 1972, but because I miss the spiritual simplicity of that era. The Jesus movement was primarily focused on—surprise!—Jesus. Theology

was not complicated, pastors weren't trying to be hip or sophisticated or tech-savvy; and we hadn't yet created a Christian subculture with its own celebrities and political power bases.

Today, we just don't preach enough about Jesus. This is certainly true in many charismatic churches, where we've become experts on everything but basic Christian theology 101. In my travels this past year I've been horrified to learn that many Spirit-filled believers have given up the discipline of reading their Bibles even semi-regularly. They prefer a steady diet of culturally relevant, fast-paced, techno-theology that is a poor substitute for discipleship.

Many charismatics have developed the attitude that a simple focus on Christ isn't enough. We'd rather go to a "prophetic encounter" to hear what Obama's chances are in 2012, or experience some exotic spiritual manifestation (gold dust, gems falling out of the ceiling), or ask Rev. Flash-in-the-Pan to pray for us for the sixteenth time so

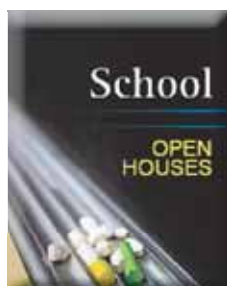
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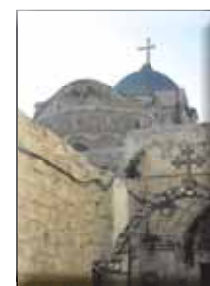
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we can receive yet another "special anointing" that we will probably never use.

In the midst of all this charismatic gobbledygook, where is Jesus? Am I the only one out there who is weary of this distraction?

Call me old-fashioned, but I've decided

to get back to the basics of the faith. That's why I am reading *What Jesus Is All About?*, a classic book written more than 50 years ago by Henrietta Mears, a Bible teacher who helped mentor both Billy Graham and Bill Bright in the 1940s.

Mears explains in her book how each of the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark,

Luke and John—give us a unique, four-dimensional portrait of the Saviour. According to Mears:

- Matthew was written to Jews to tell of a Promised Saviour who is also a King—and it uses the word "kingdom" 55 times.
- Mark was written to Gentiles to tell of a Powerful Saviour—and it reports more miracles than any other gospel.
- Luke was written by a Gentile to tell of a Perfect Saviour—and it has the most references to Jesus' humanity.
- John was written by "the disciple whom Jesus loved" to tell of a Personal Saviour—and it has the most references to Jesus' divine nature.

The Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible knew we needed more than a one-, two- or

three-dimensional look at Jesus. The Spirit gave us a four-dimensional view so that we could gaze at Him from all sides and become captivated by His magnificence—His supreme kingship, His compassionate mercy, His supernatural power, His perfect justice, His amazing humility and His love for sinners like you and me.

There's so much more to Jesus than we realize. And there is so much more to say about Him than we are telling our generation. That's why I'm spending most of my study time in the four Gospels for the next few months. I want a fresh revelation of Jesus!

Perhaps another Jesus movement will be unleashed in our country when we discard our distractions and focus on Him again.

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Iranian 'home fellowship' Christians arrested

by Michael Ireland
Special Correspondent,
ASSIST News Service

IRAN (ANS) – Ten members of an Iranian home fellowship, who had gathered together to worship and study the Word of God, were arrested by security officers who entered the house, seizing every member of the church.

According to reports

from Mohabat news www.mohabatnews.com, the Iranian Christian News Agency, on Sunday, November 14, security officers of the city of Varamin – Pakdasht, entered the meeting held in a home, arresting all the worshipers in that place.

As stated in the report, security officers entered the residence of Mr. Mo-

hammad and arrested every local Christian of the city who were actually at that time worshipping and studying the Bible as a group.

Based on this report, the number of people who were were arrested included Mr. Mohammad Mohammadi, his wife and children, and some Christian friends who were also present in this gathering.

Mohabat News says that after entering the home, the security officers started searching every room. They confiscated and took away a few Bibles, Christian literature, and a personal computer belonging to Mr. Mohammadi.

According to Mohabat news, the security officers first took all the arrested who were Persian-speaking Christians to the intelligence office in Pakdasht, where they were "interrogated severely" for several hours. Next, they were transferred to the local justice ministry, where they spent the next few days with no decision being made on their status.

The news service says that two of these believers are being named as Mohammad Mohammadi, age 32, and Ali Keshavarz age 27, who were arrested and sent to Khorin prison.

The news service went on to say the fate of Mohammad Mohammadi and Ali Keshavarz, with no identified accusation being made against them, is still unknown and they are believed to still be held at Khorin. They are also prohibited to leave the country.

Furthermore, the news service states they are not allowed to contact their family by telephone.

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Russia to search for Sodom and Gomorrah

Israel (BCN) – Russia and Jordan have signed an agreement with Jordan to search the bottom of the Dead Sea for the remains of the Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. As reported in *Israel National News*, some archaeological evidence has emerged that indicates that the site could be on the east bank of the Dead Sea, with two sites in Jordan – Bab edh-Dhra, and Numeira. It is in the area of Bab edh-Dhra, the search will focus on. According to the report, evidence that the city's remains are located on the Jordanian side of the Dead Sea came after recent NASA photographs of the area indicated that the bottom of the sea is littered with debris and objects not found in other bodies of water.

Having church friends makes you happy

by Jennifer LeClaire (Charisma Online News) – Are you going to church regularly? Do you have a few good friends in the congregation? A new study concludes those are two keys to a happier life. Just how important is the

friend factor at church? A study released in the December issue of the *American Sociological Review* finds that even going to church services several times a year can boost your sense of well-being – if you have a circle of friends there who you identify with belief-wise. “Our study offers compelling evidence that it is the social aspects of religion rather than theology or spirituality that leads to life satisfaction,” said Chaeyoon Lim, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who led the study titled *Religion, Social Networks and Life Satisfaction*. “In particular, we find that friendships built in religious congregations are the secret ingredient in religion that makes people happier.”

Prof sues school over views on evolution

by Stephen Goforth (Christian News Report) – An astronomer claims the University of Kentucky refused to hire him because of his Christian views related to evolution. Martin Gaskell is suing the school after he was denied a job as director of an observatory even though he was the leading candidate for the post. Gaskell is now a research fellow and lecturer in astronomy at the University of Texas at Austin who says he believes evolution can be reconciled with the Bible but the theory has major flaws. The university admits his views and willingness to express them to religious groups played a role in the hiring decision and tried to get the suit dismissed. A judge denied the motion. The case goes to trial in February.

Apple pulls pro-life iPhone app off iTunes store

Cupertino, CA – Top American conservative leaders are in an uproar after Apple Inc. yanked an application for the Manhattan Declaration off their iTunes app store, reported Kathleen Gilbert, *LifeSiteNews.com*. The app for the extremely popular statement of conservative values, which has been signed by over 475,000 people, was initially rated 4+ by Apple - indicating no objectionable content. But because the app supported pro-life and pro-family values, opponents fumed that it amounted to “hate and division” and demanded that the computer giant pull the item. A petition launched earlier this month on Change.org read in part: “The Manhattan Declaration application exists to collect signatures on a website which espouses hateful and divisive language, the very kind of language I hope the iTunes Store will not want to help disseminate. ... Apple's reputation is too important to be associated with this hate filled organization.”

Christian college celebrating 75th year

by Kerry Benjoe, (ReginaLeader-Post) – Seventy-five years ago, Briercrest College and Seminary opened its doors in Saskatchewan with 11 students and one rented house. Today, the school, located in Caronport, has 600 students in college, 150 high school students and more than 100 graduate students.

Dwayne Uglem, Briercrest president, said the school is constantly changing and that's evident from its humble beginnings. “We began as a training institute concerned with people's understanding of the Christian scriptures,” he said. “And over time (we) have moved from a training institute to being a Christian college to increasingly serving as a Christian university today.”

Pope calls Christians the most persecuted

by Frances D'Emilio (The Associated Press) VATICAN CITY – Pope Benedict XVI singled out Christians as the religious group that suffers from the most persecution, denouncing lack of freedom of worship as an “intolerable” threat to world security. The message reflected a pressing concern by Benedict in recent months for the plight of Christian minorities in parts of the world, especially in the Middle East. “Sadly, the year now ending has again been marked by persecution, discrimination, terrible acts of violence and religious intolerance,” Benedict lamented in the message for World Peace Day, celebrated by the church on Jan. 1, but traditionally

released in advance. He wrote that he was especially thinking of Iraq, “which continues to be a theater of violence and strife” as it aims for stability and reconciliation. Benedict singled out the “reprehensible attack” on a Baghdad cathedral during Mass in October, killing two priests and more than 50 other worshippers, as well as attacks on private homes that “spread fear within

the Christian community and (create) a desire on the part of many to emigrate in search of a better life.”

