

## If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your home to spend a day or two,  
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored guest,  
And all the food you'd serve Him would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there,  
That serving Him in your home is a joy beyond compare!

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door,  
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard,  
And wish you hadn't uttered that last loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?  
Would you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?

I wonder - if the Savior spent a day or two with you,  
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you go right on saying the things you always say?  
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family's conversation keep its usual pace?  
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?

Would you sing songs you always sing, and reads the books you read,  
and let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief when He as last was gone?

It might be interesting to know the things that you would do  
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

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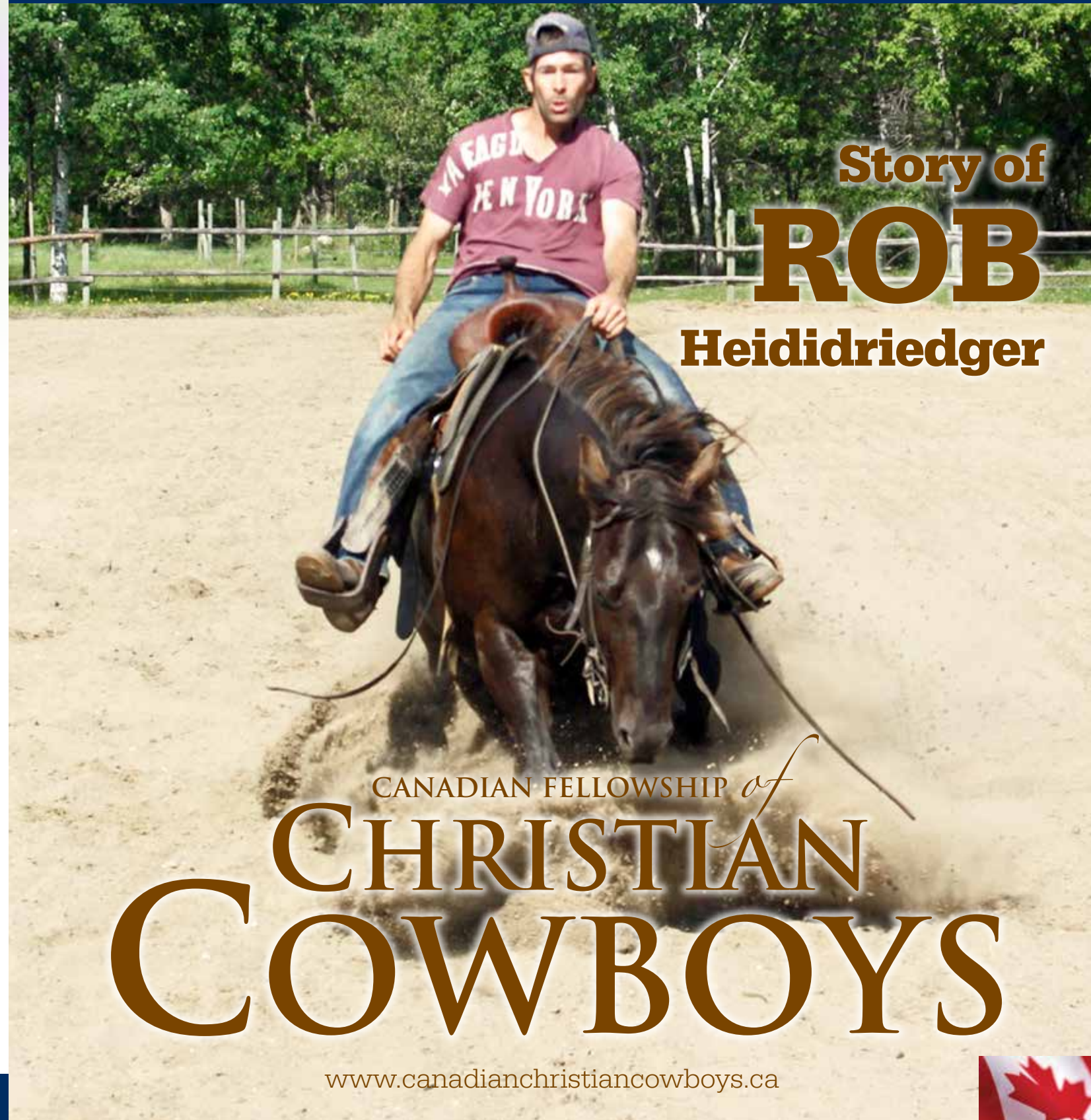
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SALVATION PRAYER:

