

# SUNDAY LINE and World Ministries



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*Caring for children around the world*

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## MissionsFest Vancouver



*Mardell MacTavish, SL Administration,  
with Ken Dobson & Don Winsor of  
Calcutta Mercy Ministries*



*Owen Manuel, Sunday  
Line President, engages in  
conversation*

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*Mike Brownlee of Metro  
Kids, Surrey, BC*

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### "UNDER THE SAILS"

'Under the Sails' at Canada Place, hundreds of people browse through the Exhibit Hall during MissionsFest Vancouver, the last weekend of January. Along with general sessions, seminars and the film festival, over 200 booths from national and international mission groups are featured. The Sunday Line booth sits at a central intersection of the aisles and is a great 'stopping off' place for a dark chocolate, a chance to win a draw and a time

to discuss short and long term mission opportunities with Sunday Line Directors and Mission Partners.

Throughout the weekend, meaningful conversations take place and we look for those interactions where you feel you are making an eternal investment in someone's life. One grade 10 student came up to the booth excitedly on Friday evening saying, "I've been looking for you. I knew you would be here again this year. This is the most



*Dan MacTavish welcomes  
the Watoto Choir*



*Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, East Africa*

fun booth!" The young lady then proceeded to talk about how the speaker of the youth session helped her to realize that though she may not be the most intelligent or the most talented person, yet God still has a significant place of service for her.

Saturday afternoon a young junior high student stopped by - her story had similarities to Bernice Gerard's and it brought tears to my eyes. She was in her 3rd foster home in the last while and had to leave the previous one because of mistreatment. It was at that point of need that she met a friend who told her about Jesus and she gave her life to the Lord. Though not living in a Christian home, the family is open to her attending church. She is committed to developing her relationship with Jesus and discovering how God can use her life to work with children in her future.



### **Saturday Afternoon Highlight:**

A public announcement alerted those in the Exhibition Hall and within a few moments a crowd gathered around the Sunday Line booth to hear the Watoto Children's Choir sing with their usual enthusiasm and excellence.

### **WINNERS OF THE WATOTO DRUM AND WORLD GLOBE**

*Shifra & Brianna*

**Shifra Hetherington** did not expect to be at MissionsFest this year. A 12-year-old, she was planning to bike with her family from Oregon to Mexico to work in an orphanage when her mother fell and broke her wrist, and their trip was cancelled. Shifra loves rhythm, loves drumming and was excited to win the Watoto drum to remind her of the Watoto choir that she enjoys so much.

**Brianna Janz** is studying to be a teacher because she wants to make a difference in the lives of children who do not have positive role models. Brianna has a love for learning, enjoys travel and discovering more about other cultures and places.



# ANOINTED FOR SACRIFICE

Key Scripture: Isaiah 53:6-7

*"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*

The character of Jesus as He walked across the stage of human history is totally un-inventible. The incarnation of Jesus brought to light the fallen nature of mankind. Jesus was a Man among men, blameless in everything He did. Every situation presented a choice, and in every situation He demonstrated both His virtue and His wisdom.

Peter could say in 1 Peter 2:22, **"He did no sin,"** Paul the apostle could say in 2 Corinthians 5:21, **"He knew no sin"** and the apostle John could exclaim, **"In Him was no sin."** In His humanity Jesus could truly say, **"I always do those things which please my Father."** (John 8:29)

Three times in the gospels we read where God declared that He was pleased with His Son. Jesus was indeed a Man altogether approved of God (Acts 2:22).

In envy and jealousy, Jesus was taken by wicked men to be tried.

In His mock trial, the Jewish authorities contravened every single safeguard against injustice to the innocent which they had construed over the previous centuries. And so it was by a travesty of illegalities that Jesus was publicly shown to be innocent - though this was not their intention - and identified without spot or blemish ... and thus became a worthy sacrificial victim to die for the sins of others.

Nor did the Gentile court prove to be any more just. Their trial also clearly demonstrated the innocence of Jesus, but the court also showed itself to be equally unable to fulfill its mandate in upholding justice.

That day two trials were involved: a trial by Caiaphas officially representing Israel, and a trial by Pontius Pilate who represented the Gentile world.

The Jewish court, in a desperate effort to maintain their authority among their own people, stooped to measures entirely illegal. The Gentile court did no better. Pilate three times told the crowd that he could not find fault in Jesus...but surrendered to the cries of the crowd and perjured himself.

So the trial of Jesus - whether religious or civil - was in fact and in every sense a complete miscarriage of justice. Jew or Gentile, Herod or Pilate - it made no difference. What was initiated in the Court of Caiaphas was reinforced in the court of Pilate.

The paradox of these two trials is this: that day it was not Jesus who was on trial ... but it was all humanity. In point of fact, that day the people were on trial.

Foreseeing this event Jesus made this declaration in John 12:31: **"Now is the time for judgement on this world."** If the trial of Jesus proved anything, it proved the total depravity of human nature: **"Having a heart which is deceitful above all things and is desperately wicked."** (Jeremiah 17:9)

Absolute holiness condemns mankind, and people either seek to escape from its presence or to ignore it. When mankind cannot do either, it seeks to destroy it.

That day another audience was also present, attending the mock trial which condemned a totally innocent man. It included the attendance of a Holy God with all His Holy angels.

What the trial by men proved that day is that man truly needs a Saviour. That day Jesus stood as the anointed sacrifice which would become a sin offering for the injustices and evils of a humanity that had wandered far from God's holy standards, so that man could be forgiven and saved from himself.

The altar for this sacrifice would be an old rugged cross.

2 Corinthians 5:21: **"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."**

We will never truly know or understand all that God had to do in order that we might be saved. But the one thing we can be sure of is that unless God had sent Jesus, we would all be totally lost.

Mankind throughout history has repeatedly

proven himself to have failed in his governance and stewardship not only of himself but even the planet itself. There is no nation upon this planet that has proven itself successful in rendering true justice and peace among itself. In fact the opposite has proven itself to be true. Corruption, greed, and power have been the motivating factors which have run this planet, and mankind, in such a quest, has lost sight of what is morally right in the sight of God and has displaced God and has placed himself on the throne.

Not only humanity but all creation is groaning and awaiting the restoration of all things back to the way God had intended them to be when He created them.

As we celebrate the Easter Advent we are mindful of how great a price Jesus paid in order for this restoration to take place, and one day soon God will render judgment upon a world that once again has denied His lordship and His righteous rule, having denied the only way of salvation that God had provided even before the creation of the world.

**Let us ever be grateful that God has provided an anointed sacrifice for us.**

**Thank you for your continued faithfulness in helping Sunday Line to show the love of God in meeting the needs of many children of this world.**

***May you be blessed in every way!***

*Pastor Roman  
and Pat Kozak*

