

# Spring 2009



## Christmas Pageant Cancelled Due to

# SNOW

For the first time that your editor can remember, the Annual Christmas Pageant was cancelled due to snow. A very heavy snowfall made it extremely difficult for members of the congregation to make their way to church and Handy-Dart buses were not running during this time. For three Sundays, church was cancelled until the snow melted and roads and parking lots were cleared. The Joy Fellowship re-enactment of the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of the Christ Child is an event we all enjoy and look forward to. It was sadly missed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### EASTER CELEBRATION

Because the Seventh Day Adventist Congregation is planning a conference on Easter weekend, the Joy Fellowship Easter celebration will be held on Sunday April 12th, 10 AM at Pearson Hospital 700 West 57th in Vancouver.

Mar. 8 – Vancouver Service - monthly Broadmoor Service (6:30)

Mar.14 – JF AGM – at Trinity in gym from 6:30-9:00

Mar.15 – Memorial service for Jaye Lew

Mar.21 – JLS AGM in Trinity lounge from 6:30 - 7:30.

Apr.4 - Prayer Meeting at Haywards – 11:00

Apr.5 – Palm Sunday Communion Service – Myanmar Service

Apr.12 – Vancouver Easter Service - (NEW LOCATION –MEET AT PEARSON HOSPITAL 10:00-11:30) monthly Broadmoor Service (6:30)

Apr.17-19 – Leadership Retreat at Camp Jubilee

May 2 – Prayer meeting at Haywards

May 9 – JAMBOREE (NEW DATE) at Trinity Church 10:00-2:00

May 22-24 – CAMP SQUAMISH

June 6 – Prayer Meeting at Haywards

June 9-12 – CAMP SUNRISE (Sunshine Coast)

July 31-Aug.3 – CAMP ALEX – with guests from New Zealand



John Reithofer and Ezra Kraushar

Ezra was born on January 30th 2009, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Ezra is the son of Rik and Judith Kraushar. Judith worked with John and Gordie at the Joy House I for 4 years. John now lives with Rik, Judith, and Ezra.

## News from Away

**Annette from New Zealand** sent a picture and words about **Kevin Bridgeman**. Some of our congregation will remember the visit from Kevin and the rest of the NZ team!

Hi,

Today was Kevin Bridgeman's 70th birthday and celebration. It was a nice barbeque at the CMWDT centre in Onehunga. There must have been about 50 people there. It was a lovely day weather wise too- real singlet top and shorts weather!



As you can see, Colin Winters lead a prayer for Kevin. All his children and grandchildren came along

The centre has a pool, and some people were going swimming in the 28oC weather!

Annette

**Priscilla Yong** writes :

My friend and I visited Siloam Joy Fellowship in Taiwan from 12-21 Feb and we were warmly received by Claire, Michelle, Esther, Tracy, John, Jewel, Michael and Judy. It was like being among family! In encouraging them from James 1 to "Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds..." I too was encouraged by how their members are choosing the joy of the Lord and persevering through their trials - from the move from the coffee shop to difficult situations at home/work. May the joy of the Lord be your strength too! - Priscilla

**A Moon Update!**

Moon is doing well in England. He has found a good church, and is making good friends there. He has joined a group of German students in a Bible Study. He asks us to pray for these new friendships he is making. Praise the Lord!

*And here is a lovely word from Hiromi. Hiromi is a Japanese ESL student who was studying here in Vancouver, and dropped in to one of our services. She became a real blessing in a short time, and has returned to Japan with a new vision for her life.*

I just came to Canada to study English but I had been looking for God's plan for me. As you know, even after I met Joy fellowship, I was asking Him specific answer to my future. After I came back to Japan. I continued praying but I haven't gotten His clear answer yet. So I'm just going to take a potential way what I can do

for Him. That is becoming a caregiver for people with disabilities. At least He had told me to work with people who have special needs. Through Joy fellowship I came to realize that I love being with special needs people because being with them makes me feel protection, joy, and love from God so I feel comfortable with them. God will tell me again when I need to do something for Him. My school is going to start from beginning of April . We will see each other again and you will see my fiance, Nathan too. - Hiromi

**Claire Lai** writes

We are happy to be part of the larger family of Joy Fellowship. Each time we receive guests from Joy Fellowship we have been very blessed. This makes us feel that Siloam has a precious place in God's heart. God has once again blessed us through this visit from Priscilla and Yoke-Sun. Thanks be to God!

We are deeply grateful that you continue to keep us in your prayers. We are also keeping Joy Fellowship in our prayers. - Claire

While the Bridgeman's were celebrating in the heat, **Peggy, Terry, and Kerry Dempsey** were out in the cold in New Hampshire, USA...



