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Spotlight
January 2026 Edition



When
Faith Meets
Obedience

He gave his life to Jesus regardless of the consequences! p.4

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Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.

PRAYER FOR YOUR YEAR

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our
debtors.
And do not lead us into
temptation,
But deliver us from
evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power and the
glory forever.
Amen.



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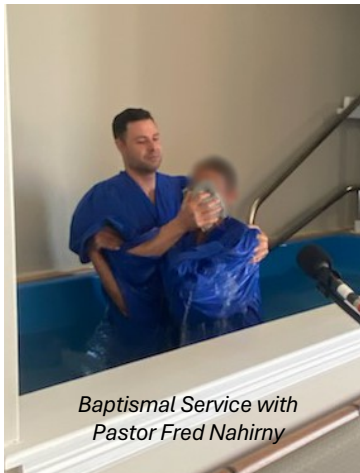
When Faith Meets Obedience

Due to the sensitive nature of this testimony and the serious consequences that may follow, no photographs, personal names, or identifying details are included. This account is shared with care, recognizing the realities faced by those who choose to follow Christ in restricted environments.

On January 3, 2026, the **New Glasgow Seventh-day Adventist Church** rejoiced in a deeply significant baptismal service. A man in his early forties, raised in a Muslim home in Morocco, made the decision to publicly commit his life to Jesus Christ. His journey to this moment was shaped by meaningful conversations, careful study, and a growing conviction grounded in Scripture.

While pursuing advanced studies toward becoming a professor of civil engineering, he providentially met a local church elder who worked near his home. What began as casual dialogue gradually turned to spiritual inquiry. Thoughtful questions led to Bible studies, and over time he explored core biblical teachings, including the life and ministry of Jesus, the Sabbath, the Second Coming, humanity's need of redemption, stewardship, spiritual gifts, and the importance of Christian fellowship.

As these studies continued, a quiet but profound change took place. He began to recognize a clear difference between his former way of life and the new life he was discovering in Christ. Reading the Bible personally and prayerfully, he sensed a growing desire to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. That desire eventually led to his decision to be baptized. Throughout this journey, the church family welcomed him warmly, offering encouragement, friendship, and support.



The baptism took place at the Pugwash Seventh-day Adventist Church and proved to be a memorable and uplifting occasion for all who attended. The sermon, *“When Faith Meets Obedience,”* was based on Acts 8:26–40, recounting the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch. The passage provided a fitting parallel: a seeker encountering truth, responding in faith, and choosing obedience despite an uncertain future and cultural conflict.

Looking ahead, his path is not without challenges. He plans to return to Morocco to complete his PhD, a country where public Christian worship is restricted and where there is no officially recognized Seventh-day Adventist Church. Small groups of believers meet discreetly in homes and university settings, and access to Christian teaching often comes through resources such as the **HOPE Channel**. While aware of the potential consequences, he remains prayerful and thoughtful about how to live out his faith.

