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It Might Be the Most Bizarre Thing We Ever Heard!

Dear Friends,

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Another year has come to a close and we are already looking ahead in anticipation to what God will do in the coming year. Over the years, I have shared with you many different stories of God's faithfulness and the memorial stones that we have gathered along the way as we have sought to follow His leading. I have shared them with you for three different reasons: First and most importantly, to give God the glory for the things He has done. Secondly, that they might be an encouragement to those that hear them to trust God in whatever situation they find themselves, and thirdly, as a written memorial for myself and others. In Exodus 17, we read about the battle with Amalek and how God worked on behalf of Joshua while Aaron and Hur held up Moses's arms with the rod of God in his hand. After the battle was won, God told Moses, in Exodus 17:14, to "Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua." In many ways this ministry to children is just like this story as each of us does our part in the battle for the lives of the children. My prayer is that I would never forget the things that God has done nor fail to share them with others. God has yet again given us another memorial stone which I would like to share with you today.

Back in September I wrote in one of my **Club DJ** letters about a conversation we had in the office last May. As we were preparing for **Club DJ** this fall there was an incredible amount of printing that was being done, and one morning we had a conversation at the office about the incredible costs to produce materials and the growth that was happening with the **Club DJ** ministry. Someone asked how it was going to work out for the finances. I said that I believed if God called us to do what we were doing and we give Him the glory then He will provide for what He has called us to do. I also said that I did not know how He would do it, but that **it might be the most bizarre thing we have ever heard.**

That evening, I received a phone call from a lady who is on the Canadian board of another mid-week club program in Canada. She said that they are in the process of shutting down and that according to Canadian law they must disperse their assets to a like-minded ministry. They had also decided in one of their board meetings that they wanted it to also be a relatively new ministry that they could help out as they grew. She told me her recommendation was **Club DJ** and that she would like me to share what God was doing in a letter and where we felt God was leading this ministry to children and youth. I proceeded to tell her about the conversation we had that morning and that her phone call was evidence enough that God would provide for this ministry, and if not this way, He would do it another way.

I wrote a letter, included with a presentation folder of the **Club DJ** ministry to each board member, along with a **Club DJ** student book. She called me after they had a follow up meeting and said that the board was very positive in what they saw and that one of the board members said he wanted everyone's **Club DJ** books because he wanted to take it back to his church to present it there. She also informed

me that they did make a decision that **Club DJ** would be receiving funds as they shut down this ministry, but at that time she did not know how much it would be.

About 5 months later to the day from the very first phone call, I received a phone call back to say that they had made their decision and **Club DJ** would be receiving a cheque for \$60,000.00! That cheque arrived about the middle of December. In their letter they wrote this:

*“It is a privilege to now enclose a gift of \$60,000.00 for the ministry of **Club DJ**. Our desire is that these funds be used for projects that would have a lasting nature to them, unlike general operations and salaries.”*

God did it again! He provided us with another memorial stone, and it **was the most bizarre thing we had ever heard!** We are so thankful for what God has done and the opportunity to further develop the ministry of **Club DJ** through this gift “for projects that would have a lasting nature to them”. It already seems God is leading in the further development of **Club DJ** which will not only reach children and youth for Christ in Saskatchewan but all across Canada as we seek to disciple them to ‘**Have Hearts ♥ that Desire to Please God**’. We would value your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we seek God’s direction in this matter.

God has a history of doing things in a way that is **the most bizarre thing we have ever heard**, things like parting the Red Sea, choosing a shepherd boy to kill a giant, shutting the mouths of lions while Daniel was in the lions’ den, or protecting three young men in a fiery furnace. None of these things were heard of before! Why does God do them? I believe above all else that it is so He might be glorified and that we might have memorial stones to look back on so that we can trust Him in the future.

Some might say that if you tell people of God’s provision of the \$60,000.00 that people may not give, but I would rather share what God has done and give Him the glory than to keep it a secret. It wasn’t Moses who parted the Red Sea, or Daniel who shut the mouths of the lions. God must receive the glory for all He has done! My prayer is that even through this story you will be encouraged in whom our God is and join me in giving Him all the glory for what He has done.

Plans are already underway for the summer ahead and we are excited about the new doors in new communities that God is already opening. We are seeking to be in 200 communities this summer reaching over 5,000 children through the 5-Day Clubs. Ministry across the province is growing and it is exciting to follow God’s leading.

We are looking forward to being with many of you in the coming month at the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Saskatchewan Spring Banquets where we will be sharing with you more of the memorial stones of God’s faithfulness as well as where we believe God is leading us in this coming year. I have enclosed a copy of our Spring Banquet poster with the dates for each area. We would love to see you there! If you are able to come, please phone one of the numbers on the poster for the details of the banquet in your area. Maybe you could hang the poster in your church or to invite a friend to join you at the banquet.

I truly do want to thank each one of you for your part in this ministry to children and young people. We value your faithful prayers as we seek to reach the children with the gospel so that they too might place their faith and trust in Him and be able to share their memorial stones of the things that God has done. My desire is that the next generation would be one that would have stories to share that are **the most bizarre thing we have ever heard** as God works strong on their behalf and is given the glory of all He has and will do! God bless you all!

For the sake of the children,



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