



## Leadership Part 2 — by Vaughan Durston

In my last article in HeartBeat I addressed the subject of leadership. Here are few more additional thoughts.

Wise leaders will have future leaders in their hearts and prayers, long before a new leader needs to be found. The question is what are the qualifications needed? Could a new leader be raised up from within the organization or found from outside the organization? This depends on how fresh the vision is.

We are living in fast moving times, as far as systems of spreading the message of salvation to the children of the world.

Regardless, does the new leader we are choosing have a grasp of the old Biblical Truths of the Bible?

I started out with the truth of John 3:16-17, and believe it is as vital as ever. And 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, *“All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

Scripture is God's inspiration (thoughts). How wonderful if the new leader is inspired by God!



### International Testimonies

*“Praise God who help me find your page [website]. It touched my heart when I read your explanation about God and through that I got to know more about God.”* (young man in **Cambodia**)

*“Your [website] has really helped me understand God and sometimes I repeat some lessons to get a better understanding.”* (young woman in **Kenya**)

*“Thank you for so beautiful and important teaching, was of much help and blessing for my spiritual life.”* (young woman in **Colombia**)



### ONTARIO

We praise God for the privilege of serving children and youth and young adults in this ministry. Many paper lessons arrive on our desk to be corrected, comments made and returned with three more lessons enclosed.

May we share a beautiful testimony with you: *“I have truly enjoyed learning from these bible studies! In the beginning, I hadn't accepted Jesus. During these last few months, I have been learning what it means to grow and learn as a newborn Christian. I accepted Christ in January this year. It was an overwhelming and amazing experience. I've been through some rough and interesting times as well as good patches so far. These studies have helped me grow more in my knowledge of God and to learn know more about Him! THANK-YOU.”*

With the ever increasing postage costs we turned our attention more to the possibilities of camps encouraging their campers to use the online website. This is working and lessons are flowing in. Please pray with us for this great work.

### TEXAS

*“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”* (Rom. 12:11-12)

Prayer is one of the important ways that you can serve as a “Jonathan” and bless others. Please pray for those who have been saved while doing lessons.

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## One Step at a Time

- Jerry Durston

I am always amazed what God does to get us to where He wants us to be, and the extent He will go in order to get us there. In my life God found me in a bakery which my wife and I owned for 14 years. As I think back on how God started to get me where He wanted me to be, it began like this. I was asked by a friend from our church if I would consider helping out in clubs on Wednesday night. He told me I could come to the meeting and if it wasn't for me, I could bow out. When I left I was in charge of grade 6 boys.

The following year they asked me if I would direct the boys' club and I said yes again and tried to learn more about the club program they were running. I was also told that in 5 years there had not been a boy accept Christ at clubs. After trying for a couple of months to re-establish the club program and talk the leaders into it as well, I asked if I could change some things. The answer was yes and within two weeks the first boy accepted Christ. By the end of the year the girls' club wondered if they could do what the boys were doing and we were told to come up with a name for the club program we had developed. In 1999 we began our first year in **Club DJ**.

As I look back I can see that God had His hand on the entire process as He called me one step at a time to go where He wanted me to be. It is a funny thing about being called; it does not need to make sense what God is asking you to do but you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that that is what you are supposed to do and that He is the One who is calling you to do it!

Being called is different than a job. When you are called you don't ask questions like, "How long will I do this?" or "What is the pay?" At David and Jonathan I believe that those who are a part of this ministry would say they are called and we are excited about all God is doing as we follow His leading in our lives and this ministry. I trust you too have sensed God's call in your life and are encouraged in all God is doing as you seek to do all that He is asking you to do.

### Testimonial

*"I was looking around the Internet for something totally different and your page [website] is totally unique. I'm having a ball and want to say thank you again for your wonderful way of sharing the Bible." (Sunday School teacher, USA)*

### NEWS continued...

A mother writes, "My 6 year old trusted Jesus after completing 6 lessons."

Pray for those who need encouragement to live for Jesus even in hard places. A teenager tried taking her Bible to school to read during recess. Disrespectful students picked up her Bible and began to throw it at each other.

Pray for those whose loved ones are unsaved. One boy asks prayer for his brother who ran away from home and for his grandma who doesn't know Jesus.

Pray for Christians who live in difficult home situations. One Spanish speaking believer requests prayer as there is much idolatry in her home.

And please praise the Lord with us for all that God is doing in hearts. May God bless you.

### CAMPS

Life in the camp ministry continues to be a blessing. This summer was very encouraging, seeing campers at Pinelodge Bible Camp have a hunger to learn more about Jesus. Throughout their time at camp, campers had the opportunity to enjoy fun activities as well as learn from the Word of God through chapels, cabin devotions, and D&J time.

