



Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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It Was No Fluke!

Hello from the Durston's. It has been such a busy time the past couple months. **Club DJ** programs have been wrapping up as well as preparations for the summer 5-Day Clubs being in full swing. Since the first of June, Sharon has had some infections and been running a temperature and then on Friday June 17th, after about 8 hours in emergency along with blood work, x-rays, oxygen tests, and a cat-scan they discovered that Sharon had blood clots in her lungs. The doctor told us that one of the blood tests he ran was a clotting test which came back abnormal. He told us he doesn't usually run that test and that it was a fluke that he ran it. I told Sharon after he left "**it was no fluke**", but rather we just witnessed once again God intervene in His sovereignty. Well, Sharon is in the hospital for about a week and will be on blood thinners for about 6 months. I tell people that in our home we look for God every day and we found Him again as He guided the decisions of Dr. Alport Friday night in emergency. We are so thankful for His sovereignty and being able to trust Him with the things that are out of our control.

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter from one of the ladies involved with **Club DJ** in Yorkton and I had asked her for permission to share it with you.

*Thank you Jerry, Sharon, and all your kids too, for being faithful in following God's leading in your lives. **Club DJ** is God's Amazing Handiwork!! Something encouraging that happened at club this year is that the little boy from next door came to club and was "born again" (They just moved to town in the fall). Then when his mom came to pick him up we told her and asked her if she understood what we meant by "born again". Well one thing led to another and we started a Bible study together, (Tracy & myself). I was starting to get to know Tracy (only a bit) because I had given her a coupon for my business Figures and she was working out there for about 1 month. I knew she was searching for answers she had about God, church, etc.*

After the first lesson Tracy prayed to receive Christ into her life and by the end of the week she completed the whole series. (Ha Ha) She is so hungry for Gods Word that in just 1 month we have gone through several lessons, book, tapes series, etc. This past Sunday Tracy was baptized at our church!

But the story doesn't end there . . . One of the first things Tracy began praying about after her conversion, was for God to show her where to find a church home so she could serve God. (So new to the faith . . . yet so wise already).

*Today she told me she went to talk to our pastor about leading **Club DJ** as director next year. Actually our church had decided if there wasn't a committed leader in place by now, they would shut down the ministry. We have lots of helpers but no one to be director.*

The board has asked that she commit to at least 2 years for the continuity of the club and she is more than willing. So Arlene and I will help her get her feet wet. I will continue to teach and I think Arlene is planning to help in crafts. Of course it will depend on the board's final decision.

*Imagine that! Right next door to each other! God couldn't have made it any more convenient than that for two busy moms to serve Him together. Seeing all the people get saved through **Club DJ** ministry has been the greatest joy in my life.*

As I read this letter to Sharon I thought, “Isn’t it awesome the way God works these things out as He is changing lives for His glory?” Once again we saw God’s handiwork and **“it was no fluke”!**

As we make final preparations for the summer there is still a lot to do. We are waiting for about ten more CYIA workers! Applications have been sent out and we are waiting for them to return. Please pray that God would send the CYIA workers of His choice, that they would be willing to serve, and when they arrive we will all know that **“it was no fluke”!**

As I talk to many of the coordinators around the province there are many new club locations and I believe we will be in about 25 new cities and towns around the province. Please continue to pray for additional locations and the willingness of many more families to open their backyard for a 5-Day Club this summer in their city or town. I believe that thousands of children will hear the gospel this summer through this ministry and hundreds of children will respond as the invitation is given. I am looking forward to sharing with you the things that God has done and as we rejoice in the lives that have been changed we will all know that **“it was no fluke”!**

We would appreciate your prayers for the ministry this summer. I would ask you to pray for each of us involved in training the young people from July 2-8 as we prepare for this important part of this ministry. Also pray that the CYIA workers will have a real sense of who God is as He prepares them for this summer’s outreach. Pray that the children would be allowed to come to the 5-Day Clubs that are held in their area and that there would be no hindrances to stop them from coming. Please pray for health and safety as the CYIA workers travel around this province sharing the gospel with the children. Finally we would appreciate your prayers for our family and especially Sharon as she recovers from these blood clots. (*Sharon is also the editor for these letters so I am taking it to her hospital bed for final approval!☺*) We are so thankful for the memorial stones God has given us as a reminder of His faithfulness. He has once again blessed us with another memorial stone to throw up on our rock pile of the faithfulness of God.

The other day we received a note from a young man with a gift for the ministry. Once again God has provided. His note read like this:

Dear Jerry,

I believe God has bigger and better plans for this money than any bank I would invest it in. God has blessed me with much and I know He can use your ministry to help turn our province and country around.

Tears ran down my cheeks as I sat alone in the office and realized once again that God would provide for this ministry if we will just be faithful in what He has for us to do and give Him the glory for the things He has done. Sharon and I would like to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry through your prayers and financial support. You truly have been a blessing to this ministry to children and together we will rejoice in the things that God will do! God bless you all!

For the sake of the children,

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