"Will I go to heaven when I die? Can I have peace and blessing in my life? The answer is YES - by asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Pray a prayer like this... "Dear God, I am a sinner, separated from You. I am sorry for my sins and I ask you to forgive me. I accept Jesus as my Savior and the Lord of my life. Thank you Jesus for dying for me on the cross so I can have peace in my life and a home in heaven to live forever with You. Help me Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God, my Father. In Jesus name, Amen." If you've prayed this prayer, please contact anyone listed on the Directory at the back. We would love to pray with you and send you a free Cowboy Bible and some literature to help you get started on this exciting journey."

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# Chinook Country Corner



“When you view our brand entering the farm it is a reverse EW - standing for Ever-Lasting Waters – the brand is over 100 years old.”

Hello everyone,

I hope to meet you all one day. In the meantime you will know me as Debbie the web page person and editor of the FCC Magazine. I would like to thank everyone for their guidance and help with my undertaking of these two projects.

The web page ([www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca](http://www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca)) has come along nicely. I would like to add more information such as history items, pictures, upcoming events and articles to enter under the “Sunday Mornin” tab. Your input and knowledge is invaluable and crucial to the success of the web page. I see by currents stats the web page is being visited more and more. Please forward your contributions by e-mail, snail-mail, voice-mail or however you choose.

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I am hoping the magazine will go as well, but am sure there will be mistakes and bumps along the way. My goal for the Spring Issue is to mail it out to those requesting paper copies and add it to the website. The Summer Issue will be sent directly to your e-mail as I am currently building a data base of e-mail addresses. I have quite a few e-mail addresses but would appreciate a quick update from everyone just to make sure my information is current. Please feel free to send me articles and pictures anytime for the next issue.

## A bit about myself

I live on a farm near Longview, Alberta with my husband Neil and son Darryl. We are in the heart of the Chinook Belt and have had a very mild winter with little snow. Our cattle are looking fat and happy and we will start to calving in April.

I am blessed with two wonderful children and two perfect (?) grandchildren. I've worked at the Longview School for the thirty-one years, the past fifteen years as the office administrator. At school I also teach music appreciation to Grades 3, 4 and 5. When I retire I am going to write a book about all the comical and sometimes sad things children say and do. I teach music (guitar and piano) two nights a week to students ages six to sixty. I hope one day my grand-children will want to learn to play an instrument and I can teach them too!

One of my favourite songs is Kumbaya.

Some of the words are

Someone's crying Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, Kumbaya

Someone's praying Lord, Kumbaya

O how I need you Lord, Kumbaya

Kumbaya means “Come to me my Lord”

The Lord has certainly “Come to Me”  
and is my constant guiding light.

Until next time,  
Love, Light and Laughter  
Debbie

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ROB HEIDIDRIEDGER

I was born in 1971. I grew up in Winnipeg but treasured our monthly outings to my grandparents' farm. Both my Grandpas on both my mom's and dad's side had worked with horses and were known for being kind to them and taking good care of them. I guess that explains how horses and country living was in my blood.

By the age of twenty, I had my first horse and I was working at a Christian Camp in Manitoba's Interlake Region. At age twenty-four I bought five two year old quarter horses to break and train. It was my “University.” The person that I purchased these horses from later hired me to train his and others horses at his facility.

Soon after I started my own business, ‘Running R Quarter Horses.’ I started to raise and train performance horses with reining as my goal. By age thirty-one I was training year round at my own farm that I had scrimped and saved for my whole life. My wife was a huge support all along. The majority of what I did was break horses. Hundreds of horses later I started to be pickier as to what I was willing to get on. (As I write this I'm breaking a seven year old, so maybe I'm not picky enough or maybe it's just that haven't been hurt enough). I enjoy problem solving and doing clinics. (Giving riding lessons is not my first joy).

