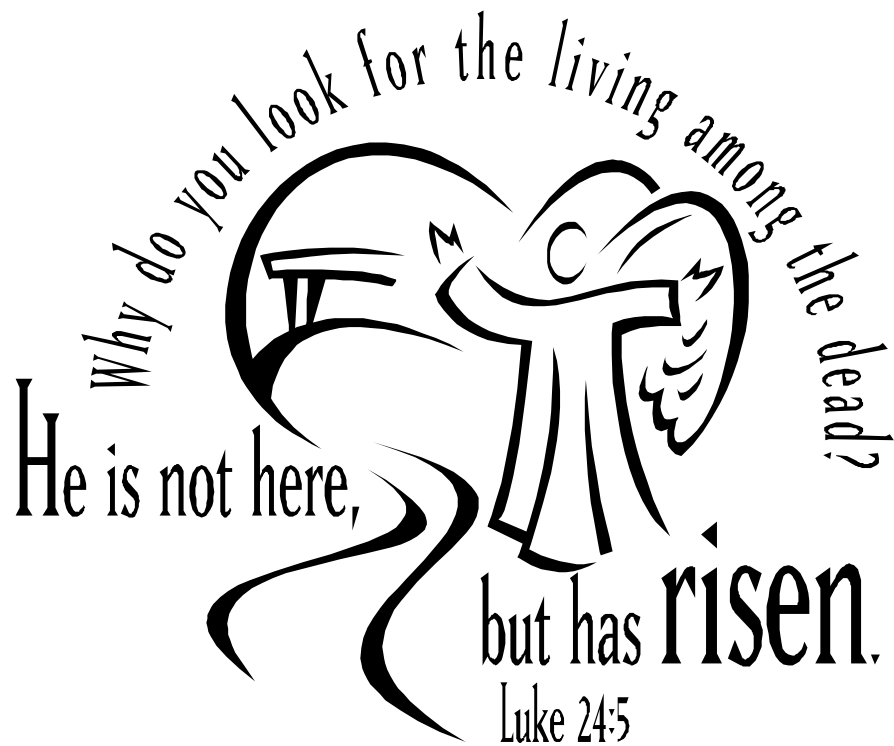


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Helen Rublee and Gary MacDonald

Helen Rublee and Gary MacDonald met 38 years ago at Grace Chapel in Sherbrooke where they both attended church. They were married a year and a half later in 1971. Both loved kids and wanted to have a



big family, but they had no idea then that the growth of their family would span three decades and three continents! Their first four children were born between 1974 and 1978; two girls and then twin boys (Marion, Esther, Gary and Glen). In 1986, proceedings to adopt a little girl from Ethiopia were begun and in 1987, Annette (then 13 months old) arrived. But their family

was still not complete and in 1990, Joseph Patrice (then 7 months old) arrived from Haiti.

Family is definitely the most important thing in Gary and Helen's lives. Helen was a stay-at-home mom, bring-

ing in a big garden, making the meals and doing the endless laundry. But she always made time for each of her kids. Helen loves the great outdoors and enjoys camping and going for long walks. Each fall, she and her daughters would set aside a day for a long walk along some of the Eastern Townships' beautiful back roads. Usually all day affairs, these walks have been up to 40 km

long! Helen's other hobbies include reading, gardening and adding to her ever-growing piggy collection. Both of them love animals and have cared for a vast and varied menagerie of pets over the years (presently including one very spirited starling!).

Gary has worked at Dixville Home for the past 30 years, a job he says has been challenging and yet rewarding. He worked as a prepose in one of the cottages for many years, but for the last three has worked as an animator in the day centre. One of the most satisfying aspects of his work has been watching clients, who in the beginning had no interest in arts and crafts, become avid painters and creators. It was this job, helping the clients express themselves artistically, that sparked the rebirth of

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Shane, Lyson & Jordan Wheeler

« L'amour dure toujours, l'amour est serviable, elle ne cherche pas son intérêt, ne tient pas compte du mal... Elle excuse tout, croit en tout, supporte tout. »

1 Corinthiens chapitre 13, 4-7

Ce sont là quelques versets que nous avons utilisés pour notre mariage et encore aujourd'hui pour vous parler de notre fils Jordan Daniel Wheeler.

