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What God Hath Wrought!

Encouraging news from Cleveland told of ‘Seed’ that was cast ‘upon the waters’ and has been found fruitful after countless days and months and years. The following quotation is from *Bits of This and That—Monticello News (Apr-May-June 2004)*. Emphasis and comment is the Editor’s.

“We are rejoicing and praising God for the salvation of James Crawford, grandson of Peter Crawford, one of the five men who started the assembly in Cleveland. He is the brother of Eleanor Pile.

Jim grew up in the Addison Road Sunday School and was saved in March of this year! A *verse* he learned *over 90 years ago* came to his memory—John 3:16. What an encouragement for those of us who have been praying for folks for many years and have been tempted to give up.

What an encouragement to Sunday School teachers who wonder sometimes if anything gets through. God works in mysterious ways, praise Him!”



THE LORD IS STILL WORKING. THE ELEMENT HE USES IS STILL HIS OWN LIVING WORD. THE MAN OR WOMAN WHO RECEIVES IT MAY BE ELDERLY BUT THE WORD HE HEARD 90 YEARS AGO IS STILL AS FRESH AND NEW AND ALIVE AS EVER.

LET US ALLOW HIM TO USE US IN THE SOWING OF THAT WHICH HE WILL PROVE TO BE ETERNAL.

He lived right next door at 470 Charles Street! The Editor recently had a visit with Carter Leshuk in Sault Ste Marie. 40 years ago, he was one of three boys who lived in the house next door to Jim and Mary Clark. Both his parents were alcoholics. His older brother left home while still a teen. His middle brother became a Heroin Addict and Dealer. His words were “Apart from the grace of God there go I” but Mary in her kindly happy way took Carter under her wing!

He attended Sunday School and it was there in the basement of the Gospel Hall at the corner of Spring and Wellington, that Carter learned of God’s Unfailing Love and grace and was saved at a young age.

During teen years he drifted from the truth for he had not yet learned what it was to show the true marks of “a disciple of Jesus Christ.” But God in His grace protected him and guided him and he is now married to Chris who shares his views, and they and their two teens have been missionaries in the city of Prague in the Czech republic for the past six years.

That country is considered to be the second most atheistic country in the world. He dropped in to the Hall recently to express his appreciation for those like Mary Clark who sowed the Seed. God prospered it, and it yielded the increase! In Chris’ own words, “I don’t know why God chose me out of my family, but I’m glad He did! And the Seed planted here in the Soo has literally gone around the world!”

Check Your References!

Memorizing Bible Verses and Important Telephone Numbers is something that Averil’s granddaughter, 3, enjoys doing. It was obvious she’d just been doing both when she proudly proclaimed,

“ ‘In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.’ ... Genesis... 911.”