

heart change straight talk ministries life change



June 24, 2008

Dear Prayer Partner:

“A few weeks ago 3 boys in our town killed themselves.” This statement arrived in my inbox in the form of an urgent prayer request earlier this month. The request had come from the chair-person of a conference I spoke at in Campbell River, B.C. One of the boys’ moms was actually on the worship team at the conference. That was heart-breaking enough, but prompted by the prayer request, a string of other emails began to arrive from others on the distribution list detailing a series of similar events all across the West. A similar cluster of youth suicides in Abbotsford, an overdose victim named Justin clinging to life in a Nanaimo hospital, the suicide of a classmate of the daughter of another of the original email recipients, a beloved nephew who took his own life. As we connected the dots, what had at first seemed like an isolated tragedy began to look more like a strategy on the part of the Enemy to destroy a generation.

As I read these sobering and heart-breaking accounts, I realized anew the need for God’s spokespeople. People who know how to reach kids; who love them and speak their language - to be released to offer hope to this troubled and despairing generation.

This weekend, Randy leaves for the first of five camps he will speak at this summer. In the presence of forests and lakes, and the absence of computers and iPods, he will have the attention of hundreds of students for a period of days - long enough to build relationship and credibility so that what he says is received. A message of acceptance, hope and purpose often drown out in other settings will have a chance to settle into troubled hearts.

Randy knows how to reach kids. What he needs from us is prayer; prayer for energy and health. Prayer that student’s hearts will be soft and receptive. Prayer for the anointing and leading of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your partnership.

In His Grip,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

P.S.

Not everyone has the ability or opportunity to speak truth and hope into student’s lives but we all can be involved. We know that it costs Straight Talk \$20 - above what the camps are able to pay - to reach each student. If your heart is touched with the needs of youth and you would like to help us reach students, please considering making a donation to Straight Talk.

Straight Talk Schedule

July - August 2008

Praise God For...

Great opportunities for Randy to intersect with the lives of students.

A great sense of momentum and direction coming from the Straight Talk board. We are so grateful for these gifted and committed people!

Please Pray...

For health for Randy. Last summer was the first in recent history that he did not get sick.

Pray for safe and smooth travel. As you can see from his schedule, he has some very tight turn-arounds.

Pray for God-encounters with students whose hearts He is preparing.

Pray against the Enemy who would keep kids from camp, seek to distract them or barricade them behind walls of distrust.

Pray for Donna as she holds down the fort and works on her new book. Pray that she will experience God's leading as she writes and makes connections with potential publishers.

Randy's Schedule

June 28th – July 4th Camp Qwanoes – Vancouver Island

July 4th -11th Living Springs Bible Camp – Wetaskiwin, AB

July 13th -20th Family Vacation

July 26th - Aug 2 Camp Chamisall - Waiprou, AB

Aug 10th -16th Green Bay Family Camp – West Bank, BC

Aug 18th -24th – Ness Lake Bible Camp – Prince George, BC



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I want to support Straight Talk monthly:
 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$ _____

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I prefer the convenience of automatic debit and hereby authorize Straight Talk Ministries to withdraw \$ _____ from my bank account on the 3rd or 17th of each month (choose one).

Note: Please include a cheque marked Void and provide signature below.

Signature

Date

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