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Now in Burlington and
Calgary**

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"They will fade away like a little flower in the field. The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements."

James 1:10b-11

Find contentment with what you have...




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The Winter of Our Quiet Content—David Harrison

After so much activity in 2007 it has been refreshing to get into something of a routine. In November all the studies went back up on the TTC. No word of any more complaints from the TTC. It seems that there is now a quiet level of acceptance from the public and God's Word continues to bring hope and light to a dark and hurting world.

In the fall we welcomed Charlene de Haan onto the Board of Directors. Charlene has long been active in the Christian community and served as Director of Pioneer Clubs Canada and then as Manager of Human Resources with Interserve. In addition to her board responsibilities Charlene is also working one day a week for Bus Stop Bible Studies and brings a welcome creative and disciplined balance to my entrepreneurial spirit.

God continues to encourage us through the generosity of our donors, through testimonies and "God incidents". In late January I was wondering to myself if people were actually responding to the

sponsoring churches (there are church sponsorship labels on most studies). The next Sunday I introduced myself to a new visitor at Bendale Bible Chapel and she volunteered that she had seen a Bendale-sponsored study on the bus and thought she would check us out. Five times that week I received confirmation of people visiting sponsoring churches. "Thanks God. I needed that."

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A Quiet Winter - Continued from page 1.

In the late fall Lorna Dueck wrote a story in the Globe and Mail that highlighted Bus Stop Bible Studies. This in turn led to Lorna being interviewed on the John Moore Show on CFRB 1010. John Moore then invited listener response concerning Bus Stop Bible Studies and how people felt about them. It was interesting that only one of the six callers was slightly negative and all the rest very positive. Even the first caller, who started off by identifying himself as being Jewish, supported what we are doing. John Moore publicly claimed that he was an atheist and then went on to publicly endorse our right to post Bible Studies.

In a personal conversation with Lorna, she reminded me that much of the riding public is being exposed to the Christian faith for the first time. It is our fervent prayer that these seeds of God's Word will fall on fertile soil and that in God's timing they "will produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

So I send a special thank you to all our donors, for without your support none of what we do would be possible. May God bless you for your generosity and may He show you in a very personal way that your partnering with us is making a real and eternal difference in the lives of many ordinary people.

David

New telephone numbers:

In order to keep our overhead to an absolute minimum we now have new telephone numbers using Bell Canada's SNR (Single Number Reach) technology. Our office number (416) 234-0555 and toll-free number (888) 4 BUS STOP [428-7786] are automatically forwarded to wherever we happen to be. The system is even set up so that if someone needs prayer they will automatically be connected to the Crossroads prayer lines.

Call us sometime!

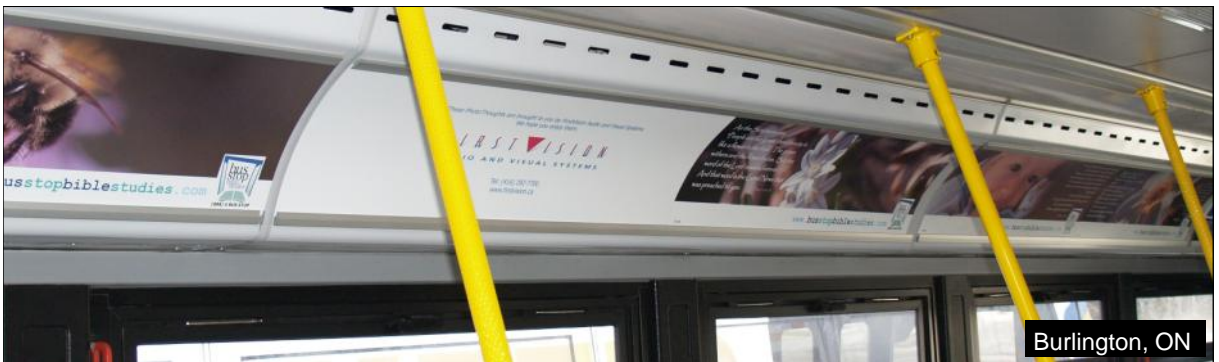
The First Domination Campaigns:

In early March we posted our first two domination campaigns; one in Toronto and one in Burlington, Ontario.

