# Soul Winning With The Sealys

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#### A New Arrival



Leila with Dad

### Leila Claire Sealy

Leila Claire Sealy made her grand entrance into the world on June 26 while Grandpa was away. She weighed 7lbs. 10 oz and measured 19 1/4 inches. She is beautiful and well behaved. Her older brother Liam showers her with love. He has welcomed this new intrusion into his busy world. Matt and Emily are great parents. This is our sixth grandchild.

An item of praise for those who prayed. Emily was not covered by our government medical plan because she is an American citizen. Because her paperwork to enter Canada was not yet processed, Matt and Emily were responsible for all medical bills. Just recently they received a ruling that Emily and the kids will now be covered by our medicare program and the government is paying all past bills as well.

## Ten Years in Full-time Evangelism

It is hard to believe that furtherance Ministries has been around for ten years now. We began in the fall of 1998 but were officially incorporated in the spring of 1999. No matter which way you slice it we have been travelling and peaching the gospel full time for ten years now. Before that, we taught evangelism for nine years at Bible school and travelled across the land on the weekends proclaiming the glorious message. Counting our five years in the pastorate we have been at this for a quarter of a century.

I have had the joy of seeing over two hundred people respond in a single night. I have also witnessed meetings when no one responded. I have seen drug dealers, prisoners, businessmen, musicians, nurses, doctors, aboriginal people, men, women, teenagers and children coming to a saving knowledge of Christ. At times, so empowered by the Spirit of God I thought I might fly. On other occasions so beaten down I did not need to open the door. I felt I could simply crawl through the small crack at the bottom. I have been so loved by people I felt I was in heaven. At other times so hated I thought I was in hell. There were times when I have wondered where the money would come from to pay the next bill. At other times there was an over abundance. I felt the weight of the spiritual darkness of Bosnia and have witnessed the great light that has come to the Cree people of the North. I have enjoyed the happiness and health that comes from walking Holy. I have also struggled with the brokenness and burden of the sin which does so easily beset us. After ten years I stand amazed and fulfilled at the mercy and grace of God. He has given me much more than I deserve. When we began, the critics told us we were out of the will of God. Others said one cannot live on the road today. Many rebuked me for not having a great retirement fund. I have no fear. I serve the one who feeds the birds of the air and dresses

What are the things that have carried us through then years?

in outreach then to rust out with no reach.

#### We have tried to keep the focus

the flowers of the fields. My prayer has never been give me my

retirement but give me my daily bread. I would rather wear out

Personally, I try to share Christ with people wherever I go. I engage folks in conversation about spiritual things, I share my testimony, I hand out gospel tracts, I hold Bible studies in homes, and I visit door to door. Publicly, I declare the gospel message on radio, TV, internet, CD's and gospel recordings. I sing in churches, camps, prisons, seniors homes and on outdoor stages.

We have tried to stay focussed on the Great Commission

#### We have a great team of supporters

Furtherance Ministries has a godly board of men who all have a burden for the lost. There are churches and friends that financially support us monthly and who faithfully take us before the throne of grace. We could never do what we do without the help of God's people. Thank you, team of supporters.

#### We have sought to stay true to the Word

We have not trusted in programs but rather in the power of the Word. We have sought to declare the whole counsel of God. We believe God does everything through His Word. It is this word that saves souls.

Furtherance has helped many who have encountered deep needs. We do so as God enables us. We have arranged for Bible school training for a Muslim convert in Bosnia. We have purchased a car for a pastor. We have invested both finances and manpower in Nemaska Bible Camp in northern Quebec.

#### We have a deep concern for the local Church

The Bible speaks of an apathy and a falling away in the end times. We have tried to exhort and encourage the church of God in the areas of revival. Our organization is a para church organization. Furtherance Ministries is never to be preeminent over the local church. It is to wash the feet of the local church. When I am home I am visiting people, helping my pastor and doing whatever needs to be done to help my local church. My wife and I are active members in our local church.

#### Ten is a significant number

Those who study numbers in the Bible remind me the number ten is the number for perfection or divine completeness. It is referred to as the number of sufficiency according to God's divine order and human responsibility. Allow me to summarize some of the teaching on the number ten from Principles of Hermeneutics by Edwin Hartill

- 1. We have ten fingers which speak of humans responsibility in our divine work.
- We have ten toes which speaks of human responsibility in our divine walk.
- 3. We have ten commandments to teach us that we have failed in worship and are worthy of death and hell. We desperately need God's redemption.
- 4. We are introduced to ten patriarchs in Genesis chapter five whose names give the gospel message. Adam-man: Seth-appointed; Enos-subject to death; Cainan -sorrowful; Mahalaleel -from the praise of God; Jared -one who comes down; Enoch -learning obedience; Methuselah -dying he shall send; Lamech -brought very low; Noah -rest
- 5. We are introduced to ten virgins. Only five of them had oil in their lamps and were ready when the bridegroom came. Half of them never fulfilled their responsibility.

Pray that God might give us another ten years to serve him should He tarry. Thank you for helping us celebrate ten years of Evangelism.