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– John Knox

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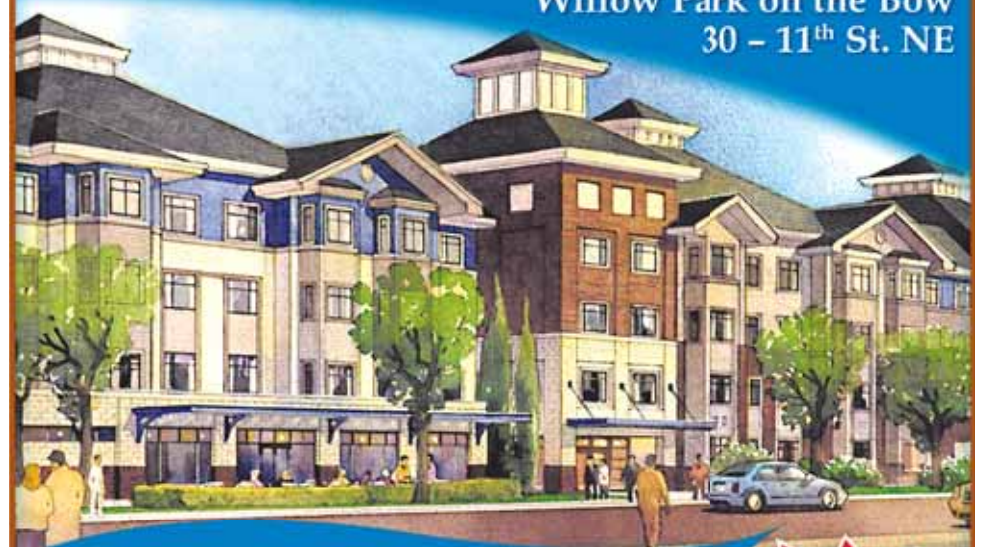
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That reminds me of a story...

by Peter McManus

A short while ago, I was challenged to write about what my expectations were of The Holy Land before I arrived there! I was invited to Israel for a Press Trip arranged by the Israel Government Tourism Board.

With many preconceived ideas floating around my head, from prior Israel visitors I have talked to, I could not have foreseen some of the sights and events I experienced while there.

I knew that I would be amazed to see history come alive as we trod around the country, seeing where the early disciples spent their lives and seeing the same sights that Jesus Himself would have looked at. Reading the itinerary before departure, I was a little sceptical as to how impressed I'd be. There were so many villages, museums and historic sites deemed to be "authentic" places where men and women of Biblical fame lived, and the granddaddy of them all, Jerusalem.

Arriving in Tel Aviv with a team of 13 other journalists from Canada, USA and Mexico, the initial impression of this modern city did little to change that. It's much like any other city I've been in. Then we hit the streets in the old section of town and slowly the doubts I had began to fade away as I saw more and more of Israel's past playing a part in today's world.

It wasn't until we actually sat down on the steps of a 2,000 year-old theatre built by King Herod in Caesarea that it hit me, that yes, this is for real.

Each place we visited we saw the stories from the Bible come alive. "Oh, so THAT'S where Jesus spoke to over 5,000 people." I could see how that was a most probable place where He stood. Or seeing Bethsaida where some of the disciples were born and a blind man was healed.

Having read the Bible many times over never fully prepared me for just how much of an impact seeing how the passages which I thought I knew so well would begin to "connect" with me. Entering Jerusalem, I could almost hear Jesus uttering the words He spoke so long ago, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."

Watching the thousands of visitors on their own pilgrimage, mill about the multitude of sites the city has to offer, reminded me of myself. Were they impacted as profoundly as I was? Of that, I have no doubt. After all, isn't that why we were there?

If you're interested in going to Israel in 2012, please contact me.



Through a Glass, Darkly

by Tim W. Callaway

*"Walk a mile in my shoes, just walk a mile in my shoes,
Before you abuse, criticize and accuse, then walk a mile in my shoes"*
— *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* music/lyrics by Joe South

On Friday afternoons in 2011 I will again meet with a rag-tag bunch of wanna-bes, never-weres and tried-to-bes. They represent some of this city's most curious yet delightful academics, politicians, newshounds, clerics and other assorted ne'er-do-wells. I join them because they recognize their need of my stabilizing influence which I demonstrate by cuffing them upside their vacant noggins with my well-worn John Hagee Study Bible. On a more truthful note, as they put it, "you're welcome to join us, but we refuse to use the terms "stable" and "Baptist" in the same sentence?"

The reason I'm prepared to tolerate such abuse for another calendar year is because the group represents my understanding of what "heaven," "nirvana," "utopia," "paradise" (insert your favorite term for Sweet Beulah Land here) is apparently like. Rumor is we're going to be there for a while so I'm checking out the prospective clientele.

The members of this tribe vary widely in our ethnicities, professions, socio-economics, denominations, educations, political views and coffee preferences. Sometimes we end up speaking in tongues which usually sound a lot like Korean, German, South African, British or United Church. An original member of the Reform Party joined us for a spell but he and the Unitarian couldn't agree on the difference between "grass" and "grassroots" so we punted 'em.

Truth be told, I learn a great deal from this creative bunch that often earn spectacular contributions from unsuspecting visitors to the northwest coffee-shop where we regularly conspire, perspire and inspire. We're trying to learn to walk in somebody else's ideological shoes with respect to history, politics, religion, international affairs, et al.

Diversity is healthy, especially for those of us born and raised in this country who have this curious notion that Canada is ours, that we own the joint, that other ethnic groups need our permission to set up shop here (although we assume the aboriginals were oh so glad to see us that we moved right in). The myopia of such viewpoints are, of course, rivaled by their arrogance – ranking alongside the ramblings of a current prominent federal cabinet minister I once heard wax not-so-eloquent while earnestly portraying the likes of Jacques Cartier and John Cabot as essentially ardent evangelicals dispatched to Canada on a church planting mission.

Truth be told, this marvellous country was built by immigrants of virtually every European and Asian ethnicity one can identify. Scads of Americans were lured to Alberta, to boot. Most such immigrants, especially those who didn't speak English, paid an incalculable price to come here, obtain a place in the snow and begin contributing to an embryonic experiment known as Canada. I have yet to hear a truly persuasive argument as to why things should be any different going forward.

We can make quite a few erroneous assumptions, we proud, original(?) Canadians can. Take that Queen's English matter, for example. Just in case you think learning English is a breeze, try explaining to a new immigrant the linguistic rule that governs the pronunciation of the double 'o' in "good, food, blood."

Still looking for that elusive new year's resolution? Why don't you purpose to invest some time this year preparing for eternity by spending time with people who don't look like you, talk like you, or even, yikes, think like you? Perhaps that's part of the message the Baby of Bethlehem was trying to get across to us all along.

Tim welcomes your comments at justkeeponasking@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

Still the Season of Hope

In a world that seems to get darker as every year passes I am thankful for the Christmas season with its beautiful carols, message of hope, joyful festivities, exchange of beautiful Christmas cards and family gatherings. For many it is still the most wonderful time of the year. There is a stark contrast to the cheer the season affords and the grim, depressing and stress producing message the Atheist Bus Campaign is offering the public on the buses of Toronto again this Christmas season.

To be sure the over-commercialization, holiday excesses and over-spending associated with the holidays can detract from the real reason for the season.

But for millions of Christians it is still celebrated as the marvelous fulfillment of prophecy and the birth of the Christ child, the most significant birth in all of human history.

Christmas can still be a meaningful and beautiful time and the message of hope is as timeless and relevant as ever. The angels, wise men and shepherds rejoiced over this event some two thousand years ago and we have every reason to do so today.

Gerald Hall
Parksville, B.C.

honour you.' So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honoured by *Time* magazine as the Man of the Century. Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

"The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.' "Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. "The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.' Einstein looked at him and said, 'Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going.'"

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going."

Larry Patrick
Boise, ID

Dear Editor,

RE: Billy Graham's Suit

Billy Graham is now 91 years old with Parkinson's disease. In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honour.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us



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Evidence mounting on social media saturations

by Larry Heather

We need to examine the effect of Social Media on elections and personal life. Facebook, Twitter, Texting. Is their influence for good or for ill? Are they the long sought after dynamic that will finally integrate disengaged people into the election process, or is there more to the story?

I heard from an acquaintance recently who was rear-ended by a car behind him. Unharmed, he checked to see if the man who hit him was okay. To his amazement the man, unfazed and completely engrossed, was completing the text that had caused the accident. Such is the potential addiction of the little glowing distractor that some continue to answer in car by day and in bed all night long.

A recent article by Derek Abma of *PostMedia News* found that 20 per cent of 4,000 teens studied were classed as hyper-texters, meaning they sent over 120 text messages per school day. It was found that excessive texting greatly expanded the teens likelihood to participate in high risk behaviour because of an overwhelming exposure to peer pressure.

Group members who morph into leaders soon come to realize the vulnerability of people, who can be caused to participate in swarming activity that is proven to be unpredictable.

The work of Hyper Media Analyst Konrad Becker is instructive in the effect of the social media.

People with the biggest variety of experience and knowledge are the hardest to influence. The reduction of

the number of choices available to a person's thinking by the skillful re-framing of questions reduces the awareness of other possibilities. This is a real danger not only by social media but the publishing of Public Opinion polls in an election.

