

## The Mustard Seed Advent, News Release

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Greetings to all the brethren. In the past, monthly newsletters have been stalled. The MSA hopes to continue their release, if not each month, at least on a quarterly basis. Below is our third-quarter news;

### Edmonton Seminar

On August, 27<sup>th</sup>, the family traveled with Vinnette and I from Pittsburgh to Edmonton and arrived the same day. We joyously studied with the brethren and departed back to Pittsburgh on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Edmonton is in Alberta, Canada and it is approximately 600 miles north of Montana's capital, Helena, and it is a 3000-mile journey from Pittsburgh. Along with the brethren, I also thank my sons, Derek Jr. (25); Lawrence (21); and my daughter, Emily, (20) for their participation and assistance of the MSA in its work of evangelism during that seminar. We had a well attended session on Friday from 7:00 to 11:00, all day and into the night on Sabbath, and a short gathering on Sunday before our flight home.

### ITEM ONE, Baptism:

Our trip to Edmonton was historic and monumental, an event that will be recorded for our remembrance to the benefit of earth's redeemed and eternal students. Heretofore, Jacob had never served in the capacity of cleaning house. In prior times, house management was done by the care of Isaac and Rebecca (Jesus and the Comforter), Laban (the SDA ministry), and Esau at Peniel (nominal Davidia) whereby he decided, with much trepidation, to accept Jacob's conciliatory gifts. Today, for the first time in world history, we —through the divine appointment of the MSA— have a legitimate and authorized arm of Baptism which can install within the Lord's house people from the outside, non-Adventists: We can now go out and bring into the house saints under heaven's advanced, cleansing standards. Such is significant because it fulfills the gospel commission and establishes the MSA evangelism as an arm of the Lord's salvation, a cleansing agent for humanity allowing the candidate to be accepted of heaven. Attached, see the baptismal vows. On August, 29th the MSA baptized four individuals. This signifies the following points:

- The work for the church, the righteous branch therein, has, as of that date, inaugurated its destiny and commission to “go out and bring in” —to bring others into the House of Jacob from the world.
- In *Journey through the Murky Bogs*, 4.1, some as they studied the timeline on page 32, have wondered, “is the date at the end of the timeline, expressed as 200X, prophetic”? Does it show that in the year 2009, the very last year which the “X” could signify, that the MSA will be sent out to bring in? To better address the affirmative answer to this issue, we must cite the following facts:
  1. **When it was written, the MSC did not then understand the full implication.**
  2. **The MSC considered that date to express the time when it would be sent to harvest Israel.**
  3. **Yet, a baptism expresses the exact event predicted, though not understood until now, the inclusion of others, outside of SDA circles, into the Church Triumphant.**
- Christ has begun to install His team to officiate in the church. That team is no longer limited to the spiritual parameters of the SDA church. What Jacob binds on earth is to be likewise bound in Heaven.

- Jesus’ ministry of gentile officials has been eternally put to rest, and the reins have been transferred to Christ. That all who now go down into the putrid pool of SDA Baptism will come up even more unclean.
- It means that the MSA, the “**high hill of Bashan**”, has boldly ventured beyond Bashan’s lowlands and into her greatest spiritual lofts —no longer being constrained to merely gather her cast-off fruit— and has become the headquarters of the Lord’s disciples, the men ordained to Baptize, to conduct the harvest, to bring the Lord’s people, Israel, from the lowlands, the depths of the sea.
- It means that nominal, Davidian Adventism is quickly passing away into the dark side of the moon, the side which cannot reflect light to the earth.

Another announcement must likewise be heralded:

### **ITEM TWO, Relocation:**

After much effort, our dear sister, Lois Cooper, by moving to Pittsburgh has relocated herself into the Lord’s neighborhood, and has almost fully settled in. From her former home in St Louis, she brought with her, Carl Cooper, her son, to grow with her in Christ. With her relocation, a vital lesson was personally illustrated to us all: We see the reality of the end of the work and are brought to the awakening reality of the materials that we all have straddling in our luggage. These accumulated goods, formerly important in our lives, cannot travel with us in our move forward to eternity. The burden of divestiture from them, choosing the essentials and discarding all else, has jolted our perspective of our work. Sister Cooper has been given a head start in this step towards freedom. The MSA greatly joys in the wisdom of those who seek His shelter, the shadow of the Mighty Rock in the weary land. Pointing to this day, the time of our victory, the Lord promises, “...*My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; when it shall hail, coming down on the forest...*” —Isa 32: 18, 19.

### **ITEM THREE, Evangelism:**

The ministerial efforts from the field through telephone, personal visits, and E-mail continues to burn hotly. The flame of the Lord’s Spirit, working through the brethren in Edmonton, continues to burn brightly. With great zeal, the Lord’s *mustard-seed* team in Edmonton is taking the truth to their Davidian brethren. This concerted effort affords Davidia a final opportunity to embrace the Lord’s pearl or to eternally record their Kingdom-divesting excuses. We have heeded the Lord’s command to “*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into the harvest*” —Matt 9: 38. Now we must take a moment to thank Father for His answered prayers.

The promise of the Lord still stands today as expressed in the following Scripture: “*The earth* (the religions of the world) *mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon* (the Millerite Movement) *is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon* (the SDA ministry) *is like a wilderness: and Bashan and Carmel* (two classes of Davidia) *shake off their fruits*” —Isa 33: 9. The world and the church being in such shambles, the MSA thanks Father for His ministers who eagerly seek to gather up, from the earth, the fallen fruit before it perishes. Brother John Anderson, after experiencing a medically-lauded, miraculous recovery from his late-September, hip-joint surgery, now has a more youthful and pain-free bounce to his stride. During the short span of recuperation and hospital stay, he continued to use his telephone to great benefit convincing the righteous and urging the hesitant of their “privileges and duties”, themes that they did not suspect to be in the Bible (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8. p 322).

Brother Jose, has made many trips to Virginia this past quarter and has shared his fresh manna with several individuals in that state. He has done so even amidst the drama of the Father’s beneficial pruning/purging efforts in his life. After all, Father’s goal, that he may bear more fruit, is Jose’s delight as well. The day is almost here when he can share with you the details of

this special blessing in his life. All others are also likewise been kept busy advancing the Kingdom in very special way.

**ITEM THREE, Web page:**

This news letter has been slow to release partly because of the anticipated announcement of the opening of the MSA website. Its access is only days away; thanks for your patience. Much work and many weeks have been invested in this, Jacob’s tent, and now it is on the very brink of release. The MSA has contracted with a developer who is a “Christian”, but outside of our Adventist circles, to perform this task. Therefore it is careful, dealing with the technical sensitivities that come with this unique development, to avoid becoming too demanding. We have reclined to work on the Lord’s schedule. Vinnette has shouldered the facilitation of this project completely and feels very happy and blessed for the work that has already been done; yet, she eagerly anticipates its launching hour. We apologize for the seemingly prolonged delay. The extensive work of installing the many MSC E-mails, along with its studies greatly absorbed much of our web designer’s efforts.

Many blessings have been graced to us this year and this past quarter, some cannot be fully expressed in writing to convey to you a complete understanding; suffice it to say, the Lord has been very good.

Sincerely,  
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President