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# Horses & Country Living

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Rob & Heidi

I grew up going to church regularly but found that one hour to be torture. In fact, I hated church. Don't get me wrong, I still went, but God was just religion back then. I graduated from high school and suddenly was bombarded with all kinds of questions. I had questions about whether God was real? What was life REALLY about? And was putting all that time and effort into religious things worth it? I didn't like what my religion did to my relationships. I went through a period of deep soul searching and I realized that my religion was really just a set of rules, judging those around me.

I thought that if God was indeed real, I wanted to find out Who He was! I was willing to step out and look for God in my life. I started to take God seriously. And so began my walk of faith. I started to take Him at His Word. I studied the life of Jesus and started to change how I talked and thought about things. (This slowly changed my heart and it's a process that will continue until the day I die)

So, when the executive director of Camp Arnes asked me to consider running their horse program in 1995 I told him that I would consider it. I had made business arrangements to purchase twelve two year old quarter horses to train over the spring and summer and later sell them in the fall. I thought that the only reason I wouldn't do this is if the horses were too ugly or if the prearranged price would change. I thought that if my business plan failed, God would have other plans for me. The price went up \$800.00 per horse due to the significant change in meat price. This was confirmation enough for me to consider the job at Camp Arnes where one week later I was hired.

This is also where I met my wife, Heidi, and spent the next five years there. In 1996 we had purchased a two year old reining prospect with the hopes of selling it where I

used to work in Texas. We brought the horse to Texas in the fall, and were promised free board until spring of 1997 in exchange for previous business dealings. It looked like a "sure thing" kind of sale, however we were told that if the horse didn't sell before March we'd have to pay board at \$450.00 per month. By January the horse still hadn't sold and now I was starting to get very anxious. We didn't have a lot of money and our truck was not good enough to do another trip to Texas.

Finally, I took this problem to God and quoted something Job had said, "God, You give and take, blessed be Your name." If this business is going to be done through God then I had to be content with how things turned out. I actually found this very freeing and had a lot of peace. About a week later I received a phone call. Apparently, my dad had mentioned to his secretary that I was into reining and she in turn told this to her sister, who was looking for a reining prospect. That sister called and asked if I had any reining prospects. I told her that yes, I had one but there was a slight problem. With a gulp, I told her that the horse was in Texas. She then quickly responded saying that it was no problem. She lived in Texas. I was just floored. No one knew who I was and yet God sent me a buyer. She bought the horse. I have so many faith stories to share and I love sharing them.

Having God reveal Himself to me in this way has helped me develop my faith, and regain my religion. My religious attitude was very evident. It was very judgemental, unloving and legalistic. The church I go to now has been challenging me to not only read my Bible but really spend time with God. We call it "listening prayer" but this is not a new thing. It's found throughout the whole Bible from beginning to end; whether it's King David enquiring of the Lord about whether to fight or not or the Apostle Paul enquiring about where to preach next.

When I first heard about this and other stories I was quite intrigued. I was really excited to try it. It's really not that complicated. Listening Prayer is not much different than if you were to go out for coffee with one of your best friends and share your joys and hurts as they share with you as well. I had no problem sharing my problems with God, but listening ... actually listening...was another thing all together. Sitting still before God for 1 minute was something I had never done yet Joshua from the Bible lay face down before God all day to know why he had lost men in a battle that they should have easily won. God did answer him. I thought that if Joshua could talk and listen

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to God, so could I.

I settled myself and just started to talk to Him.

I asked questions like:

**What's making me anxious?  
Is there sin that's keeping me from You?  
What do I do that makes You happy?**

I also spent a lot of time thanking and praising God for things he's done for me. At church, we're encouraged to get to know about God by reading the Bible and asking Him if there's something He wants to say to us through it. When I go into my devotion time with this attitude it's amazing how many times verses just pop out at me that apply exactly to a situation that I'm going through. Then I spend time just listening. This is an area that I have a hard time with. I'm very easily distracted and have a hard time sitting still. I still tend to spend very little time doing this, but I'm learning. Through the years I've become envious of many who are starting to hear God in this quiet time. I thought that maybe God won't speak to me in this way and gave up trying. I would justify myself by saying that God speaks in many ways, which is true, and I'd complain that He just doesn't speak to me in this way.

