

Reflections



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Jewels For Jesus has always been all about children. Many of our efforts focus on the family as a whole because this is so often the means to reaching out to children. But in the beginning, the first focus was the children themselves and,

through this, was birthed the Jewels For Jesus kids' camp ministry. The following article was written by Gail Roberts who shares her life-changing memories from attending the Jewels For Jesus camp.

Stories from the Past

It was July 1955, when I was 10 years old, when my mother and father decided that I should attend camp for 2 weeks.

My father had been brought up in the church but until my sister was born in 1954, he and my mother had little interest in attending or even acknowledging that they had a need for Jesus in their life. They began attending church again and became involved wholeheartedly; this was the beginning of our faith journey as a family.

The local newspaper advertised a camp in Milton, Ontario which seemed ideal. A girlfriend and I signed up. Everything seemed to fall in place until we received a call the night before we were to leave for camp; Donna got chicken-pox and would not be coming. Would you believe that my mother and father insisted that I go anyway? I had never been to camp before and now I was expected to attend by myself.

My two sisters, mother and father accompanied me to camp. It was very rustic; my mother asked if I was sure I wanted to stay? I thought she was the one who insisted that I go; did I have a choice now? We wandered around after checking in so I could feel more comfortable about staying alone. When I was

introduced to my counselor and a few campers, I felt very welcome. I assured my mother and father that I would be okay.

I especially enjoyed the swimming; a spring-fed stream that had been dammed at either end to resemble a pool.

Time was spent discussing God and we were prompted to think about God and what part he played in our life. I didn't know what that meant. I had only been attending church with my parents for one year so this kind of language was foreign to me. During the first week, we had time to visit the tuck shop (a highlight for everyone), play basketball and volleyball, attend campfires, sing-songs and hikes.

Uncle Milt was a highlight; he told us stories about the love of Jesus and always had a kind word whenever we met him on the camp property. Jewels For Jesus Camp was where I was introduced to Jesus and learned about what having a personal relationship with Him was all about.

It wasn't until years later that I realized what an impact this camp had made on my life even though I was only 10 years old. I became reacquainted with some campers

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Stories from the Present

Jewels For Jesus is still involved in ministering directly to young people and it's still our goal to make a difference for eternity in the lives of the youth we minister to. The Relationship Compass Program has made this happen to an even greater extent in recent days.

One important point that is emphasized in the Relationship Compass presentations is that living lives of sexual integrity in our society isn't possible without the power of God. Twice now, when the challenge has gone out to turn to God for the strength and power needed, youth have responded. One of our presenters, Matt, shares what happened.

"It is such an honor to be a part of the team, and under such an awesome covering of prayer and compassion. Today was my third day being involved. At the end of the men's discussion I felt a leading of the Holy Spirit to minister to the kids about recognizing their sin and their need for Jesus because he is their only justification for what they have done and how important it is to depend on his forgiveness and his presence to walk in sexual integrity and make overall good

decisions. Well the Lord got me to lead them in a time of ministry where I asked who felt they needed forgiveness for all they had done and who wanted to welcome Jesus Christ into their heart so they can turn away from their sin and live for him. Five out of the eight shot their hands in the air and we prayed the sinner's prayer together.

After this the girls came back to join us. Andre presented the list of practical steps to walk in purity. Once again I felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to get the message of Jesus Christ to the young women that were there. So I said the same thing to the women as I did to the men. They bowed their heads and when I asked who would like to accept Jesus, turn from their sin and live for him, 11 girls and a teacher raised their hands and also prayed the sinner's prayer.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ who promise where two or more are gathered there He is in the midst of us. It's not a gift or talent that enables us to see the Lord bring people to him. The Bible says "where I am lifted up people are drawn unto me". Well you, Relationship Compass Team and Jewels For Jesus, you are lifting Him up and people are being drawn to the Father's Heart. Seventeen souls were won in all!!!! WOW LORD!!!"

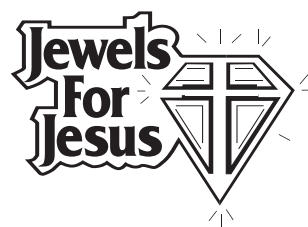


Stories from the Past continued

when I attended high school (The Clements Family). A special thank you to Jewels For Jesus Mission for the opportunity to attend camp, make friends and be introduced to the love of Jesus for the first time.

I still attend the same church (52 years), work in the church office (14 years) and keep connected with Jewels For Jesus Mission through a variety of connections with friends.

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Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament...

It was with much excitement that we set the date and chose a new location for our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. We were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day and much enjoyment was had at the Glen Eagle Golf Club in Caledon. As we moved forward with planning this day, we prayed and looked for God's direction, and He blessed us with 80 golfers and diners and thousands of dollars raised to support our work at Jewels For Jesus! We thank you all for your wonderful participation in this event!

Jewels For Jesus would like to thank the following personal and corporate sponsors for their financial support and their generous contributions of golf prizes and sponsorships that helped make this day such a success:

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We thank God for the many blessings he gave us for this day and we give you our heartfelt gratitude for your goodness and support of our golf tournament.

We look forward to seeing you in May 2009 for our 4th Annual Golf Tournament!



Attention All Jewels Adoptees Age 13 and Up

We are looking for Jewels adoptees who would be willing to serve punch and hors d'oeuvres during our 60th Anniversary event on Saturday, October 4, 6 - 9 p.m. Volunteers will receive free admission to the Mark Schultz concert.

To volunteer, contact Helen at helpline@JewelsForJesus.net or 905-821-7494.

A Huge Thanks!!

Our last edition of Reflections included an urgent plea for spring and summer clothing for the Care Cupboard. Within days the flood-gates opened. How do we begin to thank you for your compassion for, and generosity to, the families who depend on this service? New and used clothes have been pouring in almost daily to the delight and gratitude of those in need. May God bless you to the same measure that you have blessed others.

Jewels For Jesus 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Remembering the Past

Celebrating the Present

Excited about the Future



Jewels For Jesus would like to invite you to join us for an uplifting evening, featuring 2006 Dove Award winner **Mark Schultz**, to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Mark is an adoptee who has written a song in honour of his birth mother. For more information about Mark, go to www.JewelsForJesus.net

The evening will be emceed by **Herbie Kuhn**, adoptive dad and voice of the Raptors, and will include an hors d'oeuvres reception and silent auction.

Date: Saturday October 4, 2008
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Concert starts at 7:00 pm

Location: Lakeside Church
7654 Conservation Road
Guelph ON N1H 6J1

Map can be downloaded online at
www.JewelsForJesus.net

Cost: Tickets are \$35 each or 10 / \$300 and can be ordered online at www.JewelsForJesus.net or by calling our office (905-821-7494).

