



Leadership Part 1 — by Vaughan Durston

One of the most important events in any organization is the changing of leadership. Some have done it well, and others have had devastating results. It is almost as important as the founding of the organization itself.

From time to time, God gives a vision to a man. He is lead as to its purpose, its needs and its goals. Many times with little financial support. God may also give the who for leadership, the where to build, and the how to be financed.

Our team at *David and Jonathan* is going through a leadership change. An organization can receive untold blessing, numerically and financially, as they give God the glory and seek His face.

In renewal, God will renew their vision, with maybe a new way of accomplishing the original purpose due to our changing times. For example, note the Internet development over the past few years. Did you know that over 16,000 of our 43,400 enrolled students registered on our website from 168 countries? The D&J website now has over 750 lessons in English, French and Spanish, and nearly half of all our Internet traffic is now coming from Hispanic students. We could never have imagined the explosive growth in this aspect of our ministry—last year more than 1.3 million visitors found our site online.

In the face of such opportunities—and challenges—please pray for the leadership of this organization, and especially for our new President, Jerry Durston (see his article on page 2).



TEXAS

Online lessons received from children, teens and adults in the USA are increasing each month. Of these three groups, the greatest number of lessons seems to be from teens that are searching for answers to life's questions.

Here are a few of the things they ask: *How do I know God is real? I did something very bad so how do I know God will forgive me? Why don't I feel forgiven? How can I grow stronger in my faith? How do I know God's will about things that aren't mentioned in the Bible? How can I get closer to God?*

In light of the fact that statistics tell us that the majority of young people leave the church after high school graduation, we ask you to pray that these teens will truly know the Lord and develop a relationship with Him. Pray for wisdom as we answer these questions in a clear, concise manner.

ONTARIO

We praise the Lord for the many friends that helped us financially during this past year. Many shared with us the joy they experienced in helping to reach out to children with the Word of God.

The D&J Program offers a unique way for the Word of God to enter into homes. These lessons keep coming in and the gospel is slowly penetrating and changing lives in these family groups. We are excited about 2014, hoping to get into more camps all across our great nation and, for us especially, Ontario.

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Hearts that Desire to Please God

- Jerry Durston

In Acts 13:22 we read an amazing testimony of David. It is here where God said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." As the father of 6 children I have come to see how important it is that our children have hearts that desire to please God. This is not something we can legislate but rather a personal decision by each individual. I have often said that it is not terrifying to raise teenagers if they have a heart that desires to please God, but rather quite exciting.

My prayer for my own life has been that God could say of me that He has found a man after His own heart who will do all that He asks. I currently am the Provincial Director of *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)* of Saskatchewan as well as the Provincial Director of *CEF* of Alberta. It is with the blessing of both *CEF* organizations that I take on this new role as President of *UB David & I'll B Jonathan*. These three ministries have worked closely together since *UB David & I'll B Jonathan* was founded and will continue to do so. Please pray for me as I lead these three organizations.

My father has founded and lead this ministry for 25 years and watched it continue to grow and develop. It is my prayer that God would be glorified through this ministry and that this ministry would continue to bear much fruit. I want to thank each of you for your faithful prayers and support for this ministry as we seek to raise up a new generation with hearts that desire to please God and who will do all that He asks.

International Testimonies

"I am very joyful for doing all these lessons. I have learned many spiritual truths."
(young woman in **Botswana** who has done 100 online lessons)

"Wonderful site for best advice ever." (girl from **Nigeria**)

"It is the first time for me here on this inspiring website and I really enjoyed this lesson, thank you!" (young lady in **Norway**)

*"I want to tell you that I came to your website by searching to learn about Christian faith and this makes me glad to tell you that I just visited your website and I found so many things to learn about Christian faith. Although I belong to Hindu family, I am from **Pakistan** and I had many questions in my mind that I needed answers which I found from your website and came to understand things. I want to learn more about Jesus. Please help me to teach more things that I will be learning and growing in this new found faith on Jesus."*

NEWS continued...

For all of us this has been a long cold winter with lots of snow. We together with you eagerly await the arrival of spring and summer and anticipate another tremendous camping season. Please pray with us.

ALBERTA/BC

"God who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord is faithful." (1 Corinthians 1:9) What a wonderful truth on which to lean! Here in the Alberta office we have been blessed. The work here is to call others into "fellowship with Jesus" through Bible lessons either in the mail or online. We have around 24+ faithful volunteers who come in weekly to open mail, mark lessons, sort and chose lessons, do computer work, prepare the mail, arrange the postage, print lessons and awards, file, accounting, sign and send out birthday cards, print envelopes and books etc. Each week we also gather to pray for the needs of our students and thank God for His faithfulness to His work here at D&J. What a privilege it is to bring these requests before our faithful God.

