

# NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In this issue: St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church, Youth Spotlight, Sign Update, Pastor Ken Corkum and Kingsway College...

## St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted by Stephanie Anthony, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

On Sabbath November 17, the St. John's Church was preparing to receive a blessing from a special Pathfinder service as well as share in the joy from Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that have been collected over the past several weeks. Unfortunately, due to ongoing city construction on the waterlines in the area and the cold weather, the water lines froze overnight, and the church was without water. Despite the worship service having to be canceled, God's blessing was still received. Several members including Pastor Jamie who were already at the church, spread the word to the members to bring their boxes to church if possible, where Stephanie and Holly Anthony would be there to receive their donations. Pastor Jamie lead out in prayer to ask God's blessing on each box and child who would receive them. In total 86 boxes were collected for distribution to children in need around the world.



Holly Anthony with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes collected Sabbath November 17th | Submitted by Stephanie Anthony | NL Adventist Communications



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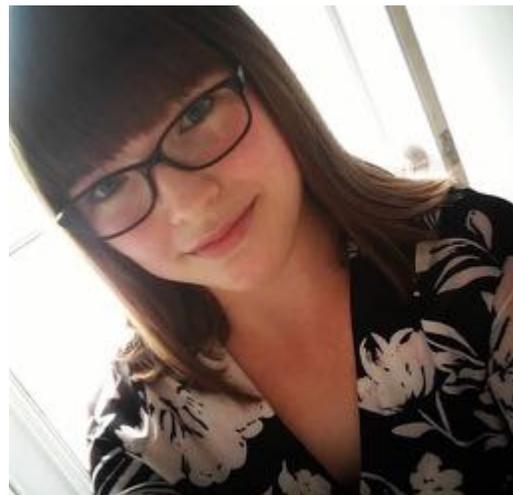
Thank you to the St. John's Church for your continued support of this ministry and helping to share the love of God through a simple shoebox gift. Our Pathfinder service has been rescheduled for Sabbath, November 24th.



## Youth Spotlight

Interview with Holly Anthony by Kaitlynn Harushimana

Holly Anthony is a seventeen-year-old girl from the St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is currently in her final year of high school and is hoping to pursue psychiatric nursing after graduation. Holly is an exceptional young lady who has a passion for serving others. One thing that Holly enjoys doing each year is a unique ministry called 'Operation Christmas Child.' For those that do not know Operation Christmas Child under the Samaritans Purse organization, which is a way for people to bless struggling children in developing countries by filling shoeboxes with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and anything that can help. These boxes are then sent overseas, in the name of Jesus, to bless those less fortunate. Holly says, "It is a unique charity for a nonprofit organization. It is not your typical giving people money, but you are physically putting something together yourself for someone else. It gives you the opportunity to put love into the box and think of the child that will get it and what it will do for their families. It is hard to believe that something so small is so significant to someone else, not only with their physical lives but to also bring the gospel to them."



Holly has been doing the 'Operation Christmas Child' since she was about eight-years-old. She gets her passion for this project from her mother, Stephanie Anthony, who has been doing this ministry longer than Holly can remember. Holly said, "It was in Junior High when we really got involved and started to help my mom with it. She has always helped us to do this program." Holly and her mother like to set goals for themselves to make more boxes each year, as well as inspire and collect boxes from other members of the church. This year Holly and her mother set a goal of making 30 boxes and finished with 33. Also, they have to-date collected 80 boxes and counting.

When Holly was asked how she was able to fill so many boxes, she said that they had started this ministry long before now. This year Holly took the initiative to begin collecting items at Junior Camp. "This year I taught crafts at Junior Camp. I had the idea to take the crafts we made and to put them into the boxes for another child to open. Some children hadn't heard about the program, so I explained to that these boxes were to bring a smile and

the love of Jesus to these children. Through everything we did together, the underlying message I wanted to get across to them was that Jesus' love is for everyone. In others classes, they were able to bring the crafts home for themselves, and this class taught the lesson of giving with such passion. And it was well received; they didn't need much convincing, they took to it right away."

In addition to this yearly ministry, Holly also enjoys the ministry of music with her mother, as well as working with the Junior Pathfinders at the church. We get together right after Sabbath school each week and practice the Tone Bells, which is a percussion-like instrument. Holly believes that music is something that you can express yourself in a ways words cannot.

She encourages everyone to find a need in your church, community, and school, then figure out a way to fill that need. Her wise counsel to everyone is to, "See if there is any way that you can help someone. If you find your passion, you can incorporate it into your life and also make someone else happy."

Pastor Ken at Kingsway College  
Photos submitted by Pastor Ken Corkum



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This past weekend Pastor Ken attend Kingsway College for meetings. During his time there was a fundraiser to raise money for students who would otherwise be unable to attend Christian education. All proceeds went to Kingsway College's Worthy Student Fund.



Aerials gymnastic team | NL Adventist Communications



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KC Choir performing at fundraising dinner | NL Adventist Communications



The KC Band also performed at the Fund Dinner | Photo taken at local church | NL Adventist Communications