



# MOVEMENTS

## PRAYER JOURNAL

Focus: **CANADA**

The Great Commission Global Prayer Movement

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# POWER to Change™

Jesus is the  
Power to Change

Helping you reach your  
**WORLD**

DOMAIN STRATEGIES  
TO REACH CITIES...

Business  
Education  
Family  
Government

Media  
Religion  
Sports

MOBILIZED WORKERS

FELT NEED EVANGELISM

**INSPIRE ...**  
Inspire Heroic  
Achievement  
through  
mobilizing  
others to  
Discover  
and Experience  
Jesus Christ.

**DISCOVER ...**  
Discover a  
personal  
relationship  
with Jesus  
Christ.

# FAITH ADVENTURE

RISK TAKING FOLLOWERS

**EXPERIENCE ...**  
Experience the power  
of the Holy Spirit by  
helping someone  
discover Jesus Christ.

TRANSFORMED LIVES

## MISSION

Power to Change seeks to glorify God by making a maximum contribution toward helping to fulfil the Great Commission in Canada and around the world by developing movements of evangelism and discipleship. Matthew 28:19-20

# Movements Everywhere

Canada has become a secular nation. Despite the natural beauty, cultural diversity and political stability of this country, we are living in a spiritual wasteland.

- Less than 1 in 10 young adults list faith as a top priority in their lives.
- Many people are 1.5 to 2 generations away from any Christian influence, heritage or reference point.
- Church attendance has been steadily declining over the last 3 decades.
- Media, technology, secularism and materialism have made our society individualistic and independent.

Our dream is to impact our nation with the transformative Good News of Jesus Christ. As we endeavor to develop movements of evangelism and discipleship in Canada, we are repositioning ourselves in a more relevant way to reach our nation.



Leonard and Debbie Buhler

## Messaging

Our goal is that we would be both invitational and engaging to the secular world and the Christian world. At Power to Change, we define spiritual movement cycles as *Faith Adventures*.

We are all on a faith adventure – it’s a spiritual journey that requires trusting God, and going on despite the risks. The Faith Adventures we have created are transferable concepts that impact people on their own spiritual journeys (You can read more about our Faith Adventure throughout this edition of *Movements Prayer Journal*).

Every Faith Adventure includes three kinds of people, doing three different things:

- Non-believers – discover who Jesus is
- Christians – experience the power of the Holy Spirit
- Heroes – inspire others

Our culture is changing. By taking the initiative to connect the current realities of life to God, we will create venues for open spiritual dialogue. Faith Adventures are mini spiritual movements of evangelism and discipleship. If we do enough of them in enough places, in enough domains of society, in enough cities, we’ll reach all of Canada... and the world.

God Bless,  
Leonard Buhler  
President, Power to Change

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Psalm 42:1-2

Praise God that we successfully launched our Mentor Center and have already had great results.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise God that we successfully launched our evangelistic website: [www.thelife.com](http://www.thelife.com).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Psalm 135:1-4

Pray that ‘Bursting your Bubble – A Relationship Revolution’ would challenge leaders to a new level of evangelism.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Psalm 146:1-2

Pray that our Leadership Forums would reach thousands of business leaders across Canada.

# Faith Adventures

## Total Athlete Academy

The Total Athlete Academy is a dynamic, online learning and mentoring system designed to help athletes from around the world get the help, teaching, accountability, and encouragement they need to become a Total Athlete. Through video magazines, training modules, personal Life Coaches and chat, athletes will learn from sports experts and high-level athletes about the mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of athletic development, maximizing their potential for success.

The Total Athlete Academy is a culturally relevant way to help athletes discover Jesus and grow in their faith, experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit through mentoring and training, and inspiring others to be a Total Athlete. [www.totalathlete.com](http://www.totalathlete.com)



## DRIME (Disciples in Mobile Evangelism)

The heart of DRIME's ministry can be seen on any typical Saturday night on the streets of downtown Vancouver, BC. A team that uses the combination of drama and one-on-one evangelism shares the message of Jesus with anyone who will stop and listen. This kind of ministry can be done on university campuses and on any street corner or community around the world.

