



Worldwide Outreach with Internet Ministry

D&J continues to reach children, youth and adults in approximately 150 countries through the 765 online lessons in 3 languages on our website. Every month 150,000 visitors come to our site, which is well over what our *yearly* number was just four years ago. Last year over 9 million pages were viewed, so the Gospel is certainly being read all over the world.

And testimonies like these can encourage all of us:

"I want to thank you for this beautiful site; both my grandson and my niece are learning a lot about the word of God in a quite entertaining and fun way."
(Hispanic lady in **Mexico**)

"I have been reading all lesson and really inspired and learn lot... I have never read this type of topic or lesson. Extremely thanks & appreciate." (young man in **India**)

"Thank you for the nice lessons. God is speaking to us in different ways."
(young woman in **Malawi**)

"Thank you for these marvellous publications that warn all people of that which is going to happen in the world." (Hispanic girl in **Venezuela**)

"Kids World [one of our main lesson sections] was awesome! ... This was the most awesome bible study I have ever done." (pre-teen girl in **Colorado**)

"Just want to let you know that I have just started reading your bible stories to the kids... I love the pictures and the lessons together... FANTASTIC!!!"
(mother in **Australia**)

"I think these lessons are phenomenal, and I greatly thank you for taking the time to produce them!" (teen girl in **Alberta**)



ONTARIO

We praise God for the privilege of serving children and youth in this great ministry. It is a real blessing to work with those who so faithfully do their lessons and are pressing on in their journey with Christ. We had a few camps sign up for online lessons; it is by far the most cost-effective way for David & Jonathan and also for the parents and families. One camp has submitted 285 lessons since camp last summer. Other camps that have chosen to stay with paper lessons were directed to our Alberta office. A third group are children from families who have written us and enrolled their children in the D&J ministry. Lessons keep coming in from these families and their journey continues. We trust that summer 2015 will be a wonderful experience for hundreds of children and youth in their journey in life and for many to hear and learn of the Lord Jesus Christ, perhaps for the first time ever.

TEXAS

There are children in America who do not recognize the names "Adam and Eve." They do not know the Christmas story. **Some do not know who Jesus is.** Statistics tell us that the majority of young people brought up in church no longer attend church beyond their high school years.

However, there is good news! We still have freedom in North America to share Jesus with others, to use the mails to send out the Word and we can proclaim Him on the Internet.



Grandparents

- Jerry Durston

A number of years ago my grandma Durston gave me this book that was given to my grandpa Durston by his grandmother. What I found on the inside cover of this book was priceless. It says this:



*Cecil Roy Durston
(that is my grandfather)
on his birthday by his affectionate
grandmother with her best wishes
for his spiritual welfare.*

November 13th AD 1914 – Agnes Scarff

This book was given to my grandfather by my great-great-grandmother over a hundred years ago! Not much has changed in 100 years—some grandparents are still concerned about their grandchildren's spiritual welfare. I am amazed how often we hear from grandparents, wondering if we could send some lessons to their grandchildren. I believe they have the same concern for their grandchildren that my great-great-grandmother had for her grandson, a concern for their spiritual welfare.

At David & Jonathan, since we were founded we have been committed to presenting the gospel and discipling children, youth, and adults. Over the years we did this through Mailbox Club lessons through the mail, by partnering with other ministries such as Child Evangelism Fellowship and many camps, and then through the Internet reaching here and around the world. Just as many grandparents are concerned for the spiritual welfare of their grandchildren so are we. We are thankful for each of you who have helped make this ministry possible and value your prayers and financial support as we seek to be faithful to *developing hearts that desire to please God.*

Testimonials

Question asked in our lessons:

“Have you received Jesus as your Savior?”

“Yes” ...at Bible camp (age 7)

“Yes” ...March 26, 1980 — I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus! (age 70)

“Yes” ...at Fishing Lake Bible Camp (age 11)

PRAISE THE LORD!

USA News continued...

We ask you to join with us in praying and sharing God's truth.

This summer thousands of children will hear the good news in summer camps, Bible clubs and VBS. More and more students are doing lessons online. In the spring of 2008 we wrote that an average of 100 online lessons were being completed a *month* within the USA. Now this number has increased to between 50 and 100 lessons being completed online *each day* in the USA. God is at work!!

ALBERTA

The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary...He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength...To those who wait on the LORD He shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40)

What wonderful words these are when you are tired! It has been a busy year here at D&J. The summer response to the Backyard Bible clubs was so encouraging. We are just finishing sending out reminders to the children we haven't heard from since the fall and we realized we have exchanged lessons with more than half. Wow! What an encouraging response!

We here in the Calgary office are again gearing up for a busy summer. Sometimes the job seems onerous but we know that *“the everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth,”* has given us this opportunity

Our Mission

*“developing young people
after God's own heart”*

to serve and will provide the means to accomplish His plan. He will give power to the weak, and to those who have no might He will increase their strength.