However, I would be lying if I told you that I've never heard God. It turns out that I hear God rather well, when I'm mad. I had an older horse to break and everyday was like the first day. After three weeks of this, my patience ran out. I said in my heart, "Today I'm going to put three weeks of training on you." So I strapped on my spurs and began a lesson that I'll never forget. I wasn't going to be abusive but I was certainly going to butt heads. As I was aggressively working on this horse a thought, almost like a voice, reasoned with me. "Just take off your spurs and don't make it a battle". I replied back in my head, "I'm not taking off my spurs, this horse is going to learn something NOW!" Then a similar thought came into my head, "he's an older horse and could explode on you." Once again I answered, "If he bucks me off I'll get back on and spank him good."

Not two minutes later he did indeed explode. By the second jump I was coming off to the left and by the third I experienced a unique sensation as the horse was following me to the ground. He had lost his footing. I landed in five inches of sand on my shoulder and knew instantly that I had broken my first bone. I also was very aware that this twelve-hundred pound horse was lying on my leg. My most immediate concern was where my

foot would be when the horse got up. I was trying to figure out how to somehow control this situation when he got up and I was able to shake my foot out of the stirrup. I had no time to be afraid although I was very aware that death by dragging was a possibility. My hunch about my arm was correct as I held it and I could feel the bones jostle in my arm. Unfortunately, I had to release it to open the gate. I started my slow shuffle to the house, about five-hundred feet away. Thanks to God's timing, there was Noah, my oldest son, out biking during a home school break. At the hospital I found out that I had broken the thickest part of my arm and that it would take six months to a year to heal, it would also never be the same.

But the part of this story that I treasure the most is what happened a week later. Heidi's spiritual mentor came over and asked to pray for me. After she had prayed for me she told me that she had received a vision of my broken arm and proceeded to describe the break in detail exactly as I had seen it in the hospital x-ray. She was then very quiet and said there was something else. She said that it was not something that she wanted to tell me but if I was willing to hear it then she would. She also said numerous times that if it didn't make sense then to just disregard it. I was too curious so I said go ahead. God told her that He had given me wisdom about how to train this animal and I had disregarded it, and this is not the first time. It was also not His will for my arm to be broken but now that it is He will use it.

I was totally captivated. What she told me was totally right. It's these and many other things that God has done for me that have changed my priorities. I used to live and breathe horses but now my first love is God. I love to encourage people to try God and see for themselves. Some of my favourite verses are "taste and see that God is good" Ps. 34:8 and "to Him that is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine ....."(Eph3:20) If you ever drop by I'd gladly tell you the miracle stories of my six children including the only biological one born after seventeen years of marriage. (I was tested sterile). I'd also tell you that you were created for a purpose, and if you live what God created you for then there would be no better life than that. It's quite the adventure and it's sure worth it.

# The Benefits of Giving

by John FitzHerbert

When I stopped last time the Lord had walked through the way of the blood as a smoking and a burning torch! Abram did not walk through as the Lord did but later on in Chapter 17 of Genesis God told Abram to be circumcised and all the males that were with him. This was the shedding of blood that was done for Abram to keep his part of the covenant. God also changed Abrams name to Abraham and his wife's from Sarai to Sarah.

Now back to the covenant. Some of the rules and benefits are: I will take the name of the person who the covenant was made with. I will fight your battles alongside of you. What ever possessions I have are yours and yours are mine. If you die I will take care of your family. A sign shall be made to show that a covenant has taken place here, usually a large pile of stones. This covenant cannot be broken. If one of the persons breaks it they will die. The covenant will still be binding even if one of the partners lies before it is made.

To back this up we can read in Joshua Chapter 9 where some people were afraid of the Israelites who were coming to take their land and cities. So they dressed in rags and were clothed in worn out and patched sandals, carried worn out sacks and wine skins on their donkeys and their bread was dry and crumbled. They said to Joshua and the leaders of Israel. “ We come from a far off country, make a covenant with us because we hear all that Lord your God has done for you and we will be your servants.” Joshua made a covenant with these people then found out that they lied. They were neighbours but he could not break the covenant so he made them and all their tribes hewers of wood and drawers of water for all the children of Israel.

Later on Israel protected these people when the other Kings came to their land and cities. As we know Abraham's descendants became the nation of Israel. When he gave the land where Abraham was to him that was a non-conditional covenant and God said “ I will give this land, no conditions apply.” In Deuteronomy Chapter 28 God made a conditional covenant with Israel that if you will obey the Lord your God being careful to do all His commandments then all the blessings listed in the first thirteen verses would be theirs. But if they did not keep the commandments they would be cursed. I don't know of any other country were God Himself gave them the land where they live.

