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## Meet Shirley Adams our CBSI Regional Director

As of January 2010, the Lord has opened new doors of opportunity. While having served as the National Director in Mexico for five years, it wasn't among my expectations to become the Regional Director of the NCAC, and yet following the Lord meant for me taking that new role. The acronym of NCAC isn't really clear and even the entire name Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and USA Non-English may not define clearly the character of this region. We are actually part of a region which comprises 24 countries and 12 territories. There are NCAC CBSI classes in Spanish, English, German, Korean, Chinese and French. CBSI studies are transforming lives on beautiful Caribbean islands, in countries troubled with violence, in Canada with a mature and well developed ministry history, in a country under Communist rule, in a prison in the Dominican Republic, and in Haiti which has been ravaged by an earthquake. In some countries the ministry is flourishing, in some there are tremendous struggles. Each country is a beautiful part of a perfect masterpiece that the Lord is painting. The somewhat unfamiliar ministry of USA non-English, with a myriad of possibilities among many varied cultures, is like a microcosm of our whole world. Millions of Americans speak a native language other than English. In a recent meeting with leaders from this ministry, we listened while the teacher from a German class played her viola and a leader from a Korean class sang "This is our Father's World" in Korean, certainly a taste of heaven. We're thankful for the commitment of Canada to the translation of CBSI studies into Chinese, with the very real possibility of extending the ministry much beyond our region to the 1 billion people in the world who speak Chinese. Each one of us is privileged to be a part of the gathering of the nations to worship all together someday as part of His great kingdom. Meanwhile may we all pray



humbly to be found faithful in making disciples among the nations.

It has been a unique experience for me to call Mexico my home for the last forty one years. While in high school in Arizona, my church youth group made several missions' trips to Mexico. I had always resisted the idea of being a missionary or any type of full time Christian ministry. I felt as though I wanted to accomplish something that would define me as being "successful" according to the norm of others. My parents had provided for my 4 brothers, 1 sister and me, a godly example of what the Christian life should be as well as making huge sacrifices to provide each of us with a Christian education. The Lord worked quietly and patiently with me through my family, church and exposure to missions. The struggle ended when I trusted what I had been taught since a child, "Jesus Loves Me." I decided I could indeed trust my future to someone who loved me like Jesus. There have been many unknowns in the "future" that I had been so concerned about. But trusting a loving Father has been truly a successful way to live. I have grown to understand that living for his glory and His "well done" is true success. The Lord has blessed me one son and two daughters. They each enjoy a Christian marriage and have in turn blessed me with 5 grandchildren. It has been a delight for me to have 4 of the 5 grandchildren living a few minutes away from me in Guadalajara.

## NORTH DURHAM CBS

### OFF TO AN EXCITING START!

A group of ladies from Uxbridge, hungry for real time in the Word of God, came together in early 2008. Upon sharing with one another our need for a group Bible study, Ethel Garratt very enthusiastically suggested CBS as a daily, in-depth, uncomplicated, intimate time in God's Word. Ethel, Janet Gibson and Sheena Money had been a part of a CBS group in Scarborough a few years previous. We committed to praying together and our first two years consisted of prayer for our community, the local churches and God's direction and provision for a CBS study in our area. We also did a short study in Nehemiah in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year together.

Last year we began a mini-CBS group in North Durham with approximately 15 ladies and did a number of small studies throughout the year. 'God's Amazing Book', was our first study and a great introduction to CBS, from which we received wonderful insights into how God has gone to great lengths to reveal Himself to us through the Bible.

This fall we are studying Genesis with 40 ladies. Praise God!!! We are also very blessed to have the Children's Ministry in operation, headed up by Sheena, with 12 little ones participating so far. As we bask in the glow of God's faithfulness, we are making new friends, sharing revelations from God's Word and growing in our faith.

Janet is now in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as our Teaching Director and continues to be a blessing in her desire for God alone to be heard in her wrap-

ups. Ethel, our Assistant Teaching Director has succeeded in enabling us to establish the heart and vision of CBS here in North Durham. Joye Hanna, our Coordinator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year now, has been in a large part instrumental in making our transition to a full class a success. And Carol Hendry, who has been praying with us from the beginning, continues to be devoted to prayer for each of our ladies and the growth and needs of our CBS group.



