





Saskatchewan

"It is not the will of your Father...that one of these little ones should perish." - Matthew 18:14

Sheltered in the Arms of God!

Dear Friends, October 29, 2020

In Proverbs 1:33 we read, "But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil." In Proverbs 3:23, it says, "Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet."



These verses reminded me of a song we used to sing when we traveled as a family singing in churches back in the 70's and 80's, 'Sheltered in the Arms of God'! It went like this:

I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender They're leading me in paths that I must trod I have no fear when Jesus walks beside me For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

So let the storms rage high
The dark clouds rise they won't worry me
For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God
He walks with me and naught of earth shall harm me
For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

Things around the world right now seem so crazy and one does not even know what the next day might bring. But I cannot imagine being in a safer place than 'Sheltered in the Arms of God'. I believe that is why as children of God we can press forward with confidence, as our God is able to keep us, regardless of what is going on around us.

In Proverbs 3:26, we read, For the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught. Therefore, we continue to press on, seeking to reach the lost for Christ, knowing that we can have confidence in Him!

I don't think I would have ever imagined what God would do this year as everything we thought would happen changed and He led us to lauch the 'Sponsor a Mailbox Project'.



There have now been 186,337 homes sponsored and we continue to send out packets almost every day to communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and NWT. The lessons continue to come in everyday and it amazes us who God is reaching through this project!



The adult lessons have been completed by individuals from 18 to 85. Almost every day, there are more and more come in.

The other day we received an adult lesson from a 27-year-old mother of four from a small town in Alberta who wrote:

"I never exactly knew what grace meant. Thank you for explaining it so clearly!" She went on to write, "I've always had to work with patience. We have four small boys and my husband's trying to understand how to receive Jesus as his Saviour. Please pray for us!" — M

A 22-year-old wrote on her lesson, "I would want my life to be more like Jesus by sharing the gospel. To do it bodly and without fear of man." – Fort Vermillion

Not only are we receiving lessons from homes we have sent the lessons to but also requests from grandparents, asking us to mail lessons to their grandchildren who live in other cities and towns. Parents are asking to enroll more of their children as they send back the first lesson.

We have included a Sponsor a Mailbox brochure for your province, updating the communities that have been sponsored as well as the communities that have been mailed out.





We would value your prayers that the seeds that are sown in each home that receives these would fall on fertile soil. Also pray that the many boys and girls, moms and dads, and even grandparents who are responding will make a decision for Jesus Christ and grow in their faith as we continue to disciple them through the mail.

It is amazing to me that in these times the ministry of Club DJ would be growing, not only in the number of children being reached in the churches but also the number of new churches that are starting up this year for the first time as they realize the need and the opportunity to reach the boys and girls in their community for Jesus Christ.

We continue to send out Club DJ Director's Kits and books for the children each week.



I have talked to many churches during these times and it seems like the enemy is doing all he can to try and stop Club DJ from running this year but he is losing ground! Today I received a phone call from a church who has run Club DJ almost since we first started the program. They were unsure how to get started with all the challenges and different perspectives and changing guidelines. The director said some people are just straight up afraid. I told her about the story of Gideon and that the first people God told Gideon to send home were those that were afraid and 2/3 of the men went home. But there were still too many for what God wanted to do. In the end God used 300 men to accomplish the task and they had a great victory. At the end of the conversation she told me about a boy who had been coming to Club DJ and he yelled across the street, "When is church going to start?" You see, Club DJ is his church! At the end of the conversation she said, "I have made up my mind. We are going to start," and ordered her director's kit and student books!

Three churches in Edmonton, Regina, and Saskatoon are running Club DJ by ZOOM. What was so interesting is they are delivering the books to the children at home and then they join them online. The church in Saskatoon told me that they now have children attending from Vancouver, Calgary, and Toronto!

It is not too late to start a Club DJ in your community. If you or your church would like more information about Club DJ go to www.clubdj.com and fill out the 'more information' link and we will get in touch with you. We are already talking to new churches planning to start in the new year.

QUIZ MEET has been equally exciting. On October 17th we ran our first online meet for this fall using the platform **Kahoot**!



We are so excited about our Bible Quizzing program this year as we are memorizing key verses from the Old Testament!



In the midst of all that is happening in the world almost all of our quizzing churches from previous years are up and running and new ones have joined in for the first time. It is not too late to get involoved and we would love to have your church join us. All you need to start is to have 3 or 4 young people and someone to be their quizzing coach. If you want more information on the QUIZ MEET program, you can contact us by going to our website at www.quizmeet.com.

Vangi, who heads up our prayer band with the CG's, has started using the U B David & I'LL B Jonathan website www.ubdavid.org to teach English to Chinese students using the online Bible lessons.



As we reflect back on this past year it has been amazing to see how God has protected this ministry but also opened up many opportunities to grow the ministry in ways we would have never imagined.

There is hardly a day that goes by that we do not reflect on His goodness and provision for our new headquarters!



As I close this letter I want to remind you again that as God's children, no matter what is going on around us, we are 'Sheltered in the Arms of God'. Remember Proverbs 1:33, "But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil."

It is an amazing thing to be able to walk with confidence as it says in Proverbs 3:26, and that He will keep your foot from being caught.

Who doesn't want to walk safely and have a sweet sleep, letting God take care of all our concerns. Remember what it says in Proverbs 3:23, "Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down, and your sleep will be sweet."

We are so thankful for each of you as you have upheld this ministry in your prayers and through your faithful support.

I still believe we are living in exciting times with so many amazing opportunities. We would value your prayers as we seek to continue to reach the lost for Christ.

Remember the words in the song!

So let the storms rage high The dark clouds rise they won't worry me For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God He walks with me and naught of earth shall harm me For I'm sheltered in the arms of God

God bless you all for your part in this ministry in reaching the lost for Christ!

For the sake of the children,





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CEF of Saskatchewan - www.cefsask.org

5-Day Clubs - <u>www.5dayclubs.com</u>

Club DJ - www.clubdj.com

Jonathan Sperry Sponsor a Town Project -

www.jonathansperryproject.com

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