Humans possess the capacity to relinquish their autonomy becoming vulnerable to alertness reduction, programmed confusion and flattening of the mind. In cults, elimination of individual ideas is often effected by repetition of chants and phrases.

Creating anxiety and fear, inducing states of high suggestibility and controlling relationships to assure loyalty and obedience are tactics that could exploit situations, including an election.

Susceptibility to emotional arousal results if the nervous system is stressed through junk-food diets, prolonged mental and physical activity and lack of sleep. False intimacy is created through emotionalism and the need to belong is exploited. Loss of ability to evaluate logically can result from the loss of privacy and a constant interruption of cues coming from the outside.

Caution is also mounting over the possible disruption of steady cell-phone use. Microwaves could be proven to disrupt human brain function remembering that the brain itself is an electrically mediated organ.

In addition, we see many people on behaviour control drugs. Even more are habitually mind altered by the use of marijuana and other illegal drugs. In a rave party, the combination of flashing lights, exposure to incessant technobeat rhythms and use of drugs can produce a state of hyper-suggestibility with tragic results. In the face of this mounting evidence we need to be "Men of Issachar, who know the times, and what Israel should do."

Was the Anglican Church ruling really about doctrine or dollars?

by Blake Bromley

A court battle for the soul of the Anglican church may have failed to live up to its million dollar billing, but the fine print of the decision could set the stage for hundreds of future conflicts.

Four dissident Anglican parishes heard an unanimous ruling by the Court of Appeal for British Columbia, the culmination of an eight year legal case. The appeal was overturned, meaning 1,200 Lower Mainland Anglicans will soon have to vacate their church buildings.

The conservative parishes, the plaintiffs, had diverged from local bishop Michael Ingham and his diocese, the defendants, over the blessing of same-sex couples. The parishes – including St. John's Shaughnessy, one of the largest Anglican congregations in Canada – had sought to split from the Diocese of New Westminster and seek new oversight within the wider Anglican church.

The dissident group argued they should be able to keep church properties, reportedly valued at more than \$20 million. The group sought a "cy-près order," a legal redirection of failed charitable funds to a purpose aligned with its original goals.

Over a million dollars in legal fees weren't enough to win the appeal. In a unanimous ruling, Justice Mary Newbury determined that it wasn't up to the Anglican Church of Canada or the diocese to tell the court "which doctrinal changes are fundamental and which are not."

The court's judgment, therefore, was far from a battle for the Anglican soul. The plaintiffs weren't insisting the defendants had "fallen away from that faith," but that the division was due to "an internal disagreement" in the Church over the endorsement of same-sex blessings.

A cy-près order would have required that the diocese had "broken from the foundational principles of Anglicanism." It was an unlikely outcome, especially given that the plaintiff parishes had conceded that the Bishop and Diocese "remain 'true adherents' to the foundational principles of Anglicanism."

More than \$20 million in properties may be enough for some to justify the court battles on a purely commercial basis. But if the dispute is just about money, it's wrong

to portray it as a battle based upon principle.

The principle here belongs to the Court of Appeal, which performed a service for Christian churches by refusing the primary case which would disallow churches from adopting changes in doctrine. As the court said, that principle "traps the institution 'in a most helpless state under a cast iron rule forbidding all variation or change.'"

It may not garner much attention, but an even more important principle may be the court's seemingly benign determination that "a court may not contravene or ignore a statutory provision... in a cy-près scheme."

It didn't arise this time, but future court decisions on religious disputes will likely seek to apply Charter of Rights and Freedoms principles to religious doctrines. This case opened that door by taking an internal church dispute to a secular court, which agreed to decide doctrinal issues.

Future litigants will only succeed by convincing the court their opponents have fallen away from the fundamental tenets of their faith, leaving the courts to interpret religious doctrines.

Unlike the non-interventionist approach taken in the United States, Canadian churches can now go to secular courts to settle doctrinal disputes. In doing so, however, they lose the right to have canonical or theological authorities decide which religious doctrines are fundamental to their faith.

Faced with a similar dispute and arguments alleging an implied charitable trust, some future court will rule against the plaintiffs on a more fundamental basis. A court cannot enforce a trust for purposes which are contrary to the law – and discrimination on the basis of sexual preferences is contrary to Canadian law. The charitable trust will be declared void because it is contrary to public policy. The court will then order a cy-près scheme to have the churches' property devoted to religious purposes which do not violate secular statutory human rights principles.

Do Christians really want the real battle for the soul of their religion to take place in secular courts?

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Practice what you learn



by Brian Rushfeldt,
Executive Director
Canada Family Action Coalition

In November, four issues came to light with the potential to seriously erode morality and justice in Canada.

In B.C., a judge is hearing arguments challenging the constitutionality of Canada's polygamy law. Should it be deemed that polygamous marriage must be recognized, traditional marriage and family will be desecrated further. I predict group marriages will be next to demand recognition. Marriage will then be meaningless, and current family laws on taxation, benefits and social services will be challenged. Imagine a polygamist with 20 children and multiple wives claiming social welfare benefits and the \$100 per child per month benefit.

Also in November, an ND MP homosexual activist was pushing Bill 389, demanding the terms "gender identity and gender expression" be protected in human rights code and hate crime laws. Another ND MP defined "gender identity" as "a person's innate feeling of being male, female, both genders, neither, or in between." Any reasonable person would laugh at this definition; however, before you laugh, consider the implications if this becomes law (it is at final reading in Parliament now). Based upon "feeling like a woman" on any given day, a man could identify himself as a woman and have legal access into female specific areas like showers, change rooms and washrooms. A woman who feels like or believes she is a man may be showering next to the guys at the gym. What about the scouts or guides or the YWCA?

The third issue involved a decision by Ontario Judge Himel overruling the laws against living off prostitution, running a brothel in your community and pimping. If that is not successfully appealed at a higher court, organized crime and inhumane people will be able to legally profit from prostitution and mistreat young women and men with no consequences. You could have a brothel next door to you.

Finally, there is still no satisfactory law regarding child sex crimes, although the government has taken small steps in that direction. A new Bill, C54, asks for a ONE year mandatory sentence for some child sex crimes. That is hardly justice when you could get a harsher sentence for abusing your dog or cat.

Why is society morally destructing? One reason we are progressively moving in a direction that violates God's principles is because many churches and Christians are uninvolved and often self-centred. Too often church leaders fear "political" involvement hence have no influence on the laws. I have heard only ONE church leader address any of these issues publicly. There has also been silence, it seems, by denominational leaders representing evangelicals and other groups. Why is that?

Christians too often fail to practice what they learn from the Word – through preaching, devotions, and personal study. I recently challenged a Bible college class, "Are you practicing what you are learning? If not why are you in college? The Bible says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (James 1:22)."

Lawyers practice law. Doctors practice medicine. What do they practice? What they learned! Lets hope they learned well and practice well what they learned.

If Christians and Christian leaders fail to publicly practice and promote God's principles then we will continue to sink into immorality, injustice and ungodliness. And our next generation, our children, will be the victims of our slumber and silence.

I ask this question: Why are Christians, and more so, Christian leaders, not publicly vocal so as to influence our culture for decency, civility, righteousness and justice?

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Israel — a land flowing with milk and honey

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income, but she is also one of the world's centres for diamond cutting and polishing, as well as having a large concentration of high-tech industries.

Modern Tel Aviv streets abound with ancient sites that tell their own stories.

A short drive north to the old port city of Caesarea and you will find a Roman Theatre and an aqueduct and both remain largely intact. As you walk, you inadvertently kick stones that centuries earlier, a Roman Centurion or Jewish apostle named Saul/Paul could have stumbled over.

Traversing the Sea of Galilee in a replica 2,000 year old boat, one imagines Jesus looking into the hills crowded with people striving to get a touch from Him. We are brought to the present in the state-of-the-art Yigal Allon Museum which houses an ancient boat (dated to the 1st century AD) pulled from the receding Sea of Galilee.

En route to Jerusalem is a replica village Kfar Kedem that represents life as it was 2,000 years ago. We put on turbans and four-cornered garments. We got the opportunity to grind flour in a hand-crank millstone, bake pita on an outdoor oven, and to milk goats and make cheese. The director answers his cell phone and you are transported back to the present. Then to our hotel with a homing pigeon along for the ride, with a note from one of the journalists attached to its leg. He was released and took three days to fly to Kfar Kedem — we know he got back because the staff emailed us all a copy of the note to prove he made it!

In Jerusalem the contrasts come alive with *The Night Spectacular Sound and Light Show* displaying the timeline of Jerusalem's 5,000 years of history on the Old City section of The Tower of David. This uses 20 projectors, 10 video players, 14 computers, 14 loudspeakers and 10 kilometers of cable!

No trip to the Holy Land would be complete without a visit to the Dead Sea, where the salinity makes one float and bob along like a cork. Surrounded by mountains you are again impressed with the huge contrast between those mountains and the lowest altitude on earth at 422 metres (1,385 ft) below sea level, the Dead Sea. Masada sits atop one of those mountains overlooking the Dead Sea and this is where a siege by the Roman Empire led to the mass suicide of the Jewish Zealots living there.

