



A Mission serving in Canada for 111 years.

SCA INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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"New IN HIM"

Dear SCA International Supporters and Friends:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Did you ever wonder why some people say "Happy New Years" with an 's' at the end of "years"? I am guessing it comes from the phrases New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. In both of these, it is correct to add the "s". We would not say New Year Eve or New Year Day. This possessive form is erroneously carried over by some to the greeting for the New Year.

No matter how you say it, we at SCA hope your 2018 will be a great year and that you enjoy some wonderful successes in whatever you choose to do, remembering...

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

THANK YOU!

You need to know that we are very thankful for your faithfulness and support during 2017. Your backing has played an enormous part in allowing us to see 111 years of ministry.

WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING GOD:

It has been a cold winter so far and even a colder start to 2018 as all of North America seems to have settled into a deep freeze. That, I guess, would be considered an understatement.

I was looking for something that wouldn't burn up in my fireplace, quite as fast as the wood I chopped last summer. COAL! I thought. It seemed logical to me that I could save myself some time and diesel fuel (yes, I drive a diesel) if I used the internet instead of my car. But internet results I discovered, are often more than a little perplexing. On one website, the page was headed: Boats for Sale in Coal Harbour. Naturally, I was hoping to find Coal. Instead, it showed me ten items to select from. There were: Market Leading Engineering Equipment, Fulvic Acid, Scrap Metal, Cheap flights to Vancouver, Pizza Ovens, Things to do in Algonquin Park, A.H. Brown Funeral Home, How to Buy Erythromycin without a Prescription, Women's Shoes, and a

1950's MINNITROY Truck.

God is much more reliable. His promise is that, "... we will find Him, if we search for Him with all our hearts." (Jeremiah 29:13)

2017 was a year that we saw some big changes, changes that have allowed us to really ask ourselves and more importantly ask God to show us what His plans are for 2018 and beyond.

"In the days ahead your SCA Board will be considering hiring an Executive Director (*and we are certainly open to your suggestions*) to help us run and develop some of our present programs in place, such as:

"Spread the Word™": our plan to put the Gospel of John in every household in Canada,

"Grace Stream": our plan to help post-abortion women. This includes a DVD produced by our own Board Member, Keith Neely. This DVD is available to you – just ask. It could be a great conversation starter for your Small Group, and finally coming this Spring we will once again be reprising our very successful ...

"Send a Child to Camp" program, which began in 2016. This is where between a combination of funds supplied by generous donors like you, along with some of our own assets gleaned from the sale of camp properties, we are sending children to Christian camps who otherwise would not have been able to go. Many of these children come from various backgrounds of abuse, or from families who simply can't afford it. We have some great reports of those who have given their hearts to Jesus or made a renewed re-commitment. We have heard gratitude and thankfulness from the camps, parents and letters from the children themselves as young as seven right up to eighteen years old. All of them tell of their positive camp experience. We could not have done this without your help. Thank you so much!

Please contact our office soon for information on how you can support and make arrangements to be part of this fabulous program for summer 2018, which believe it or not, despite the snow and the sub-zero temperatures, is just around the corner!

"May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favour because you have done this." 2 Samuel 2:6

I believe God has BIG plans for SCA in 2018 and would like to encourage you to stick with us as He moves us in the direction that He alone wants us to go. We look forward to making a real difference for the kingdom and agreeing with the Apostle Paul:

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

As I have written before, SCA is returning to its twin founding purposes that were outlined in the original charter of the Shantymen's Christian Association Mission of 111 years ago ... Reaching Isolated People In Canada (wherever they are and by whatever isolates them) and distributing God's Word. With God's help and yours we can do a lot!

For those of you who have contributed financially in 2017, your official income tax receipt will be in the mail to you soon. We look forward to your continued support in 2018. God Bless you!

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Serving Him together with you.

Respectfully,

Bruce Malcolm, SCA International, Chairman of the board