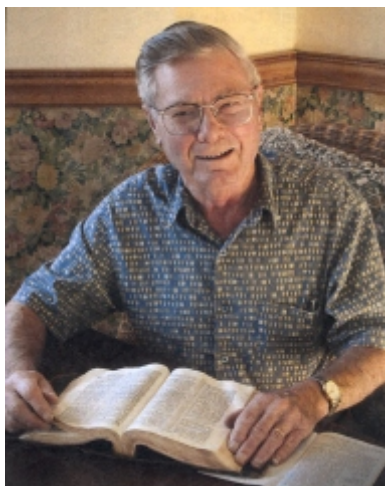




Dave Griffin Now Serving in Heaven!



Dave Griffin

October 5, 1930 - January 29, 2009

He was born in the Congo and spent his childhood in Paraguay. Who would have guessed that Dave Griffin would give the majority of his life in ministry to the people of Canada.

When he moved to North America at the age of 18, his career goal was to be either an engineer or a lawyer.

After spending time as a circuit preacher in the US, he felt God's call to become a pastor. He then served as the intern pastor for a year at the Elendale Baptist Church (Now Cedar Grove Baptist).

At that time, the provincial director of CSSM BC stepped down. Dave saw the need and stepped into his place.

"I was just planning on doing this for a few years as an interim director" Dave

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Reaching

those of Canada who haven't heard

recalled. The Lord had other plans. Dave would go on to serve faithfully in this roll for 44 years!

Dave was a man of passionate vision to see the work of CSSM grow. When Dave began, CSSM ministries in BC consisted of one Bible Camp at Ness Lake, and one church. By the end of his years of service, A total of nine Bible camps had been founded, six churches planted and a small Bible school established. In addition, dozens of towns had been reached each summer through a large team of VBS teachers traveling about the province.

One of Dave Griffin's goals was to have a Bible Camp in BC every 300 miles.

God provided in all sorts of creative ways for new Bible Camps to be established. In 1960 Lake of the Trees Bible Camp began with a trek through the forest to a remote lake on crown land leased from the government. Tents



Camps began with tents for cabins

were used as the first cabins.

In 1962, a couple retiring on Pender Island donated their farm to CSSM for the express use as a Bible camp. Though other organizations hesitated at the prospects of this location, Dave had the vision, saw the potential and establish Hope Bay Bible Camp.

When the Baptist union in the Okanagan were no longer able to maintain their camp location in Peachland, Dave heard about it and offered to take over the camp, leasing it at a very low price over many years. And so in 1980, Maple Springs Bible Camp came under the umbrella of CSSM.

As Dave sought to find new locations for yet more camps, God led him to more crown land to lease north of Vanderhoof where a Bible camp had previously existed. Echo Lake Bible Camp was reborn under CSSM in 1981.

During those years, if you were to drop in to Dave and Alice's home, you would find not only their own children, but foster children as well. They often chose children with special needs. Out of this personal ministry came a desire to establish a ministry under CSSM to bring the gospel to children and adults

with special needs, called Amasa.

And so in 1983, the first special needs campers were reached with the gospel as integrated campers at Hope Bay Bible Camp. This ministry grew to have it's own weeks of camp, renting various camp facilities around the province.

In 1989, the Evangelical Free Church in Clearwater provided the next CSSM camp as we took over their Bible Camp facility.

Misty Isles Bible Camp in the Queen Charlottes was held in a public campground. It is currently run by the local church there in Sandspit.

With a passion to bring back outreach to the unreached towns of BC that once flourished under the VBS ministry, Dave asked Roland McQuade in 1997 to begin the Adventure Day Camps ministry.

Numerous world wide missionaries, many now retired, got their start in evangelism and ministry under Dave's leadership.

After his retirement from CSSM in 2000, Dave continued in his passion to bring the Word of God into the lives of people through

Bible teaching at his church, hospital and prison visitation and sharing the gospel where ever he could. He mentored many younger men in their walk with the Lord and was ministering to people right up until his passing.

As pastor Kevin Cavanaugh (Cedar Grove Baptist) testified at Dave Griffin's funeral, "When he died, He died in a full out sprint across the line. Dave Griffin left his family with a priceless spiritual legacy!"