Jericho and Bethlehem are very near Jerusalem. Bedouin shepherds are now living in makeshift huts having left their Nomadic existence.

We have gone full circle now that we are boarding the plane in Tel Aviv. We have seen a 5,000 year old civilization starting with the promise to Abraham of, "a land flowing with milk and honey," to a country that now promises a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This place offers the best of both worlds.

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Mandara of Papua New Guinea treasure Scripture in their language

by Doug Lockhart

For the Mandara people of Papua New Guinea, life in their island paradise is changing radically. Since 2007, a gold mine operating on Simberi Island has brought increased exposure to the outside world, as well as growing prosperity for a people who still live much as their ancestors did centuries ago.

But over the past two decades, the Mandara—who practised cannibalism well into the 20th century—have been rocked by deeper changes: the spiritual transformation that results when people read and understand Scripture in their own language.

And as they grow in their understanding of God's Word, many Mandara believers are renouncing their traditional ties to witchcraft and trusting in God as their provider and healer.

Although Christianity came to the Tabar Island group in New Ireland

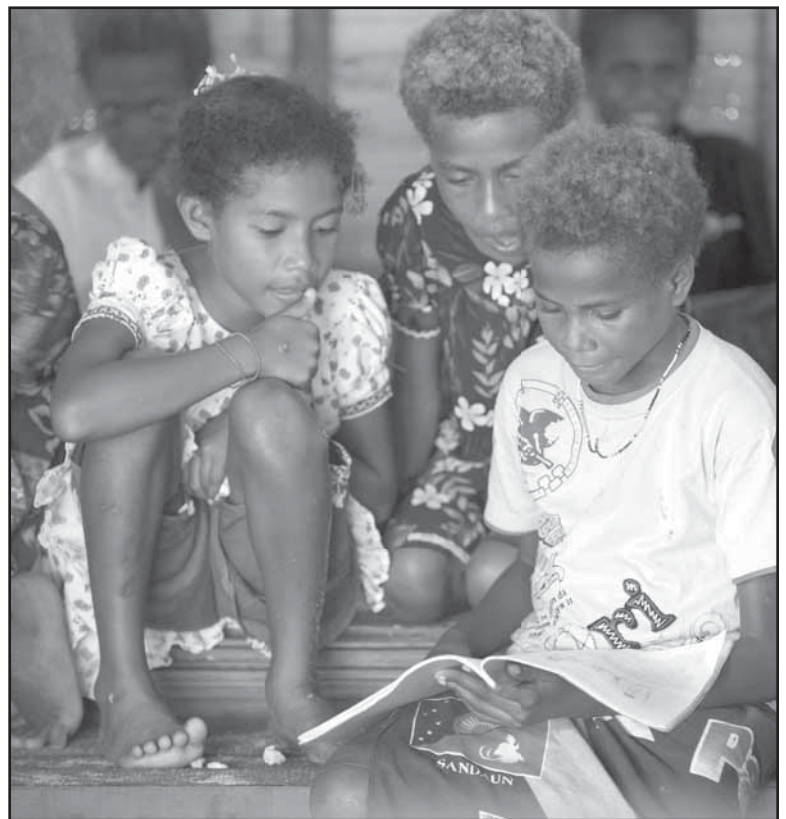
Province nearly 100 years ago, Christians there did not have access to God's Word in their own language because it had never been translated. Up until the early '90s, Mandara church leaders preached and taught from English or pidgin translations that were not well understood by the 4,000 Mandara speakers who inhabit Simberi and two other main islands, Tatau and Big Tabar.

Then in 1994, Mandara church leaders invited Steven and Holly Hong, a Korean-American couple serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, to help them create a writing system for the language and begin translating the New Testament.

"I can read the Bible in Tok Pisin (pidgin) or English," says Steven Posai, a Mandara church leader who serves on the translation team. "But when I read the Bible in those languages, I just skim through it. I don't really get to the meaning.

"After I joined the translation work, the meaning became clearer. It helps me to grow and to know God's Word better."

Within a few years, the Hongs and their team of Mandara co-translators had



— photo by Alan Hood

Children enjoy exploring newly translated Scriptures.

begun literacy classes, using their translation of Mark's Gospel. By 2002, work on all four Gospels was completed and in the hands of believers.

Since then, many Mandara Christians have testified that their understanding of Scripture has grown, along with their faith in Christ. Furthermore, after holding a "Jesus March" on Simberi Island during Easter in 2009, Mandara Christians gathered to renounce witchcraft and burn their fetishes as a demonstration of their desire to obey God.

Last May, hundreds of excited church and community members, along with dozens of international guests, gathered on Simberi Island to dedicate the Mandara New Testament.

Today, signs of spiritual

revival abound, as Mandara young people eagerly memorize Scripture, composers pen new worship songs and church members reach out to their neighbours in acts of service.

Meanwhile, workers at the gold mine continue to search for the glittering, but transient, treasure found in everything from jewelry to computers. But others on Simberi Island are, for the first time in their history, mining the Word of God in their own language.

What they're finding there is beyond price.

Doug Lockhart is a senior staff writer for Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada. He and photographer Alan Hood visited the Tabar Islands last September. Read more about the Mandara in the Spring 2011 issue of Word Alive magazine, at www.wycliffe.ca/wordalive.

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When I announced I was shaving my head a young lady friend, who has brain cancer and lost her hair to various treatments, asked me to really consider what I was opening myself up to. She explained that everyone is kind and

understanding when you wear a scarf or hat as your hair grows back but I was in total disbelief when she shared that total strangers would approach her stating they found her ugly without her hair! Though I was warned, I believed my faith in God and mankind would see me through these experiences and make this decision a cake walk.

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Deanna Helms has been one extremely busy mother! She home schools five children and is on the run keeping house and taking kids to extra-curricular activities. She had been breast-feeding for three and one half years and had moved into a new home, and she started experiencing "burn-out" in July of this year.

The burn-out symptoms Deanna experienced were not being able to eat well, not sleeping, heart palpitations, and feeling completely "dragged out." She also felt very depressed and insecure, and became withdrawn. In the midst of this she kept asking herself, "What have I done wrong?"

Deanna had been seeing a Herbologist (uses plants to treat illnesses) on and off for seven years prior and he made different plant "concoctions," and iridology, which did not help.

She saw a Naturopath (relies on natural remedies) who said she had too much stress and sent her home to rest!!!

She also saw a general practitioner (Deanna had not seen a doctor in many years) and he told her, "You're just burnt-out!" and sent her to a Psychiatrist to get sleeping pills. The Psychiatrist did prescribe sleeping pills and added that she had an anxiety disorder. He suggested some natural products to help Deanna through. During this time blood work was done measuring different hormone levels, where it was discovered that her

progesterone, ACTH, thyroid, and cortisol levels were abnormal.

Deanna had heard about Robert Kish on the radio seven years prior and decided to finally make an appointment to visit him.

At the point of writing, Deana has been seeing Robert Kish for two months. After he did muscle testing and found stresses and weaknesses in her body it was discovered that she looked anorexic. Nutrients and supplements were added to her diet in a particular order.

Unfortunately Deanna did not keep her supplements stored properly and as a result she had no improvement during the first week of the program.

Once she was following recommendations, she began to see improvements every day. She is

on nine different vitamins and some drops that help her to absorb those vitamins. She is also receiving a supplement that supports her Pineal gland and that one helped her to sleep well after the second day!

Deanna was also found to be sensitive to Electro Magnetic Frequencies (EMF). There are two satellite dishes on the roof over their bedroom, and a large TV in the room as well as the breaker box below their bedroom, so Robert recommended electrical balancing. The damage caused by dirty electricity can have effects in all areas of our health. CNN correspondent Steve Young reported on CNN's *Moneyline* show that aired August 15, 2002, "Power line radiation has been implicated as a potential health risk before." But the

more than 500-page report by the California Department of Health Services issues the strongest warning yet. The three authors say they "are inclined to believe that power line radiation increases the risk for childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's disease and miscarriages.

A machine has been put in their bedroom to counteract the EMF effects and that has made her feel much better.

Deanna now feels that she is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Her mood has lifted and she is really noticing a difference.

She is not completely back to normal yet but on a scale of one to ten, where one is no energy and ten is abundant energy, she has progressed from about a two to a five or six. She is a little reluctant to overdo it but she has seen such an improvement in her body and is really enjoying feeling more energetic.

Deanna is also trying to put herself on her own priority list and to take some time for her own enjoyment!