A domination campaign is where all the advertising spaces within a single transit vehicle are utilized. A standard bus has space for seventeen advertising panels; fifteen are used to display PhotoThought study panels and two are used to identify the sponsoring church, business or organization. In Toronto we chose to use an articulated streetcar which has space twenty-five panels including four sponsor identification panels.

Imagine, getting on a bus and seeing nothing but beautiful photographic images and passages of Scripture!

The cost to sponsor a standard domination campaign is \$1,500 for 8-weeks and then \$400 for each additional 4-weeks. Please contact Bus Stop Bible Studies for more information.



Claiming New Territories:

We are thrilled that God has opened up the way for us to expand into two new territories; Burlington, ON and Calgary, AB. Jesus said, *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”* Matthew 24:14. We have taken God at his Word and, through your generosity, He is again proving himself faithful.

In mid-February we posted 46 studies in Burlington, one on each bus, and in Calgary 190 studies which represents about one quarter of their fleet.

Please pray for the transit riders in these communities.



Looking for Sustainable Growth:

As a charitable ministry we acknowledge that we are completely dependent on the generosity of God's people to sustain this work—people who know and have experienced the power of God's Word in their lives.

As we look to the future we know we will need an ever-increasing sponsor and donor base to multiply our efforts. If you haven't already, would you consider making a commitment of monthly support? You can do this either by using the attached form or through our website at www.busstoppiblestudies.com, click on the *Get Involved* tab and then *Make a Donation*.

Income Tax Receipts

All donations and sponsorships are fully tax deductible. Receipts are issued at year-end.

As a testimony, I wish to be identified as the sponsor (first and last name only) I wish to remain anonymous

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss.

Name or Organization

Address:

E-mail:

Card type: VISA MasterCard Expiry date:

Card number: 3-digit security code

Name on card:

Signature:

I wish to make a donation for the sponsorship of one or more Bus Stop Bible Studies as indicated below:

I wish to make a first-time donation to support Bus Stop Bible Studies as best determined by the Board of Directors \$

I wish to make a monthly donation to support Bus Stop Bible Studies as best determined by the Board of Directors (please indicate level of monthly support) \$

I wish to make a first-time donation to sponsor the indicated number of Bus Stop Bible Studies @ \$35 each* X \$35 =

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***Per 8-week campaign**

Please make cheques payable to *Bus Stop Bible Studies*. Bus Stop Bible Studies is a not-for-profit corporation that has been granted charitable status by Canada Revenue Agency. Tax deductible receipts are issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

Mail to: Bus Stop Bible Studies, 364-1920 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1H 3G1

Recent Events:

Again this year we had an opportunity to participate at the Toronto MissionFest. We shared booth space with the TTC Christian Fellowship. The snow severely impacted attendee numbers yet many useful contacts were made.

Can You Help?

We are looking for a volunteer bookkeeper, preferably someone with *QuickBooks* experience. The responsibilities are to post donations, PayPal receipts and supplier invoices. The time required should be no more than two or three hours per week.

A Closing Comment:

I recently attended the *Purpose@Work* conference which is all about taking Jesus into the marketplace. I specifically asked God for an affirming word. A very short while later I got my reply *"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent."* Acts: 18:9.

Keeping on keeping on... David.

Board Members

David Bennett—Chair
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Board of Reference



Lorna Dueck

Lorna is the executive producer and host of *Listen Up Canada!* and a featured columnist for the *Globe and Mail* newspaper.



Norm MacLaren

Norm is currently VP of Ministries with the *Crossroads* organization and is a well known face on *100 Huntley Street.. Norm* has spent more than thirty years of his life in ministry.



Robert (Bob) Morris

Bob spent 18 years with *Interserve* including a stint as Director. Bob was the first Chair of Bus Stop Bible Studies.



Ross Reid

Ross most recently spent two years as Chairman of the Board with *Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada* having earlier retired as President and CEO of the *Ontario Lung Association*.

Postscript: Bus Stop Bible Studies is to be featured in the next issue of Faith Today, published by EFC.

And the next
 day the LORD
 did it.

The Bible: Exodus 9:6 New International Version

God may not always do it the next day but He always keeps His promises.

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