Certaines personnes ont le coup de foudre en voyant leur bébé, lorsqu'elles peuvent enfin serrer dans leur bras le petit être qui s'est tant fait attendre. Certes, ce n'est pas évident de l'endurer et de lui démontrer de l'amour sans borne lorsque nos nuits sont trop courtes, trop entrecoupées et où les pleurs, les boires sont tout ce à quoi nous avons



l'impression de servir dans nos nouveaux rôles de parents.

Heureusement, les choses changent, évoluent. Ce garçon qui a été la cause d'un chamboulement hormonal et d'un brusque changement de vie réveille

maintenant en nous un fort sentiment d'amour et de joie. Nous comprenons davantage l'affirmation « un enfant est un cadeau de Dieu ». Du sourire qu'il nous fait, jusqu'au soir où il ferme doucement ses yeux pour sombrer dans un sommeil paisible (et long S.V.P!!). Ce garçon nous apporte tant de plaisir et de joie que nous ne pourrions

imaginer la vie sans lui à nos côtés. Nous nous sentons de plus en plus compétents dans notre rôle de parent et nous remercions Dieu de nous avoir ai-

Dave, Esther & Maria Vidal



This past November, Dave and I welcomed our little girl, Maria Jean, into our lives. She was an answer to prayer in many ways. It had always been my deepest wish to have a family, but almost two years ago I was diagnosed with endometriosis. It was not very severe, but mild or not it can often prevent a couple from getting pregnant. Ironically, pregnancy is the only cure for endometriosis.

I remember praying very fervently, before and after the diagnosis, that we would be able to have a child. I often thought of Hannah in the Bible. I knew that if the Lord decided to give us a child, it would be in His time, but knowing that certainly doesn't make the waiting any easier. When we found out we were pregnant, we were delighted and our delight just keeps growing. Maria is (as cliché as it may sound) a bundle of joy! Though she presents quite a solemn face at church and on outings, she is a very smiley, giggly baby at home.

Finally, after years of looking after other people's children (which I loved), I am looking after my own! And thankfully she keeps a much slower pace than the children in the daycare did...at least for now! She is a gift from God and we thank Him for her little life everyday.

dés dans les temps plus difficiles (dans le passé comme à l'avenir).

Notre fils compte sur nous pour lui apprendre à vivre, pour répondre à ses besoins et lui donner une image positive et confiante de la vie. De notre côté, nous prions Dieu pour qu'il nous apporte son aide et son soutien.

Book Review:

If You Want To Walk On Water You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat

Author: John Ortberg

You have heard the term "couch potato". How about "boat potato"? "Extreme sports"; how about "extreme discipleship"? "Mr. Ortberg uses his own terms and some very comical stories to illustrate how we can know Jesus as never before.

As he takes us through Peter's water-walking experience, as told in Matthew 14, he helps us identify the fears that prevent us from getting out of our own boat. He shows how we too can experience the high adventure of doing something we would not be able to do without God's help. He reminds us that every time a person said "Yes" to His call they experienced His power in their life.

He extends an invitation to people living in their comfort zone to put fear behind them, trust God, obey Him and step out in faith when He calls. In so doing they will experience more of His power and presence in their lives.

Mr. Ortberg writes, "When human beings get out of the boat, they are never quite the same." If you are looking to face your fears and meet the challenge of leaving your "boat", read this book and see what God will do with a life that is abandoned to Him.

--Submitted by Les and Sue Duke



MISSIONS CORNER

Cuba Mission Trip

On April 15, the Gallagher family is heading to Cuba with suitcases full of articles of clothing, sports equipment, and supplies. They are also hoping to bring approx. \$5000 dollars worth of medicine through Health Partners International Canada.

They plan on making contact with some local churches in the Guardalavaca region. Their objective is to establish a relationship with the local church in order to do some further mission work in this area. During this trip, they will visit and distribute the goods they are able to bring and offer to establish a link of fellowship with Green Ridge Baptist Church. The medicine, if it can be arranged, will be given to a local doctor who will give it for free to those who need it.

