



## Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

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Dear Duncan,

We were home 2 weeks from our 22 day Western U.S. tour when we were once again on the road into the United States. This time we traveled into the North Central States. The Lord is definitely working and we are thankful to be a part of it. Here is what He's been doing in our lives during the month of March.

Duncan A Hemmerling

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We arrived home on March 7th from our 22 day Western U.S. tour and headed to a friend's wedding the next day.

When we are on a tour like this there are a lot of things to catch up on when we get home. We have money to deposit and transfer, bills to pay, mail to go through plus the regular things like arranging future concerts, sending posters, correspondence, keeping the website up to date, online journal, monthly newsletter etc. etc.. I also try to keep up with our books and tax deductions and GST. There are some special video projects we are trying to get finished as well. Debbie is kept busy with loads of laundry, meals, dishes and kid's homework. Our days at home are pretty full.

We were able to go up to Debbie's folks for a day. Debbie's family are busy planning a big Family Reunion for this summer. We were home 3 days and sang at the Christian Counselling Service Fundraiser in Saskatoon. Faith based counselling is certainly worthwhile. The next day we headed back to Saskatoon to attend a Daae Family/Hunter Family concert. We stayed up way too late visiting and after a short night headed for Alberta. Our bus ran well through some blustery snowy weather. We had a good morning of Worship at Full Gospel Fellowship in Wetaskiwin. It had been many years since we've been in this Assembly. From there we headed to Sylvan Lake for the Sunday evening. This community is exploding in growth and the Alliance Church (photo) is thriving with God's blessing. They have promoted several musical guests like Steve Bell and others but this was the first time having "Southern Gospel" music. They had a good turnout and wonderful response to the evening. We left completely blessed. God is Good!!

United States ministry...



We spent a short 4 1/2 days at home preparing for our 10 day North Central U.S. tour. We wanted to take the bare minimum on this tour since our plan was to follow our bus with our 15 passenger van and pick up a 5 X 8 Uhaul trailer in Green Bay, WI. Debbie and I would take our bus to London, ON at the end of the tour to get a bus conversion started. The rest of our family would bring the van and Uhaul home from Green Bay. Debbie and I with Octavia would fly home from Toronto. We were able to find a terrific seat sale from Toronto. This all did go according to plan. Praise the Lord.

After a 14 hour drive to Cavalier, ND we spent Easter morning celebrating at the Evangelical Free church. They had an awesome breakfast with lots of young families.

After leaving Cavalier we headed East to Baudette, MN. The Evangelical Covenant Church have built a new church since we were there and we had a wonderful time. We slept in the church for the night and it turned out to be a perfect fit. Their youth room came complete with a pool table, ping pong table and five couches.

We traveled on Monday to our friends Rick & BeBe Svenddal near Duluth, MN. They are wonderful friends who travel in music ministry as well as spending quite a bit of time in Colombia, South America with Colombia Para Cristo ministries. We arrived in Minneapolis shortly after noon on Tuesday and Andrew picked up some SKB drum cases at Guitar Center for his acoustic DW drum kit. We then went to the Mall of America. Andrew's girlfriend Cheilon and her brother David came along for this short tour and their parents drove up from Muscatine, Iowa to spend 2 days with us. They pastor the Foursquare church in Muscatine. We spent the afternoon and evening shopping and enjoying rides at the large amusement park.

Wednesday we ministered just south of Minneapolis at Lakeville, MN at Celebration Church. Pastor Lowell Lundstrom was a pioneer in Crusade ministry throughout Northern United States and into Canada. He travelled for years with his family in ministry before pastoring this church 11 years ago. Their beautiful auditorium has state of the art sound and lighting. They put it to good use and had just completed their Easter musical where they had 4000 people attend. This is a lively church excited about serving the Lord and we were very well received.

On Thursday we ministered in Mora, MN at Emmanuel Baptist Church and met another family who had travelled 2 1/2 hours to meet us. They have 12 kids and are planning on heading out in full-time ministry. WOW!! We were up early Friday and on the road for Green Bay, WI. We sang in the Cup O Joy Coffeehouse in downtown Green Bay. They have weekly Friday and Saturday evening concerts of different genres of music. We stayed just a few blocks from Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. We went and checked it out on Saturday. Although we couldn't afford the grand tour, we went and threw the football around in their parking lot and took a few pictures. That evening we set up and prepared for ministering at the Assembly of God in Oneida, WI on Sunday morning.

Bus conversion started....



### Bus Conversion Started!!

We arrived at Starcrown Coach in London, Ontario on Monday morning, March 31st. We'd parted ways with the rest of our family in Green Bay, WI. They headed for

home and we drove through Chicago and Detroit before crossing the border into Canada. We spent Monday taking the last of the seats out of the bus and everything else we could find. We also started finalizing colors for the interior. Terry and Sharon Whitfield of Starcrown Coach opened their home to us and looked after us for two nights including blessing us with several meals. They are wonderful Christians who have been involved in Gospel Music for many years.

I headed to the bus with Terry early Tuesday and shortly after noon had the luggage racks down (photo) and ready to be hauled away. Another worker ripped the bathroom out by suppertime. We spent the rest of the afternoon making final color decisions for the couches, counters, flooring, headliner, cabinets and window framing.

At 5:18am (3:18 SK) on Wednesday, Terry knocked on our door and we had a quick breakfast and headed for Pearson Airport in Toronto. It was a 2 hour drive and we arrived in good time for our flight. This was Debbie and Octavia's first flight. We flew out at 9:50 am, had a 2 1/2 hour layover in Winnipeg to switch planes and arrived in Saskatoon at 4:00pm. We had a wonderful reunion with all our children.

### Birthdays!!

Christina Hemmerling - March 17th 15 Years Old

Jardeth Hemmerling - March 19th 18 Years Old

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!! It does make a difference.

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