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[Brampton Church Wins Silver and Bronze in 2008 National Bible Bowl Championships](#)

October 26, Fort Worth, Texas, Ontario...OCN

The Junior Youth and Adult Bible Bowl teams from Brampton Adventist Church proudly displayed their silver and bronze trophies to the cheers of their team-mates from Ontario.

They had travelled to Fort Worth, Texas, as part of a four-team contingency representing Ontario in the North American Division's National Bible Bowl Championships.

Pastor Cyril Millet, youth director for the Ontario Conference, was exuberant over the success of Ontario's teams.

"It was really an exciting experience for all those who participated," he said. "And we can be proud of our players and coaches in all categories. They have represented our conference well."

He heartily congratulated all who represented Ontario for the exceptional results that were achieved.

The National Championships were the culmination of many hours of preparation and a grueling Ontario Championships for the three teams from Brampton Church and the one team from Malton Church. Millett describes 2008 as being a “special year for Bible Bowl in the Ontario Conference,” because there was a record number of provincial participants and the exciting results from the 2008 Nationals Championships. “This year,” he said, “we had twenty-four teams playing in the Ontario Championships. These teams represented eighteen churches. It took nearly nine hours to complete all the matches! The four winning team represented Ontario in Texas.”

In Texas, the Junior Youth Team (Brampton Church) fought a tie-breaking game to place 2nd in their division to win silver. The Senior Youth Team, also from Brampton Church, won their first game, and they were eliminated after trying their best only to lose the next two games.

The strong Young Adult Team, from Malton Church, placed 4th in their division. The Adult Team, again from Brampton Church, battled back after a first game loss to placed 3rd and brought home the Bronze Trophy.

“The team members, coaches and supporters that went to the games in the United States were treated to outstanding Bible Bowl games,” said Millett. “I see a bright future for Bible Bowl in Ontario.”

Bible Bowl continues to grow in Ontario. New equipment, a larger coordinating committee and steady support from local pastors and churches mean this ministry will see even more youth and adults digging into the word of God to hide the truth in their hearts.

Mozambique: More Than Four Hundred Adults Learn to Read and Write

October 28, 2008 Maputo, Mozambique, Maranatha/ANN staff

Hundreds of previously illiterate Mozambican adults are reading and writing after completing the first part of a four-level literacy program last week. Held in 22 churches built by Maranatha Volunteers International, a non-profit construction group run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the program will provide the more than 400 graduates with the option to continue their education at high school levels when they complete the program.

Mozambique's literacy rate is nearly 50 percent, with four out of five women and one out of three men unable to read. The literacy classes are taught by trained instructors, many who are also members of the local Adventist congregations.

At the graduation ceremony, Mozambique's national director of education, Antonio Muianga, complimented the literacy efforts.

"When we signed the memorandum last year with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we knew that they would do wonders," Muianga said. "Today we are witnessing the potential of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and we will encourage other denominations to follow this example."

The first lady of Mozambique, Maria da Luz Dai Guebuza, sent a statement to be read during the ceremony applauding the efforts.

"We want to thank the Seventh-day Adventist Church that, through Maranatha people, is contributing to the growth of our country by fighting against ignorance and poverty," Guebuza said. "We will work together hand-in-hand in this program."

In 2007 Miguel Simoque, director of education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mozambique, agreed to partner with the Mozambique Ministry of Education to offer literacy training programs in Seventh-day Adventist churches built by Maranatha.

The education initiative is sponsored in part by the Mozambique government and Hope for Humanity, a humanitarian ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

For more information, visit maranatha.org.

Adventist Union President for North Pacific Region Dies at 61

October 27, 2008 Ridgefield, Washington, United States, Steve Vistaunet/ANN Staff

Jere D. Patzer, North Pacific Union Conference president since 1996, died October 26 following a lengthy battle with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He was 61. Patzer was known for his commitment to evangelism -- the veteran church leader personally conducted major outreach efforts on nearly every continent.

Patzer was an "inspiring leader" whose "words and actions were the same," said Don C. Schneider, president for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. "He told people that they ought to tell people about Jesus, and then he led by example."

Born in Bozeman, Montana in 1946, Patzer graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1969 with degrees in business administration and religion. He pastored in New York and Pennsylvania before moving into conference leadership, directing youth ministries for the Pennsylvania, Oregon and North Pacific Union Conferences.