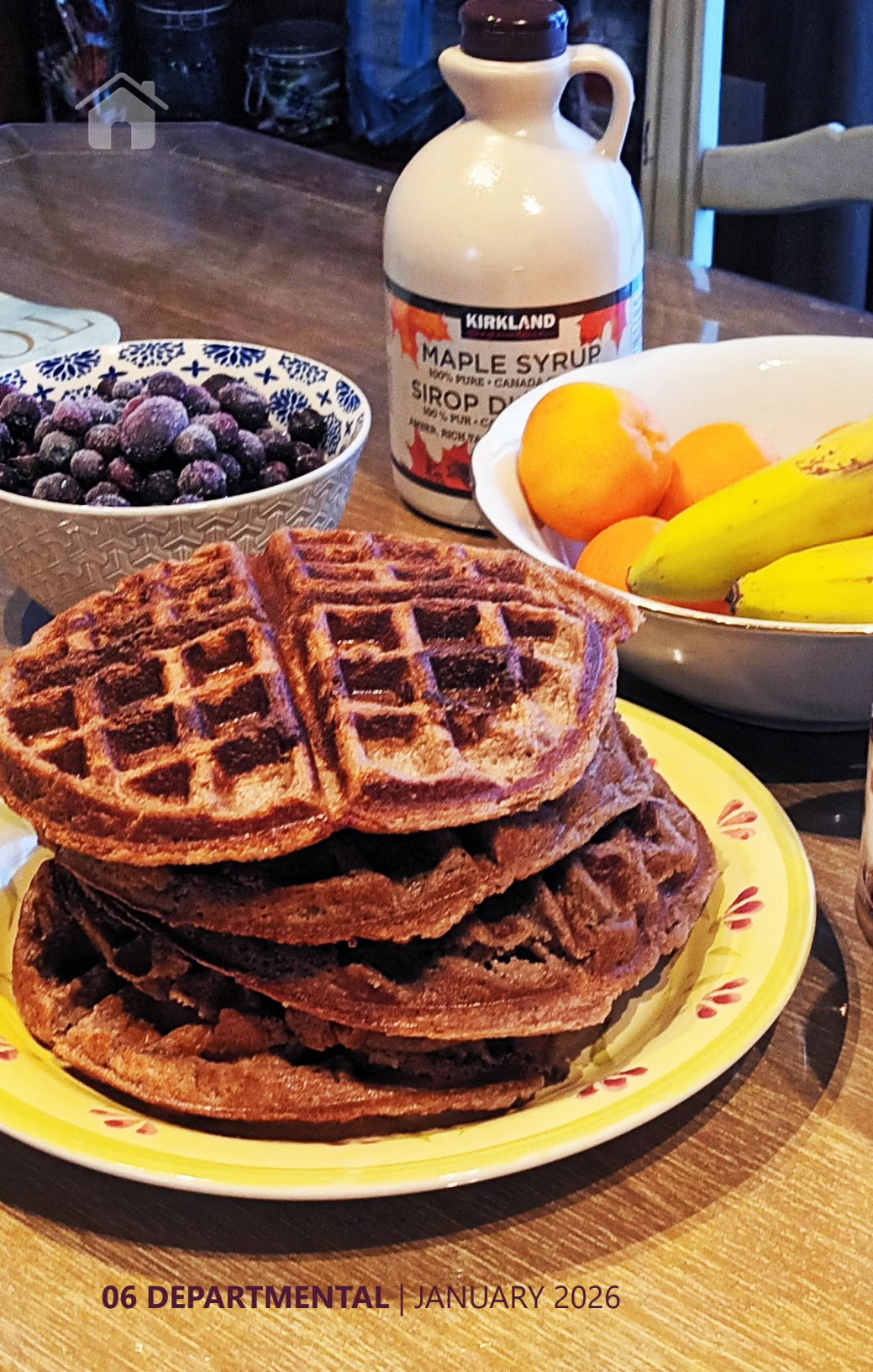
He carries both concern and conviction as he considers sharing his newfound faith with family and friends. Though uncertain about how his decision will be received, he feels a deep sense of responsibility to live authentically and faithfully. His long-term hope is to return to Canada and remain here permanently, yet for now, he steps forward trusting God to guide each next step.



This baptism serves as a quiet but powerful reminder that faith is often formed in the unseen moments of conviction and courage. On that winter Sabbath, one individual chose to follow Jesus with sincerity and resolve, offering a testimony that continues to inspire all who witnessed it.

Pastor Fred & Francis Nahirny

*Pugwash, Truro, New Glasgow
Seventh-day Adventist Churches*



Straight from
**Catherine's
Kitchen**

Cashew Waffles

Preheat a waffle iron.

Ingredients:

- 4 ½ cups cold water
- 1 cup cashews (rinsed)
- 1 cup dried strawberries (Medjool dates taste great as well-use about 8)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 cups rolled oats

Blend 2 cups of the cold water with the cup of cashews until smooth. Add the dried fruit and blend once more. Then add the remaining water (2 ½ cups) with the rest of the ingredients. Blend until very smooth.

