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For the Sake of the Children!

Dear Friends,

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Monday morning, March 23rd, I came down to my office to check my emails as I do every morning. That morning my computer froze up and nothing would work. So, as I have done in the past, I turned off the power to reboot the computer but this time I got a black screen and an error message that told me I would need to reboot my computer from the start-up disc. I shut the computer off again and rebooted it and again the same message came up. I repeated this process for at least a dozen times always with the same result. I contacted HP (the maker of my computer) by phone to explain what had happened. They told me that my computer was no longer under warranty, and that my only option was to reload the start-up disc as it requested. I asked if I would lose all the information in my computer. Her answer was "Yes!" I got off the phone and tried to reboot it another 5 or 6 times with the same result.

I had done a back-up of all my documents in January but had not updated the back-up since then. Sharon asked what information I was going to lose. I told her what I thought I would lose, most of which I could get from paper copies in the office. But there was one thing I would lose which I had no way of tracing back. I had entered all the information from the banquets across the province of the people who had filled out the response forms much like the one that is included in this letter. Included was information about who would pray for this ministry, host a 5-Day Club, host a CYIA worker, as well as a number of people interested in information about **Club DJ** for their church. After I had entered all the information, I threw out the forms that were filled out, never thinking I may need them again. **All this information was gone!**

After talking to Sharon I went back into my office and realized that without this information there very well could be children who would have heard the gospel this summer and winter but because of this event may never hear. With tears running down my cheeks I prayed, "**Dear God, man made this computer, but you made man, and 'for the sake of the children' I ask you to let this computer start up one more time!**" After I prayed, I reached down and pressed the power button one more time and for the first time the computer began to reload. It was grinding away almost as if against its will but after about half an hour everything was up and I was able to get all the information I needed backed up. After I got my information, the computer froze up again and now I cannot get it to do anything at all.

Every letter I write I close with '**For the sake of the children**' and sign my name. I believe that, just as it says in Matthew 18:14, "**Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.**" That verse is part of our CEF logo and it stands as a constant reminder at the top of every letter to God's perspective of the children.

Club DJ ministries are coming to a close for this winter but even as we are only a few weeks away new children continue to come. One Sunday morning, a retired couple in our church asked if any children needed a ride to **Club DJ**. At the time I did not know of any, but instead of saying, "No" I said I would get back to her. The next day we received a phone call at our CEF office from a mother who lives in the

inner city of Regina wondering if 2 of her children could get a ride to church. We suggested we could pick them up and bring them to **Club DJ**. I explained **Club DJ** to her and told her to give me a call back if she would like them to come. A few days later she did call back and said that there would be 8 children who would like to come. We arranged a second vehicle to pick them all up and when they arrived at the church **there were 10 First Nations children** that had decided to come, as well as one of their mothers. At the end of the evening, the mother said that the children loved it and that there would probably be more children next week. This past week, three more new children came with them. Please pray for these new children coming to **Club DJ**, as well as the leaders so that we would be able to give the gospel clearly. Pray for all the **Club DJ**'s that they would finish this year's ministry well!

Today in the mail we received some Mailbox Club lessons from a young boy. At the bottom of one of his lessons he wrote, "In Paraguay we knew nothing of God. But when we moved to Canada I started to learn and when I was 7 years old I asked the Lord to come into my heart." Along with the lessons was a note which said, "Thank you for your CD, it is great. My family went crazy over it. (*We sent out a music CD to all the children who wrote us back from the Christmas mailing.*) I have 2 sisters wanting to join . . . one just had leukemia in the fall. It's gone now but she has two years of medication to take. One more thing my oldest sister would really like to be a part of this club. She is a Christian and is 23 years old." Please pray that the children doing the Mailbox Club lessons would continue to grow in their faith.


We continue to prepare for the summer ahead. I am already excited to see what God will do. We have received many phone calls from churches wanting to book their 5-Day Club/VBS. Several new churches who have heard about this ministry have already called to say they would like us to come this summer to help them reach the children with the gospel in their community. Others are offering their backyard for a 5-Day Club in their community. Would you be willing to open up your backyard '**for the sake of the children**'? We would value your prayers as we continue to prepare for this summer's ministry.

I have included with this letter a response form similar to the one we used at the spring banquets. As we continue to move ahead '**for the sake of the children**' we need God's people to be a part of this ministry to children. It is exciting for me to see how the family of God works together all across this province to make it possible to give the gospel to the children. Maybe you could open up your home and community for a 5-Day Club, or host one of the Summer Missionaries for a week. Maybe you have a car you could provide for the summer so that the gospel can go out. Or maybe you or one of your children would be willing to give your summer to God '**for the sake of the children**' and be a '**missionary for the summer**'; **it will change your life!**

It is always exciting to hear a good story! **But I will tell you this; it is even more exciting to be in the story** as you see God doing this on our behalf for His glory! My prayer is that this summer there will be people of all ages saying that they would be willing to do their part '**for the sake of the children**'. If you are able to help out in any way please fill out this form and mail it back to us and together we will have front row seats to see what God will do!

I want to thank each of you for your part in this ministry and trust you are encouraged in all God is doing. We would value your continued prayers in the days ahead as we seek to do all that God asks us to do as we take the gospel to the boys and girls of Saskatchewan. May God bless you for your part!

For the sake of the children,



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