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Great is Thy Faithfulness!

Dear Friends,

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It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed since God first called Mom and Dad to begin the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan! They often share stories about the early years and how God proved Himself faithful each step of the way. So much has happened over the years as He has led them through many changes in this ministry to children but there is one thing that has not changed over all these years and that is God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of His people.

Through the years 1,000's of people like yourselves have prayed for this ministry and supported it financially and there have been 1,000's upon 1,000's of children who have given their lives to Jesus Christ through the ministries of CEF of Saskatchewan! For 50 years boys and girls have been gathering in homes and backyards across our province as they attended **Good News Clubs** and **5-Day Clubs** and heard how Jesus died for their sins. I have often found myself looking at the map of Saskatchewan just as my Dad did so many years ago believing that God would be found faithful as we seek to reach the boys and girls of Saskatchewan with the gospel. When I first became Provincial Director I wondered how I would ever be able to follow in the foot steps of my parents and do all that I knew would be required. Then God gave me the verse in **Joshua 3:7**, "**And the Lord said unto Joshua . . . as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.**" Just as God had been faithful to Moses, He fulfilled His promise to Joshua and gave Joshua memorial stones of His own of God's faithfulness. To this day God continues to give us memorial stones of His faithfulness.



Throughout this year we will be sharing with you many of the memorial stones of God's faithfulness to this ministry to children. One thing you will have noticed is the different logo at the top of this letter. It was the CEF logo when things first began in 1957 and in itself is a reminder of how long God has been found faithful. This picture on the left is of the sign above the first CEF office on Dewdney Avenue and as you will notice on the bottom of the sign you can read, Church & Sunday School Supplies which CEF of Saskatchewan later named Sunday School & Church Supplies and

almost 50 years later Mom continues to help churches all across Saskatchewan with their Sunday School needs and just as it began all profits continue to help with the ministry of CEF.

I have often shared with you about the memorial stones we have collected over the years of God's faithfulness, and the importance of recognizing them. It is just as important not to worship the memorial stones but rather our God who proved Himself faithful and these memorial stones serve only as a reminder of His faithfulness and that we should worship Him and give Him all the glory for all He has done. Why are they important? Because these memorial stones will help us trust our faithful God even when we cannot see what lies ahead as we continue to follow His leading. This is one such story.



In the last couple of weeks you have heard about the tragic accident in northern Saskatchewan as a young girl of eight died from a single gunshot wound. When we first heard the news **tears of sadness ran down our cheeks** as we could not imagine the impact on her family. We had heard that the young girl had been in one of our son, Tyler's, 5-Day Clubs, and it was believed that she had accepted Jesus Christ that week. The following morning we checked our records at the office and sure enough our records confirmed that she had said that she had accepted Jesus Christ through the Mailbox Club Lessons that week. **Once again tears ran down our cheeks,**

but this time **tears of joy** as we knew she would spend eternity in Heaven. It had been a tough summer for Tyler as he traveled from town to town across northern Saskatchewan sharing the gospel to the children in 5-Day Clubs, but he said it was worth it all as it was through his ministry that she had asked Jesus to forgive her for her sins. Tyler also had a heavy heart the night we heard the tragic news, as he thought of her older brother who was involved in the accident and how he must feel. Tyler had gone horseback riding with her older brother last summer and cannot imagine how he must be feeling. Please pray that God would make Himself very real to this family and surround them with those from the family of God who will help them during this time. Rejoice with us that this little girl did respond to the gospel message last summer and will spend eternity with Jesus. Once again God was found faithful and must be trusted for the future and that the rest of this family will respond to the gospel message just as this young girl did last summer.

For 50 years CEF of Saskatchewan has held Spring Banquets and invited people just like you to come and hear about what God is doing in the lives of the children throughout the province. This is a picture of one of the first CEF banquets and a reminder to us of the faithfulness of God's people who have carried this ministry to children for so many years. Often in these pictures we see people who are still apart of this ministry to children 50 years later. We would love to have you join us at the spring banquets and have enclosed a copy of the poster with this letter. Invite your friends to come and make your reservations by phoning the number on the poster from your area. Another way you could invite others would be by placing this poster in your church. If there is not a banquet in your area and you would like to have us come please contact me as we would love to come to your city or town.



Mom & Dad will be sharing of the faithfulness of God over the years. I will also share of the things God has done this past year and where He is leading us in the year ahead. We will also be providing special music from three generations of the Durston Family as for almost 20 years we traveled and sang as a family seeking to encourage other families in their walk with God. May God bless you for all you do as we work together to reach the children of Saskatchewan with the gospel and we are looking forward to seeing you at the banquet in your area.

For the sake of the children,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Durston".

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