OK, this was today's adventure! Peggy, Kerry, & Sue parked a car in Melvin Village (about a 25 minute drive around the lake from us) and walked across the frozen lake to our cove!!!! Not sure what the mileage is but it took them 2 hours to do it! I was on our beach with binoculars & cell phone (I finally found a good use for it!) following their progress! What a fun adventure! - Terry

From **Edmund & Lillian** we get this note

All is well here, Edmund is settling into his new job as 'Service Manager' at the school. It certainly opening up more doors and opportunities for us as he's meeting more corporate clients and will even be doing some classes with government officials. Who knows where this will lead? We're just 'hanging on' for the ride that our Father is giving us--and what a ride it's turning out to be!!

Please give our love to all--we miss everyone. - Lillian

# MISSIONS FEST 2009



## The Joy Fellowship Missions Fest Booth

**David & Merrill Stocks** were in attendance all three days. They were both on the Prayer Team. David helped out with the ushering and both him and Merrill worked at the Joy Fellowship booth. David says the best part of Missions Fest was meeting people from previous year who know Joy Fellowship. David & Merrill will continue to be involved throughout the year as members of the Planning and Praying Committee.

**Tracy Mohns** was there on Saturday and Sunday. She helped to look after the young children in the Kid's Room, where she talked and played with the children. She enjoyed walking around and gathering up pamphlets from the different groups. Tracy says she was sorry to leave when Missions Fest was over

**Rebekah Mason** found Missions Fest very interesting. She met lots of people and enjoyed looking around at everything. She helped out at the JF booth and is definitely going back next year.

**Ken McRae** is another Joy Fellowship member who helped out with the ushering. He says he loved everything about Missions Fest and is going back next year—for sure.



**David Stocks & Ken McRae, two Joy Fellowship Members who helped with the ushering at Missions Fest 2009**

Missions Fest Vancouver took place this year from January 30 to Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. It was held at the BC Convention Centre with over 40,000 people attending.

Once again, Joy Fellowship had a booth manned by Pastors David Hayward and Rick Benoit and many volunteers from Joy Fellowship. They were able to meet old friend, introduce newcomers to Joy Fellowship, make or renew contacts with other church groups and give out information on services available for people with disabilities. Some of the Joy Fellowship members served on the Prayer Committee or helped with ushering at the seminars and services, while others assisted with the children's programs. Everyone worked hard to make the Joy Fellowship contribution successful. Each one felt blessed by their time at Missions Fest. Everyone said they would be back again next year.

## Some comments by our folks:

**Sarah Brown** was there for all three days. On Friday, she was helping teach the children about Christianity. On Saturday and Sunday, she helped in the JF Booth and in the Prayer Room. She says it was a wonderful weekend and she learned a lot about missionaries in Columbia.

**Cinzia Tofini** thought Missions Fest was wonderful. She enjoyed looking at all of the different booths, especially the one from World Vision. She also worked at the Joy Fellowship booth.

**Anna Mah** was happy to be at the prayer meeting and really enjoyed being at Missions Fest.

**Doug Harrison** was also an usher and a member of the prayer committee. He was there all three days and enjoyed meeting different people and telling them about Joy Fellowship. He says he learned about other groups and hopes to meet them again next year.



Christine Magee & Elsie Patterson

Joy Fellowship was blessed last month with a visit from Christine Magee. Christine is a singer, pianist, guitarist, and song writer! Christine shared her music and faith at our Sunday service. It was enjoyed by all.

Christine has just released her first CD entitled “Overcome”. She says her Christian Faith and life experiences inspire her to write lyrics that honour God and help others on their journeys.

Thank you Christine for sharing in our worship.

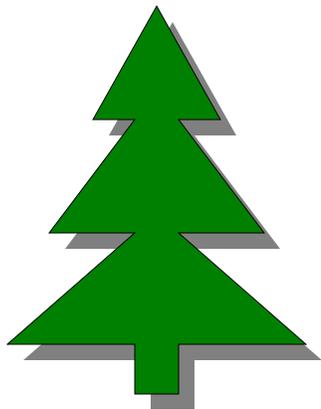
In January Joy Fellowship welcomed David and Diane Bain who shared with us their experiences of being missionaries in China. Accompanying them were David’s brother Russell and his wife Joan, long time friends of Joy Fellowship, also their mother, Claudia Bain, a dear friend of the Bavis Family.

David has worked in Forestry in BC for many years and now is aiding others in China with his expertise in agriculture. Diane is a register nurse and is also working with the villagers in a public health role.

We enjoyed their talk and the pictures of China. Hopefully they will be able to meet Edmund and Lillian when they head back to China.



David and Diane Bain



## Camp Fees in 2009

Last year, we tried to keep our camp fees as low as we could, and unfortunately in our calculations forgot to include some significant costs, so our camps were far from paying for themselves. We believe the camps should pay for themselves, and so this year, you will notice some camp fees will increase to reflect our increased costs. We regret this, but have some scholarship funds to help any folks who are unable to completely cover these new fees.



