



New Director of Public Relations

by Vaughan Durston

Who could have imagined the plans God had for Darren Froese, the unassuming boy from the prairie town of Osler, Saskatchewan. Raised in a Mennonite home, Darren went to church and knew of God, but not until the age of 7 did he understand his need for Jesus to forgive his sins and be his Savior. That began the journey of spiritual growth in a boy that grew to be a man of God.

Shortly after receiving Christ, Darren visited a nearby 5 Day Club and was given a Mailbox Club lesson to read and return. That was the spark that became a fire in Darren's life. Quietly in his room week after week Darren continued reading and studying God's Word through the lessons. As quickly as he completed them he would place them in the mail, anxiously waiting for more in return. Weeks turned to years and Darren grew deeper in his walk with God as he completed more lessons, eventually accumulating over 20,000 points in the lesson program.

At the age of sixteen Darren was invited to work with *Child Evangelism* as a summer worker teaching clubs. Not only for that summer but for the next 6 summers, Darren showed countless boys and girls throughout Saskatchewan the way to Christ. Humbly, but with excitement, Darren's face beams as he shares the awesome things God has done in these children's lives.

Darren recently completed his second year as Camp Director at Pine Lodge Bible Camp and has now accepted the position of D&J's Director of Public Relations. In this role Darren will have the opportunity to share with others the impact that the ministry has been in his life and help introduce others to the program. Also Darren has recently finished his Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan and is working as a substitute teacher. Please remember to pray for Darren as he starts to serve in this ministry.



Testimony

Thank you so much for my new Bible. I had been looking forward to earning it. I can't wait to use it. This summer I am volunteering at our church VBS... I am so excited and can't wait to see how God will challenge and use me... Thank you so much for sending me these lessons every month. It truly is a blessing. (a teen)

Ten Terrific Traits

Part 10: People with Purpose

by Brian Cummins

(This is the final installment in a series about "David's Men" from 1 Chronicles 12:23-38.)

In a *Peanuts* comic strip, there was a conversation between Lucy and Charlie Brown. Lucy said that life is like a deck chair. Some place it so they can see where they are going; some place it so they can see where they have been; and some place it so they can see where they are at present. Charlie Brown's reply was classic: "I can't even get mine unfolded."

Sometimes we may feel like that about life too! But those times don't last. Jesus has come to bring the very dynamic of the Creator God into our ordinary lives, to set us as living stones into the greatest building project of all times, to prepare us to be His Bride at the climax moment of history! Talk about purpose! As Christians, we of all people are surely a *people of purpose*.

And David's men had a definite purpose too. It is stated at the beginning of the passage (verse 23) and again at the end (verse 38): "to turn over the kingdom of Saul to David, according to the word of the LORD" ... "to make David king over all Israel." That was their ultimate, sole purpose.

What greater purpose could we have than to make the greater Son of David, King? We need to focus our energies on this one purpose: to make Jesus Christ King of our lives, and to see Him be made King in the lives of people near and dear to us.



Times are Changing on the Prairies in Western Canada

by Vaughan Durston

The Prairies for hundreds of years was known as *“Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam, and the deer and the antelope play; Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day.”*

About 100 years ago, it began to be known as *“The Bread Basket of the World”*, with golden fields of grain, and wheat being shipped for food around the world.

Shortly after that the Prairies became the *“Bible Belt of the World”*, transporting the Word of God to nations throughout the world through faith missions and the Bible School movement.

Lately, it is becoming known as the *“Potash Capital of Canada”*, with 60% of the known potash of the world having been found in its heartland, which will be transported by 1,000 rail cars a week to world markets to fertilize crops wherever needed.

Now, the prairies are changing once more with the development of *“The Global Transportation Hub”* by becoming a global hub for rail, truck, oil, natural gas and air transportation just west of Regina.

While this has been happening we at D&J have been establishing *“The Global Information Hub”*, working especially for the last 10 years in transporting Bible lessons through the Internet by the *ubdavid.org* website.



Brian Cummins, our website developer, has produced well over 600 Bible lessons for the Internet in beautiful colour format, including nearly 150 lessons in Spanish. Many tell us it is second to none.

Since 2005 visitors to our website have increased from 19,000 to a quarter million this year, from 50 countries. Our online students are doing well over 20,000 lessons per month. This website “hub” has unlimited possibilities worldwide.

In Daniel 12:4 we read, *“Seal up the Book, O Daniel, until the time of the end: many shall run to and fro throughout the earth, and knowledge shall be increased.”* We are not just working to draw people into this “Global Information Hub”, but into the Heavenly Transportation Hub through accomplishing our goal of seeing thousands accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. ***Will you join us in these exciting days through your prayers and giving?***



ONTARIO

We are receiving a good number of new registrations again after this year’s camping season. The lessons also keep coming from former years and even some from our first year with D&J which was 2003. Also the online campers are doing well.

A mother called us recently and was so blessed by what our Bible lessons mean to her daughter. Her daughter is cherishing all her awards and has them displayed in her room.

