

### MissionFest Toronto.

Bus Stop Bible Studies is having a booth at the MissionFest Conference and Exposition. Please drop by and say, "Hi."

The conference is March 1—3 at the Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Road. The exhibit floor hours are as follows: Thursday 5:00 pm—10:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am—10:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am— 9:30 pm

They have many excellent speakers including Henry Blackaby and Ravi Zacharias. See [www.missionfest.org](http://www.missionfest.org) for more details.

**You can help spread the Word.** We have complete church sponsorship packages available. Please talk with your pastor and/or church leaders and encourage them to get involved. God has given us an incredible opportunity to put his Word in front of the public, let's not miss out on it. If you would like an information package please call us at (416) 520-7212. And remember, individual sponsorships and donations can be made directly on our web site [www.busstopbiblestudies.com](http://www.busstopbiblestudies.com).

**Board of Directors.** We are looking to further expand our Board of Directors. Currently the Board includes; Bob Morris—Chair, Michael MacChesney—Secretary, Michael Ankenmann—Treasurer, David Harrison—Director (and President), David Durasami—Director and David Bennett—Director. We would certainly like to include some more youthful members and some members of the fairer sex to have a good balance of input. We meet approximately four times per year. It is invariably a time of great encouragement. If you have an interest and/or feel a calling please contact us.

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to me. I wish God will continually bless your work. Praise the Lord, All glory to Him! In Christ, Daisy

**E-mail Wednesday, 27 Dec 2006**

Hi

Hope u guys doing just fine by the grace of GOD.

I had come across an interesting passage from you on one of your ads in the TTC Bus on my way to Finch Station. It was the 39 E bus and the passage was an email from Jesus to all the people. It had a reference to the SFJTD folder and how we should leave everything in his hands and once we do so stop thinking about it.

I went thru ur website and was disappointed not to find it there. This is the kind of passage I could email family and friends in India with your website link and spread the faith around. Could you please send me that passage? It really meant a lot to me although I am a Roman Catholic and attend Mass every Sunday as far as possible. But the presentation and impact of that message far outweighed the Sermons by most of the priest.

GOD bless the person who drafted it.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Savio (we've sent him the study requested)

**January 11, 2007** an e-mail addressed to [info@busstopbiblestudies](mailto:info@busstopbiblestudies)

I am facing eviction, I have no job life seems so pointless. I do pray but when being homeless is just around the corner I just think of going to sleep and never waking up. I do need your prayers. Thank you. Deanna

**January 5, 2007**

Hi David:

Another person called Bendale and left a message on the machine today.

Although she didn't leave a name or phone number, the woman wanted to say "Thank You for Joshua 1:5." (I will never leave you nor forsake you.) She said that it came at a time when she needed it so much.

This is so encouraging! Cindy.



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Take a deep breath...  
"Let everything that has  
breath praise the Lord."

Congratulations  
You qualify!

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The Bible Praises 1000 New International Version

### Wow, Praise the Lord and Hallelujah! It's happened!

On December 5, 2006 a total of **565 Bus Stop Bible Studies** were posted on the TTC. This was comprised of approximately 160 different messages on the 260 buses running out of TTC's Malvern Garage in Scarborough. So far, there has been a lot of encouragement and not a single negative comment.

On January 22, 2007 an additional 216 studies are to be posted. They will be distributed among the University/Spadina and Sheppard subways, the Scarborough LRT and the buses running out of the Eglinton Garage.

In addition we are posting 15 "Seventies", which are the panels on the backs of the buses.

Thank you to all God's people who made this dream a reality.

### Huntley Street Interview

Something to mark your calendars. David Harrison is to be interviewed by Moira Brown on Wednesday, January 31.

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who helped prepare the first batch of studies. Many people came to help treat the hundreds of study panels with anti-static spray, collate and apply the church sponsorship labels, etc.



The following are some of the e-mails we have received and copies of web blogs which have been posted (mostly unedited). We received more than 1,400 visits to our website in the first five weeks of the program.

December 14, 2006 Commuting... with God?! rocketscientist in Christianity. trackback

The usual commute to school took an interesting turn today. As I was staring idly at the people on the bus, a bus ad caught my eye.

It was a Bus Stop Bible Study.