Pray for them:

1. For safety through out the trip.
2. That they are permitted to pass with the goods and deliver them to the churches and to the doctor.
3. They are currently trying to make contact with a local doctor to have him agree to receive the donation of medicine.
4. A rewarding family experience.
5. That they might be a blessing to others in the Lord's name.
6. That seeds would be planted through these acts of service and fellowship.
7. That they would be bold, to share their faith in God through Christ.

Things to donate for Cuba:

If you would like to donate, here is a list of items: high quality summer oriented used clothing and shoes, art supplies, musical instruments, guitar strings, reeds for wind instruments, metronomes, pitch pipes, tuning forks, sheet music; baseball bats, balls and gloves, footballs, sport helmets and padding, bike tire repair kits; aspirin and substitutes, band-aids, multivitamins, medical gloves and masks, medical thermometers, school supplies, toys for children, Spanish/English dictionaries and phrase books.

Introducing People to Jesus

First of all, I would like to say Thank-You to all of you for supporting us both financially and in prayer. Y'all made the trip possible (don't mind the "y'all", just a little something I picked up from all the fantastic people I met at Beach Reach).

The main purpose of everything that we did on the trip was to introduce people to Jesus. There were many opportunities to do this. Every morning (with the exception of one, due to tornado warnings), there was a free pancake breakfast for all students who wanted to come. Every evening, there was a free van ride service where students could call in for a ride and then would be picked up and brought to where they wanted to go. Beach Reach students were in the van ready to build relationships with those students and to tell them about Jesus. Also in the evenings there were groups of students walking the streets praying, advertising pancakes and van rides, and sparking up conversations. As all this is going on, there were also Beach Reach students in the prayer room, praying for the students out on the streets and in the vans.

For the most part, the students were very receptive to what we had to say once we were in conversation with them. Only once was I named a God Pusher. In the vans, we were dubbed the Jesus Van and the God Squad. Most of them knew exactly why we were there and loved the conversations that came along with the free stuff; sometimes they would bring arguments just to rattle our cages. A lot of the Spring Breakers had gone to church as kids or knew about Jesus, but there were a few who didn't know. I spoke to two people in the van one night that had no idea about what God had done for them and they were genuinely interested in what He was all about. I even got a high five! The tough part about only having a short time to talk to them was that the conversations cut short and most of the time we would never see them again. Although we probably will never know where these students go in life or if they will ever chose to follow God in the future, we do know that we planted seeds and it is from those seeds that a potential relationship with Jesus will grow.

by Becky Janzen



NEWS FROM CAMP

While it may seem like winter is here to stay, summer is coming fast for those in the camp ministry. We are blessed with several camps

in our area. Summer camp is a great place to serve the Lord. If you have some time to offer, speak to one of the camp directors. Check out the missions board for opportunities or pick up a camp brochure. I challenge you to look for kids in our communities who might benefit from a christian camping experience; then

let the missions team know. There will soon be a camp Sunday and an opportunity to give to camps (dates to be confirmed). Keep this mission field in your prayers, pray for the campers and their families, pray for the staff and counselors, and pray for the directors and their families.

Samaritan's Surprise

Last February 22nd we received a notice in our road-side mailbox that there was registered mail to pick up at our Post Office. Curiosity got the best of me, and, even though I was a little late leaving for work that afternoon, I decided to take just a moment on my way to stop at the Convenience Store in our village to sign for the letter.

Ben, the friendly young man who runs the store, handed me a 16cm x 22cm brown envelope which had been addressed to Stukely-Sud, QC, USA. The postmark stamp read Abidjan, Republique de Côte D'Ivoire and was dated 8-1-08.

Ben asked me in his Francophone accent, "You 'ave relative dere?" I replied, "No. I can't imagine why I would be receiving a package from Africa! I don't know anyone in Africa. But I tell you what, I will let you know. Right now I have to hurry to school."

During my ten-minute drive to Waterloo I was dying to open that letter! I arrived at the school, parked my car, quickly grabbed my stuff and dashed up the stairs to my Daycare Room. I threw everything aside and tore open that brown envelope.

