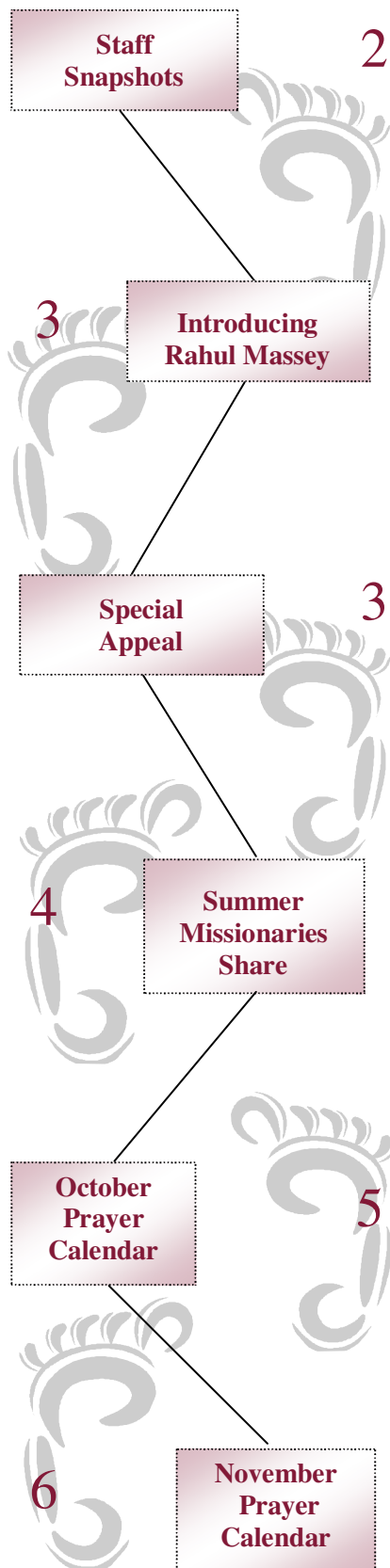


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Child Evangelism Fellowship® of Alberta
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Amazing Summer

Summer ministry has finished for this year. It was amazing to hear what God was doing in and through the summer missionaries as they went out to reach children with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. With fewer summer missionaries, we reached more children and counseled more for salvation and assurance than we did last year, when we had already counseled more than the previous 3 years. If we had more summer missionaries, we could reach so many more children and give them the opportunity to know Christ also. **Please pray** that God would bring us at least double the number for next year so that we can increase the number of locations to which they go.



By far, the majority of the churches with which we worked were rural. In the rural areas, there is little competition and a large percentage of the children in a local area attend the programs. In the cities, there is much competition, as well as working parents that put their children into day

programs, so that the city clubs are very small. **Pray** that we will get into more city locations and reach more children. It may mean thinking outside the box and using new methods to attract them, but we need to be prepared to do that.

Pray also for the unchurched children reached this summer to be followed up by the churches. Pray for the growth of the new converts. 🙏

367,864 New Babies for Canada.

Who Shall Reach Them?

Rev. Elias Munshya

The Globe and Mail of 23 September 2009, headlined “Canada’s Next Baby Boom,” has reported that according to Statistics Canada there has been a drastic increase in the birth rate in Canada. There are more new Canadians being born each day. The latest statistics for 2007 claim that 367,864 babies were born to women in our great country. It will be a couple of years before we know how many were born in 2008 and indeed in 2009. The question about this beautiful growth in our population is not about how we will feed these children, or how we will clothe them, or how we shall educate them. We know that we will be able to do all these things with relative ease. We have a health care system, and indeed an educational system that are the envy of the world. But who will reach these new ones for Christ? Who will tell them about the love of Christ and his self-giving love for humanity? Who among us shall knock on the hearts of these young minds and tell them about the sweet story of Jesus’ death and life? We welcome each of the 367,864 babies that God blessed Canada with in 2007, and at the same time our hearts are beating with prayer for their salvation. As CEF of Alberta our strategy and our heart is to reach these children for Christ while they are still children. Could you please help us reach these children? 🙏

CEM Reflections...

Annette Wilcox

Well it has been a busy time at CEM during my training. I have learned many useful skills (puppets, face painting, ballooning, making visuals, how to teach 2-5 yr. olds, how to do GNC and Party clubs), and even more importantly, learning about the false modern-day philosophies that I will be running into. The studies have been heavy, but with God's help I am doing fine so far. I appreciate your prayers and also those who made this possible financially. Last Sunday at a Sunday School Picnic I did face painting while sharing the gospel with kids and then did balloon sculpting. What a blessing! These things draw kids to you so you can share the gospel with them. God is sooo good!