Some behind-the-scenes office happenings:

- reorganizing and building shelves in the back furnace room and in an upper floor storage area;
- old style lessons are being put into the computer and reformatted;
- out-of-print books are being inputted into the computer, reprinted and assembled to share with our students (we do have permission);
- weekly Thursday lunchtime prayer meetings;
- weekly lessons marked, new ones chosen and mailed.

SASKATCHEWAN

Oh the beauty of spring! The simple word "spring" sparks excitement and hope in most people. Why is that? I wonder. Perhaps spring reminds us of hope in new growth. As I look over my own winter-ravished yard and I see it's barrenness, I begin to think about planting and cultivating. Whatever I would like to see growing in my yard this summer I will need to first **plant** and then **nurture** it. This is also true in our Christian life. What do we want to see growing in our spiritual life? More importantly, what would Jesus desire to see in our life with Him producing? Our Lord Jesus gives us some wonderful planting guidelines.

First of all, "Seek first the kingdom of

Our Vision

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

God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). We are to pursue God. How can this be accomplished? **Firstly**, by choosing to accept Christ to be our Saviour. At that very moment the Holy Spirit is planted within our heart. **Secondly**, we must nurture obedience to His will by studying His Word. Reading and studying the Word of God is the most effective way to know the heart of God and to understand how we should live. This is why I am encouraged to see so many students each year doing the Mailbox Club lessons and coming to Christ and learning to pursue God through them. Praise be to God!

We continue to praise God that all ages are discovering the truth that we are sinners; that Jesus loves us and that He died and rose again, so we would have the opportunity to accept Him as our Savior and have a relationship with Him.

I pray this spring will be the perfect growing season for your heart as you seek to grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CLUB DJ

Club DJ churches continue to report on what God is doing through this ministry in their church. Many of them are beginning to wrap up this year's ministry and are ordering the awards for the children. One **Club DJ** Director from the community of Torquay, SK sent me the following

text the morning after their awards night:

"Awesome windup ... we had 92 people there! Praise God! Most amazing was the unchurched families that came. We are excited about next year already! Thanks for all the support. So glad we did the achievement awards!"

Torquay is a community with a population of 184 people. Not everyone was there but I imagine most people heard about it. It is exciting to think that **Club DJ** could be having such an impact in this community. We have had inquires coming in online the last week or so about **Club DJ** from churches in Alabama, New Jersey, Tennessee, as well as Olds AB, Daysland AB, and New Bothwell and Winkler MB, along with many inquires over the past month during our travels across Alberta and Saskatchewan. If you or your church would like information on **Club DJ** go to www.clubdj.org. Please continue to pray for the many children reached through **Club DJ** this year as many of them are not from Christian families.



We are always looking for others to join us here to share in the bringing God's Word to the next generation. Come and help us in this life-changing ministry.

Some of our needs in the **Calgary office**:

- * Director and/or camp liason person. (self-support required)
- * Someone to proofread lessons and books (volunteer)
- * Birthday card person (volunteer to personalize cards being sent out)
- * Area Secretary (volunteer assisting paper lesson students in a region)

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

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...

"D&J were a blessing in my youth years. Each lesson brough me closer to a stronger relationship with God. Now as a mother I can teach my daughter the importance of the Word of God." (a mother)

Response to one of our books on the life of Glayds Aylward: "This story gave me hope that God can use me even if I am not so good at school. When hard times come God will be there!" (age 16)

"Thank you so, so much...I was not knowing who a Christian was but I have known now and the three steps one should follow for to be born again." (man in South Sudan)

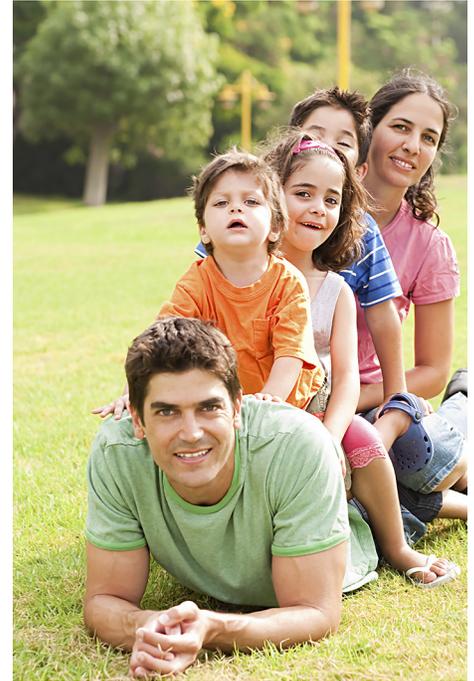
"I just came across this [website] as I was preparing a lesson for Sunday. This is AWESOME! Gonna show it to my kids so they can have an online study." (a mother)

"I love your writings [lessons] in Spanish. A hug!" (from Hispanic lady)



PRAYER & PRAISE

- * Praise for the faithful volunteers who serve each week
- * Pray for camp directors as they begin to staff for the 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 for our summer Backyard Bible Clubs, the staffing and funding needs.
- * Pray for God's protecting hand on the technical aspects of our global Internet outreach.
- * Pray for the successful completion of our new website which will be suitable for mobile devices; currently about halfway done.



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