



## Growing our Global Internet Outreach



As of last month we now have 82 French lessons on our website, in addition to 149 in Spanish and 522 in English. These new French lessons will mean that Francophones in 44 countries all across the world will be able to do lessons in their own

language. And by early next year we expect to add another 55 lessons in French, providing even more content for these students.

So far this year, our 1 million visitors have viewed over 6 million pages. Our most popular section of online lessons is "Youth World" but the #2 spot is the Spanish section! In fact, 7 out of our top 10 countries are Hispanic (Canada is #4, after the USA, Uruguay and Mexico) so we know that Spanish-speaking youth and adults are making a lot of use of our online lessons. Do pray with us that the French section will also expand.

We are excited to report that PSSM Mailbox Club, a national correspondence ministry in Australia, have just begun using our online system of lessons, awards and database student records, for their own students "Down Under". Opening up our unique Internet resource for other organizations to use is one of the most significant developments for us as we look at the global potential.



### International Testimonies

"Thank you for this WONDERFUL [website]! The lessons and questions are such an encouragement in my life." (girl in France)

"I am a teacher of children and am the Pastor of the Point of Grace church. This material is a blessing and my students are very excited every Sunday about the lessons." (pastor in Mexico)



### SASKATCHEWAN

As I have spent time reading in the Old Testament I have read about many kings. Some of those kings did evil in the eyes of the Lord and some did right. But there are those that are referred to as being kings that did right in the eyes of the Lord but yet did not tear down the high places. The high places in Bible days gave people the opportunity to worship idols. (An idol is anything that raises itself in our lives above God). As I contemplated this I realized that it is wonderful to know and love the Lord but He expects us not to keep our love for the Lord to ourselves. We are to use the opportunities the Lord gives to us to help others to know and love God as well.

The Mailbox Club lessons are just one such opportunity the Lord is using to reach the hearts of children, teens and adults alike. As parents you can encourage your children to keep reading God's Word by providing opportunities for them to do their lessons. You may also be lead to pray and give financially to the work, making it possible to provide free lessons to thousands of students each year. What God does with the seeds that are planted is completely up to Him but we are expected to sow seeds of Truth to those that God has placed around us. I pray that God will find us faithful to do what is right in the eyes of God and to do all that is in our power to share the Gospel with those around us. (Charlene Ramstead)



## DO YOU KNOW GOD?

- Vaughan V. Durston

### Do you know God?

You probably would say, *"Of course I do. I have often listed His attributes as being: God is eternal, omnipotent, holy, love, all powerful, all knowing, righteous, just, faithful, and good...to name a few."*

There are many more things we could say about God, but there is one thing that has become increasingly evident to me: "GOD LOVES LITTLE PEOPLE". We often recite how great God is but until we come to realize how He loves "LITTLE PEOPLE", there is a great deal missing in our thoughts towards God.

The disciples asked Jesus, *"Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"* Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst of them and said, *"Unless you are converted and become as a little child, you will not even see the Kingdom of Heaven."* (Matthew 18:3)

Have you noticed, God is always looking for a "little" person when He is looking for leadership. It is not how much you know, but realizing how "little" you know and how willing you are to listen to what God has to teach you.

My Dad often told his five boys, as we were trying to convince each other how much we knew, *"When you boys realize that you don't know everything, then you might be able to learn something."* You may say that wasn't very nice. I'm coming to realize it was a great statement, and he could have been quoting Solomon. It was he who said, *"I am but a little child, I don't know how to go out or come in."*

I am having what seems to be a little problem and that is waking up too early in the morning. On the other hand it is a great time to tell God about my lack of wisdom on certain matters. It is amazing what He can teach me if I am ready to be quiet and listen for His solutions.

### Testimonies

"I am the Minister of Education for my Church...After a search for material that would reach all age groups, we were not only pleased but very excited by the quality of materials you offer. It is loved by all age groups, and it has helped us to create not only a hunger to learn more about the treasures of the Bible, but it has helped to increase attendance by 75%!"

"I use the website nearly every night before I go to bed, to study one lesson and pray." (young man in Tanzania)

*NEWS continued...*

### Club DJ

It has been a very busy summer and fall and we are excited about all that God is doing. I have been travelling extensively through Alberta and Saskatchewan over the fall promoting and doing Club DJ workshops. I believe the best place for the children we have reached through the 5-Day Clubs is in a local Bible-believing church. Club DJ has provided an excellent way to help this happen and more and more churches who we worked with through the 5-Day Clubs partner again with us through Club DJ.

This summer we also undertook the biggest makeover of the Club DJ program since it was first developed. The response from the churches has been overwhelming as the new books went out.

Our motto in Club DJ is:

**"Hearts that Desire to Please God"** which is on the front cover of every Club DJ student book. I believe that the need is greater than ever before to raise up a generation that has such a heart. Please continue to pray that the children who are attending Club DJ each week would accept Him as their Savior and be discipled to have **"Hearts that Desire to Please Him."**

We trust you are encouraged in all God has done and is doing and will join us in giving Him all the glory for what He has done. Thank you for your partnership through your prayers (especially as I travel) & financial support.