In 1982, Patzer moved to the Upper Columbia Conference headquartered in Spokane, Washington, where he served as executive secretary for three years. He was elected president of that conference in 1985, a position he held until 1996, when he accepted the presidency of the North Pacific Union, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's administrative headquarters in the Northwest United States.

Patzer later earned a master's degree in Business Administration and a doctorate degree in Ministry from church-owned Andrews University Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He authored four books and, at the time of his death, was serving as chair of the Adventist Health board of directors and the Walla Walla University board.

Bryce Pascoe, executive secretary and acting president for North Pacific Union Conference, said Patzer would be remembered not only for his "bold" outreach efforts, but also for his strong leadership skills. "Colleagues and friends around the world have all been richly blessed by Jere's ministry," Pascoe added.

Patzer is survived by his wife, Sue, who serves as the director of Women's Ministries for the region, two sons and a daughter. A public memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, at the Meadow Glade Adventist Church in Battle Ground, Washington.

Atheist Advert Set to Backfire

London, U.K. BUC News

An atheist advert set to appear on London busses set to backfire according to industry professionals. The British Humanist Association (BHA) advert, part sponsored by the prominent critic of religion, Professor Richard Dawkins, states, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life".

Tristan Simmons, Product Marketing director for a major IT company states, "It will undoubtedly secure attention... It is a campaign that should be met with enthusiasm by Christians, not negativity." That enthusiasm has been taken up by Revd Jenny Ellis, Spirituality and Discipleship Officer of the Methodist Church. In a press release she said, "We are grateful to Richard for his continued interest in God and for encouraging people to think about these issues. This campaign will be a good thing if it gets people to engage with the deepest questions of life."

The fundraising campaign began earlier this year when Ariane Sherine, a comedy writer, wrote a blog article about Christian adverts on buses. The campaign floundered with insufficient funds until Dawkins offered to match donations up to a maximum of £5,500. His rationale is that, "This campaign to put alternative slogans on London buses will make people think - and thinking is anathema to religion."

However, the public response in newspaper columns, blogs and across the media demonstrates that Christians are not just thinking, they are responding positively. Jenny Ellis states, "As Christians, we respond to Jesus' call to love God with our minds as well as our hearts, souls and strength. Christianity is for people who aren't afraid to think about life and meaning." Susanne Kirlew, a Communications Officer based in London reflects that Christians need to be careful about how they react to such adverts but that "we cannot remain silent. We must declare that God is real, no matter what."

Tristan Simmons has analysed the advert. He argues "to state that God probably does not exist and then say 'get on and enjoy life' is clearly saying that people who believe in God

are not enjoying life." He finds that disturbing and argues particularly that it is a dismissive message. "If you are not enjoying life, it offers no hope or alternative course of action." As a member of the Leamington Adventist Mission Tristan believes that, in direct contrast, advertising such as 'Alpha' which has previously posed the question 'Is there more to life than this?', "seeks to engage and appeal to those searching for answers with a message of hope".

The official fundraising site behind the BHA initiative states, "With your help, we can brighten people's days on the way to work."

Tristan responds that, "If anything, it will raise the likelihood that people will think about how life often isn't enjoyable, and it is here that the Christian focus on having faith, hope and trust in God can actually make for a life worth living, especially in times of personal difficulty. As such we should embrace the opportunity that this campaign will bring; an opportunity for secular and Christian people to reflect on the message of hope that underpins their beliefs and that life can be just as rewarding and enjoyable."

For Christians, this is a positive message. Victor Hulbert, Communication director for the Adventist Church in the UK and Ireland, urges fellow believers to engage positively in the debate. "The BHA have raised an issue. As Christians we are more than ready to engage with them - in the news, on their websites and blogs, and individually with friends and colleagues as the posters will undoubtedly be a talking point at work and on the daily commute."

NAD Briefing

The National Religious Broadcasters (Nrb) Network has added several of our shows to its lineup:

Keeping the Faith, a women's issue show, featuring Connie Vandeman Jeffery, starts Wed., Jan. 7, 10 a.m. ET.

The Evidence, featuring Dwight Nelson, Tue., Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. ET.

