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## NEWSLETTER

### LOST



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Perhaps there is not a more lonely word in the English language than the word lost.

To be lost is to be distanced, disoriented, and confused. To be lost is to be misplaced, hidden and unseen. To be lost is to be undetected, overlooked and out of fellowship. To be lost is to be out of relationship. To be lost is to be out of circulation. To

be lost is to be damaged. To be lost is to be wasted. To be lost is to be ruined.

Jesus came “to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). He taught that God actually rejoices in finding those who are lost. God is like a shepherd who leaves the flock to search for one lost sheep out of a hundred. He is like a woman who lights the room and sweeps her world to find one lost coin out of ten. God is like a father who eagerly awaits His lost son to come to himself and return home.

In the great city of Nineveh God said there were 120,000 people who when it came to knowledge about the true and living God “did not know their right

hand from their left’. The same may be true and even more so for the great cities in Canada.

As I join you as Executive Committee liaison I dream of a blood-washed Canada. I hunger for a national revival that will sweep millions of lost souls into the Kingdom of God. I long for our sons and daughters to return to God and witness His miracles, signs and wonders.

We are responsible for our generation. The time is short. Won’t you join us?



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## "Hands of Compassion" Warehouse Dedicated

On September 20th the Church of God World Missions Warehouse—Hands of Compassion, was dedicated. Special guests Bishop Mark Williams and Dr. Ken Bell were present at the dedication. Sister Pamela Binda cut the ribbon to officially open the warehouse to receive donations. Refreshments were served and although the other two World Missions Board members were not able to be present, they sent in their official greetings.

The warehouse will receive collectible items and have them ready for shipment either to a specific Container location, or for any natural disaster emergency. Recently, the warehouse acquired a Forklift to aid in loading containers and preparations are currently under way to ship a container to Trinidad on November 29th!

We need your donations! For a list of collectible items and instructions on packing, please visit the Church of God in Canada website—World Missions Tab: [www.cogcanada.org](http://www.cogcanada.org).



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## Western Canada Update



Rev. Bob and Sister Marilyn travelled to Sri Lanka from August 12th to September 5th. They visited 8 churches and held various seminars for Pastors, Pastor's Wives and Sunday School workers. Our missionaries report that the political situation in Sri Lanka is very bad. Here's an excerpt from one of our Pastors in the War Zone of Sri Lanka: **"More than 1,000 families have been displaced and are living under trees and in tents. We pray that there should be no rain, for if the rain comes it will be a terrible situation. There is a big shortage of medical facilities, and the hospitals are running out of medical supplies and food. By the time this war ends, we will have many widows (we presently have 85 widows to whom we minister to), many children will be left without parents and lots of young people will lose parts of their bodies. Most of our pastors are now living with Pastor David in Dharmapuram in the house that Western Canada built and in the church. We need your help."**

As you can see, Sri Lanka is in desperate need of our prayers and our assistance. Money is being sent as it comes in to help the churches in the area that have been built. But we need your help. A church is being built in the middle of a Buddhist area and must be completed soon. We encourage Canadians all over this vast country to support this mission to Sri Lanka. Send in your donations to the Church of God in Canada—Project Sri Lanka.



## Ontario Region Update

Rev. Youdi Binda led a group of 28 to the blessed country of Israel. Thank you to all who participated. The team visited the Jerusalem Support Centre, where Michael & Gina Utterback are the directors of the Ministry—Ministry to Israel. The team brought a much needed, 18 suitcases of baby supplies and participated in various facets of the ministry there. The Jerusalem Support center stands as a beacon of hope for literally hundreds of Jewish immigrants. The JSC is a witness of Christian love working with new immigrants to Israel. They help the hurting and needy by providing short-term housing, food, clothing, and assistance to meet the ongoing demands of a foreign environment. If you would like to assist this project, send in your donations to the Church of God in Canada—Project: Ministry to Israel. To learn more about this project, feel free to visit [www.ministrytoisrael.com](http://www.ministrytoisrael.com)

The Ontario region also held the dedication to the Church of God World Missions Warehouse—Hands of Compassion and is busy collecting items at the warehouse. There are also other trips being planned to various parts of the world. If you'd like to join a mission trip, please contact your region representative. Don't miss the chance to be a blessing to the needy of this world.

## Quebec/Maritimes Region Update



The Quebec/Maritimes region continues helping to fulfill missionary tasks around the world. Our World Mission representative Rev. Humberto Araica visited our churches in the Maritimes last July to promote Missions. All the churches were involved in missionary projects. The churches have sent aid to Tanzania, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Haiti and Sri Lanka. Their offering was sent to help with the distribution of Bibles in Russia. Our churches in Quebec are also actively sending monthly financial support to pastors and their families in India, Sri Lanka and Africa. They are also financially supporting, orphanages and helping in building and repairing churches. Thank you to all the churches that already participate in a Missions project.

The region will now be concentrating their efforts in helping our brothers in Cuba and Haiti. Hurricane IKE devastated part of Cuba and that nation is slowly but surely being re-built. However, we need your help. According to the law in Cuba, a new church can not be built, but the ones that already exist can not be torn down. Therefore, the church in Cuba is fighting to keep all the churches open. The Hurricane brought walls down, literally took roofs off, and power is slowly being restored. Please send your donations to Project—Cuba and Haiti, to help keep the existing churches remain open and running. Let's not let the light of our Lord Jesus in Cuba and Haiti diminish, but rather let us let make it burn brighter and brighter!



## Christ Birthday Offering "CBO"

As we get into the spirit of Christmas, and we remember our Savior's birth, we'd like to encourage all to give to the Christ Birthday Offering "CBO".

This offering is collected every year at Christmas time. The Church of God encourages all churches to designate on Sunday in the month of December in which to give a special offering to the Christ Birthday Offering Fund. This fund is used exclusively for Disaster and Relief Work. Pastors will be receiving a special envelope in which to send the offering in, however, feel free to send your contributions to the Church of God National Office and designate your contribution clearly to the CBO Fund, at any time.

During this year, the CBO offering has sent direct relief to Kenya, Haiti, Guyana, Trinidad and Guatemala. Without your contributions to the CBO Fund, direct assistance to these ministries would not be possible in times of need. Please consider contributing to the CBO Fund this Christmas....



## Calendar of Events

April 16-28—Nigeria Missions Trip

May 9th—Ontario Region's Missions Banquet

**Not involved in World Missions yet?**

Did you know that Churches in Canada support various projects around the world? From Orphanages in Guatemala, Africa, and Mexico to an Elderly home in Brazil. Plus support to various Missionaries in Argentina, India, the Philippines, Germany and Israel is being sent. If you or your church is interested in supporting a World Missions project, or for a full list of projects available, please contact the Church of God National Office.

**Together, we can impact our World for Christ!**