

## Pastor Dan Statham Says farewell

By Dan Statham  
March 11 was my last Sunday at Stouffville Pentecostal Church. At that time, my resignation became effective.

I came to Stouffville in the summer of '82, to begin my ministry, with the youth. At that time, we had approximately 12 attending our meetings on a weekly basis. The pastor and the board of the church began feeling a burden for the young people, not only of our own denomination but for the entire community. They decided they needed assistance in this area.

When they asked me to come as youth pastor, I had just resigned as the senior producer of 100 Huntley Street. Now, 18 months later, we are seeing an average of 65 young people in attendance weekly. They are coming from as close as Goodwood and from as far distant as Keswick. In August, 1983, we started a new program called 'Son City' that originated out of the United States.

In leaving, I'm pleased to know this program will be continuing under the guidance of interim youth pastor, Rev. Craig Pitts and the following staff: Brock Ferguson, Chandra Ewen, Betty Soulsby, Tamara Ewen, Sue Powell, Gia Lopatriello, Rick Powell, Rob McVicar, Jeff Laird, Bill Watts and Al Litherland.



DAN STATHAM

My wife Ann is furthering her career in interior decorating in the area, and I will be doing much more travelling with my position as the National Director for Operation Blessing, a division of the 700 Club TV Show. In the next two months, I will be going to Texas, Virginia and Vancouver. I will also be taking special services on Sundays.

I wish to express my appreciation to The Tribune for excellent coverage of special Son City events. It's been a difficult decision as we've come to appreciate and love so many people here, young and old alike. We will always hold fond memories of Stouffville.

### Editor's Mail

## No lights or brains

Dear Jim:  
Through The Tribune, I wish to express my opinion of motorists who insist on driving in snow storms and fog without their car headlights on.

On March 11, I passed through a 'white-out' and met a car with its headlights on. Further down the road, I met one with its headlights off. I flicked mine a couple of times and the motorist looked as if to ask: "What did you do that for?"

On March 13, while driving to work at 6:45 a.m. on another snowy, blowy day, I observed cars in all directions with no headlights on. One vehicle, a small truck, also with no headlights turned on, passed on the solid white line at Dickson's Hill.

Thinking of the pile-up of vehicles on Hwy. 401 near Bowmanville, I can't help but wonder how many of those motorists were driving with no headlights on.

The good Lord gave us brains. Why don't we use them?

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Wagg,  
Stouffville.

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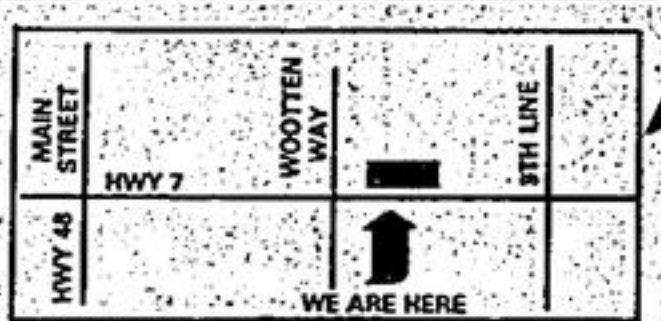
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# There's a lot going on for women in Ontario

### Find out

In Ontario, there are many opportunities for women to get involved in or take advantage of programs, services and benefits offered through the Government of Canada. You owe it to yourself to know about them. A few are listed here and there are many more. Just use the coupon below to get more information.

### Need help getting a job?

If you're planning a career or looking for a job, your Canada Employment Centre can help. If you're thinking of going back to work, or changing jobs, or going to work for the first time, you may want to consult the Women's Employment Counselling Centre in Toronto. The WECC can help you decide what work you are best suited for and would most enjoy. It can teach you job-finding skills, and help you get essential training and on-the-job experience. Counsellors specially trained to help women get ahead in the labour market will provide a variety of job-related assistance. Some Outreach Projects specifically for women offer similar services. Ask at your local Canada Employment Centre for details.

### Can't afford to get job training?

Maybe you can. There are many courses available for women in Ontario now. They range from academic upgrading to skill training. Most are offered by community colleges or provincial training centres throughout the province. If your Canada Employment Centre counsellor feels training will improve your marketable skills, you can take an approved course at no cost to you.

If you are eligible for Unemployment Insurance, you will draw your benefits during the training period. Training allowances are available for those not eligible for UI. Enquire at your local Canada Employment Centre, and send in the coupon.

### You can earn while you learn

Another option is on-the-job training. Opportunities to be trained in non-traditional jobs can readily be found in Ontario. Many of these jobs are both challenging and high paying. The Government of Canada, through its General Industrial Training and Critical Skills Training programs encourages employers to hire and train women. Generous financial assistance is offered. Interested in working as a systems analyst, computer programmer, chef, machinist? There are lots of possibilities. Find out more by mailing the coupon.

### Help with child care

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### The Women's Program

This program was created to support women's voluntary associations working in fields of particular interest to women. Through it, the Secretary of State Department makes grants and other resources available to women's groups to develop projects that will contribute to community education and action around status of women issues. Program staff are available as resource persons for information and project assistance. They also develop and distribute print material. More than \$1.1 million was spent in Ontario on the Women's Program 1982/1983. The Women's Program has regional offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Sudbury, Timmins and Thunder Bay.

### Canada Works might help you

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