



## Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

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**Dear Duncan,**

June has been an awesome month full of blessings and opportunities.

Summer is definitely upon us. No matter where we went we encountered weather of differing degrees, hot, cold, sunny, wet but always times of tremendous blessings. God is Good.

Here is a brief look at road life in June.

Duncan Hemmerling

*Headed West....*



We spent the first weekend of June Alberta bound. We ministered in St. Albert on Sunday morning and had an encouraging morning there.

Sunday night we headed north of Edmonton to Barrhead **(photo)** for a fundraiser for the Shiloh Youth Ranch. What an awesome ministry to Inner City Youth. We were privileged to minister with two other groups, Renewed

and Joyful Melody.

Andrew and Jardeth are going to the Shiloh Youth Ranch in August to lead worship for almost a week. They are very excited with this opportunity and can hardly wait.

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*Headed further West....*



We were only home a few days and we headed through Alberta to a horse farm near Enderby, British Columbia for their Singin' Good News weekend. This was our first time being there and we were tremendously blessed. Although it rained quite a bit we were in a 1500 seat horse barn out of the "liquid sunshine". The horse barn was filled with chairs and the walls were lined with hay bales that formed bleachers three high. The capacity crowds were blessed by the Allen Family from Michigan, Evergreen State Quartet from Washington, Freedom Singers **(photo)** with several members from Romania, Karen Ritchey from Alberta and others.

**Story:** It seems we keep a pretty hectic pace and before we left for B.C. was no different. Debbie cuts all our hair and as we headed to Enderby she'd only been able to cut our youngest boys hair. Andrew and Jardeth like their hair longer but Jardeth did need a good trim. Debbie hadn't had a chance to yet. On the second day at Singin' Good News a guy came up to Jardeth and said "If I give you some money will you get your hair cut". Jardeth began to explain he was planning on it and the guy handed him a \$100 bill. Between our 2 sets that day Debbie sat Jardeth down in front of the bus in the breeze and cut his hair. The \$100 has went into Jardeth's fund to buy a Dobro.

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*Headed South....*



We left home June 21 and crossed the border into Montana early the next morning. We spent the next 3 days at Milk River Gospel Jamboree in **Malta, MT**. They had an amazing lineup with The Daae Family, High Valley, Muddy River Quartet, Potter's Clay Quartet, The Hughes Family and others.

On Tuesday morning we went further South to **Lewistown, MT** and that evening sang for the Cowboy Church there. We had a great time and the Lord's presence was strong.

The next day we crossed into **Wyoming** and travelled through desert like conditions to Basin. This was our first time singing in Wyoming and the church and people were a great blessing to us.

We left Basin at 9:30 Thursday morning to travel across Wyoming to **Buffalo, South Dakota**. We had to go over Powder River Pass (9666 ft) and the bus kept heating up. It was a hot day and we had to stop 7 times to let the bus cool down. I had to wait about 10 minutes each time and the kids took advantage of the stops (**photo**). We got into more picturesque country as you can see in the picture. Unfortunately the stops put us behind and we got to Buffalo just in time to get ready for the concert. I'd made an appointment to get work done on our air conditioners in Sioux Falls so we had to leave right after the concert in Buffalo and drive all night.

We arrived in Sioux Falls, SD about 7:00am and stopped for a brief rest at the Flying J Truckstop. I then dropped the youngest kids off at the Zoo, the oldest kids at the Mall and I went to Spader R.V. They cleaned our air conditioners, which work great now, and fixed a few other small things on the bus. We got to **Brandon, SD** later in the evening so we'd be ready for the Sing there on Saturday.

We spent Saturday, June 30th, in Brandon, SD at Marv's Appreciation Sing. It was a full afternoon and evening of great Gospel Music. We got to sing with The Allen Family from Michigan again and met some great groups like One Way from Iowa and Journey Bound from Nebraska.

**Next Month:**The rest of the tour....and more....

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