Stunned, astounded and touched to the depths of my being, my tears began to flow uncontrollably as I studied the precious contents of my package. I gently held in my shaking hands a photograph of a smiling, young brown-skinned girl, maybe six or seven years old, a letter handwritten in English from her father on her behalf, and a postcard with a

night-time scene of the city of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The pieces of the puzzle came together and I now realized how I had come to receive this wonderful package from Africa.

During the autumn of 2006 I felt strongly prompted by the Holy Spirit to choose a girl between the ages of five and seven for the Christmas Shoe Box I planned to send that year. I don't even remember including my address in that box but I must have and will do so from now on.

The little girl in the photograph, Daniel Bio, has a sister, Rachel, five, and a brother, Jonathan, three. Their mother was killed during the war a few years ago. They live in Yopougon, a suburb of Abidjan, with their grandparents. The grandfather is a Pastor and Evangelist with a large healing ministry in Ivory Coast.

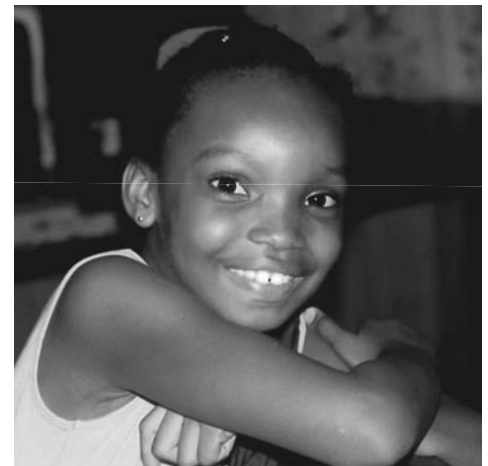
Yao Bio, thirty-three, is Dani's father.

He has been living in the city finishing his education in Financial Administration. He visits his family every Sunday at church. He and I have been e-mailing back and forth and on February 10th he phoned me from his church so Daniel and I could have a little chat. Their first language is French and so we can communicate easily. Yao also knows Eng-

lish very well. He is now looking for employment in his field so he can support himself and his family.

Daniel's surprise and joy at receiving a Christmas gift through Samaritan's Purse has blessed me as well. It is a privilege to be able to continue ministering to this Christian family in Africa in Jesus' name.

Submitted by Susan Singfield (Duke)



January 5th 2008
I am the little girl you sent a big packet of through SAMARITAN PURSE. I found several beautiful and marvelous things I love very very much.
Susan, you're genius and marvellous! I can not tell you how much I appreciate your gift. It means more than words can express but nonetheless I say, Thank you !! God Bless you very much.
Thank you for your love, concern and prayers for me.
Thank to you I had a very merry Christmas.



Hungry for Change?

- 850 million people go hungry every day.
- But they don't have to.
- Contribute to the World Vision 30-Hour Famine.

The famine is an annual youth event and fundraiser that motivates youth to take a stand against hunger, poverty and injustice. Participants collect donations and they experience hunger by fasting for thirty hours.

In 2006, 100,000 teens across Canada raised 5.2 million dollars to help provide nutritious food, clean water, shelter, education and medical care for children and communities.

If you would like to help, you can pray, make a donation or volunteer to help out during the famine. If you are a youth, you can join the famine on April 11 and 12.

For more information, you can visit the World Vision famine Web site: www.famine.ca or call Gabriel at 819-562-5733 and ask for Gabriel.

Nigeria Report

After an eventful 17 days, 6 local residents returned from the IKA mission (Nigeria) on February 3, 2008 with a sense of "mission accomplished". The team visited an orphanage, schools, a hospital and helped renovate a bible school. The highlight of the trip was helping restore healthy water to three communities. We tasted the rural life of Nigeria and were treated to won-

derful hospitality from our hosts, the Wheelers and the Dibbles. The purpose of the trip was to "encourage and be encouraged" in our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ, who asked his followers to "go out to world" and bring His love and message to the poor and hurting.



