



Tribute to Gerald & Rose Cornell

by Jerry Robinson

D&J was saddened by the recent passing of both Gerald and Rose Cornell within two months of each other.



In 1987 Rose Cornell asked Jerry Robinson (director of the newly formed "D&J" Alberta/BC) if she could help out from home. The answer was "Yes!" and soon Cornell's house became the official home of D&J — first one bedroom, then the family room and soon the whole basement. As D&J grew, more and more books, lessons, plaques and awards accumulated until it seemed the Cornell house would burst at the seams!

When Gerald got into the action he wore many hats — committee work, developing forms, systems, procedures, manuals, promotional brochures, job descriptions, bookkeeping, etc. Later, he wrote new correspondence courses, answered thousands of students' questions, prepared prayer bulletins, and more.

Rose handled the students. She opened the mail, corrected lessons, recorded their progress and assembled new lessons and awards. Each Thursday everything got mailed.

After David & Jonathan moved into their present building, Gerald and Rose continued handling about 2000 students from their home. Until health deteriorated in recent years, Gerald and Rose continued to volunteer faithfully which resulted in many children coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Their selfless work laid the foundation for the Alberta and BC operation of David & Jonathan today.

Ten Terrific Traits

Part 2: PRAYERFUL

by Brian Cummins

In the listing of the men God brought around David to help make him successful (1 Chron. 12:23-40), the first trait was that they were "prepared", as we saw in the previous Heartbeat.

In coming to the next trait we need to note that the largest contingent of men listed in our Scripture passage is the Reubenites, Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh. In an earlier chapter of 1 Chronicles (5:20) mention is made of a war in which these tribes were involved. And on that occasion the Bible says that their enemies "were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them, for they cried out to God in the battle. He heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in Him." Yes, they may have been the largest group, but they still knew the value of *dependence on God through prayer* — a second very important trait God's people must share.

The crucial factor for success is not having large numbers; what is needed most is trusting God.

When Paul listed the spiritual armour available to Christians he emphasized the role that prayer must play in the warfare we wage daily: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (Eph. 6:18)

Phillip Brooks wrote: "Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings!"

Do you have e-mail?

You can help D&J communicate more efficiently by providing us with your e-mail address! E-mail does not cost anything to send and cuts down on the use of paper and envelopes.

If this is something you would like to do, email us at info@davidjonathan.org and we'll send out the HeartBeat and any other correspondence to you (where appropriate) via this method.



Unlimited Opportunity

- Vaughan V. Durston

You may wonder where our students come from. To be honest with you they are coming from all over the world. We have just renewed a two-year contract with the Canadian Sunday School Mission to be the discipleship arm of their mission. They have sixty ministries, mostly Bible camps, seeking to enroll their students in the David & Jonathan program. As well, many other camps are counting on David and Jonathan for their discipleship program by mail and Internet.

Over half of the thousands of children reached through Child Evangelism Fellowship's 5-Day Clubs in Canada are being disciplined through David & Jonathan. Then there are home schoolers, Club DJ midweek programs, and Internet students enrolling from all over the world.



We have found ways to cut costs for postage and printing lessons. We have been blessed with many volunteers who help us operate as efficiently and frugally as possible.

A Call for Greater Support

However, we do need more financial help in order to hold our great outreach together. Will you first of all pray for the working of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of all of us and then seek to do what you can?

Thank you so much!

Our Mission
"developing young people
after God's own heart"



ALBERTA/BC

The D&J board, after reviewing our financial situation over the past few months, found it necessary to **release our AB/BC executive director, Verne Luchinski, at the end of March.** This decision was taken very reluctantly but there simply hasn't been enough support to maintain a fulltime director here. Verne has served with genuine passion for kids, exercising his unique musical and leadership gifts to move this regional ministry forward. He will be greatly missed! We wish him God's best blessings in the new direction He has for Verne.

TEXAS

A great opportunity is being pursued for reaching out to the Hispanic world. We have had many requests for lessons in Spanish but sending materials overseas is costly and mails are often uncertain. However, the printed lessons that we have in the Spanish language are now being placed on our website. Soon children, youth and adults from South America, Central America and all over the USA whose mother tongue is Spanish will be able to do lessons in this effective way. Please pray for

Our Vision
"to see Jesus seated on
the throne of every 'David'
and ruling over all the
aspects of their life."

facility in the translation of the instructions that need to be posted online for the Spanish students and for wisdom for Brian Cummins, our webservant, as he puts this whole project together. Thank you to each one of you who has a part in this great missionary venture through your prayers and gifts.