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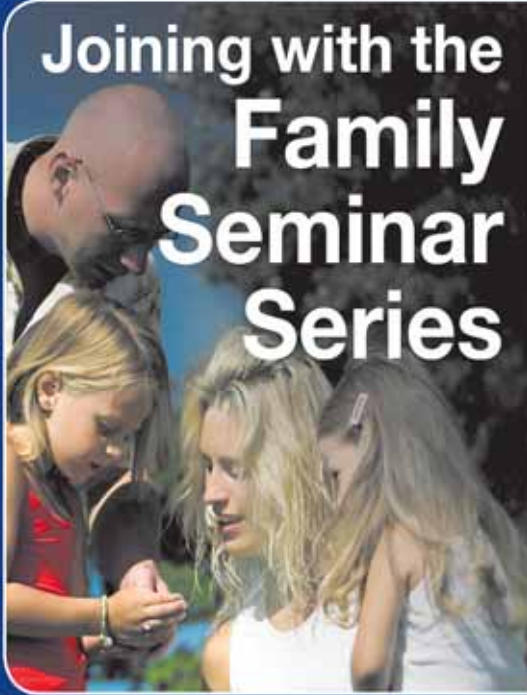
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Seeing in High Definition



by Ian Wilkinson

What is the kingdom?

The central theme of the Gospels is the kingdom of God. Jesus began His ministry preaching about it. About 80 per cent of the parables mention the kingdom of God. The Lord's Prayer says "Thy kingdom come." Jesus said in Matt 6:33 to seek first the kingdom. After His resurrection Jesus spent 40 days teaching on the kingdom. It was His main emphasis. Yet many Christians today are fuzzy about what it is exactly. Is it heaven? Is it the church? I have spoken in many churches and asked what people think it is and believe me when I say people don't really know.

The kingdom of God is the government of God. It is the rule of Christ. It is the Lordship of Jesus. When we seek the government of God we are actually yielding control of our lives to the Lord. Perhaps the best way to define it is, that we allow the Holy Spirit to govern our daily lives. Romans 8:14 says, "Those who are led (governed) by the Spirit are the sons of God." The word for sons is huiois. Huiois means mature son that reflects the nature of his father. The goal of every Christian should be to develop a relationship with the Lord wherein the Christian actually makes effort to submit to the rule of Christ, the Holy Spirit, by hearing and by obeying Him. The goal of every church should be to produce Spirit-governed sons of God.

"...for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men." Romans 14:17-18 NKJV

The kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit. It is about serving Christ. We see the Lord as master and ourselves as bondservants. That is how the writers of the Epistles saw themselves. In order to "get saved" as we say, we must confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord. That means

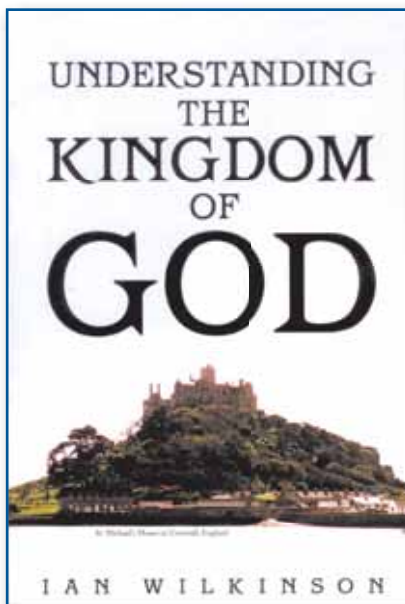
we recognize Him for who He truly is. It is not just about attaining a legal status with God but more about being about our Father's business. He is master. Seeking the kingdom involves making Jesus Lord of our lives daily. The only way to really serve the Lord is in the power of the Holy Spirit or in other words "by grace."

The kingdom of God is defined as the government of God, the Lordship of Jesus or the rule of Christ (the Spirit). It is described in Romans 14:17 as righteousness, peace and joy. Righteousness means doing right. Peace means covenant blessings. Joy means ongoing presence of God. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace. Love or agape is a commitment to do

what is righteous. The correlation is clear. The kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit and the Spirit is to be obeyed.

The central focus of Christianity should not be salvation, it should be kingdom. Read the parables and substitute "government" for "kingdom" and see if it makes a difference.

Ian is the author of a book entitled *Understanding the Kingdom of God* which can be purchased for \$15. To contact Ian you can email him at IanWilk@shaw.ca.



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British Christians head to the bar scene!

by Maria Hart

A heavysset man is slumped over a curb, resting his head on the sidewalk. He is roused and then joined by another man. The two talk affably in the dark, empty parking lot under the yellow glow of the security lamp. One has a short beard, the other has several days' growth. One of them has tattoos visible. Both are dressed in several layers to keep out the night chill; both are named Rob. One swigs his beer; while the tattooed one tries to find out how he can help the man find better sleeping arrangements. The tattooed one is a Plymouth Street Pastor.

"What's a Street Pastor?" yells an inebriated young man on a bullhorn...

According to Reverend Stu Clarke, Plymouth Street Pastor Co-ordinator, "A Street Pastor is a volunteer from a Christian church with a passion to improve their city and to help the vulnerable of the night-time economy." In practice, this means teams who take to the club-lined streets until 4 am on weekends to provide care in the

form of foil 'heat' blankets, water, flip-flops, and non-judgmental ears.

Plymouth, Southwest England, is a naval base and university city of just over a quarter million people with a well established reputation for violence – especially in the city centre. But since the inception of Street Pastors in May 2008, this trend has been reversing. Police statistics have confirmed an 8.2 per cent decrease in violent crime and an 11 per cent decrease in overall crime in the areas and times of Street Pastor patrols.

Inspector Russ Sharpe, Police liaison, admitted initial scepticism by some on the force, but now the police have nothing but high praise for the organization. "It takes some of the pressure off of us, as well as being more eyes and ears on the

street" said Sharpe.

But how do the party-goers see them?

"Street pastors!" booms the voice of a young 20's male good-naturedly. "You've saved my life many times!" Then he and his mates heartily shake the hands of the team before heading off to the bars.

As the night wears on the volume of the voices and music increases, drowned out only briefly by the urgent wail of an ambulance.

The patrol keeps walking and watching.

A handsome young man from the navy is helped to his feet: "I've got so much respect for you lot!" he slurs, "...out here on a Saturday night when you could be home nice and comfy watching X-Factor; not giving water to idiots like me passed out by electrical boxes!"

The third shift is the busiest.

Young males are fighting and getting arrested; couples are arguing; scantily dressed girls are shivering as they carry their stilettos down the emptying streets. The foil blankets and flip-flops are in demand now as these cold and barefoot partiers try to make their way home across the sticky sidewalk, and through the haze of too much alcohol. Some are too drunk to find their way home and need assistance. These are especially vulnerable.

By four am it's quiet again and the team makes their way back to base for the final time that evening.

So what's a street pastor? Rob smiled broadly as he replied to the guy on the bullhorn: "It's Christians helping people on a Saturday night."



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Habitat works to put foreclosed homes with needy

by **Michelle A. Vu** (*Christian Post*) – Habitat for Humanity, (HFH) known for building homes for those in need, is “aggressively” working on provid-

ing affordable shelter by buying foreclosed homes and selling them at low cost to poor families.

For about a year and a half now, the ecumeni-

cal Christian ministry has worked in local markets across the United States buying foreclosed homes in cities such as Miami, Boston, New York, Char-

lotte and Atlanta. HFH is also considering buying homes across the state of Michigan where there is a “huge opportunity,” said Mark Crozet, senior vice president of resource development for Habitat for Humanity International.

Crozet noted that it is oftentimes cheaper to provide a family with a foreclosed home than to build a new house.

“In many new markets, we don’t need to build new homes when there are existing housing there that may just be sitting empty

or be sitting in foreclosure that we can help get back on the market and start repopulating communities,” said Crozet to *The Christian Post*.

The HFH official highlighted that the “real win” in the situation of buying foreclosed homes is working with banks that try to give it to the ministry at a discounted rate or at a rate that is not available on the open market.


In addition to special rates, these banks also help Habitat to get the properties within blocks of

each other so that whole neighbourhoods can be revitalized.

Helping the effort is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a non-profit organization helping its members achieve financial security while giving back to their communities.

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Canadian Badlands Passion Play celebrates 20th anniversary & 100th performance in 2011

New season brings Gospel of John script, enhanced sound system & commemorative coffee table book

Drumheller, AB – “2011 will be among the most memorable milestones in the history of The Canadian Badlands Passion Play,” predicts its General Manager Vance Neudorf. Illustrating his point Neudorf explained that January 18 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the

Canadian Badlands Passion Play Society. Then, almost six months later (July 15) the Society will perform its 100th Passion Play.

“That’s a truly remarkable achievement when you consider we only produce six plays a year.”

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Canadian Badlands Passion Play is creating a commemorative heritage coffee table book filled with fabulous photos that capture the history and evolution of the Canadian Badlands Passion Play over the past two decades. Added Neudorf, “We are still accepting sponsors to participate in this very special heritage project.” Neudorf anticipates the book will retail for \$39 and will be available for purchase in late spring, 2011.

Unlike other Passion Plays, the Canadian Badlands Passion Play has established a history of updating the script every year to keep the play fresh for its audiences. “It’s part of what keeps people coming back year after year – to see what we’ve done with the script, the music, the actors and staging,” explained Neudorf.