Master's Program Canada

We officially launched the Master's Program in Quebec on March 14th. We gathered at Hotel Cheri-bourg. Green Ridge is very well represented. The Master's Program (TMP) is designed to answer men's deepest questions. Through TMP, men gain a unique and new understanding of their Kingdom calling and dramatically improve effectiveness in life and leader-

ship. Unlike most personal development programs, TMP focuses on the leader's ability to manage the foremost issues in their own life, including the personal, family, professional and Kingdom realms. It is intentionally holistic in its emphasis. For more information, see Chris Hornibrook or visit his website at www.canada.mastersprogram.org.





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Dates to Remember

March 30, Hear a report from the Beach Reach gang

April 8, 7pm. Girls' Night Out, Huntingville Community Church

April 12, 9:30am. Family Gathering to discuss the use of the Manse

April 12-13, 30-hour Famine

April 19, 9am-3:30pm. Conférence régionale pour femmes, avec Jackie Hainaut, Assemblée chrétienne de Sherbrooke

April 19, 9am. Boys' Club Breakfast and Rocket-Launch closing, GRBC

April 26, Women Alive, Westview Bible Church

April 26, Youth Rally at GRBC

April 26, Quebec Association of Baptist Churches Annual Meeting hosted at GRBC

April 30, GRBC Blood Drive



Book Drive

Mel and Shirley are looking for new books, or "GOOD" used books, to replace some of the old books in the library. Please go directly to them with the books or if you need any other information.

The Family Gathering

Saturday, April 12. A discussion concerning the future use of the parsonage. Come with your ideas and an open mind as we consider together this important matter. Coffee at 9:30am and home by noon.



NEEDED

Kitchen cooks and helpers for 2 events:

1. Breakfast for Boys' Club closing April 19;
2. Lunch for Quebec Association of Baptist Churches Annual Meeting April 26.

Available and interested? See Pastor Steve.

Conférence régionale pour femmes



Women are invited to a special day with Jackie Hainaut, Saturday, April 19, at Assemblée chrétienne de Sherbrooke. Jackie recently completed a 13-year project of translating the New Testament into Kera, one language of the people of Chad. Cost is \$15.00 including lunch and a donation to Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please note that this event will be in French. See the bulletin board for flyers and the poster.

Blood DRIVE

April 30, Green Ridge Baptist Church

Deacon's Report: Does Membership Matter?

Membership at Green Ridge won't affect your salvation, doesn't change the Grace God provides for you, and doesn't cover a multitude of sins! It won't get you to heaven, won't change your access to pastoral services, nor will it make a big difference in your Sunday morning worship!

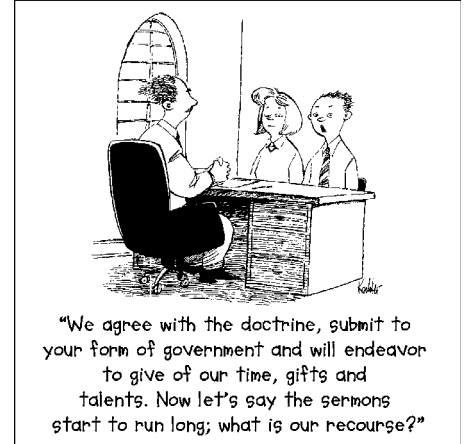
So what does it matter? Actually, it's the opposite of all of the above. Membership at Green Ridge is not about what you get, it is more accurately about what you give. When you become a voting member of GRBC, you express your commitment to all of the GRBC family. It says that you care enough about the others that you are willing to do your part to make the life and min-

istry of Green Ridge thrive. And that you are willing to take responsibility for ministering to the whole church family. It also gives the rest of the Green Ridge family the opportunity to express their commitment to you.

So what does it entail? If you'd like to become a member, simply ask the Pastor for a membership application package. In it you'll find our statement of faith, our by-laws and a short application form. You'll then be given an opportunity to meet with two of our Deacons (or their representatives) to discuss your ministry and desire to join us. Finally, the congregation will be asked to give its blessing to your application and we will formally welcome you. It

doesn't hurt very much, and there are no surprise quizzes.

