



Across the Miles with Canada's Double Portion

December 2008

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Dear Duncan,

2008 was a year of great blessing and opportunity!!

December ended the year on a very cold note. There was no doubt that we were in Canada and it was Winter!! Temperatures ranged anywhere from - 20C to -40C and that didn't include the windchill. The Lord still blessed though!!

Duncan Hemmerling

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U.S. Bus meets Canadian Winter!!

We weren't able to use our bus for the weekends in December because the air system was freezing from the cold temperatures. The whole air system had too much moisture and sludge in it and the bus air suspension wouldn't "air up" due to frozen lines. We took it to Redhead Equipment in Saskatoon and they

did a bunch of work on it. \$3879.75 worth of work!!! That included a transmission oil change and flush.

So we were off to Langham with our van and Uhaul for our first Christmas Banquet of the year. We came home after the banquet to sleep for about 5 hours and we piled back in the van and headed to Lashburn for their morning service. We headed off after their fellowship meal and it was abit further to Thorsby, AB than I'd realized. We arrived 10 minutes before the Banquet was to start with about 300 people sitting at tables staring at us. They helped haul in and we set up while they ate. Fortunately Cheilon was with us and was able to adjust sound quickly while we played. After the Banquet we arrived home in the wee hours after a 6 hour drive.

After almost 4 days at home we were off to Manitoba and the weather was getting colder. We ministered in Neepawa, MB during their Christmas concert and then the next morning drove further north to Dauphin, MB for another delicious banquet. The weather was absolutely vicious. We stayed in a hotel that night and even though I had the van plugged in, I got up in the middle of the night to start the van to make sure it would. We left the hotel at 7:00am in -35C temperatures and drove two hours to Langenburg, SK for their morning service. We traveled about 40 minutes closer to home to Yorkton and ministered there in an early evening concert. Following the concert we loaded once again and piled in the van for the 5 hour drive home. The radio said the temperature was -47C with the windchill and we were praying the Lord would give us safety. We are thankful for a van that runs well with great heat !! What a way to end off our year of ministry.



Upcoming Wedding....



Andrew Hemmerling & Cheilon Millar to be married!!!

On the afternoon of December 24th Andrew asked Cheilon to marry him and she said

"Yes". This followed a morning phone call to her father, Rev. Earl Millar in Muscatine, IA, to ask for his blessing.

The date is set for Saturday, June 13th and planning is well underway.

Andrew and Cheilon first met when we were on a U.S. tour in the Fall of 2002. Cheilon's dad is from North Battleford and they used to pastor in our area so we've known Earl and Karen since we were young. We stopped to visit them and Andrew became friends with Cheilon's brother David. Andrew would call to talk to David and if he wasn't home he'd talk to Cheilon instead. In 2006 David and Cheilon moved up to North Battleford to live. The rest is history!!

We are very excited that Cheilon will be part of our family. She is a great girl who loves the Lord and is a perfect match for Andrew.

Year in Review...



2008 - Year in Review

We ministered 142 times and spent 160 days on the road in 15 States of the U.S. and 4 Provinces of Canada. Among those dates we performed at 7 jamborees and ministered during 2 Campmeetings including leading Worship. We also took in both the Canadian Gospel Music Celebration in Red Deer, AB and the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY.

We traveled about 43, 000 miles and spent \$27,583.76 on fuel alone.

2009 - The Year Ahead!!

"Live Concert" Video Shoot - January 31, 2009

We are shooting a live concert video along with The Daae Family and The Amundruds at the beautiful Shell Theatre in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta (20 minutes from Edmonton). Everyone is Welcome although there is limited seating.

U.S. West Coast Tour - January 30 to February 25th, 2009

This trip will include the "live concert" video as well as concerts in Alberta, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Idaho.

Central Canada Tour - April 10 to May 4th, 2009

Northern Ontario and then ministering back the "North" route.

Many other concerts, Jamborees, tours. We even had our first Christmas banquet booked last week.

Foursquare Gospel Tidings radio note!!!

Last month I mentioned the radio stations that are carrying the 1/2 hr. radio broadcast we are singing and speaking on. To this point only the Saskatchewan stations were carrying the "new "programs but as of February 1st we will have the new programs on all eight broadcasting stations.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!!

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