DRIME exists to help people discover Christ through choreographed street drama, to empower others for ministry through drama and evangelism training as they experience the power of the Holy Spirit, and inspire passionate, disciplined leaders.



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Psalm 147:1

Praise for many discovering Christ through our Movement Development Areas; pray this would be multiplied.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Psalm 148:1-5

Praise God that we handed out 30,000 Real Life Kits and have seen thousands of students desire to know more.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Psalm 149:1-2

Pray that many will accept Christ through our Soul Cravings Outreaches held on university campuses.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Psalm 150:1-6

Pray for our students as they distribute the *Does God Exist* magazine.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Matthew 21:1-11

Pray for Dr. Dave Currie as he begins Season 6 of *Marriage Uncensored*.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Matthew 21:12-17

Pray for the speaker couples as they continue to lead 'Weekend 2 Remember.'

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Matthew 21:18-22

Pray for speaker couples as they host 'Next Level' one-day marriage conferences for businesses.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Matthew 21:23-31

Pray for speaker couples as they host 'Real Marriage' one-day marriage conferences for churches.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Pray for speaker couples as they host 'Legacy' one-day marriage conferences for parents.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1 Timothy 2:8

Praise God for providing speaker couples to begin 'Support the Badge,' a one-day marriage conference for police couples.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Exodus 17:8-16

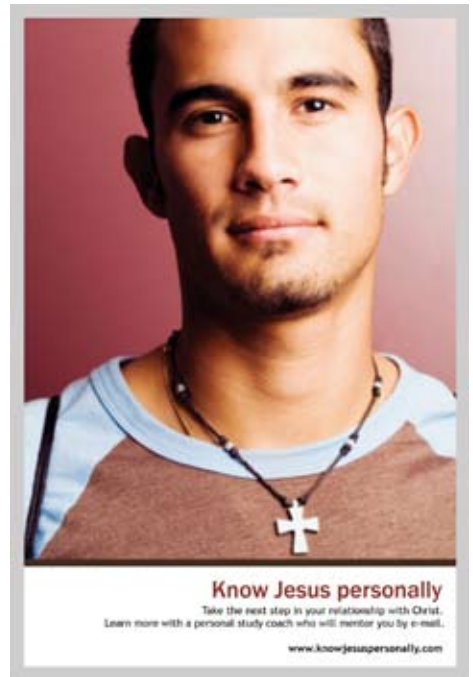
Praise God for the resources that are available on the Global Learning Center.

# Faith Adventures

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## Mentor Center

Mentoring is a simple concept – it is just starting a conversation and encouraging someone to take the next step in his or her faith adventure. By creating a secure environment where emailed questions are fostered into relationships, The Mentor Center connects visitors to people who can help them. The mentor comes alongside of the visitor and ministers to them by praying for them, providing resources and sharing the next step in their spiritual journey.



We take visitors from their initial felt need to a discovery of a personal relationship with Jesus. Christians grow in their faith and experience the power of the Holy Spirit through ministering relationships, deepening their love for Christ as they learn to share Him with others. As people gain experience they can become a study coach or community leader, inspiring others to dig deeper into ministry.

## Leadership Forums

Most professional seminars offer some ideas of how to succeed in business or how to improve the bottom line. But, our Leadership Forums take this idea and add a twist. A Leadership Forum showcases business leaders who are not only successful in their specific pursuits but also have a personal faith in God. By talking about how their spiritual life intersects with business, the speakers turn an average seminar into a life-changing event.

Their message speaks directly to leaders who are looking for more out of life, helping them to discover Jesus. Business leaders experience the power of the Holy Spirit as they share about business and faith, and inspire other leaders to introduce how faith in God is relevant for today.



# PRAAYER ESPRESSO

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A good place to get a small but flavorful taste of God's work, deserving fully alert prayer

## Smuggling God's Truth into Television

### *Marriage Uncensored* offers Real Hope and Real Answers for Real Issues

When *Marriage Uncensored with Dave and Christie* – a production of FamilyLife Canada – aired its first episode five years ago, no one ever imagined it would be more than a local cable show.