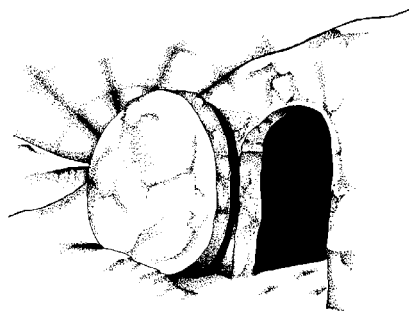
Will you make the commitment to make Green Ridge YOUR church family? If you will, please ask the Pastor for an application package today.



Pastor's Column: How to Walk out of Your Grave

I wonder if Lazarus was startled when he heard his name being called? It is hard to imagine what it was like for him as his lungs drew a new breath, oxygen was fed into newly-pumping blood cells, awareness returned to his brain cells and they were able to interpret the meaning of the sound tapping on his ear drums. "Lazarus, come out!"

The watchers were stunned with what happened next. Most of all, Lazarus couldn't have been expecting this to happen. But standing up and stepping out was the most natural thing for him to do under the circumstances. That voice was so compelling that it could not only command his will but also give life to dead molecules so there



was a will to command. Actually, it was pretty simple to walk out of his grave. But the simplicity was not in his own native ability. The simplicity of his rising was founded upon the power of the Word to impose His will upon death and make it alive.

So how do we walk out of our graves, especially if we are truly dead? That would be quite a trick. No books, seminars or pep talks are likely to help us when the need arises. Not only would our bodies be unwilling but our willing would be too. Whatever entombs us seems likely to keep us there despite our most optimistic preplanning.

We can't just walk out of our grave,

but we can be called out of it.

Jesus claimed that He had the right and power to lay down His life to the grave and then to live again! He who called Himself "The Life" can give life just by saying so. He said something else even more marvelous for us.

"The hour is coming when all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth."

If He calls your name. Come out. There is no condition and there is no grave that can keep you entombed.

This is the season of Resurrection. Jesus is alive forevermore. His voice is calling to people near and far.

"Get up and live!"

Helen Rublee and Gary MacDonald cont. from page 1

his considerable talent as an artist. Gary enjoys using different mediums to create his pieces, one of the most unusual being coffee! After hearing of a man who painted with coffee, Gary decided to give it a shot. He tried several different brands of instant coffee, but has settled on Maxwell House as the number one!

One of Gary's other interests is language, especially Gaelic, the language of many of the first settlers in certain areas of the Townships. In fact, Gary's own father didn't speak English until he started school. Sadly, Gary says, the language all but died out in one generation. He remembers hearing his father and others speak it occasionally and attending Gaelic church services, but his motivation to learn this language was his desire to be able to read the Gaelic Bible. This desire was fulfilled, after much study and hard work, and he was able to read passages in Gaelic at both of his daughters' weddings.

Another of Helen's chief interests these past few years has been the raising and releasing of monarch butterflies, a job that becomes almost full-time in the late summer and early fall. Any caterpillars or eggs that Helen finds on the milkweed leaves (which grow abundantly around their little hobby farm and in the neighbouring fields) are brought into the porch and carefully cared for in containers of every shape and size. Helen explains that in the wild only 10% of

the eggs laid ever make it to maturity. Of the 200 plus caterpillars that Helen raises each year, those statistics are reversed. Watching these creatures transform, Helen is always struck by the creation miracle. "While in their chrysalis, the caterpillar literally becomes a blob of goo," she says, "And yet out comes this marvellous butterfly!"

This transformation also reminds Helen of the change in individuals when they give their lives to Christ. Caterpillars are limited in their movements and must feed on the bitter milk of weeds. A transformed butterfly can soar to great heights, travel great distances and feeds on the nectar of flowers.

One of Helen and Gary's greatest joys over the last year or so has been welcoming grandchildren into the family. Their daughter Marion and her husband Shane had a baby, Micah Benjamin, in November, 2006. A year later, also in November, Esther and Dave had their baby girl, Maria. Marion and Shane live in Revelstoke, BC, so contact with their grandson is mostly by phone (though he will be visiting Quebec for the second time with his mommy this May). They are very delighted to have at least one grandchild close by.

Both Helen and Gary accepted the Lord at young ages and though life can have many challenges, they say that through all the ups and downs the Lord has been their strength; faithful in all things.

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