It had a Bible verse (one of those encouraging ones us Christians love to cling to) taken out from the NLT so it is very readable. Then on the side, it had a short one sentence prayer written in kids' handwriting. Below that prayer, in small print, was the contact information, address, and service times for Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church! I know that church!

They even have a website: www.busstopbiblestudies.com

I personally think it is a wonderfully ingenious idea. I know some might view it as "Christian propaganda" but I think putting the ad up there, vulnerable to ridicule, is worth it compared to the possibility that that verse reaches someone. The verse I saw encouraged the reader to pray about our burdens and struggles; I suppose ads like these might also be criticized for being a flimsy band-aid solution to life's problems.

But on the flip side, that one ad might be the one thing that "tips" someone towards looking at Christianity more, perhaps even to salvation. Think of all the people who ride the bus each day, and number of buses. Bus ads are effective in reaching a specific group of people, consistently. The vast majority of commuters are daily commuters. At the very least, these ads will spark discussion, which is always a good thing.

Seeing the ad today and watching CNN's Wolf Blitzer report on the controversial computer game "Left Behind: Eternal Forces" deeply contrasts how two Christian groups have decided to engage the world. My views on the game will be left to another post, but suffice it to say I'm undecided on

the issue. Regardless, today's events have seriously given me much food for thought as I too try to engage the world with Christ.

We were meant to be salt and light, and being salt or light isn't easy. But I suppose that easiness wasn't meant to be part of it either.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

i was bussing home after writing my exam this morning, and i saw something really cool. you know how there's those advertisements on the bus? well, i saw this one particular one -- since i was standing in front of it -- and i was wow-ed. i'm sure most of you have heard of SCAC [Scarborough Chinese Alliance Church] . used to be my home church :P lol.. but that's not the point. they have an advertisement on the bus! it's so cool! they put a verse on it.. i thought the verse was pretty good too. spoke to me, oddly enough. i think it was just what i needed. here's the verse: Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.-- Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) on the rest of the advertisement, they had their church site, and this other site: Bus Stop Bible Studies. go check it out if you have the chance. it's pretty awesome actually. I think tjcac (Toronto Jaffrey Alliance Church) should do the same. i think tjcac should put advertisements on all Sheppard and Meadowvale buses! haha, they can put advertisements on bus stops too! so cool! and on the subways! what a cool way to spread the Word :) yeah, i think it's neat. if i took a picture, i would post it. but sadly, i didn't. if i see it again, i'll be sure to take a picture. my deepest apologies.

And that's my word of advice for today.

December 7, 2006

I was on the TTC today, going to school, riding the 53B bus. I noticed 4 very beautiful frosh girls from Tyndale board the bus (I think tonight was some sort of banquet there)...but this is not another CMG story...just catching your attention again...I looked up and saw a really neat advertisement on

the bus. It was something called "bible study on the go" or something of the sort. A church had paid for the spot and along with the scripture was the address and time of the church service. The passage was none other than 1st Corinthians 13 - The Love passage - I just thought that was amazing. People always want to read something on the TTC when they are bored...why not do a bible study on the go. The site for the church was www.communityalliancechurch.ca ...their idea is awesome!

E-mail Thursday, 28 Dec 2006

Dear Brother/Sister,

How are you,

Your message on the bus is really a blessing to me. I come from China. It has been two years since I believed in God. Although it is very short, I experienced a lot of peace and joyfulness in God. God has done wonderful work to bring a lot of Chinese to Canada, and more and more begin to know Jesus. Everyday, when I get on bus, the first thing I do is to read the message for the day, I am deeply encouraged by the word from God. It is really good to begin a day with God's word and prayer. I get lots of strength. Last week, when I got up, I was not in a good mood, everything was messed up, there was a sound said to me that everything I did is useless. And I was a little bit late for job, when I hurried get on bus, there was one message that caught my sight and my heart, "Do not worry about anything, instead, pray about everything, tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceed anything we can understand." I was so touched by the word, on the way walking to the office, I thought it over, I realized that why sometimes I was weak, simply because I did not believe God's faithfulness, He is so powerful and he has done so many wonderful work till now, he can take my burden way. but my problem is after praying, I still take the burden with me. I did not put my whole heart in Him. so I really experienced God's peace that day. And I believe, day by day, I will experience him more and more, the relationship between God and me will be deepened. I want to thank you for what you have done; I want to tell you, it is a blessing

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