



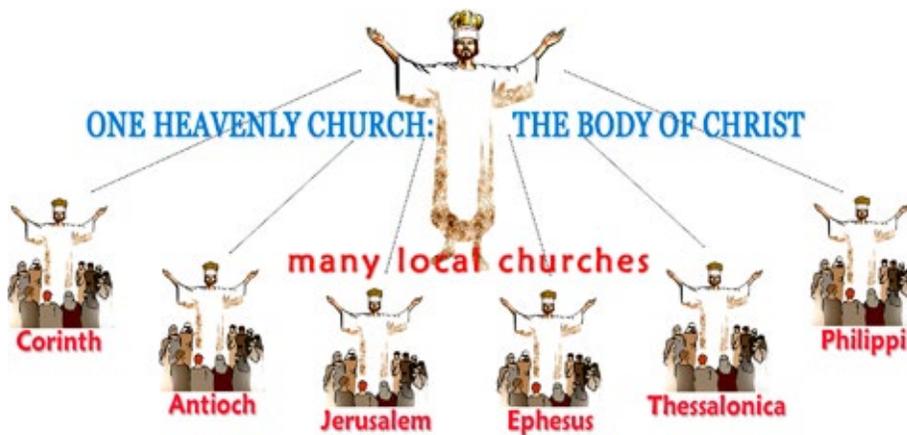
Building the Body of Christ

by Vaughan Durston

Here at David & Jonathan we are having a part in building the Body of Christ. Well over 1,000 lessons are being done on our website each day and many paper lessons are being received by our four regional offices. From our interaction with students we are sensing the "Body of Christ" coming together around the world. We rejoice in each child that is being led to Christ and for every young person and adult that is being taught in the ways of the Lord through these Bible-based materials.

Recently I received an email from someone in the U.K. He said,

"Many churches are polluted with internal politics and power struggles. A true Church is supposed to aspire to be Christ-like. Jesus humbled himself to take the role of a servant. It is so true that the selfish attitude of people needs to be turned to a selfless one."



What a reward many of you will have for your part in building the Body of Christ when we all get to Glory!

Internet Online Testimony

"I just want to thank the makers of this website. I started thinking and believing God and found this page [website] to study about him. I'm so happy that I did because I've learned a lot and feel that I am closer to God now. I love the way you put scriptures (God's word) into the lesson. Thank you and God bless." (15 year old girl)

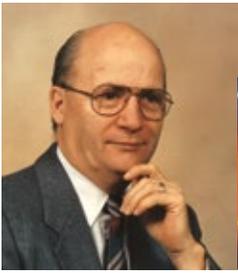
Club DJ

It has been a busy fall as we have traveled well over 10,000 km presenting **Club DJ** to churches across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba in just over a month.

At the end of September I had the opportunity to present **Club DJ** at the *Upswing Conference* in Edmonton. The workshop was full and the next week we had enquiries from churches in attendance who had already presented it to their church and would like to start up in the new year. I believe it is so important for us to be diligent in reaching the children of our nation with the gospel and discipling them to have hearts that desire to please God. It is exciting to be hearing back already from churches this fall, excited about how their club is growing as they are already seeing fruit in the lives of the children in their communities.

Another area of ministry that continues to grow is the Jonathan Sperry *Sponsor a Town Project*. On one of my **Club DJ** Workshop trips I received an email from Rich Christiano, the producer of the Jonathan Sperry movie. I discovered the Grand Chief over all the reserves in Manitoba has seen the movie and would like it delivered to every household in Northern Manitoba, which is approximately 30,000 households. If you would like more information about this exciting project and how you or your church could get involved, go to jonathansperryproject.com.

We would value your prayers in the days ahead as we partner with churches through **Club DJ**. If your church would like more information about how you could partner with us please look us up on the web at clubdj.ca.



Faithfulness is a two-way street!

- Vaughan V. Durston

Recently a friend of ours went to be with the Lord. She worked tirelessly to win and disciple children for many years. Before she went to be with the Lord, we went to see her. Shortly after we arrived she said, "I'm not doing too good Vaughan, I'm not doing too good."

I said, "I want to share with you something that was given to me about Joseph."



As you will recall, Joseph had a wonderful dream about his future. However, something bad happened to him: he was sold as a slave. But remember, in times like that **DON'T DEMAND AN EXPLANATION**; we are to trust God (Prov. 3:5-6).

Then Joseph worked in Potiphar's house, was wrongly accused

of immorality, and thrown into prison. **DON'T FAIL TO REMAIN FAITHFUL.**

A little later he was forgotten by Pharaoh's chief butler. **DON'T BOW TO BITTERNESS.**

He spent another four years in prison. **DO NOT BE UNWILLING TO WAIT.**

Now you are waiting — **DON'T LET YOUR DREAM DISSOLVE.**

All of us have a sure dream as Christians — life with God in heaven forever!