So how does this apply to us today? Is that covenant still in effect? Galatians 3:7 - Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are the sons of Abraham Verse 9. So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham the believer. Paul who wrote Galatians thought that the covenant is still working and that when we ask Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour we are blessed just as Abraham was blessed. He summed it up so well in Verse 14, in order that in Jesus Christ the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Just one of the blessing that God gave to Abraham is found in Genesis 12:3: “I will bless you, and I will curse those who curse you.”

I will finish with Romans 8:31. What shall we say to these things? If God is for us who can be against us. Thank God for the wonderful promises He has given us through his word.

## Till next time God's Blessings

## THREE COWBOYS CROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE

**George Popescul** passed away recently. George was a well know rancher from Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan. He won top prize for his pens of heifers at the Regina Agribition more than once. I will give you a bit of history. In 1978 the Agribition Board gave us a stage in the north west corner of the Agridome to have Cowboy Church on Sunday morning. Wilbur Plaugher, the well known rodeo clown was the preacher, he did it with his clown suit and makeup on. We had a big crowd come because there had never been Cowboy Church at the Agribition before. As Wilbur finished his preaching he asked if anyone who would like to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior please come down to the stage. Eighteen people come to the stage that morning and one of them was George Popescul with a big cast on a broken leg. Praise the Lord!

**Garry Collins** passed away in February. Garry was born in Beechy, Saskatchewan on February 21st, 1938. Garry lived some of his life in Saskatchewan, later moving to Alberta where he helped out with Cowboy Church at rodeos. Garry returned to live in Beechy, Saskatchewan for the last several years of his life.

**Hover Hays** from Rocky Mountain House passed on in January. Hover was a steer wrestler in the CPRA for many years. In 2013 he was chosen as the Cowboy of the year and received the trophy Bible from this Fellowship.

**Our condolences go out to the families of these men. God Bless You**

# REPORT

## FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

# Hi Folks!

The saying goes “Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it.” So I will write about it. Here in Southern Alberta it has been another very mild and open winter with very little snow. It is almost the end of February and we have had bare ground since early January. The cattle are looking great and haystacks are going down very slow. That is all good news!!

As we look at the world situation it seems nothing, but bad news. Terrorists seem to be winning in every country in the Arab world and governments seem reluctant to stop them. Christians are being murdered by the thousands. I wonder how much longer the Lord will allow this to go on? Acts 2:20 says “The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood.” This is Peter talking and saying, what was prophesied in Joel 2:28. When the moon is blood in colour, we have an eclipse.

There will be four blood moons. Two came in 2014 and two will come in 2015. Science tells us this has only happened four times in history. Every time something very significant happened to the nation of Israel. The first one came in 1492, when Columbus discovered America, many Israelites were living in Spain and under severe persecution, thousands of these people came to America. The next one came in 1948; Israel was made a nation again after four hundred years of living in the other countries. The third one came in 1967; Jordan and the Arab world came to Israel with tanks and weapons to push Israel into the sea. This can be remembered as the Six Day War. The tanks would not run and the guns would not shoot so the Arabs abandoned them and ran away. The Israelites got in the tanks and chased the Arabs, and shot them with the guns they had thrown down. God intervened in a big way.

I don't know what will happen to Israel in 2015 but it will be something significant that will affect not only Israel but the rest of the world!!

## Alberta Annual Meeting

Alberta's annual meeting was held in Strome, Alberta once again. There was much discussion about the magazine going on the internet instead of regular mail. The young people told us they don't read papers or stuff that comes in the mail; they get everything off the internet. They talked about a different way that the magazine can be sent out. I didn't understand a lot of it because I don't have a computer. I know that this is a Canadian Board decision but it is still good to get all the input we can from the provinces. Many of you will be getting this publication for the first time off the web. As it is now a lot of you will have to go to the website [www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca](http://www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca) to get the magazine because we don't have your email, please contact us at [oldwomanabu@gmail.com](mailto:oldwomanabu@gmail.com) with your email address if you would like us to send it to you via e-mail.