Another younger child wrote a sweet note, “Thank you for helping me over the years to learn more about Jesus, you have really helped me to realize that I am not alone and thanks for letting me know that it is okay to be a Christian, thanks.”

TEXAS

In 2 Corinthians 6:1 Paul talks about being *“workers together with God.”* What does “working together” look like in “UB David” El Paso? Here are a few examples:

- 14 summer missionaries + helpers handed out over 6000 lessons to children this summer.
- Parents encouraged their children to complete almost 3000 lessons.
- Six graders marked the lessons and mailed out more.
- Our new office volunteer, Miss



WT replied to notes like these from the children:

"Please send me more homework about God."

"I want to know if I can have more lessons cuz I like doing them."

- Grandparents have called asking for lessons for their grandchildren.
- A lady opens her home bi-monthly for the "UB David" committee here in El Paso.
- Another lady in her 80's sends out birthday cards to the students.
- One committee member is giving technical help with our computer.
- Our daughters, missionaries in Mexico, have helped with Spanish translation for the online lessons.
- Faithful donors help buy lessons, postage and prizes for the students.
- Many other faithful believers are standing with us in prayer.

Thank you for being part of the "UB David" team as we work together with God to see boys and girls, youth and adults reached with the message of salvation and encouraged in their walk with the Lord.

SASKATCHEWAN

"Thanks for this course. It is very helpful for my spiritual growth. I'm very happy and I hope to help other people the same way that you did me. I'm praying for you." – a student.

What a blessing it has been to receive hundreds of lessons and letters from students ages 3 to 63. Each student is uniquely different but all have one thing in common: the need to know God more. Their testimonies attest to the

Our Vision

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray for our new Public Relations Person - Darren Froese
- * Please pray for the new Office Administrator, Janey Francisco, in our Alberta/BC office.
- * Pray that many more children, teens and adults will find our **online lessons** and that God will use this resource for their spiritual growth.
- * Pray for our **expanding outreach** through the Internet to **Spanish-speaking** students.
- * Please pray for our financial needs in each of the offices.

transforming power in the Word of God. We are having a delightful response to the hundreds of Gospels of John that were sent out this summer. Once they have returned the questionnaires and have read the entire Gospel we will send them a Bible.

Thank you to each one of you who continue to uphold this ministry in your prayers and who so generously support this work with your financial resources. How thrilling it is to be on the front line, watching God soften and mold individual lives to be more like our Savior.

ALBERTA/BC

"How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them." (Psalm 111:2)

Being new in the office, I am amazed at the "deeds of the LORD" that are happening in the lives of both children and adults through the lessons sent out by the faithful volunteers here in the Calgary office.

One of our long-running Bible Clubs here in Calgary told us that over the last 15 years they have led 1000

TESTIMONIES...

"Over the years that you have sent me lessons I have grown immensely in my faith. I have you to thank for my increased spiritual strength." (13 year old)

"I never knew about most of this stuff in this lesson. Thank you so much for sending it. I learned a lot." (14 year old)

"I have to remember to trust the Lord. He knows my situation and He will not forsake me. This lesson was a good reminder. Thank you." (adult student)

children to faith in Jesus and are in the process of discipling them with these lessons.

Over 10,000 lessons went out this summer to children through the camp ministries alone. I am truly thankful for the freedom we experience in the ability to share Jesus with our youth. Continue to pray with us as we look forward to being "amazed by the deeds of our LORD".



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)

Club DJ

Another ministry year has begun as **Club DJ** across Canada starts up again this fall. It has been so encouraging to see so many new **Club DJs** starting up in churches in communities across Canada. We continue to send out **Club DJ** Information Packets to churches every week throughout North America as churches learn about **Club DJ** through our website at clubdj.ca or other local churches who are already running it. We are thrilled to see the **Club DJ** family of churches growing across Canada as we seek to partner with local churches to reach the next generation for Christ and disciple them to have *Hearts That Desire to Please God!*

Another exciting ministry opportunity has been through the movie, "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry". The Jonathan Sperry Project started up about 6 months ago, giving us an opportunity to partner with individuals, other ministries, and the local church. These movies have been given away by the thousands through children's ministries as well as outreaches

through the local church to children and families. The movies are selling for \$2.00 each with a minimum order of 120 DVDs.

Individuals, ministries, and churches have been ordering thousands of DVDs to use as an evangelistic tool to reach the lost for Christ. One way in which you could use this movie is to give it out at Christmas. We are also working on providing individuals and churches with an opportunity to sponsor giving every household in their community a Jonathan Sperry DVD as well as a Gospel of John, including a questionnaire, delivered through the post office system for just \$3.00 a household. If you would like to learn more about the Jonathan Sperry Project and how you could use it in your community and ministries go to jonathansperryproject.com. We would love to hear from you.

Our mission through **Club DJ** and the other ministries of David and Jonathan continues to be committed to:

Developing  Hearts that Desire to Please God
2 Chronicles 16:9

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