Let this sit for approximately 5 minutes.

Spray your waffle iron every time you add your mixture to it to prevent the waffle from sticking. *Use enough batter to fill the waffle plate, but not so much that it drips over the sides. Cook 8-12 minutes.

Serve with your favorite toppings!

*I can make 5 large waffles with this recipe.

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New Song

**Maritime
Songwriting Contest**

Maritime
Youth Department



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Calling all singer songwriters of the Maritime conference!

Psalm 33:3 "Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

Are you a singer, songwriter, or musician from the **Maritime Conference** with a passion to see people connect with God through music? Do you have a story to tell through music? Whether you are an experienced songwriter or just beginning, this songwriting contest is for you.

We are looking for **original songs** that are inspired, Christ-centered, and relevant. Whether it's a guitar and vocal duo, a powerful choir, or an emotionally charged gospel tune, we want to hear how God inspires you. This is your chance to showcase your talent, creativity, and passion for music, **so let's hear it!**

Eligibility

- Open to all Adventist members of the Maritime Conference.
- Participants may enter individually or as part of a group. However, only **one prize** will be awarded per winning entry, regardless of group size.

Theme

- The theme for this contest is: **Come to Me**. Based on **Matthew 11:28–30**. That's all you get! The parameters are intentionally broad to leave room for creativity, while still providing direction.
- Whether you use this verse to highlight mental health, the Sabbath, or social justice, your song should be memorable, inspiring, and Christ-centered, reflecting **your own genuine and personal experience** with God.

Song Requirements

- Only original, solely composed songs by the applicant are eligible. Co-written songs and AI-generated songs are not permitted.
- Any entry that fails to follow contest rules—including plagiarism or inappropriate content—will be disqualified.

Prize

The winner will receive a **\$100 gift card**.

Deadline

All entries must be received by **January 31, 2025**.

Contact Information

Please contact Adrian Jones for submission guidelines and details at:

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A NATIONAL CALL TO LIFT JESUS ACROSS CANADA

February 14 marks **Hope Channel Canada Day**, our annual nationwide offering—a moment when **believers across the country unite to advance Christ-centered media ministry from coast to coast.**

This year, as we step boldly into our **WE ARE HOPE — 2026** movement, your gift will determine how far the message of Jesus can travel into homes, hearts, and communities searching for truth.

Now is the time to stand together.

Now is the time to say, *“We are hope—because Christ is our hope.”*

Your offering on February 14th fuels Canadian-made programs, strengthens outreach, and multiplies opportunities for people to encounter Jesus.

Across Canada, God is writing stories of redemption—stories that *your generosity* has already helped make possible.

In 2025, we witnessed **146 baptisms** connected to Hope Channel Canada ministry. Every one of those

precious decisions represents someone stepping into new life because viewers, donors, and prayer partners like you made it possible for them to meet Jesus.

Thank you for giving. Thank you for believing that media ministry can reach hearts where traditional methods cannot. Thank you for being part of the miracle.

As we begin 2026, our focus is prayer—seeking God’s direction for our nation and for every person watching, searching, and longing for hope.

From **January 24–31**, Hope Channel Canada will air **A Prayer for Your Year**, a powerful series rooted in the Lord’s Prayer, along with a daily prayer calendar.

This will be more than content—it will be an invitation for Canadians to encounter God personally, to find clarity, peace, and kingdom purpose. We encourage you to **invite a friend**, share the series with your church, and help open new doors for spiritual discovery.

Every month this year, we are equipping churches with **entry and bridging events** through the Hope Schedule—resources that help pastors and congregations meet real needs, build meaningful relationships, and prepare hearts for the national reaping series coming in late 2027.

