



## Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

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Dear Duncan,

Wow, May has flown by. We had such a busy month with a wide variety of things happening and it only gets more hectic from here. We wanted to keep you updated with what the Lord's been doing in our lives. Read on.....

[Duncan Hemmerling](#)

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We started off the month of May in Eastern Saskatchewan and Western Manitoba. It was a busy time with 4 concerts in 3 days. We sang in Kuroki, SK Friday evening before heading to Norquay, SK for Saturday night. After the concert in Norquay, we loaded up and drove to Roblin, Manitoba to be ready for Sunday morning. Unfortunately the hour time change was against us and we arrived at 12:00 midnight at the hotel and had to be up for breakfast at 7:30am. The kids did great though inspite of the late night.

After the morning in Roblin we crossed back into (photo-story below) Saskatchewan to Rocanville, SK. for an evening concert.

We were home for a short three days before heading to Northern Alberta . Our friends Kevin (formerly with Dry River Boys) and Kim (formerly Singing Hills) Elias hosted us and we had a great time in Beaverlodge, AB. They are a talented musical/vocal duo that travel and minister as well. The next day we headed north of Peace River to Manning. Two churches are in the midst of reuniting and we had a wonderful "Mothers Day" morning there. We then headed to the small community of Eaglesham and had a good evening of ministry in that Community. God is Good!!

We had the Victoria Day weekend off and both our families postponed their Mother's Day celebrations till then. We had an awesome time with our Mothers and our families.

The last weekend of May I left open (mostly) so our oldest three children could attend YC Alberta. They had never been able to attend before and they weren't disappointed as they enjoyed the weekend with about 17, 000 other young people. They were challenged by the speakers and really felt the presence of the Lord throughout their time. Since they were in Edmonton on the weekend we did minister in Spruce Grove on Sunday evening at their regular concert series. Reuben & Joyce Neufeld do a great job in organizing these concerts and we were tremendously blessed.

Tales from the road... While waiting for our bus to be finished we are using our 15 passenger van and Uhaul. We had just left the town of Margo and were picking up speed on the highway when in my rear view mirror I saw a red suitcase scoot across the road. We pulled over and discovered the Uhaul door wasn't closed and Jardeth's guitar amp was missing. We closed the Uhaul door and turned around and found his amp laying on its side on a gravel street in Margo. Thankfully we have a \$500 roadcase around it. We pulled up and Jardeth ran to his amp and held it in his arms, a tear slowly trickling down one cheek. (added details for dramatic effect). During extensive band interrogation it could not be determined who was the last person at the Uhaul. Final determination was that it is the driver's responsibility to make sure the Uhaul is closed. I guess I won't be driving anymore!!!

Radio Interviews, Prairie Fire....



We were featured in two different parts of Canada with two different radio stations in May.

800 CHAB Radio in Moose Jaw, SK did a 1/2 "Saskatchewan Spotlight" on our group featuring an interview format with three songs. They called us up out of the blue and we were thrilled to be showcased on this secular station.

We also did a radio interview with a station in Chatham, ON area. They played some of our music and also did an interview by phone.

Prairie Fire-One day Moriah came into the house asking about the smoke outside. What we discovered was a prairie fire at our neighbors. We were the first ones on the scene armed with shovels, clothes to wet and beat the fire with. Other neighbors began to arrive and we slowly worked our way around the perimeter beating the flames. At times it seemed it would get away on us but other people were coming around the backside extinguishing the fire. After several hours we managed to contain it. In the Spring it's common to have at least one fire. Unfortunately they are usually man made. We returned home dirty and tired (photo-near top of page) . The fire burned several acres but we were thankful it wasn't any worse.

#### Watoto Children's Choir.

Our kids were able to attend the concert of the Watoto African Children's Choir and thoroughly enjoyed all the action and singing. Afterwards they got to meet several of the children and had their picture taken with them. (photo)

#### Bus Conversion, New CD....



#### Bus Conversion nearing completion

We are very excited that we will have our bus back in just a few weeks. The progress report is that the flooring is in, the 9 bunks (photo) and bathroom are in. The 8 foot couch and 6 foot bed/couch are installed. The fridge, convection microwave and kitchen cabinets are finished. The Onan 10KW Hybrid generator is being installed as we write this and the 3 air conditioners are mounted.

To be completed later.

The back bedroom will have nothing done in it other than the plywood shell. Once the finances come in we will be completing the back bedroom along with our Aqua- hot system for the winter heating. We will also be finishing our cabinets above the couches up front and the very front cabinets above the driver etc.

Thank you to those who have contributed toward the bus and it's conversion.  
Your gifts are tremendously appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the Bus Conversion or general roads expenses (fuel, fuel, fuel), you can send your gift to Canada's Double Portion, PO Box 96, Cando, SK, S0K 0V0. Canadian donations can receive a tax receipt if made out to Wilderness Ministries.

25 Years Vol. 2 CD We have finished our 25 Years Vol. 2 CD and the covers have gone to press. As soon as they are printed we will be manufacturing the CDS. They should be in our hands in a month's time.

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