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"Gifts From God!"

Dear Friends,

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The greatest thing we will ever do on this earth is raise our children for God. It is amazing how we so easily get distracted by the things of this world and lose sight of what is really important. In Psalm 127:3 we are told that children are a gift from God. Have you thought about what you have done with the gifts God has given you? Several years ago I found myself thinking about raising our grandchildren for God. It might seem a little odd that someone who does not have any grandchildren would be thinking about raising his grandchildren for God but I believe that if our grandchildren are going to live for God, then our children must have hearts that desire to please Him.

In a conversation David had with God about his descendants, God said in Psalm 132:12, "If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore." In this verse God is talking about David's grandchildren and that if they are going to live for God then David's children must obey God's Word.

David did have a heart that desired to please God. It was not David who said so or his mother or father but if you look at Acts 13:22 you will see that it was actually God who said so, "I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, who shall fulfill all my will."

The only way that our children and grandchildren can obey and understand God's Word is if they first accept Jesus as their Saviour and receive the Holy Spirit who will enable them to understand God's Word and grow in their faith. Our desire is to not only bring children to a point of accepting Jesus as their Saviour but also disciple them to have hearts that desire to please God.

Psalm 127:5 says, "Happy is the man who hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." The greatest thing you will ever do is raise your children for God. I have often said that Sharon and I have seen God do many amazing things in our lives but these will pale in comparison to what God will do through the lives of our children if they have hearts that desire to please God. God has blessed us with 6 children, 2 of those are now married to godly Christian mates, and word has just come in that we will be grandparents in March. 😊 If our 6 children and their spouses raise up another generation with hearts that desire to please God the impact for the kingdom of God will be beyond what we could ever ask or think.

Just for a minute I want you to think about not only raising your children for God but also your grandchildren, and not just your grandchildren but also the children down your street and in your community. I truly believe that our nation would not be the same if we would raise up a generation that has hearts that desire to please God.

This summer **4,192 children** attended the 5-Day Clubs and **286 children accepted Jesus as their Saviour**. We were in **144 communities**, **30 of which we were not in the summer before**. We were also on **20 Indian Reserves** and saw many First Nations children come to Christ as they responded to the gospel message. We have received many emails, cards, and letters excited about what God has done in their families and communities around the province this summer. I have included with this letter the 5-Day Club Report from this past summer.

One mom wrote:

I have hosted seven 5-Day Clubs over the years. This year, I had two clubs in my church's neighborhood. I didn't know how it would go. The first week we only had church children but I was thankful that 1) a family of sporadic attendees came EVERY day!! 2) my own children came and although they have attended many times, they still enjoyed the lessons and learned truths. I am thankful for these things.

The second week was to be a VBS and I considered cancelling as I didn't think anyone would come - the church kids had already come and more flyers would likely have the same results as the first week. However, the first day, 12 children came!!! By the 4th day, we had 17 different children. Quite a few of these had never been to church. I really appreciate the work of the missionary in encouraging me to keep at it. The missionary obviously cared about the children.

I am very thankful, that though I don't have piles of time, I can offer valuable teaching to children around me. What you are doing is really appreciated.

Over the past 52 years we have had 1,000's of Bible Clubs in the form of 5-Day Clubs, Good News Clubs and now **Club DJ**. We often do not hear what has happened in the lives of the children who were reached but a couple of weeks ago I received this email from a lady who hosted Good News Clubs for years. The email came from a young man who tracked the hostess down through Facebook. Here it is.

Hello! You probably don't remember me, but I believe I attended a Christian club that you hosted in your home in the 70's. I attended school from 1977-1982 (K-grade 5). I still remember learning Scripture verses like John 3:16 and the words to songs like "Jesus Loves Me." Well, I can't remember whether or not I actually made a profession of faith in Jesus during that time, but I do know that - partly in due to the club you ran - that I grew up with a faith and belief that there was a God, and that definitely kept me from progressing further in sin than I did. And - at the age of 18 - a friend of mine introduced me to Jesus and I was saved. Now, some 20 years later, not only am I still in the church, but I have spent 14 years in ministry as a youth pastor, and the past 2 1/2 years as a senior pastor of a small church in Manitoba. And so, I just simply wanted to say thank you so much for sowing the seeds of God's Word into my life as a child, and for impacting me for eternity. God bless you and your family!

Love in Christ, C.

We continue to be very busy this fall as **Club DJ**'s start up again. I have been speaking and conducting **Club DJ Workshops** with most weekends from the end of August to the first part of November already booked. It is exciting to see churches catch the vision for reaching the children in their communities with the gospel and desiring to disciple them to have hearts that desire to please God.

In the past couple of weeks we have gone to La Ronge then on to B.C. where 3 churches wanted to start up **Club DJ** this fall and asked for a **Club DJ Workshop**. They have also asked if I would present **Club DJ** to their Canadian churches at a conference next spring. We got back on Friday and then traveled to Saskatoon on Sunday and Moose Jaw on Monday for **Club DJ Workshops** in two more new churches. This weekend I will be in Whitewood and the following weekend in Cut Knife, both new churches seeking to reach the children in their communities through **Club DJ**. It has an exciting, busy time as we seek to encourage parents, grandparents, and churches to raise their children for God, winning them for Christ and discipling them to have hearts that desire to please God.

Children are truly a gift from God and we want to thank each of you for your part in this ministry to children, God's gifts to us, and would value your continued prayers and faithful support Please join us in giving God all the honour and glory for all He has done.

For the sake of the children,



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We want to thank you for your part in this ministry to children in the past and the opportunity to share what God continues to do in the lives of children, but if you would like to be removed from this mailing list you can let me know by email. - Jerry