There were a few changes on the Alberta Board. The web site has been updated to reflect these changes. We will continue to give the trophy Bibles to the Cowboy and Cowgirl of the year in some of the Rodeo Associations as we have done in the past. These Bibles look beautiful with the leather bound cover made by the Stall in Killiam, Alberta. The price of leather has really gone up as it comes from the U.S., but Stall is now using a laser to do the printing on the covers and that cuts down on the time spent. Modern technology is great sometimes!

Special thanks to all of you who have given your tithes and offerings to the Alberta Chapter in the past, it is because of your giving that we can continue to operate this ministry.

God's word says “When you give this way, He will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing that you will not have room to receive it all.”

## God's Blessings

John FitzHerbert



# FROM THE HEART OF THE FOOTHILLS OF ALBERTA “GOD’S GRACE”

Nearly seven months ago, July 2014, I was working hard with summer projects piling up. As always the summer season speeds by all too quickly. One of the projects to do was clearing some brush by hand in preparation to build a new barb wire fence. The summer heat was on and the cotton wood trees that needed clearing were huge. It was in a high moisture area along with high numbers of mosquitoes as well. I was also lacking in physical conditioning due to a knee replacement I had done in October of 2013. The healing time for this is spent by reducing a lot of your normal activity. The other thing that was causing me grief was dealing with a shortness of breath, so I decided I should see a doctor about this shortness of breath issue.

The doctor was a little puzzled but insisted we run some tests to make sure. The first test was an ultrasound (ECO). The results showed I had an aneurysm in the aortic valve with a rating in the 5's. This is highly dangerous and could rupture at any time. I was told no lifting by my doctor. He said I don't believe it! I want to do another test for more accuracy. I was then set up to have a CAT scan which is supposed to be 100 per cent accurate with the measurements. It showed 4.7, much better and a possible aneurysm in the stomach as well.

Still no lifting over 25 lbs, but keep walking. I wasn't sure how I was even going to get out of bed without lifting under 25 lbs.

I was then scheduled to see a specialist for the aneurysm's at the Foothills Hospital. The specialist ruled out the stomach aneurysm but said I had an aneurysm in the aortic valve that flows out of the heart that would require a special surgeon. This is the only place on the human body where a stent procedure can't be done. I was then scheduled to see a special surgeon at the Foothills as this type of surgery can be very risky.

So from the beginning of seeing my doctor due to shortness of breath, to the specialist's surgeon who was to perform surgery on the aneurysm on the aortic valve at the Foothills, was a time lapse of about five months. To say the least, this was building up to become very stressful. I would be off work for four to five months after the surgery; I may even lose my job? My wife Karen was concerned that the surgery would not go well. My family was concerned, and deep inside I felt I did not want to deal with this surgery at all.

I spent a lot of sleepless nights talking to the Lord praying this would all go away. There were also many from our Millarville Community Church and FCC members that were praying for a healing as well. A blessing and strength in a time of crisis filled

with anxiety and fear of the unknown. We also met with our old Bible study group of thirteen years and I was asked what they should specifically pray for? My request was that there would be no aneurysm at all!

The day had arrived January 16th – 9:00 am, to go back to the Foothills to meet the special surgeon that was to perform the surgery of repairing the aneurysm. At 9:00 am the nurse came in and announced that the doctor would be late as he was still completing his rounds. Even more waiting, at the last moment? Suddenly at around 9:30 am there was a knock on the door and the doctor appeared. He asked “Is there a Reg Rempel hear?” I responded, he then asked me to come and sit beside him, (I remember thinking now what)? The doctor shuffled through the charts and paper work and said, “I have a couple of questions for you. First of all how do you feel?” To which I responded, pretty good. The next question was, “Why are you here...?” to which there was silence as I looked over to my wife Karen, feeling very puzzled, we answered in unison with bold voices, “The aneurysm !” The young doctor looked straight into our eyes and responded, “There is no aneurysm!”

Seeing the puzzled look on our faces, the doctor assured us, “This is what I do for a living. I will not be doing surgery on you for an aneurysm that is not there.” Praise the Lord! The doctor then said. “What you do have is a bicuspid aortic valve; one in 100 people have it.” You are born with it. Normally you have a tricuspid configuration. In the case of the bicuspid two are fused together in the womb. In the case of the bicuspid there is always an enlargement of the aortic valve along with it. Most people with a bicuspid aortic valve by the time they reach fifty-five to sixty years of age start to show some problems. Sometimes a calcified blockage or some type of leakage.