Annette's CEM Class Fall 2009

Thank you to everyone who has given funds so that Annette could attend the Children's Ministries Institute.

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Reaching Children...

Peter Mierau

This was an interesting summer. This year I had the opportunity to do 5-Day Clubs instead of Bible Camps, which was just as rewarding. I had the opportunity to go to Ontario for a weekend doing ministry. Though it was a busy schedule, it was good to share the gospel with the children there.

This autumn is starting to fill up with chapels and helping teach at AWANA Conferences throughout Alberta. If the funds come in I would like to finish the last five weeks of the Children's Ministries Institute from March 14 to April 17, 2010. I have taken modules in Canada which have already improved my ministry to children. This would be another step in being more effective and having a deeper understanding of children's ministry through CEM.



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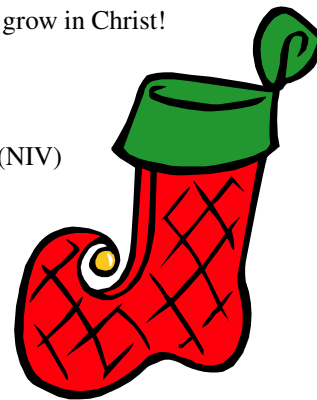
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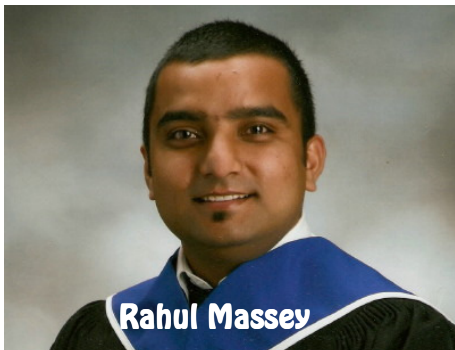


Money Matters ...

Here are some ways you can help out with current needs:

- **General office expenses**—this fund is running in the red right now
- **Photocopier**—We were able to purchase one at a greatly reduced rate but need the funds now for the monthly payments.
- **Staff Support** for Elias, Annette, Peter, Mari, Rahul and Marlene—they are all needing further monthly support.

Introducing...



Rahul Massey has recently been appointed as our new IT and Operations Coordinator. With expertise in both hardware and software, Rahul has many skills to help us in our ministry. He set up our computer systems when we first moved the office to Three Hills and is currently working on upgrading our whole computer system.

Born and raised in India, Rahul took his computer training in the United Kingdom before coming to Canada to

attend Prairie School of Mission Aviation. He is now working full time for Prairie Bible Institute, setting up an Aviation Bible School in India, working on his MBA and spending his evenings working with CEF. He has already used his connections to get us a good used photocopier at a greatly reduced rate.

We are excited to have Rahul on our team and look forward to a long relationship with him.

Special Appeal!

By Rev. Elias Munshya, Provincial Director

I wish to first of all sincerely thank you for your partnership with us. Due to your prayers and support we are reaching Alberta's children with the gospel of Christ.

We have had a very busy summer. As usual we did train the summer missionaries, and released them to conduct outreaches to children all across the province of Alberta. We had summer 5-Day Clubs in Linden, Sylvan Lake, Tofield, Nampa, Beiseker, Irricana, Bow Island, Benalto, Bonanza, Carseland, Fairview, Oyen, Chestermere, McLennan, Falher, Edmonton, Eagle Hill, Hanna and Trochu.

In this edition of Footsteps we are including some testimonies from Summer Ministry; we have received amazing testimonies of children giving their lives to Christ, and committing to growing up in Christ. Our host churches were impacted as well. The summer missionaries themselves were touched beyond what we can ever think or

imagine. As CEF of Alberta, we are looking forward to the next summer. Additionally this fall, we have several programs lined up. We conducted a training seminar for children's ministry workers in Edmonton and will be working with AWANA to train workers in Grimshaw and Edmonton. This fall one of our co-workers, Annette, is at the Children's Ministries Institute getting more equipped to reach the children of Alberta. This fall, I will also be visiting the churches we conducted clubs in this summer. This is because we believe that continued networking with these churches and individuals will help us know how we can pray and how we can effectively partner with these churches in our continued vision of reaching Alberta's lost boys and girls!

However, we have had a few challenges that we would like to bring to your attention so that you could pray with us. As a faith mission, our fundraising motto is to "ask God and tell his people." We have asked God to come through for us, and we wish to equally let you know about our needs so that you could pray for us and indeed stand with us by supporting us.