### Our Mission

*"developing young people after God's own heart"*

## TEXAS

*“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.” (Psalm 136:1)*

As we evaluate the comments that we are receiving from our students, one word stands out: *Appreciation*. They are expressing gratefulness to God as well as to *UB David and I'll B Jonathan* for the blessings they are receiving.

A mother: “Thank you. My children always want to go to the mailbox to see if their lessons have arrived.”

A 10-year old boy: “Thank you for letting me on this awesome website.”

An adult: “Thank you for helping me to understand the Bible. I love the awards I get.”

We want to express our thanks to you as well for your support and prayers for this ministry. May God bless you.

## ALBERTA/BC

*“And Saul’s son, Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.” (II Samuel 23:16)*

What a privilege we have of following Jonathan’s example of coming alongside someone and **helping them find strength in God**.

Here at the D&J office in Calgary it has been a busy fall. What a joy it is to have many new lessons from camps and Back Yard Bible Clubs coming in from the children who attended these camps and clubs over the summer. We continue to pray that many of them join the ranks of our over 4000 students who do lessons regularly.

We have had an increase in our

## Our Vision

*“to see Jesus seated on the throne of every ‘David’ and ruling over all the aspects of their life.”*

volunteer base here in Calgary. We would like to welcome Louise Farrer and Margie Haase to our Calgary family. What a privilege it is to work with all of our 25 volunteers who strive to be “Jonathans” in **helping our students find strength in God**.

Through the generosity of the people of God we have been able to meet our financial needs and obligations. This fall we were able to repair our front steps instead of replacing them. This was a HUGE answer to prayer. To replace the steps on an older building would have been a very large expense. We were able to fix them for a reasonable cost, and not only do they look good but they are again stable.



## ONTARIO

We continue to be thankful for the Bible lessons that come in especially from ten camps situated in Northern and Southern Ontario. Also, a number of families are participating. This becomes a challenge and a race as to who can earn the most points and awards. A word of thanks to the faithful parents who encourage their children. We received a note from an eleven-year old girl. The question in the lesson text asked: *“Has the Lord Jesus come to live in your heart?”* She wrote, *“Yes I asked Jesus to forgive me and take my sins away and save me, now Jesus lives in me.”* This girl has entered into a brand new relationship, one from darkness to light. PTL.

We are also thankful to the Lord for the many in our area that are doing lessons online. We are receiving some very interesting comments from them.

As you read this, perhaps the Lord is speaking to you about becoming a partner with us in this work. We would love to have you join us. We are grateful to God for those who are partnering with us in prayer and financially. We will make every effort to do our part in the follow-up work.

## CAMPS

Greetings from Northern Alberta. God is good and His blessings are evident all around us. During the summer at Pinelodge Bible Camp we experienced some challenges and many blessings. The enrollment of campers continues to climb and we also continue to expand the activities we offer. We have seen a lot of spiritual growth in both campers and staff. The campers enjoyed doing the *David & Jonathan* lessons this summer and it has been great to have campers ask me about lessons throughout the year.

During the fall I will be working as a teacher in one of the local schools. My wife Desiree and I are expecting our first child at the end of December. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this new chapter in our life and as we continue to serve and build our support team.



## 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...

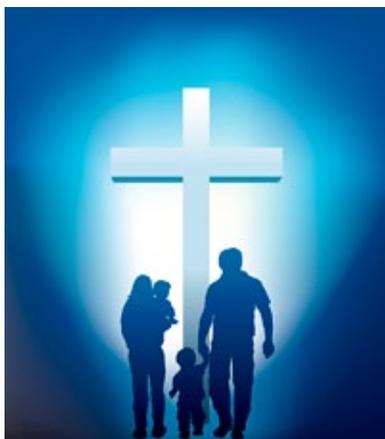
"These lessons are a great way to do Bible study at home. Thank you for making this for anyone interested in God." (age 11)

"I am three years old and I asked Jesus to come into my heart on 7-29-13 after reading the Lesson on "Am I Too Little." I was led in the prayer with the help of my mother."

"After doing my lesson [in *A Country Called Heaven*] with my papa's help I asked God into my heart." (age 15)

"I teach young people in a small church. We have very limited resources (due location and budget). Your lessons are awesome and very helpful. I taught from my iPad yesterday." (Sunday School teacher)

"God bless you; beautiful material to work with the new converts." (lady in Colombia)



## PRAYER & PRAISE

- \* Praise for our new steps at the Calgary office at a reasonable cost.
- \* Praise for the huge response from camps and the Backyard Bible Clubs this summer.
- \* Praise for our new and current volunteers.
- \* Pray for new partners needed to join our volunteer base in our Ontario office.
- \* Pray that many Francophones around the world will find and use our online lessons.
- \* Pray that the PSSM Mailbox Club in Australia will learn our online systems quickly and that many students there will grow strong spiritually through using the lessons.



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