The doctor asked if I would return for an ultra-sound test at 1:00 pm stating he wanted to start with fresh testing of his own. He would then contact me Monday morning with results and proceedings. If severe in either case of blockage or leakage they do a valve replacement. The call came Monday morning as promised. He said there is some mild leakage only and would set me up with a specialist for Bicuspid Aortic Valve that would be able to monitor it which he advised. I go see this doctor on the 4th of March.

Praise the Lord, All for Jesus, Until Next Time  
Reg Rempel

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

BY TERRY BAKER

# Message from the Canadian President

It's the end of February and I'm trusting that most of winter is now behind us. I always look forward to the warmer weather especially when it comes to calving. It's definitely a good time to have cows with the price we have been getting for them.... almost makes me want to get more!!! We have been blessed with the calving and trust and pray that all you other ranchers will be blessed too.

By now, all the Annual Meetings will have taken place, with plans getting underway for another year of carrying the message of Christ to the cowboy world.....the focus of this Ministry!! Some changes have been made, the biggest one being the distribution of the magazine. The website [www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca](http://www.canadianchristiancowboys.ca) has been updated and you can read the magazine there 24/7. If you still would like a hard copy, contact us with some support and we would be happy to put you back on the mailing list.

In the last article, I shared about how a well-known pick-up man had suffered from a serious heart attack and how that got folks thinking and talking about the Lord; a need for more prayer at rodeos and perhaps the need in their own lives. This tells me that this ministry still has an important role in the lives of cowboys and cowgirls and one that should not be taken lightly. In early January, a good friend of mine, Terry Marshall had a massive heart attack and died. Terry and I had just visited a few days earlier and all seemed to be well, so you could imagine what a shock this was, not only for me but for a lot of other folks as well. Many folks knew him as a pick-up man, a brand inspector and for his sleigh rides.....things he had pursued for many years. I could always count on him to come help rope a stray or treat a cow on the pasture. There weren't too many years, he missed bringing his family out for the annual brandings. Katelynn spent most of her rodeo days competing alongside his girls. It is going to be hard to go to a rodeo and not see Terry there. Over the years I have had many opportunities to share Christ, and His plan of salvation with Terry.....and we did have some good talks!! My hope is that Terry did in fact receive God's wonderful plan of salvation and I do continually pray for his family. Terry was a good friend and will be missed. Times like this gets me pondering as to why folks spend so much time planning out their daily activities, yet neglect to spend the time or even consider the things that will matter the most, “when it's all been said and done”.

In order to excel, we seek to find out as much information as we can to complete the task. In rodeo, calf ropers and team ropers will spend time watching their competitors make a run, so when it's their turn, they will have a better understanding of how each steer will run. When they back into the box, they are ready to get the steer roped. Bronc riders will ask the stock contractors how much rein they should give the horse before they get on and ask for the gate and bull riders will learn as much as they can about every bull, so they are prepared no matter what bull they draw.

I wish people would put that kind of effort into finding out what really happens when their last breath is breathed. As long as things are going well, I guess most folks don't give it a lot of thought. At one time I was guilty of that too, I was living a good life, had no worries and besides you didn't need Jesus or any of that “Christianity Stuff” until you were old and dying. Well folks, I'm here to tell you that's not the case....Jesus is here for today!!! It is His desire that none shall perish.

It's a fact of life that there are folks physically dying every day, and most of them aren't old but in the prime of their lives. We have no guarantee of how long our time on earth will be before we make that last inevitable ride, (as the Cowboy Prayer says). So what's holding you back.....Jesus is there waiting for all His children (Yes, that includes you) to seek and find Him. This is one thing, you definitely don't want to miss out on!! “Seek the Lord, while he may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts. Let him return to the Lord and He will have mercy on him. And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon, Isaiah 55:6-8.

If you're in a place where you need the Lord to touch your life, in need of Salvation or in need of prayer, we are here to encourage you in your walk with the Lord.

**May you find the Love of God; Terry Baker**