“But for 2011, playwright Royal Sproule has written a new script that will focus on retelling the life of Christ through the eyes of the John the apostle.

Also new for 2011 is the introduction of a three dimensional sound system that will enhance the audiences’ audio experiences in a dramatic way. “The sound system will allow us to strategically place sound (both voice and music) that keeps audiences engaged as

the visual action unfolds in front them. The audience will feel more like they are in the play rather than just watching it.” An added benefit of the new sound system is that will accommodate those with difficulty hearing.

The 2011 Canadian Badlands Passion Play will be staged July 15-24, 2011.
Friday July 15 at 6:00pm
Sunday July 17 at 3:00pm
Saturday July 16 at 6:00pm
Saturday July 23 at 3:00pm
Friday July 22 at 6:00pm
Sunday July 24 at 3:00pm

2011 Ticket Prices range from Children 6+ (\$18-\$32), Students 13-18 (\$27-\$39), Seniors 65+ (\$29-\$43) and Adults (\$34-\$48). Seating is assigned and available in four categories based on proximity to the set and actors. Reservations for 2011 are encouraged and can be purchased securely online.

Since its first performance in 1994, The Canadian Badlands Passion Play has gained national and international prominence as one of North America’s top ‘must see’ cultural and tourism events. Located near Drumheller, Alberta, approximately 90 miles northeast of Calgary, the annual ‘Theatre in the Badlands’ attraction provides its audiences with a dramatic retelling of the life of Jesus Christ. The 200+ performer play is presented in a 30-acre natural badlands canyon bowl whose stark and dramatic geographical surroundings and acoustics mirror those of ancient Israel. The Canadian Badlands Passion Play runs annually for six days in July. www.canadianpassionplay.com. 1-888-823-2001.

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Ongoing City-Wide Prayer Weekly Meeting, Wednesdays 1-2 pm, Salvation Army Glenmore Temple, 921 - 68 Ave. SW, East door entrance, interdenominational meeting, all are welcome, call John 403-282-8208.

SENIORS

Ongoing Open Door Seniors. Weekly Activities: Mondays 1-3pm, Matinee Movies - Reflexology once a month on Mondays. Tuesdays 10-12am, Watercolors Classes. Wednesdays 1-3pm, Cribbage. Thursdays 10-12am, Music Appreciation and 1-3pm Movie Matinees. Fridays 10:30-11am, Exercise and 12-3pm, Bridge. First Thursday of the Month Luncheon at 12noon and entertainment. For more info write or call 1307 - 4 Street SW, Calgary Alberta T2R 0X9. Phone: 403-269-7900. Web: www.opendoorseniors.org.

SINGLES

Adult Singles Ministry. For "singles" and "single again" adults. Contact Glenn Larsen 403-862-8424. Cost for one year membership \$20.00. Adult Singles Ministries, a

ministry of the United Church of Canada, presents the following:

January

9 Epiphany Service at Northminster United Church 3311 Centre Street North, Calgary. 4 p.m. Supper to follow at a nearby restaurant.

14 Pot luck supper and board games night at Hillhurst United Church, 1227 Kensington Close N.W., Calgary. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.00 non member/\$1 member.

31 (Monday evening) Bowling at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association 5600 Centre Street N., Calgary, 6 pm to 8 pm, all you can bowl for \$10.

February

11 Pot luck supper and board games night at Hillhurst United Church, 1227 Kensington Close N.W., Calgary. 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Cost: \$3.00 non member/\$1 member.

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April

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17 Palm Sunday Service at St. David's United Church, 4 pm. 3303 Capitol Hill Cres. N.W., Calgary. Supper to follow at a nearby restaurant.

Ongoing Fusion is a dynamic community of single adults (25-35ish) committed to developing genuine friendships & nurturing Christ-centered living. We meet Sunday evenings at 5:30pm for a time of teaching with Randy Rohrick & social fellowship in room 255 upstairs. For more info email: fusion@faccalgary.com. First Alliance Church, 12345-40th Street, Calgary, AB 403-252-7572.

Ongoing Ministry Of Singles Alive In Christ & Community (MOSAIC), for single adults 50+. Held at Centre Street Church every Thursday at 7:15pm. Refreshments, worship in song & music, message, small groups and social events. Call the MOSAIC info line at 403-520-2690.

SUPPORT GROUPS & HEALING MINISTRY

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Ongoing Sonshine Community Counseling Services: Christian counseling for individuals and couples on a wide range of issues including marital and premarital counseling, depression, anxiety, grief, low self-esteem, relationship conflict, and family violence. 2nd stage shelter providing a one-year residential program for women and children fleeing domestic violence and abuse. Call 403-705-3474 or visit www.sonshine.ab.ca.

Ongoing DivorceCare is a weekly video lesson and support group for those who are separated or divorced. It's a place where people understand what you're going through. Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm at First Alliance Church, 12345 - 40 St SE starting January 5. Email: CalgaryFAC@gmail.com / www.divorcecare.org Ph. Rick or Bonnie at 403-256-5030.

Ongoing DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) is a special group to help children recover from the hurt of divorce. Running alongside the adult program, Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30pm starting January 5 at First Alliance Church, 12345 - 40 St SE. Pre-register with Cordell 403-277-6453 or <http://www.dc4k.org/>

Ongoing Saddleback's: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered, international program, started by John Baker. It is a program that fits almost any type of problem with less than 1/3 of participants struggling with alcohol and drug problems. It is being used in thousands of churches worldwide. Beginning Sunday April 11 and running every Sunday starting at 6:00pm. A meal will be prepared at a nominal cost to you of \$3. The meeting itself will start at 7:00pm. I extend a warm invitation to you to come out and join us on Sunday evenings. For location and further details you can call Tom Crites at 403- 241-2428 or email tom@alovinghand.ca.

Ongoing GriefShare Recovery Seminar and support group: Meets at South Calgary Community Church, 2900 Cedarbrae Drive SW, beginning Monday at 7pm. For more info contact Wendy at 403-697-9948 or SCCC at 403-281-6755.

Ongoing Life Recovery Group. We will be doing the DVD series "12 Christian Beliefs that Drive you Crazy." The series deals with false assumptions such as, Guilt and Shame are Good for Me, If I have God I Don't Need People, It's Selfish to Have My Needs Met, and many more. This series will begin Thursday October 7 at 7pm at Northeast Bible Church 175 - Whitefield Dr. NE. For more info call Don/Joanna 403-204-9291 or Sharon 403-293-5746.

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WOMEN

January

8 AGLOW – Helping Women to be restored and understand the significance of God's call on their lives. With special guest speaker.

January 8th • 9:30am - 12:00 at the Calgary Dream Centre, 4510 Macleod Trail SW (downstairs in rear entrance). Coffee & Muffins • Freewill offering. For more info call: 403-259-2045 • 403-201-9501.

28 Total Woman's "Purses Fun Night Out." 7pm-9.30pm, Registration: \$5. Night includes: Purse Auction in aid of charity. Purse Fashion Show, Messiest Purse Make-over. For more info visit www.totalwomanministry.com. Tel: 403-873-1329.

Ongoing Women's Brunch at Emmanuel Community Church, 30 Ave & 28 Street SE Calgary. 403-272-1551. The last Saturday of each month, beginning at 9am. Guest speakers join us at each brunch; we'd love if you could join us too!

Ongoing The Mothers of Preschoolers Group at First Alliance Church are pleased to present the entertaining and informative video series Making Your Children Mind Without Losing Yours by Dr. Kevin Leman. Children are welcome. For more info contact Carole at 403-256-6912 or chloe403@telus.net

Ongoing Organize your home, receive daily devotional reminders, get fit, and "stay on-track," with tips and help from the "Annie Groups." These are internet support groups for Christian homemakers. For further information visit: <http://www.organizingannie.blogspot.com>. We will be posting at the "Christian Women Today (CWT)" forum, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ Canada, committed to building an online community providing articles that build and train women of faith to impact their sphere of influence.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity: Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary, founded on Christian Principles, is dedicated to meet the needs of women (with or without children) who are victims of or are at risk of sexual exploitation. If you would like more information please contact Jackie at 403-237-8477 or jackie@servantsanon.com.

Ongoing TOPS Non-profit WEIGHTLOSS support group. Harvest Hills Alliance Church, Meets every Tuesday at 10:45am. Please call Pat at 403-226-0181 for information on this group or any of our 44 Chapters in Calgary.



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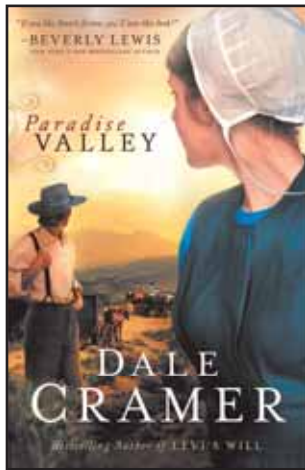
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"I would do a great many things for you." Even at sixteen, Jake's handsome features hold the calm certainty and patient confidence of a man, and Rachel Bender knows—Jake Weaver is the one.