Testimony

"This book ("18, No Time to Waste") really brought me back to why I am here on earth, to love God and show others his amazing love. Reading this book reminded me that at any moment I could be taken up to heaven to see my heavenly father. God's plan is not our own and I have come to learn and accept that." (a teen)



TEXAS

"I accepted Jesus while doing the lessons." As we communicate with children, youth and adults this comment is the most encouraging that we could receive. However, many times the comments come in the form of questions. Here are a few of the questions that have come to us recently; some light and interesting, but others affect the eternal destiny of those who write. Here are a few samples:

When do I get my prize? I like candy. Does Jesus glow? Where was the garden of Eden located? How do you know the Lord is watching you? Where does the Bible say you shouldn't live with your partner before marriage? How can I get saved? How do you know that you are saved even if you don't feel it? How can we use these lessons in our youth group here in Ecuador?

Please pray for all the graders who work in the "David and Jonathan" offices that we might have God's wisdom in answering these students.

ONTARIO

Recently we received one hundred Bible lesson in one week, which is an Ontario regional office record.

We have lessons coming in from ten camps situated in Northern and

Our Mission

"developing young people after God's own heart"

Southern Ontario.

One set of lessons had this note attached: "I will gladly do whatever lessons I can do by mail, because I love receiving mail. It also encourages me to do it since I see lessons lying around my room waiting to be done. Thank you for your encouraging notes you add to the bottom of my answers. I'm so glad we as fellow Christians have the privilege of encouraging each other along in the faith." (13 year old)

Some of our lessons do ask the question: *Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour?* One student wrote: "Yes at Round Lake Bible Camp someone helped me to have Jesus to live in my heart." Excerpts like this go straight to the heart, and make the work all so worthwhile.

SASKATCHEWAN

God's Word is exciting! It is fresh, living and active. Its power can heal and transform lives, giving hope to the hopeless and setting captives free. What a treasure to possess God's Word and what a privilege to share it! Thousands of boys and girls as well as many men and women are discovering the Truth of God's Word through the Bible lessons sent to them. As they read they become thirsty, spiritually thirsty. They want to know more about God, His forgiveness and His hope for us. The world tries to tell us that God's Word is old fashioned and not politically correct but students of all ages are testifying that it is encouraging to know that they can be forgiven. God promises not to leave

us or forsake us and they can KNOW they have eternal life. I must admit, it never gets old to read on the bottom of a lesson where the student is asked, "Have you received Christ as your Savior?" and they respond, "Yes Right Now!" To God be the Glory.

ALBERTA/BC

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16)

It is such a privilege to serve here at *David & Jonathan*. We are so thankful

for the faithful volunteers who mark and mail the lessons each week. They take the time to interact and pray for the students. Each volunteer has a part to play and together we accomplish much.

We are encouraged by the amount of lessons coming in this year from camps and especially from the 5-Day clubs that were run this year. It is exciting to know that the Word of God has been planted and now the opportunity for growth is happening. Continue to pray with us that as they do the lessons they will be challenged to know Jesus in a deeper way.



CAMPS

I would like to tell you about exciting things that are happening in camp ministry. There are many camps across Canada using *David & Jonathan* lessons in variety of ways. Some camps set aside time during the day when they read through the lessons and answer the questions as a cabin. Others mail a lesson as follow-up to the camper to be completed and returned to *David & Jonathan*. This year it is exciting to see many campers complete over 3500 lessons! What a great way for campers to continue to be in the Word of God and be disciplined throughout the year.

For a third summer I have been the Camp Director at Pinelodge Bible Camp in La Crete, Alberta. The camp started 8 years ago from a vision of community members to have a Bible Camp for the children in their local area. Over the years the camp has grown in both attendance and programs with a strong focus on the Bible. Each year the camp sees God supply needs in His timing and will. This past summer we had an attendance of 217 campers which was close to 60 more from last year.

As you pray for the camps across our nation, remember the directors as they seek ways to encourage their campers to remain firm in their faith. Lift up the campers who attended camp this past summer and heard the gospel message of Jesus, that it will take root in their lives.

Our Vision

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

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 your concern and work that you put into this program. I pray that many children will be blessed by future lessons."
(a mother)

"I got started into the D&J program as a result of attending camp when I was 8. I became a Christian when I was 12."
(age 14)

"What a great blessing to have found this [website]. It is a great help to me. Above all it is very easy to download the work (lessons) for the children."
(young woman in Peru)

"He is showing me lots of things I never thought I was capable of doing."
(age 16)

"I'm reading through the whole Bible and I am already in 1 Samuel and I only started in June."
(teen)



PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Continue to pray as Darren Froese serves and builds his support team.
- * Pray for the D&J staff and all the volunteers who work so faithfully.
- * Pray for the children who are sending in lessons from summer camps and 5-Day Clubs.
- * Please continue to pray for our financial needs.

PRAISE

- *Praise for all the lessons that are coming in from the summer.
- *Praise for the new equipment at the D&J office



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