#### Free With No Strings Attached

To celebrate our ten years in evangelism the first one hundred people to write us and tell us they have read this article will receive a copy of Ed Sealy's new Cd "Legends, Legacies and Lullabies." which was released on November 7th. We are not asking for a contribution. You can also E-Mail us at <u>further@aernet.ca</u>. Please respond quickly because they will not last.

#### **Notable and Quotable**

We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first. -- Oswald J. Smith

Sympathy is no substitute for action.-- David Livingstone,

Double your church, each one reach one -Ed Sealy

#### **Web Site**

The Furtherance site is up and running. It will be going through a lot of updates and changes in the future. We are presently adding articles each month on how to share your faith. You can also see some of the latest pictures from our ministry outreach. The schedule is included under Highways and Hedges

#### **Furtherance Ministries. com**

For those of you who have been asking, provision has been made to give online. Check "*Donations*" under Furtherance Ministries.

# Some highlights from the last six months for those who are not on our monthly E-Mail list

- 1. 32 kids saved at Nemaska Bible camp in northern Quebec. There were 50 other decision.
- 2. Glen Johnson and Cynthia Izon joined me for the summer at camp. They did a great job.
- 3. We recorded a new CD in September. It was released in November. It was a joy to have my son Chris play on the session.
- 4. We replaced a leaking roof on our mobile home. I broke my index finger on my guitar hand and the healing process has been slow. The doctor says it could take a year.
- 5. We travelled throughout Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario preaching the gospel.
- 6. Many have walked the aisle, though people are not getting saved in great numbers.
- 7. We will be returning to a church in Ontario for the third time in a twelve month period. We praise the Lord for his working through a great pastor named Fred Goliath in Spragge.
- 8. Our Church in Belleville, NB has nearly doubled in the past year. Our son, Matt, is a great pastor. Teenagers were saved this past Tuesday as I spoke to our youth group
- 10. Our oldest son continues to build houses throughout Alberta, Canada.



# Legends, Legacies and Lullabies

We have mentioned the new CD several times in our newsletter. Allow me to share a few details with you. The CD was recorded at Outreach Productions. I wrote all the

songs. There are several special songs on the album. There is a song called "The Gift" which features seven year old Christy Crain. There is a possibility of a movie being produced on the storyline of this song. It clearly explains salvation. It would be a timely Christmas gift to those who do not know Christ. There are three songs that come from experiences in growing up on our farm

There is song that deals with the end times entitled "The Rains Came." Another song is entitled "A Dash Between Two Dates Carved On A Stone." Although we are powerless to deal with the date of our birth and the date of our death, we certainly do have power over the dash or the live that we live between the dates.

The cover of this CD is a beautiful picture of our granddaughter, Taylor Dawn .

CD's can be ordered by sending \$20.00 by check or money order. This includes shipping and handling . Checks should be made out to :

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# **Devotional Thoughts**Logs or Toothpicks

Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? We can call the mote a toothpick and the beam a log for practical purposes. Why am I picking the toothpick (little sin in his life) out of my brothers eye when there is a huge log (big sin in my life) in my eye. The things I judge in the life of another believer are usually things which are more than evident in my own life. Why not learn how to be a logger before I get into details of making toothpicks. I must deal with the sin in my own life before trying to remove sin in the lives of others.

#### **Unknown Graves and Unseen Christians**

Lk. 11:44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

Most graves are evidenced by a well placed grave marker. There are times I am sure when most of us have walked over a grave with no marker. The grave was real but we had no idea it was there because it was not marked by a stone to make it stand out. Jesus, in speaking to the Pharisees, described them as unmarked graves. They were proudly stating that they were God's people but gave no evidence of any inward reality. If you observed their life for any length of time you would conclude they were hypocrites.

As I move among people, are they aware that I am a Christian? If they were to observe my life for a period of time would they conclude that I am nothing more than a hypocrite.

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- 1. Please pray for God to give us souls for our labours and to give us strength for each day.
- 2. Pray for God to give us vision.
- 3. Pray that God will keep us pure as we travel through a corrupt world.
- 4. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel.
- 5. Pray for our January outreach in Ontario. We will be gone for a month.
- 6. Pray for our country. It is deeply troubled.

We are reminded as we close in on the Christmas season that Jesus is the reason for the season. "Christ was content with a stable when he was born so that we could have a mansion when we die." source unknown

Would you be willing to have less this Christmas so you can invest more in the Gospel message? Why not buy some Christmas tracts and share them with folks wherever you go!

Keeping on keeping on for Christ,

#### **Ed & Theresa Sealy**



Front cover of New CD



**Back Cover of New CD** 



Ed Sharing the gospel through testimony and song in th€hris Sealy records with Dad Province of Quebec





Neighbourhood Quest Bible Study with Ed



Senior's Ministry with Ed



Ed preaching in Spragge, Ontario



Ed meets with people after meeting



Ed playing with the up and comers



Cree teen saved by studying the hands of Jesus



The cross is the message