Rachel will grow into a strong young woman with powerful gifts—but in a faraway country, without her Jake. In 1921, Ohio's new law forces Caleb Bender's family to seek sanctuary in the wilds of Mexico where the government will not interfere with their Amish way of life, or take their children from them. Nor will it protect them from the bandits terrorizing the countryside.

In an unfamiliar land where no one speaks their language or knows their ways, the Benders establish a homestead in exile. Sisters Emma, Rachel, and Miriam find strengths unimagined, gifts unexpected, and yearning beyond their deepest dreams. Even steadfast Caleb is compelled to wrestle with the demands of faith, only to discover that love has its own demands.

The Girl in the Gatehouse

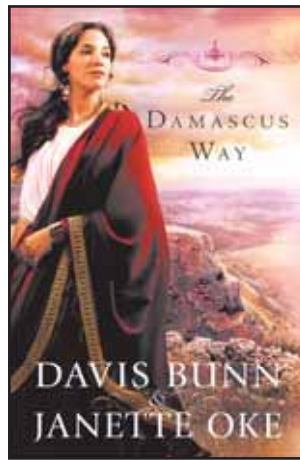
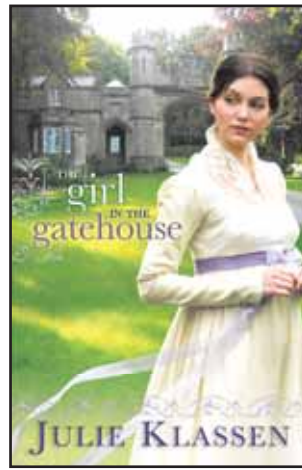
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Banished from the only home she's ever known, Mariah Aubrey hides herself away in an abandoned gatehouse on a distant relative's estate. There she supports herself and her loyal servant the only way she knows how—by writing novels in secret.

When Captain Matthew Bryant leases the estate, the

beautiful girl in the gatehouse intrigues him. But there are many things he doesn't know about this beguiling outcast. Will he risk his plans—and his heart—for a woman shadowed by scandal?

Intriguing, mysterious, and romantic, *The Girl in the Gatehouse* takes readers inside the life of a secret authoress at a time when novel writing was considered improper for ladies and the smallest hint of impropriety could change a woman's life forever.



The Damascus Way Acts of Faith

Book 3
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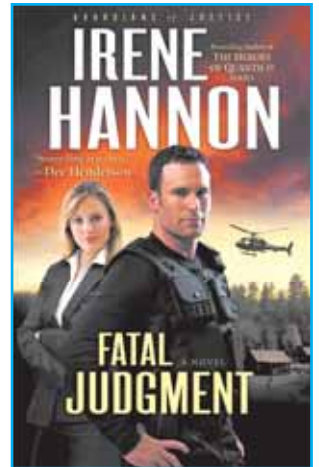
Young Julia has everything money can buy—except for acceptance by either Gentiles or Judeans in Tiberias. When she discovers the secret her beloved Greek father has kept all these years, she is devastated. Julia and her Hebrew mother are indeed less than second-class citizens. Her future is dark with clouds of uncertainty.

Jacob, Abigail's brother, is now a young man attempting to find his own place among the community of believers. Does it mean trading away the exhilaration and adventure of his current profession as a caravan guard? Hired by Julia's father to protect a wealthy merchant's caravans on the secretive "Frankincense Trail," Jacob also reluctantly takes on the perilous responsibility of passing letters

and messages between communities of believers now dispersed across the land. He is alarmed to discover that Julia, hardly more than a girl, is also a courier. Can their initial mistrust be put aside to accomplish their mission?

Fatal Judgment Guardians of Justice Book 1

Irene Hannon
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U.S. Marshal Jake Taylor has seen plenty of action during his years in law enforcement. But he'd rather go back to Iraq than face his next assignment: protection detail for federal judge Liz Michaels. His feelings toward the coldhearted workaholic haven't warmed in the five years since she drove her husband – and Jake's best friend – to despair...and possible suicide.

As the danger mounts and Jake gets to know Liz better, he's forced to revise his opinion of her. And when it becomes clear that an unknown enemy may want her dead, the stakes are raised. Now both her life and his heart are in danger.

Full of suspense and romance, *Fatal Judgment* is a thrilling story that will keep you turning the pages late into the night.

Being bald made woman special inside

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a leper – contagious, dirty, and unclean. It was very busy at the cashiers and lineups were extending – yet no one lined up behind me. They preferred to stand in another queue and glare at me from a safe distance.

The one woman who did get behind me didn't notice me at first but then took two steps back when she looked up. I felt like screaming "I'm not contagious!" I remember thinking, "forgive them Father for they know not what they do!" In reflection, though I was hurt and dismayed, I actually thanked them in my heart for the journey of lessons they had provided.

I decided to use this experience to test people and found that pink is the only acceptable scarf color that people can "get away with" in public because it has been universally marketed as the accepted 'cancer' color. On a following shopping excursion I was standing in line behind a mother and young daughter. The little girl snatched sneak peaks of me and whispered to her mother "that lady is wearing a pink scarf because she probably hasn't got any hair because she is sick, right?" The mother replied "It just means she's special inside."

This reply threw me for a loop in so many directions. First I thought it was a very kind way of explaining things to the little girl. But secondly the observation assumed that I had cancer. Then the third emotion swept over me ...I am special inside and this thought uplifted me to carry on for the rest of the day.

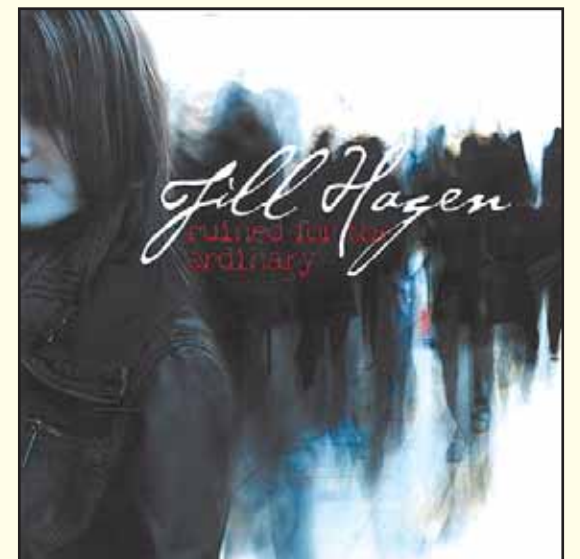
The most shocking experience however, was a blow

delivered by a friend I have known for over 20 years. She had known that I had shaved my head for this worthy cause and had asked me out for lunch. She then said, "of course you'll wear your wig?" I was on vacation and only used the wig for work and replied that I would wear the scarf. Her silence was deafening. I felt the presence, or absence, of hair should not dictate who I am inside or affect our relationship. My bald head and pink scarf made for a very uncomfortable rendezvous, a very short lunch, and a very keen discernment on what true friendship entails. It seems her being seen with me in my bald condition played more of a role than just being with me. What did others think – hmmm.

It's almost like the story of Jesus touching the lepers when He healed them. He had the power to command their healing from afar but chose to show the gathering crowd, who stood at a safe distance, that these lepers were special inside. It will be interesting to see what kind of a relationship we will have once I sport my golden locks again.

I have learned from this journey that true friends come from the heart and accept you as you are. I have actually made more friends through this experience. I have also learned not to judge by appearances – for I have been unjustly judged. Every person has a story and until we get to know these people personally – we assume, sometimes incorrectly – but let us keep in mind that all of us are made in the image and likeness of God – that we are all special inside.

Artist in profile



Calgary, AB – Jill Hagen, a singer/songwriter from Alberta was nominated for five Canadian Gospel Music awards for both her debut album *Perspective* (Pop/Contemporary Album, Inspirational Song and New Artist of the Year) and her second project, *Ruined for the Ordinary* (Rock Album and Pop Song of the Year).

She has been touring across Canada and the United States sharing her passion for Christ through music ever since 2008. *Ruined for the Ordinary*, Jill's second album, produced by award winning producer, Roy Salmond, at Whitewater Productions was released in spring 2010. Jill says, "Stepping out in God's calling has been both rewarding and challenging but I have grown so much in the process that I wouldn't want to go back to the life I knew before. Someone once said then that this is a life ruined for the ordinary. I hope to encourage others to make that choice and just go for it."

Jill's ministry is part of the Artist in Residence program at Venture Teams International in Calgary, AB. Her music is distributed by David C. Cook throughout Canadian Christian bookstores, available online and is currently being played on several radio stations across the country.

For more info visit: www.jillhagen.com

Local book for your winter reading...

FORGOTTEN VOICES

Written by Barbara L. Howe
Reviewed by Doris Fleck

As Barbara Howe was chatting with a friend following a Sunday morning service at Calgary's Southview Alliance, the subject of women in ministry came up.

