



Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

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Dear Duncan,

Spring is on it's way but it can still get pretty cool at night. Life is hectic and since we got home on March 7th I've been trying to find time to tell you about our February tour. We got home this morning at 5:00a.m from Alberta and leave on another tour this Friday. I better get to the latest news while I can.

[Duncan Hemmerling](#)

[Frantic February....](#)



The first two weekends of February found us singing around Saskatchewan. We ministered at a Christian Cowboy Retreat for two days in Dundurn. On the second weekend we sang in Dalmeny and at the annual extravagant Dessert Night in Rosthern. Four days later we left on our Western United States tour.

We praise the Lord that we had incredible weather for the entire tour. Our opening concert in Council, ID was the only one that actually had snow (about 4 feet). From then on we would go through Mountain passes with piles of snow (photo) and then descend into greener areas with no snow. What a blessing!! I think our most beautiful day was in Medford, Oregon when the temperature was about 72 degrees Fahrenheit. After many years we ministered once again in Wamic, OR and Tonopah, NV and for the first time in Richland, OR, Alturas, CA and Kalispell, MT. We performed 18 times in 5 States (Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada & Montana) on our 22 day tour.

The Lord blessed in every way and we saw many respond to the Lord's tugging. Some received Jesus as Saviour and many, many others wanted prayer for various needs. Our new bus ran awesome and a day didn't go by without us praising the Lord for our new transportation. God is Good!!

Stories from tour....



Stories

We were singing in Spray, OR when in the middle of one of the kid's songs our little girl Olivia (3yrs) threw up on stage. Debbie grabbed her and took her to the front row. We'd never had that happen before but we tried to act like true professionals. We kept smiling and singing till the song was done. Even the kids didn't miss a beat. The flu worked it's way through our group and only 4 of us (photo - Newport, OR) happened to escape it's nauseating effect.

After spending some time at the Ocean in Newport, OR on Saturday, February 23 we went to the church to set up. When we finished sound checking and went outside to get our things out of the bus we realized someone had been inside it. Several bags had been rummaged through yet wallets hadn't been taken. It appeared in the dark they had quickly grabbed what they could and ran. We lost our new video camera, Duncan's cell phone, Andrew's I pod, 2 bags with our boys clothes and Christina's

backpack with school textbooks. We were very thankful they hadn't taken our money bag, wallets and the video camera we were recording the tour on.

We'd had a video camera stolen once before out of our bus while in Kamloops, BC. We also had someone go downstairs in a church in Tulare, CA one time and while we sang upstairs they took some of our things. We are thankful that more valuable things weren't taken.

Bus conversion....



We leave on a quick 10 day tour this Friday, March 21 into North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. At the end of the tour we will be taking the bus on to London, Ontario to Starcrown Coach. They will be starting a bus conversion immediately.

We have secured a \$45,000 loan from the Credit Union to start the Bus Conversion. We are trusting the Lord to provide the additional funds needed. (photo - some of the beautiful country we encountered in OR, NV, CA and MT)

If you've been considering donating to help Canada's Double Portion, this would be an excellent time. For a Canadian tax receipt make your gifts to Wilderness Ministries.

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Xantrex Pro 3.0 Invertor \$2356.00, Battery EQ \$868, R.V. Toilet \$1200, Aqua Hot 600D Heating System \$6800, Aqua gauge tank monitors \$150, Onan 10KW diesel generator \$10, 500, Frigidair fridge \$800 as well as 9 bunks, 2 couches, Queen bed, cabinets, convection microwave, counter tops, sink, shower, lighting, air conditioning unit, flooring, electrical etc. etc.

Estimated completed cost is \$100, 000.

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Please keep us in your prayers!!

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