



Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan

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Dear Friends,

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Go to a Place I Will Show You!

On our trip back from B.C. after attending Shea's graduation from Capernwray we found ourselves traveling through the mountains after dark. I will have to say that when the sun goes down in the mountains it is **dark!** As we wound through the mountains unable to see much at all except the lines in the middle of the road we came upon a slow moving semi. It ended up I would need to pass him but there was no way to see what was ahead or if there was a bend in the road and an oncoming car. As I thought about it I realized that the only thing I could do was place my trust in the one who had painted the lines on the road and that if there was a dotted line and no oncoming lights in view it must be safe to pass. The opportunity came when there were dotted lines on the highway and there were no oncoming lights and without knowing the road I placed my trust in the one who knew the road and had painted the lines on the road to guide me as I traveled this highway. I passed the semi and just as the lines had shown me it was safe to pass and we continued on our way.

In many ways our lives are just like that highway in B.C. So often circumstances come and we have no way of knowing what lies ahead, but God does, for He painted the lines on life's highway. The question is, "**Are we willing to trust the One who knows the road or will we worry about what we cannot see?**" My mom has said that when she had gone through her cancer journey, "God was everything He promised He would be," and as we look back we can also say that God was everything He promised.

As we look ahead towards this summer's ministry there are so many things we cannot see and yet I am reminded of God asking Abraham to **go to a place He would show him.** In many ways as we seek to reach the boys and girls with the gospel this summer we too have to be willing to go to the cities and towns where God shows us to go. As we had our coordinator workshop in Saskatoon I told the coordinators to go to the 'open door'. Henry Blackaby says to "Find out where God is at work and go there." Sometimes I think that is just too simple and yet are we willing to follow God's leading? Do we need to know where we are headed before we will follow? Are we willing to place our trust in Him as we travel down life's highway, whether it is in our personal lives or in the ministries He has lead us into. I will have to admit there is an element of surprise as we place our trust in Him and follow without knowing where He is leading but I wouldn't trade it for anything. When you think about it, it is much like the trust our children place in us, but then again is He not our Father and we are His children?

God is leading just as He promised and already He has opened doors for clubs in new cities and towns that we were not in last year like Ormiston, Balcarres, Humboldt, Lloydminster, Broadview, Esterhazy, Weeks, and Porcupine Plains along with many new locations in the cities and towns we are already in. Please continue to pray for the coordinators as they line up the clubs all over the province. It would appear that we will be in well over a hundred cities and towns this summer and I am very excited and willing **to go to a place He will show us.**

This past weekend there was a young man who was killed near Regina and one realizes how fragile life is and how quickly life on earth can end. This afternoon while I was writing this letter we received a phone call from a lady who has hosted 5-Day Clubs in her home for years. She proceeded to tell Sharon that this young man had attended her club just a few years ago. He was a little older than club age but he wanted to come all week. She believes he made a decision for Christ that week and once again we see how important it is to take the opportunities we are given to share the gospel with the children.

As God continues to expand this ministry to children it would be so easy to panic and wonder where the Christian Youth in Action workers will come from to teach these children in these 5-Day Clubs. We currently have 5 applications in and need 13 more. But do you not believe that the One who knows the way and opens the doors for the gospel to be shared in these cities and towns also knows the ones (CYIA) who will teach these clubs? I do and I believe that He will call them and ask them **to go to a place He will show them**. I will have to say that I have never regretted being willing to follow the One who knows the way. Please pray that those CYIA workers of God's choice will be willing **to go to the place He has called them**. We would also appreciate your continued prayers for the vehicles needed for these young people to travel throughout the province.

About one month ago I was watching a program with the kids called the 'Greatest American Inventor' where the individual with the greatest invention would receive a million dollars and the opportunity to see their invention come to reality. As I watched the different individuals present their inventions all of a sudden I thought I could win this competition. The more I thought about it the more convinced I was so much so that I told my children who were with me, "I could win this!" One of them asked me, "What is your invention?" I said, "**Club DJ!** I know I could win! Through it we could change America!" We continued to watch the end of the program, but later that night I was in my office and all of a sudden as quickly as the thought had come earlier, tears began to run down my cheeks. I thought back to the man that had walked into the bakery and had told me that **God had sent him to talk to me**. He had told me, "**You are going to go into ministry and that ministry will reach a multitude of people,**" and then he said, "**You don't have to do anything; God will do it all.**" That man left as quickly as he came; I'd never seen him before and I have never seen him since. It was then I thought to myself, "You fool! It isn't about what you are doing. It is about what God is doing!" I bowed my head and asked God to forgive me for taking His Glory and I know He gladly took it back. The next morning I was in my office and I heard the children talking around the breakfast table. One said, "Dad thinks he can win the 'Greatest American Inventor'". Another one asked, "How is he going to do it?" "**Club DJ,**" another one said. Once again tears came to my eyes and I got out of my chair and told my children, "Dad was wrong! Dad was wrong!" You see God will not share His Glory and if we even take a piece of it then it is all ours. It is a funny thing but it is either all His or it is all ours, but He will not share it.

After that I was in Winnipeg at the end of April and was asked to present **Club DJ** to the National Director and the Provincial Directors from each province in one of our meetings. I shared with them what God was doing and how the **Club DJ** program works. When I was all done to my surprise they asked if CEF across Canada could partner with **Club DJ** so that they could promote it with the churches in each province. As I stood there in that meeting once again I fought back the tears but this time it was not tears of shame but rather tears of absolute amazement as I reflected again on what that man had said, "**You don't have to do anything; God will do it all.**" Over the next several months we will be working on a partnership agreement with plans to launch **Club DJ** across Canada next fall. Please pray for us and the Director of CEF Canada as well the Provincial Directors as we work through this partnership.

I trust you found the "Prayer List" in last month's mailing helpful in upholding this ministry in prayer. I truly believe God has honored your prayers and many times this past month have sensed the faithful prayers of God's people. I have included another bookmark 'Prayer List' with updated prayer requests which you could place in your Bible or on your night stand or maybe the kitchen table. We value your prayers for this ministry and our family and know that they are the key to this ministry to children. Together we will give Him **ALL THE GLORY** for the things He has done!

We are so thankful for each one of you and your part in this ministry to children. God bless each of you for all you do for Him.

For the sake of the children,

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