All three of our Christmas dramas, All Is Bright, Love's Pure Light and Christmas at Cadillac Jack's, have been picked up. Times and dates of airing are TBA. The NRB Network's Director of Programming said that most of the committee has seen the entire Christmas at Cadillac Jack's. He stated, "They just loved that show and had to see how it ended."

The NRB Network is included in DIRECTV's base package (TOTAL CHOICE) on Channel 378 (making it available to all DIRECTV subscribers) which reaches 17.5 million homes.

This a significant day for Adventist media! - Fred Kinsey, Assistant to the President for Communication

New Address System For Andrews University - Effective immediately, a new system providing traditional street addresses for individual campus buildings is in place for all of Andrews University. The new addresses, created in conjunction with Berrien County, will aid in 911 dispatch services, package delivery and eventually allow for GPS service.

Contact: www.andrews.edu/news/agenda/au_addresses.pdf for a list of the new building addresses. The campus map reflects the new street names and is available at www.andrews.edu/about/visiting/campus_map

SDALink Now Provides Video Chat and Video Conferencing - All SDALink members now have access to unlimited face-to-face video meetings with other SDALink members in groups or private one-to-one video chat. Contact www.sdalink.com/vidchat for details

COMING EVENTS

Good News for *Canadian Adventist Messenger* Subscribers and Recipients

Updating your mailing information or subscribing for the *Messenger* for Seventh-day Adventist Church members is now available online, www.sdacc.org. Members or clerks do not need to contact the conference to update their information or subscribe for the *Messenger* (you may contact the conference only if you don't have internet access). For a faster and direct update, you may go to the website www.sdacc.org (click on Canadian Adventist Messenger link; click online submissions) update your information and submit it. If you have any inquiries or questions, please contact Sarah Gouda, Communication secretary at the Ontario Conference, sgouda@advntistontario.org ext. 201

October Is Children's Month at Kanisa

THEME: "Hero"

Kanisa Fellowship cordially invites all children and their parents/guardians to come out and celebrate Children's Month with us.

...**October 29: Church doors open at 6:00 p.m.** Children are welcome to come early, complete homework prior to service and have a light meal.

Evening program is from 7 - 8 p.m.: We will explore biblical characters, such as Joseph, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego; having guest performances by the Kanisa children's choir, etc... Come out and participate.

Friday

October 31 - It's a Hero's Party (6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

We are located at 2609 Bayview Avenue. Contact us at 416-410-3102 or visit www.kanisafellowship.com.

October 18-November 1

"Jesus! Our Hope, Our Help" at Philadelphia

Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church presents "Jesus! Our Hope, Our Help" – a unique evangelistic series presented by Women with the Word - Dr Janice Maitland, Jacqueline Fuller and Julia Clarke! From October 18 to November 1, the women of our congregation will embark upon this evangelistic thrust and would like to invite you to share in this one-of-a-kind experience. Presentations will be made at 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, 7:15 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and throughout the day and evening on Saturdays. We are located at 25 Channel Nine Court (McCowan and 401) on the premises of Grace Christian Reformed Church. Come along and bring a friend as we 'advance the kingdom through friendship'. Transportation and child care are available. For more information, please call 905-427-7506.

October 18-December 6

The Truth for Our Time" Evangelistic Meetings at Toronto Hungarian Church

With much prayer and dedication, the Toronto Hungarian church enters a new season of evangelistic series from October 18-December 6, 2008. The speaker for "The Truth for Our Time" evangelistic campaign is Pastor Karoly Nagy, the local pastor. The meetings will be held on Sabbath afternoons from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Bayview 2395 in the chapel of the Bob Rumball Centre. Parking is free. You are welcome to these events!

October 25 – November 15

Toronto Central Seventh-day Adventist Church

On October 25, the Communication Department will be hosting a special program with the theme: "The Lifeline". A day focused on family worship and prayer with speaker, Elder Ida Smith.

The Women's Ministry Department will be hosting a prayer brunch and heart spa on Sunday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with keynote speaker Maria McLean.

Our families are struggling, how can we make it in today's world?

From **November 1-15**, the Toronto Central Church will be hosting a Family Life Evangelistic Series with the dynamic Evangelist Shian O'Connor, Family Life director from the Cayman Islands. Meetings will be held nightly, except Mondays and Thursdays, starting at 7:15 pm.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend. Toronto Central is located at 156-162 Bentworth Avenue (Dufferin/Bentworth), for more information call 416-784-0261.