For those that would like to give a gift in memory of Dave Griffin, please designate it for this purpose on the envelope provided (or for those online, mention this designation). We will forward to Alice Griffin and family word of these gifts designated for the ongoing work of the CSSM BC Branch.



Joyce Scott shares at Dave's retirement

New to our CSSM BC Misisonary Team

Drop in to Lake of the Trees on a busy day during camp and you might find this man busy fixing a toilet. But grab a coffee with Bruce and talk a while and you'll quickly discover what is truly at the heart of this newest full time missionary at LOTT.



Though keeping camp fixed and working is on Bruce's mind, its the young summer maintenance staff that are on his heart.

For Bruce Smith, overseeing the Work Crew Program is all about discipleship. As Bruce gathers each day with his crew, it's the time he gets to spend sharing God's Word and his heart for the Lord that really counts.

Last summer was a good start on this passion. Bruce is looking forward to developing the discipleship aspect of the Work Crew Program so that during the three weeks each

Bruce Smith new on staff at LOTT youth serves, he or she will be discipled in their journey with the Lord, and go away walking closer with their Savior.

Please pray that Bruce will keep this passion focused and make this discipleship/maintenance ministry deeply effective.

If you would like to join Bruce's ministry team as a prayer or financial partner, please contact our BC office or contact Bruce directly at biblecampdude@gmail.com or phone (250)791-5502.



The dinning hall, one of the many buildings needing Bruce's attention.

Where did you say that Bible camp is?

Maybe you've asked yourself the same question. In case you have, here is a map showing you not only where our six Bible camps are located but also our other CSSM Ministries here in the province of British Columbia.



Full Time Missionary Positions Available

Camp Director

This position is at our largest Bible camp, Ness Lake. The new Camp Director will work under the direction of the Executive Director (Paul Bailey), and will oversee the daily operation of camp and its various programs.

Pray that the right candidate will fill this critical position soon and that they will lead and build a strong team!



Water front docks at Ness Lake



Staff and camper at Ness Lake beach

Provincial Director

The purpose of this position is to oversee the work of the Canadian Sunday School Mission in British Columbia, by ensuring the proper functioning of each missionary, ministry and facility while working out the future goals for the work under the direction of the Provincial Council.

Amasa Camps Director

Amasa is seeking to fill the position of Ministry Director, individuals or a couple to plan and carry out ministry to the challenged people of BC, in the Okanagan or the Lower

Mainland (Vancouver to Hope).

Amasa provides summer Bible camp and Bible club programs for physically and mentally handicapped adults in British Columbia. Amasa currently ministers primarily with the mentally challenged, but we are open to expand to the physically challenged as well.

To accommodate the summer program, Amasa rents various summer camp facilities throughout BC.

Missionary Pastor

We are looking for a missionary pastor to fill the position as pastor of a church in Hazelton, located in Northwest British Columbia.



Staff working with an Amasa camper
A small but thriving church has recently come under the umbrella of CSSM. Our goal is to provide a pastor for them, who would be a missionary pastor under CSSM.

Please pray with us for the people of God's choosing for these missionary positions.

For more details on these missionary positions, please see our website at www.cssm.ca/bc and click *Career Positions*.



CSSM BC missionary team gathered at our fall staff retreat at Ness Lake

God's Amazing Provision for BC

A note from our BC Board Chairman, Ed Thomas.

I have been the CSSM BC Chair for only a short time. I wanted to express my deepest appreciation for your support and partnership in this ministry.

This past year has been one of change and challenge along with the incredible blessing of seeing God work in the lives of campers and staff. Many camps experienced God's blessing as they watched Him draw people to Himself. Our missionaries have lots of amazing stories.

In this past year the BC branch experienced such blessings from the Lord that I just stand in awe. We have been so blessed with the new bookkeeper and the use of Ness Lake Bible Camp's office facilities and staff. God

has also enabled us to start some new initiatives with our missionaries that will give them greater support in the future.

And He has also continued to bless us with the finances we need to reach more people for Him. He provided financially so well, we ended our fiscal year in a positive situation. What a great God we have!



Ed Thomas

CSSM BC Monthly Prayer Guide

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer guide, please contact Roland McQuade at (604)858-5205 or by email rolandmcquade@cssm.ca

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