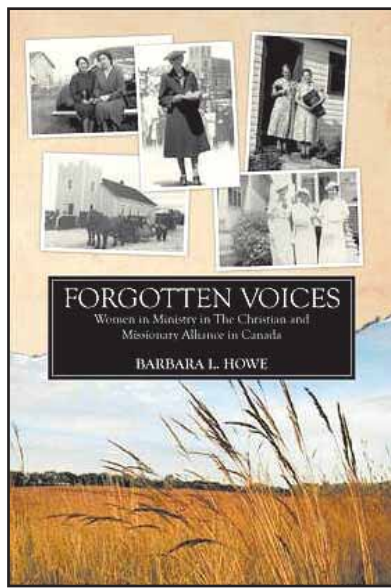
Howe's friend commented, "Some of the best pastors I ever had were two women."

With a dismissive wave of her hand, Howe replied, "Oh, but that wasn't in an Alliance church."

When she found out that indeed these women had pastored an Alliance church in Lamont, Alberta, Howe found herself wondering how many women had been involved in leadership during the history of The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Canada (C&MA).

With her curiosity piqued, Howe spent much of the past five years researching and writing *Forgotten Voices*. This 411-page volume tells the life stories of 40 women who served as evangelists, church planters, pastors and teachers with the Alliance church from the 1880s to present day.

Howe, who has served as a leader in the church, laments that the "vast majority of published histories of The



Christian and Missionary Alliance has centered around the lives and exploits of men."

Franklin Pyles, president of the Alliance in Canada, provided encouragement for Howe in a paper he wrote extolling the role of women leaders in their church history.

"Women were used not only in the mission field but also in North America as evangelists, church planters, and pastors," Pyles writes. "All ministry functions were given to them, and this was not restricted until very recent times."

In a personal interview, Howe explained that women cannot serve in the C&MA with the same freedom they had

in the past. She hopes her book may play a small part in changing this denominational view.

Howe said, "I have two granddaughters and if they felt called to the ministry I would like to see them welcomed (in an Alliance church)."

Howe researched 160 women using archived material at Ambrose University College, and then moved on to personal interviews. Deciding that a litany of names and dates would not do these women justice, she chose to write the extended life stories of 40 of them.

Forgotten Voices begins with the story of Maggie Scott who was divinely healed of a terminal spinal disease at the age of 17. News of this miracle traversed the country making it the most famous example of divine healing in Canada in the early 1880s. Scott became an itinerant evan-

gelist and went on to do missions work in China. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 30 but is heralded as "one of the early leaders in the Alliance movement in Canada."

Each woman's story is unique. They started an orphanage, radio ministry or helped found a Bible college. They wrote hymns, worked in missions or camp ministry and one became the first licensed woman doctor in Canada.

"I got carried away," Howe admitted. "During my research and interviews I met so many interesting people. I feel they're my friends."

After you read *Forgotten Voices*, you'll feel like they're your friends too.

Forgotten Voices is for sale at Ambrose University College, First Alliance and Foothills Alliance. You can purchase this book from the author directly for \$20 by calling 403-271-7018 or order it online at www.forgottenvoices.ca.

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Christian band Jars of Clay reaches goal of 1,000 clean water wells in Africa

by Aimee Herd

In highly-developed countries, having clean water whenever it's desired may easily be taken for granted.

However, in most remote areas of Africa, children must travel miles to get and bring back water for their families—water that is dirty and often leads to sickness.

When Christian contemporary band, Jars of Clay, learned of these conditions, they directed the humanitarian organization they'd founded, "Blood:Water Mission," in a new goal of bringing 1,000 wells to African communities.

Recently, Jars of Clay announced that their 1,000 Wells Project had been completed, providing clean water for about 700,000 people in Africa.

Lead singer, Dan Haseltine, admitted, "When we started out, it was kind of a lofty goal."

But, five years later, Blood:Water Mission had raised \$7 million that went toward the water and wells, sanitation and also training in hygiene. The band had kept tabs on the progress firsthand by making multiple trips to Africa.

Jars of Clay plans to celebrate the work on May 10, in a benefit concert at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.

"We may add a zero to that, make it 10,000 wells or go for another 1,000," said Jars of Clay guitarist Stephen Mason. "The challenge with Blood:Water and with Jars is to continue to dream big about what we can do to make the world a better place, and we'll see where that story leads us next."

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Jars of Clay

The Shelter

If you flip over to the back cover of the new Jars of Clay CD, you'll discover a litany of guest artists listed next to all but one of the songs.

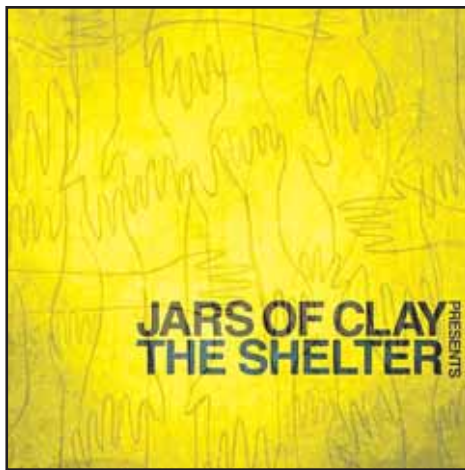
The Shelter features appearances by Mac Powell, Sara Groves, David Crowder, Amy Grant, Matt Maher, Thad Cockrell, Audrey Assad, Derek Webb, Gungor, Dawn Michele, Mike Donehey and even an especially engaging posthumous stint by Burlap to Cashmere.

With that many outside influences, you'd think that Jars of Clay would get drowned out and be barely recognizable on the finished product.

But that's far from the case. Rather the band calls upon its friends to provide the condiments and spices to the project. So what emerges is every bit the trademark sound we've come to expect from Jars since the mid-90s. It's just a little more dressed up and adorned.

Even more significant is that this embracing of community underlines the theme of the album which was inspired by the old Irish adage, "In the shelter of each other, the people live."

Fleshing out this concept, author David Dark is quoted in the CD booklet as saying, "...the idea that any of us can have meaning alone or be the authors of our own significance or have joy for which we only have ourselves to thank is a death-dealing delusion..."



On the title track, *Shelter*, we hear proclaimed, "If there is any peace, if there is any hope/We must all believe, our lives are not our own/We all belong/God has given us each other/And we will never walk alone."

And yes that familiar voice calling out in the background, "we will live," does indeed belong to Tobymac. But you'll have to read the fine print in the liner notes to confirm that, right next to the backing vocal credits for Leigh Nash.

Jars of Clay has been around long enough to garner a posse of friends in Christian music circles. With a little help from some of them, the band has created one of its finest recordings ever while keeping the group's pop/alt-rock/folk DNA firmly in place. This one's a keeper.

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The City Harmonic

Introducing The City Harmonic

Much of the current buzz in international worship circles is about a new band that hails from none other than Hamilton, Ontario.

Fronted by 27-year-old Elias Dummer, The City Harmonic is really a reinvention of the Covenant Award-winning band, Elias. It features former bandmates Eric Fusilier and Aaron Powell, along with longtime associate Josh Vanderlaan.

Operating as The City Harmonic for just the past year, the group had been courted by a number of major Christian labels before signing with U.K.-based Kingsway, home to artists such as Tim Hughes, Matt Redman and Delirious?

Their sound has been described as "nostalgic Brit-pop meets campfire sing-along." It's essentially modern worship that blends rock with a variety of eclectic elements including richly-orchestrated

musical scores, gang vocals and soaring choruses.

Interviewed in early December, Dummer said the turning point in his career came when he felt God tug on his heart and say, "Forget about what's expected. Here's what you are. Why don't you go about being yourself?"

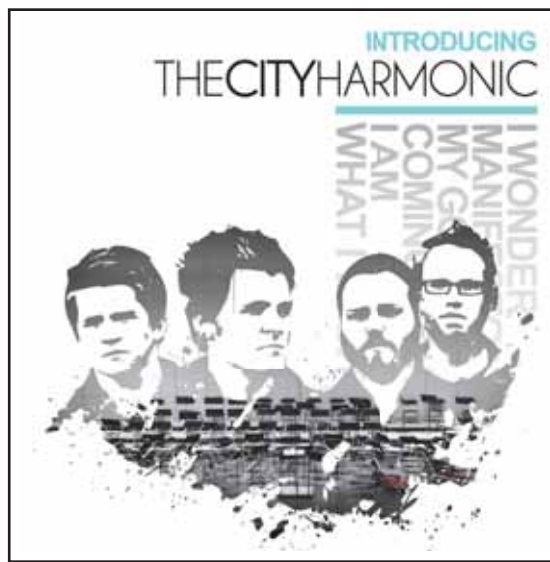
As soon as he made that switch, Dummer said, "Things just kind of fell together."

The City Harmonic's debut single, *Manifesto*, has been quickly gathering momentum in cracking the top 40 on Billboard's Christian Hit Radio chart in the U.S.

Amid widespread critical acclaim, a review on the Colossal Pop website states, "*Introducing The City Harmonic* is one of those CDs that

you hope never ends, and when it does, it leaves you wanting more."

With The City Harmonic currently in studio, a full-length album with 12 or more songs is slated to come out sometime in 2011. In the meantime, the six-song *Introducing* EP is retailing for just \$5. And at that price, you just can't go wrong.



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