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## Soul Winning With The Sealy's Newsletter

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### The Christmas Story

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

**John 1:1**

*"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

**John 1:14**

*"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."*

**Rev 19:13**

The Christmas story is the story of salvation, life, love, light, hope, peace, and good will. It is a message which brings great comfort all the way from the prison to the palace. It ministers to the soldier far from home in a worn torn land. It brings back warm memories to the lonely son far from home in a card board box beside a heat vent. There is something about the Christmas Story which draws people home.



*I'll be home for Christmas  
You can plan on me  
Please have snow and mistletoe  
And presents on the tree*



*Christmas Eve will find me  
Where the love light gleams  
I'll be home for Christmas  
If only in my dreams*

We have a grandson coming home from the western part of our country. It sure is special to have all the family at the table. There is a touch of sadness for those who are missing.

Two thousand years ago Jesus left his heavenly home. He exchanged the glory of his heavenly throne for a smelly stable far from home, so I could have a home with the sweet fragrance of heaven far from my smelly stable here on earth. The Christmas story is the story of God's unfathomable love, which caused him to make contact with a world where he is both hated and rejected. Christ took upon him a body of flesh, he took upon him my sin. He suffered the torture of tortures so I might be spared the torture of hell. By faith in who this Saviour is and what he did, I can take upon me his righteousness, which guarantees me a home in heaven for Christmas.

Do not miss the homecoming Christmas in heaven, which will happen soon. Let us reach our family and loved ones for the Lord, so there is no one missing at the Christmas meal in heaven.

***He was a wounded dying soldier on a distant battle field  
The wounds he wore somehow he knew the doctors could not heal  
He turned towards the chaplain who was kneeling next to him  
He said, "Read me the Christmas story once again."***

## Health Report

Theresa and I are enjoying good health. We are very tired, but rejoicing. There has been some misunderstanding that she is not in good health. It is our daughter-in-law who has been going through some trials with her health. We sure would appreciate prayers for Emily who has gone through 12 operations in her life time and now is recovering from a staph infection, which came as a result of her last surgery. Doctors say she will never walk again. We still pray for a miracle. Pray for our son Matt as he seeks to work and then care for the home, as well. My wife works very hard to help this dear family as they go through a time of great testing. They have four kids between 7-13 years of age.

## Six Months on the Road

We began this six month trek with a concert at the Ponoka Stampede in Alberta. We had a two hour time slot to sing and preach. We then did a Men's Retreat in Mistissini, Quebec with our Cree people. We have been to Yarmouth and Brookfield, NS, Benton, Stetson and Belgrade, as well as Living Waters Bible Camp in Danforth, Maine. We then moved to the Outreach in Bathurst, NB.

We completed the Bathurst Project. Thank you to all who gave and prayed. I appreciated so much those who helped with organizing the event. A free meal was provided, which was enjoyed by all. We were deeply ministered to by the preaching of Michel Houle and the convicting music by Ted Lynch. We have decision cards indicating 25 people made decisions for salvation. Countless numbers of flyers, gospel tracts, Bibles, Gospels of John and videos were handed out. Please pray as we seek to follow up the decisions. One wife said, "I feel like I am living with a new man. He comes home from work, prays and goes to bed." One daughter said, "Mother has completely changed since she got saved." Many people have requested that we do this again this coming year. Plans are being formulated.

We did a TV Gospel Music program for Rogers TV called "Live at the Light Spot" and it appears to have been well received because they have asked for the program to be extended.

After the Bathurst Outreach, we did a 3000 km tour of Quebec and Ontario. We did stops in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Verner, Britt and Parry Sound, Ontario. Some of these areas were stirred by God. Decisions were made for Christ as the Gospel penetrated some very difficult areas. I was able to ask the blessing on the food at a continental breakfast at a hotel. I shared Christ with two Hindu men who run a motel. I stayed at this motel last year and they requested I stay with them this year. One man took my cell number and will call me for counsel. Our schedule ends with meetings on Campobello Island, NB and Ellsworth, Maine.

## Sabbatical

In the Old Testament, the land was granted a sabbatical or rest every 7 years. I heard a farmer say that the land in our area is tired, because it has not been rested. Worn out land does not produce. People need rest and God has asked that we set aside one day a week to rest our tired bodies and minds. Theresa and I have not had a proper vacation in 30 years. One of the reasons is that we so enjoy the Lord's work. We work when we are not scheduled to work. I came back from my bout with cancer and pushed it much too hard much too fast. I am feeling physically and mentally fatigued. We are planning to take 3-4 months off in the New Year. We want to strengthen our lives spiritually and physically. We also want to have a look at this present world and determine how we can be more effective in our evangelism outreach.

We realize we cannot stay home and rest. We may possibly go to Spain where I will finish writing a book on my life. I have a son who may move to Spain and this would provide a place to stay. Also, I would like to write a series for kids and prepare for another recording. We have tried this at home before, but the needs around us are so great and we find ourselves working harder than ever in our time off. Having pastored before in the area in which we live causes people we have come to know and love to seek out our help with their complex problems. I risk this being misunderstood as a glorified vacation, but I see it as an absolute necessity if I am to be productive in this ministry. I would so much appreciate your prayers.

## The Past Six Months in Review



**Shooting up the wild West**



**Preaching at Stampede**



**Cowboy Church**



**Song written by Ed is album Title**



**Free Meal in Britt, Ontario**



**Packed House in Parry Sound**



**Ministry Team in Bathurst**



**Living Waters Bible Camp**



Pauliks, Mumford and Sealy



Pickin' and Grinnin' at Airport



Special Meetings



Sealy Family Reunion



Grace Village in Sherbrooke Quebec



Theresa on TV site



Bathurst Outreach



On Street-Yarmouth, NS



TV Program for Rogers TV



Autograph? Are you kidding?



Verner, Ontario

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*On behalf of my wife and the Furtherance Team,  
 Merry Christmas and a Spirit filled New Year.*