This fall, Jayne Pullan joined our Leaders Council to be a Core Leader and together with Carol McTaggart they facilitate our two full groups of enthusiastic participants. We are all excited and challenged by our commitment to serve God and do His will as He touches the lives of the ladies of North Durham through CBS. God has faithfully answered our prayers, bringing us many new ladies hungry for His Word, including many young moms and their children. Our team continues to pray for additional ladies to assist with the children's ministry, core leading, music and devotions. God will provide. By Carol McTaggart, CL

## NATIONAL TRAINING WEEKEND IN GUELPH, ON APRIL 2010

Nearly 40 men and women gathered for a weekend of fellowship, food and WORK at the Guelph Bible Conference Center. This was our first time at this venue and we were delighted with EVERYTHING. This was the largest group we have ever had at training and they were great! The TDs were trained by Sue Demmons, the ATDs by Marg Mischuk, the Coordinators by Marilyn Walker, the Prayer Chairs by Wilbert Smith, the Children's Supervisor (one special person!) by Kathy Sykes and the Area Directors by Judy Dove.

We all arrived Friday evening and began with sessions on Mission and Vision, Call to Team and Prayer. The teaching groups met for 5 hours over the weekend to learn about their particular role. As well, there was a session on Shepherding, CBS Finances, CBSI and we had a role play of a Leaders' Council.

It was busy! There is much to pack into the weekend. Sunday morning we had a Worship/Sharing time, and in the afternoon a Commissioning Service. Phew! We made it! We praise God for His hand upon us.



## Prayer Chair Corner



One of our PCs has an idea to share:

I asked each member of Leaders Council to choose one day (from Sunday to Saturday) of the week when they can make time to commit to pray for those requests made in the Calendar under the specific day they have chosen. And they did; each leader chose a day of the week. In doing so the whole calendar is being prayed over during the month. If you have a smaller Leaders Council, you can modify this process to suit your situation e.g choose a whole week rather than a day. This practice includes the three Calendars we receive, CBS Canada, CBSI and CBS Children and Youth Prayer calendars. As the Prayer Chair, I will pray over all the calendars.

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*O Lord,  
 to be turned from You is to fall,  
 to be turned to You is to rise,  
 and to stand in You is to abide forever.  
 Grant us in all our duties: Your help,  
 In all our perplexities: Your guidance,  
 In all our dangers: Your protection,  
 And in all our sorrows: Your peace,  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”  
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*“The foremost quality of a trusting disciple is gratefulness. Gratitude arises from the lived perception, evaluation and acceptance of all life as grace- as an undeserved and unearned gift from the Father’s hand.*

*The highest form of giving is thanksgiving. The antithesis of giving thanks is grumbling. Grumblers live in a state of self-induced stress.*

*To be grateful for an unanswered prayer, to give thanks in a state of interior desolation, to trust in the love of God in the face of cruel circumstances, obscenities and common places of life is to whisper a doxology in darkness.”*

By Brennan Manning

## CBS Children's Ministry Workshop

The opportunity for all local Children's Supervisors and Children's Leaders to get together for a workshop/ exchange was made possible on October 2 at Bayview Glen Church.

Altogether there were six classes represented by those attending and the format included

- Getting acquainted by sharing "precious moments" already experienced in class this year
- We reviewed the Leader's Manual, our vision and mission... refreshed in our responsibilities and our need to depend on God and His resources
- Understanding the learning method of CBS Children's Ministry and how to engage children through each week's Aim, Story, Memory Verse and Prayer
- How we can also use our worship, singing, skits, visuals and snacks to reinforce this learning method as great suggestions were shared by the leaders

Each leader brought her unique gifts and experience and encouraged the others with her training.

We discussed the possibility of creating a "mission project" for our children's classes. The aim is to provide an opportunity to learn about children in other parts of the world

who are learning about God through CBSI. One suggested project would be the need in a Caribbean country for more \$\$\$ for a van that would be used to deliver lessons and materials for the children/classes there.

We sensed we are part of something much bigger than ourselves and our individual classes. Getting together develops us as a team and has given us the desire to get together more often. We are hoping to do this again in February and see more leaders join us!



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