We are in a serious financial situation at the moment. Our General Funds have gone in the red. We are running a deficit, and we may need to borrow money from elsewhere if nothing comes up urgently. We wish to therefore make this request, if you could consider giving a little bit more towards CEF of Alberta in the coming days. Just a small donation could go a long way for us. If each one of you receiving this edition of Footsteps could at least set aside even a \$10 or a \$20 special offering we would be able to get out this difficult financial situation.

The easiest thing to do when faced with this deficit is to suspend the programs for reaching the children of Alberta. The easiest could be to close shop, get defeated and stop serving God! That is what the devil would like us to do, but we know that the call to reaching the children of Alberta is so noble that we cannot just fold up and suspend this program. We must continue, and must persevere to see God come through for us. This is the reason why we are appealing to you to help us! Please prayerfully consider how much you could give towards us.

Simply print and fill in the attached form, and mail it to us or call CEF of Alberta at 403-443-6600. We shall acknowledge each gift given and send you a special thank you note for your response. We shall not wait until the end of the year. Let us reach Alberta's children for Christ, together!

God bless.

Bits and Pieces...

Marlene Adrian

It was so good this summer to have the opportunity to go out to teach VBS for two weeks. I need to keep involved in children's ministry if I want to stay current in my teacher training. I also kept in touch with the summer missionaries in case they had problems.

I am so thankful that we have a new Provincial Director. That makes my job much easier. Fall is busy with teacher training. Pray also that I can get back into teaching a Good News Club again so I can have a regular group of children to teach.

Summer Missionaries Share...

On Wednesday I had five older boys who came in for counseling for salvation. They were off the walls – hyper and distracted. It was a joke to them. However, after talking to them, one of them was quite serious and said to his friend, “Don’t you see? You *have* to [pray]!” He said this because he understood the punishment for sin is death and separation from God. I said it was his choice, but both boys chose to pray and accept Jesus, and I believe they meant it.



Please pray for the children that God will guide them and help them grow. Pray for the ones that have not accepted Jesus; that God will speak to them. Pray for the ones who recently have accepted Jesus that they will have someone in their lives to show them how to grow and know that God will always be there for them.

Some of the kids come from pretty unstable families, so pray that they would be able to keep growing in the Lord.

We would like prayer for C~ and his new life as a Christian. His family is separated and they don’t go to church. Pray that they would get back together and find a church.

After the first three days, nobody had responded to the invitation to accept. However, on Thursday, a new child joined and after hearing the Zacchaeus story, decided that he wanted to know more about Jesus, so I had the joy of leading him to the Lord.

Just pray for the children here. They kind of do understand, but not as much as I know I would like. And also that God will continue to speak to those who haven’t accepted Him and that those who have will continue to grow.

I love to see the kids have parts in the Ti-Fam Reader’s theatre. Some of them aren’t good readers, but I used to be a learner’s aide and I liked helping them sound out words. The other kids listen, entranced by the story, and can say what their favourite parts are. They feel so special when they put on costumes and complete parts. It’s good to see.

I had the chance to talk to one older kid before club on Thursday. He said he doesn’t believe in God because of his wrath in the Old Testament (or Apocrypha). He told me about the difficulties in his life. He doesn’t participate. But this is one kid I’ll be sure to keep praying for.

Going to other families’ houses and having supper with them was something that I loved doing! It allowed for me to be able to get to know others around the town and the children better.



Q~ came for counseling almost every day and understood the gospel, but when we asked if he wanted to receive Jesus, he always said no. He’s not from a church home and has no encouragement from there. Pray for Q~ to make a decision. Pray for the kids with Christian grand-parents, heading back into unchurched situations.

For some time, I have used the way kids dress as a gauge for how I expect them to behave or talk. Two children are showing me wrong this week. One girl dresses older than her age, yet her behavior is exemplary. One boy dresses up according to the latest style, yet he is quiet and respectful. I would like to try to get to know people better before I evaluate them.



In the younger group, three kids came for counseling almost every day, but never stayed to the end. They had a very limited understanding. Pray that they come to understand what Jesus did for them.

There were a few children whose parents did not want them to learn about God or Jesus. However, the children still came almost every day and were very happy there. Please pray for them to come closer to Christ.

I sat behind some boys on the first day. One of them asked the boy sitting next to him, “Where is God?” The other boy pointed to the front and answered “Over there,” pointing to the cross. This was an opportunity to share the gospel with him, though no decision was made while I was there.