To amplify this mission, we are launching the **Hope Ambassadors** initiative. These are believers—students, parents, pastors, elders, young adults—who champion hope in their communities and help others discover that in Jesus, there truly is more to life.

If you feel called to help share Christ’s light in your city or church:



👉 **Email agentsofhope@hopetv.ca** to learn how you can become a Hope Ambassador or invite Hope Channel to your local church.

As we step into a year of mission, prayer, and expansion, we ask you to:

- **Pray** for our team, contributors, volunteers, and partners
- **Pray** for every program and every seeker God will reach
- **Pray** for the harvest that is coming across this nation
- **Give generously** on **February 14 — Hope Channel Canada Day**
- **Stand with us** as a monthly donor, multiplying hope in every province

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He longs to show us "great and mighty things" that we that we can't imagine.

Bonding with Him can lead to new perspectives and solutions to problems that seemed impossible before.

Allow your heart to overflow with admiration for Him. Get to know Him for who He really is and He will capture your heart and set it on fire.

Let Him be your Hero.



Maritime Prayer Ministries



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2026

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Summer camp staff applications are open, and limited positions are available. We encourage you to apply even if you are under 18y/o.

Volunteer application forms can be found on the Camp Pugwash website.



Scan to apply now! 

DATES

Blind Camp: June 28-July 3

Junior Camp: July 6 – 12

Teen Camp: July 13 – 19

Camp Pitch: July 20 – 24

Camp Meeting: July 24 – Aug 2

NEW! Alumni & Friends Family

Camp: Aug 3 – 7

Cabin leaders - Kitchen staff - Lifeguards

New Classes This Summer

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NEW

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Camp Pugwash is happy to introduce our first ever **Alumni & Friends Family Camp** week. This is for the whole family! Alumni or not, this is open to **ALL FAMILIES**. Family Camp is the perfect opportunity to introduce your future campers to the blessings of summer camp— so they too can become woven in the Pugwash tapestry.

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12:30 PM Buffet Lunch Provided
2 PM Deeply Rooted Seminar
3:15 PM Replenishment Networking
4:30 PM Dinner on your own
7:30 PM Evening General Session

Jan. 27

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast Provided
9:00 AM Morning General Session
10:30 AM Exhibit Hall opens for the day
10:45 AM Seminars
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch Provided
2 PM Seminars
4:15 PM Closing General Session
6:00 PM Dinner on Your own

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GOD'S CARETAKERS



TRUSTING GOD

PLANNING WELL



As a new year begins, I find myself living through one of the most profound seasons of continual learning: parenthood. I am the father of an 18-month-old daughter, and this experience has taught me that faithful stewardship involves far more than the management of resources; it entails taking responsible and intentional care of our children’s future in every dimension, including the financial one.

I recall that, before my daughter was born, I attempted to anticipate every detail. I researched how many diapers she would likely use each day in order to prepare an accurate budget. The aim was to optimize our family’s resources and avoid unnecessary waste from the outset. As a careful planner, I ran the numbers, projected scenarios, and trusted that the plan would succeed. Reality, however, proved different. The sizes did not align with her growth rate, and daily consumption far exceeded my estimates. Adjustments had to be made, lessons had to be learned, and we had to move forward.

This experience reminded me that while financial planning is a biblical principle of sound stewardship, we must also acknowledge that family life does not always follow our

calculations. Household finances, much like life itself, resemble a roller coaster, marked by seasons of abundance and moments that require adjustment. Christian stewardship does not consist in avoiding these rises and falls, but in walking with wisdom, foresight, and faith—trusting that God continues to guide us even when our plans must be revised.

As we enter 2026, we are called to plan responsibly while fully depending on the Lord, remembering His promise: *“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all”* (Psalm 34:19). In every budget, every financial decision, and every necessary adjustment, God remains the Owner of all things and the faithful Sustainer of our families.

