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NEWSLETTER

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SCA MOVING AHEAD

Dear SCA Friends and Supporters of the Mission:

Just when we thought we might get a break... unbelievably, between our busy personal lives and our commitment to the mission, February ended up being one of the busier times for all of us at Shantymen. So, we thought it might be appropriate to call this month's update "the Ferch Newsletter" or perhaps "the Marbruary Newsletter" has a better ring to it! No matter- it's a timely report on some of our progress and plans.

Do you believe it? Just a few more weeks and it will 'officially' be Spring. Actually, I read recently that in the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March...so, HAPPY SPRING!

Our three main focuses remain Grace Stream, Send-a-child to Camp and Spread the Word. Additionally, the board recently made a decision to explore the possibilities of finding a new Executive Director. One who could not only bring their own fresh perspective to SCA, but also someone with the talents and energy to help move some of our great ideas forward. To that end, we have

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accepted the recruiting services of Philip JW Smith & Co. Phil is a specialist in the not-for-profit sector and has a great track record for finding top talent executives for organizations like ours. So, we are very hopeful that spring will also bring some new ideas and fresh perspectives, not to mention energy to our 112 year old mission, in the form of a new Executive Director. Who knows, maybe we'll find this century's Oswald Smith or William Henderson? I am certain God already has the 'right' person picked out for us to help take the Gospel to the "isolated people of North America", no matter what "isolates" them.

Through GraceStream, our program for helping post abortion women, we have been making some great strides lately. Our own Vice Chair Keith Neely has used his talents to make documentaries that explain the risks of abortion to women. Recently, we learned that Keith's latest video was viewed by the four major Christian broadcasters that span the globe. They are, right now, reviewing the notion of broadcasting the Emotional Risks documentary: TBN-UK, GOD-TV, Daystar and EWTN. Please pray that they will decide to air the news of its contents with the hope of introducing Christ, the ONLY ONE who can bring them healing and peaceful reconciliation.

Our Spread The Word™ Program where we partner with local churches to distribute the Gospel of John Booklet called "Can Anything Last Forever?" has begun in earnest. The long journey of putting the Gospel of John into all 4.2 million homes in Canada is right now beginning with a couple of local churches. The first 35000 homes are slated to receive it this spring.

Our first church 'partner' is the Gathering Place, a church to the Aurora community. GP has recently picked up close to 20,000 of the books for distribution this spring. As we speak the presses are rolling on another batch of booklets for First Baptist Church in Orillia – they are ready to get them into the Orillia community as soon as they arrive. We have by faith, committed to print an additional 76,000 of the Gospels ... so if you and your church would like to become a partner with us just let us know... partnership means we provide the books and you provide the distribution. We are asking God to raise up men and women who will share our vision for getting God's Word into every home in Canada ... WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. \$100. can help to place the Gospel of John into 200 mail boxes or more and \$500 will make sure as many as 1000 of your neighbours get the "Good News". As God provides the people to help us pay for the printing we will be looking for churches like yours, to partner with us. Let your Pastor know about this wonderful opportunity. It's a great way to make your church known in your community and even better it's an opportunity to invite people to church who may never come. In fact, as a bonus, some of our partners intend to include an additional message inside the booklet. Another way to "go into all the world...".

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Of course, 'success breeds success' as they say, so I am glad to report that your Shantymen Board voted unanimously to bring back the Send-a-child to Camp Program, for a third year in a row ... and just in time for the 2018 camping season, too! Last year we sent 43 kids to camp, but it cost a lot of money to do it. If you are like I am, where camping had a special place in your growing up years, you can easily see the wisdom of this kind of investment. Whether you enjoyed camp yourself and know the blessing it can be or you would just like to see some young person get the experience, this is a program you will want to support. Without someone like you sponsoring them there are lots of kids who won't get to go. Camping was huge for me personally. The impact it had on my life is incalculable. Even today, after all these years later, I can still hear Vincent Craven ('Cobber' of Pioneer Camp) saying prayerfully "Lord, take me and make me the man you want me to be".

We are extremely grateful for the financial support we have received towards all of our projects and programs. Many of you receiving this letter are included ... so thank you so much! You are an extremely important part of the testimonies we are getting – from the kids who got to go to camp –from hurting woman helped through GraceStream and ultimately through your donation. Yours can be one of the hands that puts the Gospel of John into millions of Canadian mail boxes.

Finally, we'd be glad to hear from you... feel free to call or write or to be part of the Tuesday mid-day Prayer Time led by our own Devika Ramroop. Please see the enclosed return envelope that you may use to include with your donation. Know this: We will use your gift wisely to further God's Kingdom, and you will received an official receipt at year end for income tax purposes.

Thanks so much for partnering with us in this ministry...God bless you!

Respectfully,



Bruce Malcolm, Chairman of the Board of SCA International

P.S. As I am certain you know, Billy Graham died last week at age 99... I read recently that he was once asked what he was most surprised by in life. He answered, "Its brevity." (*Christianity Today*, 10/06, p. 90)