This year the David & Jonathan camp lessons were reformatted into a 7-lesson devotional book. The campers completed 5 lessons while at camp. They were then encouraged to send in the enrollment form for the

### Our Mission

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

David & Jonathan Mailbox Program, (included in the booklet) from home, after completing the final 2 lessons.

## ALBERTA

*"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."* (Psalm 9:1)

Wow, what a fall! Our summer seemed very quiet as not many camps had ordered material. We prayed for ways to follow up with children who would hear the Word of God this past summer. We were in for a big surprise come fall. The lessons from the Five-Day Bible Clubs run by CEF Alberta (who we partnered with last year as well as this year) just kept coming—over 3000 lessons! What a wonderful answer to our prayers. The Word of God once again was given to children throughout our province. We now have names and addresses for all these children who we can continue to encourage in their walk with Jesus. We are rejoicing and giving thanks for this wonderful opportunity God has put before us for the coming year as we minister here at David and Jonathan.

We are always on the lookout for people to join us. Let us know if you are interested.

## SASKATCHEWAN

*"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."* (1 Timothy 4:8 NLT)

Despite the many differences we have as individuals we all start the day the same way. Each day we are all given

the same amount of time currency to spend: 24 hours. By midnight each night we will have all spent our time. The huge question is what did we spend it on? The Bible directs us in 1 Timothy 4:8—*"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."* (NLT)

It has been very encouraging to work in the followup office here in Saskatchewan and to see the thousands of Mailbox Club lessons that have been completed over the past few months. Many individuals who have been studying God's Word through the Mailbox Club lessons have discovered their need to repent of their sins and to accept Jesus as their Savior. Others are growing deeper in their knowledge of God and are being motivated to live holy lives.

Praise God! And thank you for your continued prayers and financial support which enable this ministry to go forth and spread the Gospel.

## CLUB DJ

We are now in our 15th year of **Club DJ** and it is hard to believe all that has happened through this walk of faith. This year is another milestone for **Club DJ** as our first **Club DJ** in the United States will be starting up. We have had inquiries from churches all across the USA wanting information about **Club DJ** but we were unsure how we would make this first step. Our first church in the USA is Jovita

Baptist Church in Washington.

In order to do this we made another first step and hosted our first **Club DJ** Webinar on August 27th which was set up to accommodate the training for this church in Washington. Then we opened it up to other churches with only about 24 hours' notice. The response was very encouraging as we had churches and individuals join us from not only the USA but also Atlantic Canada, Alberta, as well as churches here in Saskatchewan.

During the webinar the churches were able to communicate with questions and comments through a chat window which was live. It was amazing to be able to move forward in this way with the **Club DJ** training. Some of the comments on the chat were as follows:

Regina: *RVC is your biggest fan! It is a privilege working for God and with you and your family!!!*

Washington: *Thanks you so much—this was so helpful and we all feel excited to start!*

These were just a few of the comments from the churches who were a part of the webinar and we are looking forward to what God will do through this new method of training. Through the ability to host **Club DJ** Webinars we will be able to train churches anywhere. I often tell young people that if you start saying yes to God don't be surprised where you end up. If you or your church would be interested in joining our next **Club DJ** Webinar let us know.

## Our Vision

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

*"When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink." (Luke 5:6-8)*

We had an overwhelming response to the Word of God this summer in camps and Five Day Bible Clubs. This was a wonderful answer to prayer! However, the other side to this is that our 'financial net' is breaking due to the number of lessons going out and the increased cost of postage. We would ask that you prayerfully **consider how to partner with us** as we "develop people after God's own heart" through the D&J program. Thank you!

## 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...

*We are pleased our “Home school” school has accepted D&J lessons for Christian Studies 10” (a mom)*

*A young man named Joel went through the lessons of “A Country Called Heaven” and he accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. He comes from a broken and worldly home but he is at church every Sunday. (Sunday School teacher, Texas)*

*Thank you for the \$100 certificate to attend Bible College. Thank you for all the lessons throughout the years. (student now attending Eston Bible College, SK)*

*God bless u real good. The Lord has used u to drive away fear of the unknown in witnessing. (young man in Nigeria)*

*I just read your lesson on Jesus Christ our Righteousness this morning—don’t know how I came across it, but it was an answer to prayer. I’m excited to begin using your lessons this summer with my children! (a mother)*



## PRAYER & PRAISE

- \* Praise for the huge response from camps and the 5 Day Bible Clubs this summer.
- \* Pray for the children and teens who attended camps across Canada this past summer.
- \* Pray for the paper lessons that are sent out each week and the hundreds of online lessons that are read each day, that they will have an impact on lives for God’s glory.
- \* Pray that many more Francophones and Hispanics around the world will find and use our online lessons.
- \* Pray for God’s protecting hand on the technical aspects of our global Internet outreach.



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