Angel Germosen

Assistant Accountant for the Maritime Conference



Maranatha

Seventh-day Adventist Church

The storm had just ended, leaving everything covered in a blanket of fresh snow. I got up early to clear the driveway before work, wanting to make sure everyone coming and going throughout the day could get in and out easily. Work was busy—not so much physically, but mentally. And to be brutally honest... I was looking for any excuse to relax with my feet up. But relaxing meant canceling prayer meeting. After all, I was tired, I'd been up early, and I felt I deserved a break.

So, on my way home from work, I decided to check whether the church yard had been cleared. To my surprise—and a bit of relief—the yard was still full of snow. There was no way people could drive through that, especially with the huge snowbank left at the entrance by the town plow trucks. Without wasting any time, I posted: “Sorry folks, prayer meeting is canceled tonight due to the driveway not being cleared.”

Now I could finally go home and relax. Not so fast. God had other plans. Hebrews 10:25 says, “*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another—especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.*” Not long after posting that prayer



meeting was canceled, I got a text message: “Why are we canceling prayer meeting?” I explained that the yard wasn’t cleared and it would be difficult for people to get in, so we had no choice. Then came the reply: “The boys said they’ll shovel it!” That big yard? No way. Too much work. We’d just resume next week—or so I thought.

A little later, my truck repair shop called and told me it was ready, so off we went to pick it up. Afterward, I drove over to check on my daughter and her vehicle. On my way by our new Centre of Influence—the same snow-filled yard I had seen earlier—I couldn’t believe my eyes. Four young men were shoveling like a finely tuned machine, snow flying in every direction. I pulled in, got out, and asked, “What are you guys doing?” Eric looked up and said, “Shoveling the yard. We can’t cancel prayer meeting!” All I could do was smile—and honestly, fight back tears. I had been so quick to cancel, and yet these young men wouldn’t even consider it.

We worked together until we had a big enough parking space cleared and a path shoveled right to the door—wide enough that someone could drive up and drop people off at the steps. There were no shortcuts with these guys. Just as we finished what was needed to make prayer meeting possible, another Good Samaritan arrived—Jerry Smith Jr.—who finished off the rest of the yard beautifully, just in time for people to start showing up. And yes—when I first realized these young men were serious about clearing the yard, I quickly sent out a new post: “Prayer meeting is on!” Not only did we witness the Holy Spirit moving in

these young men’s lives as they worked with dedication, but we also experienced His presence powerfully as we worshiped together that evening.

We’ve been studying a small book titled “*Follow: Anywhere, Anytime, At Any Cost.*” These young men have been coming faithfully week after week, and the message has taken root. All four have been attending consistently, and they took last week’s challenge to heart—they each invited friends, and four new young people showed up, two young women and two young men were there for the first time last night! Our challenge again last night was to continue inviting others to come and experience the goodness of God—and many of them said they would.

This whole experience reminded me of Matthew 9:37: “*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*” I let God down at first, looking for any reason to relax. But thank God for sending Eric, Austin, Even, and Rylan to encourage me and to remind me of the true cost of discipleship—to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Robert Clark

Member of Maranatha SDA Church



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INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

We are excited to announce the launch of the Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries (IRM) **SEED Planning Process** for all IRM constituent ministry partners (CMP) - members, churches, schools, and conferences involved with regional Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries.



SERVICE ENGAGEMENT: Members, churches & schools (CMP) partnering with Indigenous Communities are invited to register with the SDACC Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries Department.



EVALUATION: Registered CMP will receive support to evaluate their vision, opportunities and approach to building healing relations with Indigenous Communities through the ministry of reconciliation.



DEVELOPMENT: Registered CMP will receive ongoing support, special training and access to special funding opportunities to develop their ministries.

Please visit the **SDACC Indigenous Reconciliation Ministries Department [webpage](https://www.adventist.ca/departments/indigenous-ministries/) to register.** Registered CMPs will receive ongoing **support** and learn more about upcoming **funding opportunities**.

<https://www.adventist.ca/departments/indigenous-ministries/>



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