# Frances Muscroft

**April 26, 1950 — January 14, 2009**

Frances lived in a DDA pri-care home with her friend Eva and attended the Grandview Day Program. She went to Oakridge School and started at the Marine Drive Workshop after graduation.

Over the past 38 years, she moved through a variety of programs. She has been volunteering for the last year at the Gudwara Temple and Sunnyhill Hospital. She was an active member of Joy Fellowship  
We will miss her.

## **A Tribute to Frances by David Hayward jr.**

Frances Muscroft was one of the very sweetest sheep in the Joy Fellowship pasture of the Lord. How she loved walking in that pasture. How she loved the other sheep. How she loved the shepherd. How she loved dancing with Him and with us. Joy was the flag that flew in the castle of her heart when the King...

We'll always think of Eva when we think of Frances. How they looked after and looked up to each other! Their gifts complemented each other so sweetly. They faithfully and loyally loved and supported each other for 30 years. I think this is one of the finest friendships I have ever observed. Sometimes I wish I had a friendship so close.

Frances lived with pain, yet she was so gentle, gracious, warm, affectionate, joyful, full of laughter. She lived with steady suffering and much sorrow in her past, yet her joy overflowed.

She loved bowling, and loved cars. She loved people, especially babies. She loved animals. She loved her Bible and loved her Lord. Here is a sheep we all loved, because she loved us,

She lived her life to be a blessing, I would say, and I think there is no finer way to live life, so thank you Frances for being such a sweet example to me, and thank you Lord, for sharing this precious sheep with us for these lovely years.

## Thoughts and Prayers

Our condolences go out to Joan Lew on the passing of her sister Jaye Lew.

A memorial service for Jaye will be held on March 15th at Joy Fellowship

Michael Martin in Edmonton is recovering from his surgery and is back at work.

We give thanks that Richard LeFevre and Betty Gjertsen are recovering from serious illnesses.

Our prayers go out to Verna Pontious who is critically ill in the hospital

Joy Fellowship has installed a Door Opener at Broadmoor Baptist Church similar to the one at Trinity. JF has a Wednesday evening Bible studies there and a Sunday evening service the second Sunday of each month.

The plaque reads

“Dedicated to the memory of Rev. Doc. Joy Janet Gregory  
Who opened many doors for the disabled”



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<http://www.joyfellowship.bc.ca/newsltr.htm>.



## Go Green in 2009

Many of our readers are now getting the newsletter on-line. This means that there is no waiting for delivery, and the pictures are in colour.

**All you need to do is let us know if you would like to use the on-line method of delivery. Simply email David Hayward at [dh6403@telus.net](mailto:dh6403@telus.net) and we will send you a notice as soon as the next Newsletter is available.**

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Of course, for those readers who do not have access to a computer or who prefer to receive a printed copy, we are very happy to continue to mail to you.

And for those of you who do opt for an on-line newsletter, remember that we are still happy to accept donations by regular mail.

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## Keep Collecting !!

*Thank you to all who are continuing to collect cans and bottles to support our children in India. We are hoping to be able to support a child with a disability in China this year. The record for a single load of cans and bottles last year was over \$200.*

*Its been great to open envelopes from our supporters with Canadian Tire money tucked inside them. Last year we received well over \$200 in Canadian Tire money. We will use this to help with extra camp expenses, so thank you and keep it coming. :)*

## Pennies for Heaven

This is an e-mail from Susoni and Vishwanath, who have made their home into a hostel for Sora school children whose families live in little villages where the schools are terrible. These 230 children are living in their home while they study in the schools in the big town of Parlakhemundi. We have been sending them our Pennies for Heaven for the last few months. About a week ago, I gave Dad \$200 to send, and we got this message.—David Jr.

“Now Susoni is extremely happy because yesterday she sent an e-mail to mother (Ruby) and one hour later she received an answer. Because of that she couldn't sleep all night... The next morning, while still dwelling on the e-mail from you, another loving e-mail arrived from father (Dave), and reading it, with a happy heart, we cried. Because at that time Susoni and I were very worried because the rice in the hostel was all gone. “What shall we do? How can we go to the Annual Meeting? We can't go if we have no provisions.” At the very time of our need, God put us in your hearts, and you sent 7,770 rupees to us. Thank you so much, and thanks to the men and women of Joy Fellowship church. May God abundantly bless them.”

This shows how collecting little pennies can make a big change

## Keep on Collecting!

### Joy Fellowship

Financial statement for January 1 to December 31/2008

income	\$195,357.70
expenses	\$184,271.85

A bequest was made to Joy Fellowship from Madelaine Thompson for a building fund.

**Cans & Bottles raised \$2,057.57**

**Pennies for Heaven raised \$2,498.76**