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Help for Sunday School Teachers— Dedicated to those who take the Word of Life to Children Everywhere

## Sunday School Teachers Conference

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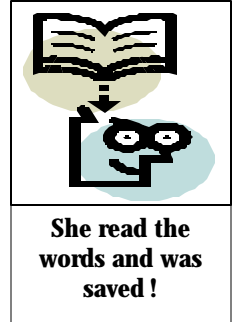
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**F** ebruary 12th—NEWMARKET— was the scene for a conference of Sunday School and Children’s Workers. The hall was full and many spoke of the value of the gathering. There were four speakers who addressed the group and responded to questions about their topic. In addition there was a most interesting panel session where various SS Teachers and Superintendents gave report on Successful Programs or on those who had professed as a result of the work in their area.

Lorne Langfeld started the day off with the need to have a GOAL, the necessary GEAR, and the prerequisite GO that is vital if we are going to reach the lost! He also reminded us of woman who had picked up a framed ‘Kember’ text that was offered on one occasion and took it home with her. She took the text out of the frame and used it for other purposes. The text itself was folded up and put it away somewhere. Now for the rest of the story—years passed and one day she picked up the folded text—opened it up to see what it was—read the words and was saved as the truth of the text dawned upon her. Thank God for the power of the Word!



Another suggestion that was made was the GRANDMA and GRAMPA idea. We live in a day where there are so many broken homes and distant connections that perhaps this has more value today than ever in the past—though it has always had value. It is an important way for older believers (some of whom perhaps have resigned from many years of teaching) can be assigned a child in the Children’s work to GRAMPA or GRANNY for. Their duties would be to be there and seek out the child as they come in and GREET THEM personally—taking time to be friendly and interested. There’s a real hunger on the part of many to have this kind of relationship with a “GRAN”! This type of CONTACT makes CONNECTIONS. Then if the child is not present, they could give a quick call (clearly identifying who you are to the parent or guardian and why you are interested). This creates a network in the Children’s Work—so that the child has more than one contact who shows an interest in them. Another suggestion would be to visit the home on occasion to identify yourself, remind them of your interest and willingness to help and even to identify and flesh out a special occasion or upcoming series etc to the family.

Another excellent recommendation that was made was at the Regular Prayer Meeting—have the SS Superintendent or the Teacher of the class identify needs and names—even record them on a white-board —then focus on a specific Teacher and their class of students in Prayer. This does at least two things—it identifies the assembly with the Sunday School and it is certainly true that our teachers and students need much prayer that their efforts and work will be fruitful. When one of these students is saved or making progress as a believer—then an update on this will help the assembly to feel like this is their work and they have seen answers to prayer. Perhaps too, some will be stirred up as they hear the specific needs expressed in prayer to offer help and assistance to SS Workers.

If you wish to have CDs or tapes of this conference you could obtain them by writing to Tim Scheer at 222 Lloyd Ave. Newmarket, ON L3Y 5M3 905-898-4369 Email: [tescheer@netzero.com](mailto:tescheer@netzero.com)

### ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY....

Don Nicholson’s dad heard John 3:7 “Ye must be born again” at 10. He knew it and even believed it even though he didn’t know what it actually meant. He would even tell others who spoke of their religion that they should not forget, “Ye must be born again”. Yet he was not saved till he was 45. It was that year he heard the gospel and for the first time found out for himself what it really meant. And following generations have trusted the Saviour he found as a result of the truth of a single verse from God’s Living Word.