Filmed in the Power to Change conference room, with staff and friends often standing in for the live audience, it was a modest entry into the market to be sure, yet it was clear even then that God was at work.

Less than 5% of all TV shows make it past the first season and a fraction of that endure to air 150 episodes. Now in its sixth season and 163rd episode, *Marriage Uncensored with Dave and Christie* is still offering up God's truth on life, marriage and relationships, albeit not with chapter and verse. And as the name of the show suggests, no topic is off limits—from teaching your kids about sex to issues like abuse and pornography.

"From the beginning, we wanted to use the show to try to influence the culture," says creator and co-host, Dave Currie. "We didn't want to be on Vision or the Miracle Channel. We mean no disrespect to those channels, but our intent has always been to target a general secular market."

The show first aired to a potential audience of 2 million people. Now in 2008, the reach has significantly increased to a potential 40 million viewers across North America on PBS, the E!

Channel, and CanWest Global Television.

"I do believe that Jesus is the power to change and I'm all about evangelism, but for me, this show is about offering a cup of cold water in Jesus' name," says Dave. "It's about starting where people are at and bringing them closer to the difference Jesus can make through the felt needs of the family. Inspiring family transformation is the core of FamilyLife, and the show is an incredible tool to accomplish that."

In 2007, Hollywood producers Celeste Wade, Laura Hudson and John Tinker of 3n1 Entertainment saw the potential in *Marriage Uncensored* to do what they love most: smuggle God's truth into television. After being involved in some of North America's most popular television shows including *Friends*, *E.R.*, and *Everybody Loves Raymond*, 3n1 jumped onboard to give *Marriage Uncensored* a facelift.

"We were so impressed by the serious faith of the people involved with the show and their passion for outreach," recalls Laura. "We saw an opportunity to come alongside them and teach them a bit more about how to do television so that the show could be that much more effective communicating to a non-Christian audience."

"Traditionally, Christians try to use TV to plant a spiritual seed, water and harvest



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it all in one episode," adds Celeste. "But that's not how life is."

*Marriage Uncensored with Dave and Christie* begins by planting the seed. The approach: make an impact on the viewers' marriage and family life by giving them the tools for a better relationship with their kids and spouse. When viewers discover the answers they've been looking for, it can lead them down a path to faith.

That path is clearly laid out for them in the strategy of FamilyLife. By using cross-media platforms of television and Web in an integrated fashion, FamilyLife can continually speak truth into their lives – particularly through our marriage conferences where the gospel is clearly presented.

The 2008-09 season for *Marriage Uncensored* not only marks the beginning of the sixth season of the show, but the grand opening and broadcast premier of the studio and sound stage at the Power to Change headquarters. As the television show continues to garner respect within the entertainment industry, opportunities to reach a broader television audience and to feature more popular relationship experts become available.

Pray that *Marriage Uncensored* would have a greater reach across the world through increased partnerships with television stations and advertisers, and that God would continue to use *Marriage Uncensored* to offer REAL HOPE and provide REAL ANSWERS to the REAL ISSUES people face.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Acts 12:1-5

Pray for wisdom as we research a Kids Ministry.

# Adventurous Prayer

Do you ever offer “safe” prayers. I do. I don’t want to be disappointed. Better to keep my requests small. I don’t want to be uncomfortable. Better to avoid requests that require me to take risks of faith. I’m busy and don’t want to work too much harder. Better to avoid asking for larger vision. So day after day I bring my small, safe prayers to God. Safe. Predictable. Comfortable. That’s better. Isn’t it?

No! People who are effective for God have a habit of adventurous prayer. They ask boldly and expect Him to respond. It’s not a matter of asking for big things but for things that matter whether they are small or large. It’s asking him to change my life, to have an impact on someone else’s life, to help me do something insanely wonderful that honors His name.

