



Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

June/July 2008

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Dear Duncan,

June and July have been so hectic I haven't had a chance to get our regular monthly newsletter out. I started the June issue but didn't have time to finish it. Now the month of July is over!! We've had so much going on I will try to be brief. Here goes.....

June - Jamborees, Graduations...



June started us into "Jamboree season" and we sang at three in June. We had our local **Heritage Christian School Fundraising Jamboree** with *The Daae Family, Rick & Bebe* and others. We also traveled to **Bow Island, AB** in June and sang there with *The Amundruds* and *The Rempels*. The last weekend we crossed the border into Montana and we had an awesome weekend at the **Milk River Gospel Jamboree in Malta, MT** (*photo*). It was a very busy time as we ran the sound and performed all three days. They had excellent performers like the *Hunter Family, The Fehr Family, The Rawling Brothers* and *Accounted For Quartet*.

his High School **graduation ceremony** we were gone to Malta, MT so we had a celebration a week early. He was able to share the evening with two of his cousins who were also finishing School. Andrew and Jardeth's **Youth Band** also did their "debut" concert to rave reviews. Toward the end of June we also sang during the **Heritage Christian School** graduation ceremonies.

The Lord also gave us opportunity to minister in **several churches** in both **Alberta** and **Saskatchewan**. One was a fundraiser in Bonnyville, AB for Shiloh Youth Ranch, a camp for Inner City kids. Andrew and Jardeths' Youth Band ministered most of 2 weeks at Shiloh in July and will be going back for almost another 2 weeks in August.

Moriah graduates - Moriah, our six year old daughter, graduated from *Kindergarten* in June. I told Debbie we've had 8 graduations already, 2 from High School and 6 from Kindergarten.

July - Jamborees, more Jamborees...



After a hectic June, **July got even busier**. We never went home after the Jamboree at Malta, MT but headed to The Daae Families for their **Canada Day Jamboree** at the **Oungre Regional Park**. It was quite a time with

Family who were also singing there. We had an incredible weekend. God is good.

On our way home from La Crete we dropped Andrew and Jardeth off at the Shiloh Youth Ranch. The next day Debbie drove me to Saskatoon and I flew to Winnipeg to **pick up our bus**. Because of our busy schedule I didn't have time to fly to London, ON and get the bus so they met me in Winnipeg. They arrived about 8 hours later than expected (2:42am) so it meant I had to leave immediately for home. Unfortunately the new Onan generator wouldn't work and neither would the rooftop air conditioners. I arrived in North Battleford after an 11 hour drive and we loaded the bus and headed for Edmonton. We picked up Andrew and Jardeth on the way and pulled into Cummins Western Canada in the wee hours of the morning. They fixed a minor electrical problem with the generator and we were able to get two of the three roof tops working. As soon as that was done we drove for Red Deer and arrived at the **Enmax Arena in Red Deer** just in time to have our booth set up for the **Canadian Gospel Music Celebration** (*photo*).

We performed at the CGMC in Red Deer on **Mainstage Friday night**, the **Canadian Showcase on Saturday** and Duncan also did the **World Vision presentation** on Mainstage on **Saturday** night. It was such a blessing to be in one spot for three days and rejoice at Gods faithfulness and tremendous blessing. We continually praised the Lord for our bus, the conversion and our amazing friends in Gospel Music. In spite of being weary we praised the Lord for giving us the desires of our hearts to serve Him. As soon as we loaded and said our good byes at Red Deer we drove through the night to **Calgary** for Stampede time. We sang in the parking lot of **Hawkwood Baptist Church** for their **Stampede breakfast**. The people kept coming and they served approx. 600 people, almost double of last year. Praise the Lord.

After going almost non stop we decided it was time to have a **family break**. We stayed in Spruce Grove after leaving Calgary and enjoyed their **Leisure Centre** with Waterpark. The next day we went to the Amusement Park at **West Edmonton Mall** and got the kids all a pass. They had a great time going on the rides. Madison definitely was the bravest of the bunch although Bronson did pretty good too. Debbie was definitely the "chicken" of the bunch. Andrew and Jardeth headed back to Shiloh Youth Ranch for the week and we headed home.

We actually spent almost three days at home!! There was much catching up to do with business in town, emails, phone calls, cutting grass etc.. Soon we were loading the bus again for **Sandy Creek Gospel Jamboree** in **Besant Park, SK**. What a beautiful setting and great time we had with *Heritage Road*, *Evergreen State Quartet* and many, many others. We got to back up Evergreen State Quartet as they lead worship for the morning service.

We got to spend almost 4 days at home this week before heading for **Slave Lake, AB** and the **Northern Alberta Gospel Jamboree**. This was billed as a Jamboree but it was more like a campmeeting. I can't say enough how impressed we were with the ministry of *Jason Crabb* (Crabb Family) and his band. His heart for Souls was very evident. We were also blessed by the ministry of the *Mike & Kelly Bowling Trio* and *Kenny & Sonya Saults* from Ontario. It was a tremendous experience. After an all night drive we arrived at our "Family Camp" on **Tobin Lake**. We've been ministering at **Wilderness Camp** for over 16 years and our kids absolutely love it. It's a highlight of each year. (more in the August newsletter).

Bus Conversion, New CD arrives....



Bus Arrives Home!!!

We are so thrilled to have our bus back home. What a tremendous difference it makes in traveling the many miles and hours we do on the road. We were able to obtain the **financing** to do about **2/3 of the Conversion**.

Front Lounge - We have a *full size fridge* installed (Praise the Lord) and *convection microwave* and working *new rooftop air conditioner*. The *kitchen sink* is working and the *drawers* are completed although they need fronts. *Two couches* are in and one couch makes into a comfortable bed. The cabinets are needed above the couches and the very front of the bus (all above the driver) needed to be finished.

Bunk Room & Bathroom - This area has *9 bunks* each with an *individual light* and *plug-in*. The side wall and under of each bunk still has to be finished. There is a *new rooftop air conditioner* (that works) with finished header with *sunken potlights*. The bathroom has a working *toilet* and *sink* but still needs the vanity & light installed and cabinets finished.

Back Bedroom - has plywood, one plugin and new rooftop air conditioner (still not working).

Special Need: Starcrown Coach has installed our new *Hybrid Onan Generator* even though we did not have the financing for it. Since that time we have been able to pay \$7000 towards it but still have **\$11, 934.00 owing** (including bus bay preparation, 6 batteries, exhaust, wiring, fuel line, panel boxes, etc) .

25 Years Volume 2 CD arrived today!!! This new recording includes 13 Songs and one Bonus Track plus 13 pictures with stories that give a history of Canada's Double Portion. This along with our 25 Years Volume 1 CD gives a **complete history**, through 25 songs and 25 pictures with stories, of God's goodness and faithfulness to our family and group.

Free CD

Anyone donating to our "**Special Need**" will receive a free 25 Years Volume 2 CD. If you'd like a tax receipt please make your gift to 'Wilderness Ministries'.

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