With camp season beginning we are always looking for people to join us in serving Jesus. Pray with us and for us as we begin to prepare for the coming months.

CAMPS

Life has been busy and blessed in the Froese household. On January 7, 2014 our son Drayden Elliot was born. He has been a great blessing

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"developing young people
after God's own heart"

in our life, even with the adjustment that has taken place over the past few months.

It has been wonderful hearing from different individuals who are using our materials and the encouragement they are to them. Also, the summer camp season is quickly approaching which once again gives great opportunity for camps to see the lives of children and youth transformed through the use of *David & Jonathan* material both as cabin devotionals and for follow up. We are excited with the new color lessons we have to offer to camps in a single lesson format or a booklet for daily devotions. What a great opportunity we have to serve a mighty faithful God, who provides all of our needs and has a purpose for all things. Thank you for your prayers and support for this ministry!

SASKATCHEWAN

Jesus stood and cried out, saying, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."* (John 7:37)

It is nothing short of exciting to see people, young and old thirst for Christ. *UB David and I'll B Jonathan's* ministry is to lead spiritually thirsty people to the Fountain of God and His Word. As we read letters from students we realize just how many people are struggling with the painful effects of a sinful fallen world. God's Word is living and active and is carefully woven through each of the lessons that are sent out on a daily basis to people anxiously waiting to know God better. James recently wrote, *"I'd really appreciate it if you*

guys would give me a Bible that has both the New and the Old Testaments so I can learn more about God and His words. If it costs anything please let me know. Oh and if you can't I understand." Thankfully because of the support shown by many of you we have been able to continue to answer these requests and place God's Word and Bible lessons in children's hands free of charge. Thank you for your part in being the hands and feet that spread the Good News.

CLUB DJ

Our desire is to partner with local Bible-believing churches through our mid-week club program **Club DJ**. Our mission is three-fold. First, to **REACH** the children in the community. By this we mean just to have them come and be a part of **Club DJ**. Secondly, we seek to **WIN** them to Christ by presenting the gospel each and every week so that the children that are coming will have opportunity to accept Him as their Saviour. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we desire to **DISCIPLE** them to have hearts that desire to please God which is our motto in **Club DJ** and is on every **Club DJ** book.

A few weeks ago we had the children in grades 3 and 4 write out their testimony. If they had not accepted Jesus as their Saviour we told them to write, *"No I haven't."* If they were not sure we told them to write, *"I am not sure."* But if they had we would love to hear how and when.

One child wrote, *"It was when it was my first time at Club DJ when I was 4."* (J.) This girl is now ten and continues to come each week and has brought many of her friends to club who have also made decisions for Christ.

Another child wrote, *"I have last year! One day I went to Club DJ. I heard about doing that and I did. I was 8 years*

old when I asked Jesus into my heart and life. I did it at home in my room." (S.) This girl was invited by a friend last year. One of her parents is Catholic and the other parent is from a Sikh background. At one point she was not allowed to come any more but partway through this year her parents changed their minds and she has been coming regularly.

A third child wrote the following:

"Dear Jesus, The day I remembered I invited you was one month ago, when I just had my first Club DJ lesson. I learned so much about you; in fact I want to learn more about Jesus Christ, God. I hope one day I will be like you. From G."

All three of these children are from non-Christian homes and it is so encouraging to see and hear what God is doing in their lives as we continue to disciple them to have hearts that desire to please God. If you would like more information about **Club DJ** go to www.clubdj.org. We would love to hear from you.



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."

(I Samuel 18:1)

TESTIMONIES...

Thank you for such a wonderful website. I use it frequently as study guides as I read the Bible to my young children. (a mother)

I have been looking at your website and I am in awe. What a great gift it is to the world. (director of a children's ministry)

I get a lot of use out of this site so thanks for your ministry. (a pastor)

This is my favorite devotional site!
(young girl in Texas)

Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me and many others. I appreciate your effort in putting this [website] together, it helps me understand the bible and it breaks it down where I can understand it at my age. Thank you so much, and I look forward to learn more. (14-year-old teen)

You guys are the best bible study group we have ever experienced. Thank you so very much! (10-year-old)



PRAYER & PRAISE

- * Praise for our new and current volunteers.
- * Pray for the lessons that are sent out each week, that they will have an impact on lives for God's glory.
- * Pray that many camp directors will order lessons for their campers this summer.
- * Pray that many more Francophones and Hispanics around the world will find and use our online lessons.
- * Pray for Brian, our Internet Development Manager, as he works on building a new D&J website which will work well with mobile devices as well as desktop computers.



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