Adventurous prayer takes genuine faith. Note that it’s not the quantity of your faith but its quality that makes the difference. “Increase our faith,” the follower of Jesus asked. He replied that what they needed was not more faith but rather to put in action the faith they already had, even if only the size of a mustard seed.

What could happen this week if you decided to bring to God prayers that are definitely not “safe?” Ask him for larger vision, greater boldness, deeper trust. Ask Him to help you change the world!

Dr. Guy S. Saffold is Executive Director of Ministries for Power To Change, the new name of Campus Crusade for Christ, Canada. Dr. Saffold has been a pastor, university administrator, seminary dean. He is a graduate of the University Illinois, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Seattle University where he earned a doctorate in leadership. He is presently responsible for all the field ministries of Power To Change.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Acts 12:6-11

Praise God that we are launching Vision 360 Canada as the newest ministry of Power to Change.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Acts 12:12-19a

Pray for the teams that are drilling wells in Benin and Tanzania (Francophone Africa) with GAIN.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Acts 12:19b-24

Pray for the teams that are doing relief work in the Sudan with GAIN.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Luke 18:1-8

Pray for GAIN teams that are doing disaster relief in Haiti after the hurricanes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Luke 18:9-14

Pray for the cities team as they launch our Faith Adventures in Chennai, India.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Luke 18:15-17

Pray for a catalytic event that will launch our Cities of the World strategy into Vancouver, BC.

# My Prayer Life

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People I'm praying for ...

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My prayer requests ...

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Answers to prayer ...

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Luke 18:18-30

Pray for additional Staff members for the Cities Team as they launch our Faith Adventures in Bangkok, Thailand.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Luke 18:31-34

Praise God for the success that we have had with our city strategy in Asuncion, Paraguay.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Luke 18:35-43

Praise God for the continued use of the *Discovering God in Chinese Characters* booklet.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Luke 11:1-4

Praise God for the many churches who partnered with Athletes in Action to send kids to soccer camps this summer.

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# A Growing Habit

■ Were these Canada prayer requests helpful to you? Each monthly issue of Movements Prayer Journal offers current prayer needs from another part of the Campus Crusade for Christ worldwide movement. Get an e-mail reminder when the next issue is ready. Sound good?

Just send your name and preferred e-address to: [global.prayer@ccci.org](mailto:global.prayer@ccci.org), subject line: "Subscribe."

■ To view some of the latest prayer requests and praise items from Campus Crusade for Christ ministries around the world, visit:

<http://GlobalPrayerMovement.org>

■ Join the Campus Crusade staff and volunteers in around-the-clock prayer for top ministry needs, by signing up for your one-hour slot at:

<http://GlobalPrayerMovement.org>

Be certain to register, then click the "24x7 Calendar" button.



# Tasty Recipe

Poutine-- a typically Québécois dish that demonstrates this culture's ability to think outside the box, while encouraging the local economy. Someone in Québec took French fries, added curd cheese (a local product) and brown gravy, and created a dish you can now savor in many provinces in Canada. Variations on the theme have been developed, so that you can have many different flavors and toppings for poutine today.

We in Power to Change need to find a Christian poutine recipe: a way of presenting the gospel that is new, but based on the same ingredients the gospel has always presented, and offers a new and distinctive experience of God to people who think He has been tried and has failed them.

Anne-Marie Montgomery  
Staff member, Christian Embassy of Canada

**"There is no deeper truth in all the Scriptures than abiding in Christ."**

Dr. Bill Bright  
Founding president of Campus Crusade for Christ, eternally face-to-face with Jesus since 2003. [www.billbright.ccci.org](http://www.billbright.ccci.org)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Luke 11:5-8

Pray that athletes around the world would be reached by the 'Total Athlete Academy' DVD series.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Luke 11:9-10

Pray that DRIME would have an impact in Canadian cities and beyond as they minister through drama and mime.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Isaiah 40:31

Praise God for our short-term teams in Scotland, Panama, North Africa and East Asia.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Ephesians 3:20

Praise God for the women who have accepted Christ through Connecting Streams *Compass* magazine.

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