SASKATCHEWAN

2 Timothy 3:16-17 reminds us that all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for growth in righteousness. What a privilege it is to share the Scripture through Bible lessons and books through this ministry!

One student writes, *"How do I deal with sadness? My Mom is leaving my Dad and wants me to go with her, what should I do?"* These are tough questions but praise God we are not left alone to figure out the answers. We can read God's Word and through a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ He promises to lead and guide us as we obey what He reveals.

ONTARIO

We thank God for the D&J friends that are supporting the work in finances and in prayer.

The blessings of being able to reach into the lives and homes of children and youth every week with Bible lessons are great. Only God knows the homes and situations to which His Word is being ministered. Our over four hundred 2008 campers are doing very well.

Please pray with us for the 2009 camping year that it will reach many children and youth for Christ, and also the need for available office space in Elmira or nearby.

Club DJ

In **Club DJ** our motto is **'Hearts that Desire to Please God'**, based on 2 Chronicles 16:9. I believe that as we seek to have hearts that are fully committed to God that God will 'work strong' on our behalf, just as He did in the lives of David and many others throughout Scripture.

One morning last May, we had a conversation at the office about the incredible costs to produce materials and the growth that **Club DJ** was experiencing. Someone asked how it was going to work out for the finances. I said that I did not know how God would do it, but that **it might be the most bizarre thing we have ever seen.**

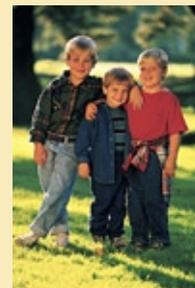
That evening, I received a phone call from a lady who is on the Canadian board of another mid-week club program which was in the process of shutting down. According to Canadian law, they must disburse their assets to a like-minded ministry and had decided that they wanted to help out a relatively new ministry as it grew. She told me her recommendation was **Club DJ** and asked me to share in a letter where we felt God was leading this ministry to children and youth. I told her about the conversation we had that morning and that her phone call was evidence enough that God would provide for this ministry; if not this way, He would do it another way.

I wrote the letter and sent sample materials. She called me after they had a follow-up meeting. The board was very positive about what they saw and had **made a decision** that **Club DJ** would be receiving funds.

Five months later to the day from the very first phone call, I received a call back to say that **Club DJ** would be receiving a cheque for \$60,000! That cheque arrived about the middle of December. In their letter they wrote:

"It is a privilege to now enclose a gift of \$60,000 for the ministry of Club DJ. Our desire is that these funds be used for projects that would have a lasting nature to them, unlike general operations and salaries."

God did it again! He showed himself strong, doing what we could not do. It is my desire that we would begin to see a generation raised up that have **'Hearts that Desire to Please God'**, and that we would see God showing Himself strong on their behalf. For more information on **Club DJ** contact us at jdurston@clubdj.ca.



Our Method

Jonathans building up Davids
"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

(1 Samuel 18:1)

TESTIMONIES...

"Thank you for this course. It has helped me lots over the last few months. I have started reading a chapter of my Bible and praying every day." (16 year old)

"I'm really glad you are doing this mail thing. I want you to know you have made a difference in my life." (13 year old)

"This is an awesome lesson because I was just telling my friends that they shouldn't change or be disappointed about the way they look and should let their inner beauty shine." (17 year old)

"This was a very good lesson for me because I fight with my sisters a lot and I am totally going to memorize that verse." (9 year old)

"I truly enjoy doing the lessons, and God blesses my heart through His precious Word." (adult)

"I would like to thank you very much for being faithful in your ministry. I have enjoyed receiving lessons over the years. I am now attending Bible College... may God bless you as you continue in ministry." (teen student)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray for adjustments in personnel due to financial restraints.
- * Pray for summer workers for CEF of Saskatchewan 5-day clubs. Remuneration is provided.
- * Pray for the Bible camps across the country and their many challenges
- * Pray for camps as they begin planning for their summer programs.
- * Pray that camps who use our lessons for follow-up will get their orders into the office as soon as possible.



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