November 1

Teen Prayer Conference

Teen Prayer Conference: Sabbath, November 1 at Canada Christian College (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Please call ahead of time to make arrangements for lunch, which is available for \$10. For lunch and details, call Lila at 905-571-1022 ext. 215.

The guest speaker is Pastor Mike Stevenson from the Ohio Conference, along with students from Andrews Academy and Mount Vernon Academy. This event, planned for our teens by the Youth and Prayer Ministries Departments, is sure to be a blessing for them.

November 1

Two-Can Concert at CAA

The Crawford Adventist Academy will be hosting a two-can concert, which is a food drive to reach out to the GTA community on November 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This initiative will help to feed some of the homeless and the less fortunate in our great city. With the winter months fast approaching the students under the offices of the student association and the chaplain's office will be having this benefit concert in the gymnasium. There will be groups performing from all over the GTA.

Come and enjoy an evening full of musical talents from various artists, groups, and choirs. It will be greatly appreciated if everyone brings at least two cans of non-perishable food. We are grateful for your continued support as we follow Christ's example by serving others. Crawford Adventist Academy is located at 535 Finch Avenue West. For more information, please contact Pastor Andre Anderson 416-573-0781.

November 1**Ajax Adventist Church Gospel Concert**

November 1 at the Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. Ajax, featuring the Albur Dudley Singers from Huntsville, USA, and other local talents, such as Norwil Simmons, Adrianna Oscar, Silent Praise and Kinesha Johnson-Brown. International singers Marlon Johnson and Lydia Husbands-Johnson; and Jarred and Natelie Francis will also be performing.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and concert starts at 6:30. Parking is plentiful on the premises. Tickets available from Genifer Husbands at 416-662-4681, 905-686-6389 or Velma Morgan at 905-683-4519, 416-999-3786.

November 1**Annual Community Service Convention**

Annual Community Service convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Toronto Airport Hotel (formerly Park Plaza Toronto Airport). Special guest speakers are Sung Kwon, Community Services director, North American Division, and Adam Spence, Ontario Association of Food Banks. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person. **Registration deadline is October 10, 2008.** Registration forms can be obtained from Verna Storaune at the Ontario Conference office, vstoraune@adventistontario.org or 905-571-1022 ext 109.

November 8**Hamilton East Celebrating Children**

Hamilton East Seventh-day Adventist Church will be celebrating the children in our church November 8, 2008. Children's Day will begin at 9:15 am and go throughout the day. Come out and enjoy the spiritual gifts the Lord has given our children.

Hamilton East Seventh-day Adventist Church, 203 Bell Avenue, Hamilton. 905-545-6180

November 8**Kingsview Village Church and ADRA Canada host safety seminar**

Kingsview Village Seventh-day Adventist Church and ADRA Canada will be hosting a seminar entitled "Are You Ready? Be Prepared, Be Aware". Timely and relevant presentations will teach you how to protect yourself and your family from serious dangers such as identity theft and fires. Featured speakers will come from the Fire and Police Departments. You will learn the facts on how to prevent yourself and those you care about from falling victims to fraud and fires. Don't wait to get into trouble, prepare now.

Location: Kingsview Village Junior School, 1 York Rd. Toronto, ON ([click here for map](#))

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Time: 5 p.m.

Admission: FREE

Contact Info: info@kingsviewsdachurch.org or 416-245-6863

www.kingsviewsdachurch.org

Light refreshments will be available

November 9**Woodbridge Adventist Church - Fundraiser Banquet**

[Proceeds go towards Woodbridge Adventist Church building project]
Come and enjoy an evening of superb gospel entertainment and dining.
Featured artists include: Tiffany Campbell-Dailey, Christopher Dallo, Rochelle Hanson and many others.

For more details, call Megzie Campbel-Dailey: 905-882-7739

Doors open at 5:00p.m.

