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Mission conference peaks awareness of needs overseas

Africa, Haiti, Central America, Angola, Eastern Europe. They were all there. At Lowville, at the Missions Conference held at St. George's Anglican Church, Lowville (just north of Burlington on Guelph Line).

This active church, determined to take a hands-on approach to Christianity, held a three day Mission Conference aimed at making us aware of the opportunities available to both young and old in mission work.

What is a mission?

It's a place where concerned people, who have broken through the sound barriers of "Everyday Specials," television sit coms and the clutter of western living, and graduated to a higher personal level of achievement, can work their magic. The magic of teaching their skills to others. The magic of reaching out to pluck a young girl from a life of slavery in a firecracker factory in India. The magic of giving, and in return, to receive much more than they donated - surprised by the chemistry of love.

Attendees at the Mission Conference were surprised that you don't have to be a practicing Christian to comply. David Michell, the keynote speaker, author of the book "A Boys War" and Canadian Director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship pointed out that there are many job vacancies abroad which require skill and enthusiasm, characteristics not confined to practicing Christians. His organization trains and prepares all individuals, prior to their departure to ensure that they are ready to

accept the challenges of working abroad.

The groups represented at the Mission Conference and contacts for the groups included:

Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) - mission work in nine Asian countries with 1000 missionaries, over 100 from Canada, David Michell (416-485-0427); Arab World Missions - missioning to Muslims in many countries, Marsha Paas (416-634-5725); Janz Team Ministries - evangelism in German speaking Europe, and Brazil, France, and Quebec, Judy Masters (416-878-4384); South American Mission Society - assisting national churches in South and Latin America with church planting, evangelism, education, nursing, etc, Tony Tindale (416-979-2870); African Evangelical Fellowship - missions and evangelism in many African countries, Will Walker (416-878-7513); Inter-school/Intervarsity Christian Fellowship - outreach and mission opportunities for high school and varsity age youth, Lynne Westwood (416-332-0181); Youth With A Mission - inter-denominational organization which teaches young and old to share their faith throughout the world, Becky McPhee (416-854-0535); Eben-Ezer Mission, Gonaives, Haiti - an indigenous Haitian mission providing schools, health care, churches and economic opportunities, Ed Lewis (416-689-5025); World Vision Canada - 5000 projects in 80 countries (clean water, health care, community development) with major projects in Africa and Southeast Asia, Bob Peckham (416-681-7181); Shanty-

men's Christian Association - reaching the unreached in remote areas, in prisons and on Indian reserves, Arthur Dixon (416-821-1175); Ontario Bible College - Missions Department - missions opportunities in a large number of areas, (416-226-6380).

Maybe you're ready to graduate to a new level of achievement. Maybe one of these organizations can help you get there.

If you're a committed Christian, get on the prayer telephone, if you're not don't let it stop you from working to your next level of achievement.

Catholic trustees back action on rock videos

By PAUL MITCHISON

The director of Halton's Catholic school board thinks it's time someone cracked down on rock music videos that he says send the wrong messages to children.

"I have viewed them and winced at times," Cliff Byrnes said recently. "I'm not sure what people see in them."

Catholic school trustees agreed, approving a resolution Oct. 25 which calls for an end to rock videos "that depict violence and stereotyping."

The idea stemmed from the Renfrew County Board of Education, near Ottawa, which is seeking support from other school boards.

Byrnes urged trustees meeting to support the resolution, calling it a "positive" move.

They want pressure placed on

Catholic board inks deal, averts employees' strike

A marathon bargaining has narrowly averted a strike within the Halton Roman Catholic School Board.

The 20 members of the Association of Professional Student Services and the Catholic board reached an agreement, just hours before a strike deadline.

At 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, after a 12-hour marathon bargaining session, the parties reached a 2-year agreement, union member Karen O'Driscoll said.

The big issue was recognition of a professional code of ethics which the members of the Association of Professional Student Services Per-

sonnel hoped to have written into their contract, she said.

This would prevent people without the educational background recognized by the association from carrying out the duties of the group, she said. They test children and work with some children with behavioral problems.

Union members didn't get their code of ethics recognized by the board, but they did get a letter of intent saying the board will set up committees to examine the matter more closely.

Salary increases of 5.5 per cent in the first year and 6 per cent in the second year were approved by both sides. This will bring a salary range from about \$24,000 and \$54,000, depending on years of experience and university qualifications.

While union representatives found the new contract acceptable, salaries are still below those of teachers with similar education, and professional recognition is still up in the air, O'Driscoll said.

Hope for the Abused

A free seminar "Hope for the Abused" will be held at Mountainview Baptist Church on Mountainview, one block north of Delrex Rd. **Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The seminar is designed to inform and equip people to deal with child abuse. Through it, you will learn how to help your family, your friends or yourself. It is led from a Christian perspective by Audrey McDonald and Eleanor Magie. Bring your lunch or pick up local fast food. An optional manual will be sold for \$5. Audrey will also share her personal story Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, as well as local cable companies, to stop showing the rock videos.

But no mention is made which videos are deemed offensive.

The Renfrew board asked its local cable TV company to replace the offending videos "with other forms of music videos that portray much more positive attitudes and actions towards all members of society."

A spokesman for Canada's main broadcaster of rock videos, cable's MuchMusic outlet, said the station has not been contacted by any school boards about the situation.

Publicity and promotion co-ordinator James Wood said videos are rejected if they're deemed offensive at preview screenings for a special committee comprised of people with different beliefs and lifestyles.

Paul Mitchison is a reporter with the Burlington Post, sister newspaper to this publication.

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<p>Knox Presbyterian Church Corner Main & Church, Georgetown</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship</p> <p>Junior Congregation Nursery Facilities</p> <p>Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval</p> <p>Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.h. 877-3404</p> <p>Service at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p align="center">All Are Welcome!</p>	<p>Halton Gospel Temple Phone (416) 877-2759</p> <p>Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown Affiliated with P.A.O.C. Pastor Rev. David Tapley, Youth Pastor Rev. Dale Reddekopp</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP 6:30 P.M. Evening Praise Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ladies coffee Hour Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive</p>




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