Location: Crowne Plaza (Toronto Airport), 33 CARLSON COURT, TORONTO. Map:
<http://www.crowneplaza.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/yyzca/transportation?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/hotelsearchresults>

November 12 - 16

Inspiring, Equipping and Training Leaders for CHIP Ministry

The Adventist CHIP (Coronary Health Improvement Project) Association cordially invites anyone with a passion for health ministry to attend the **9th Annual CHIP Summit** in sunny Orlando, Florida, from November 12 to 16, 2008. This five-day summit features basic training for would-be CHIP directors and advanced training for current CHIP directors. In addition to training, there are seven scientific speakers to learn from, six inspirational speakers to motivate you, delicious food, great music, fabulous sightseeing opportunities, and wonderful new friends to be made. This is a tremendous opportunity for churches that want to facilitate CHIP programs in their community to send members to be newly or further trained for this awesome health ministry. The clinical results of the 30-day, video-based, life-changing CHIP program have been published as 12 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. CHIP addresses our healthcare crisis with scientifically sound, cost effective, and proven measures. Isn't it time your church became a centre of health and healing in your community? For registration information, please visit the CHIP website at <http://www.sdachip.org/summit/2008/summit.html>

November 13-15

UCAA 4th Annual Music Conference, November 13-15, Nashville, Tennessee – uca@ucaonline.org NAD Adventist Association of Camping Professionals, December 4-6, Place: TBD, <http://www.adventistcamps.org>

November 21

Missionaries at Bowmanville

Bowmanville Church invites you to "The Last Missionary: Is It Time to Bring Them Home?" Presenter: Homer Trecartin, Global Missions director and recently elected associate secretary at our church's world headquarters. Friday, Nov 21 at 7:30 p.m.: "Still Here? What Next? The Adventist Mission Challenge." Sabbath, Nov 22: "Along the Ancient Silk Road" (Sabbath School Mission Report): The Innkeeper (Sabbath Sermon): Risk Takers: We Call Them Missionaries. For more info, contact Pastor Edgar Nunes enunes@adventistontario.org, or 905-571-6152.

November 22

FREE! "Live Your Ministry" Evangelism Training Conference at Northview Heights Secondary School (Venue now confirmed)

Enjoy this free training conference on November 22, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Avenue West in North York. The conference will feature seven workshops by Dr. Errol Lawrence, Ministerial director of the Ontario Conference; Elder Gordon Pifher, president of the B.C. Conference; Eric Rajah, founder of *A Better World*; Martha Hutchinson, founder of Mizpah Development; Sharon Aka, professor of nursing at Humber Instit.; Constable Geoff Kerr; and Ivy James, co-founder of ACS, Winnipeg. Bring your own lunch – soup will be provided. Donate women's

and children's NEW running shoes! Sponsored by Ontario Conference Men's & Women's Ministries Departments. For more information, call 905-571-1022 ext. 204.

November 23

Ladies, Make a Difference on November 23! Volunteers needed! Licensed hairdressers, massage therapists, aestheticians and helpers needed to provide their services free to women on November 23, 2008 in local abuse shelters, pregnancy centres and churches. Leaders with valid police checks for children's crafts also required. If interested, please call 905-571-1022 ext. 204 as soon as possible. *Sponsored by Ontario Conference Women's Ministries Department.*

December 13

Health Promotion Dinner at Brooklin

On December 13, 2008, the Brooklin Branch Sabbath School will be holding a health promotion dinner to celebrate the season and outreach to the poor and needy families in the community. Health screening and health lectures will be offered along with a healthy vegan dinner. If God has blessed anyone and you're able to donate toys or books for children, please call Vaughn Berkeley at 905-655-1533 or Bert Officer at 289-314-9304.

Jan 16-18, 09

Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leadership Training

Youth & Young Adult Ministries Leadership Training, Jan 16-18, Spanish "Gente Joven"/East Coast - www.innovation2009.com

April 17-19, 2009

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Couples, plan ahead for your spring get-a-way at beautiful Deerhurst Resort on Peninsula Lake, Huntsville. Look forward to the fun coaching of Dr. Willie & Elaine Oliver (Washington, D.C.) On the *Road to Intimacy* at the Ontario Conference Marriage Enrichment Retreat, **April 17-19, 2009!** Download a brochure at www.adventistontario.org. For more information or to register (by **March 17, 2009**) call Family Ministries at 905-571-1022 ext. 204 or 203.

OTHER ADS

Temporary Location for Oakville Group

Due to ongoing repairs at our regular location, Oakville Seventh-day Adventist Group will have services during October 2008 at RIVER OAKS RECREATION CENTRE, 2400 Sixth Line in Oakville.

The expectation is to return to our regular location in November.

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