



View of Telkwa Pass off Highway 16

# The Streetcorner

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by me." John 14:6 NIV

## From Fear, Anger, Hatred, and Destruction; To Hope, Love and Joy.

a testimony by Donna Marie Holland

I am Donna Marie Kawennaro:roks Holland. I am Six Nations Iroquois, Kanien'keha':ka. I am proudly married to George Lester Holland, Khikh, Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chief. I was born forty eight years ago. My early life was in fear, I could barely blink an eye without going through a tinge of fear. Deep in my heart I always had the pain of fear, gradually it grew into a pure, vile, hatred which flooded my system. Later poisonous anger clouded my eyes and major self destruction began!

Being a severe asthmatic, I must follow a schedule for my medication. Often through all my agony, I'd neglect taking them! Life meant very little to me. I treated myself badly, and I moved about like a robot.

Between Christmas and New Years of 1996, I received a ray of hope; a beautiful Christmas card from Georgie! I felt my heart bloom with dozens of flowers and I said thank you into the air to a Higher Power. In June of 1997, on the 18th, at 10:40 AM, I set my eyes on him for the first time, once again I said thank you to a Higher Power, I was deeply in love.

On November 14th, 1997, I left my home of long time pain, to come home to B.C. I travelled over 3000 miles to find hope of a better life.

In March of 1998, I suffered from respiratory failure and the outlook was bleak. I was in a coma for two weeks, but still I heard the voice of Georgie and I fought to come back. It was not until later that I realized how close I was to death. I began to speak to the Higher Power even more, thanking Him that I was alive! Again each day was different, yet my hatred, anger, especially destruction, began to lessen. July 9th, 1999, I married Georgie and again I whispered thank you

into the air, to a Higher Power, with huge tears in my eyes! My love for Georgie had grown immensely and I was proud!

May 24th, 2000, 7:25 PM, my whole world seemed to sink into blackness, for my darling Georgie suffered a stroke. All those awful feelings I had earlier in life were surfacing, mostly my fear and anger. I could not fathom losing Georgie and I needed something.

While he was in the hospital, we made friends with many people. We also struggled through many difficulties that had touched our lives. I began to pray, I looked for Jesus! I watched my Georgie going through swing moods; that's when I realized his struggle was only going to improve with me at his side. Some friends had given us the Holy Bible, I had it with me. I opened it up to "The Lord is my Shepherd ....." after I read it, I cried myself to sleep, but the tears were of joy, for at that moment I found my purpose in life, it was to be by Georgie and help him get through this stroke, one day at a time. I was going to share my strength and determination to survive! I spoke to Jesus that night and each morning thereafter. As I walked to the hospital I would ask Him to walk with me and guide me.

One morning, I heard from Sherrie Anderson, she prayed with me. Once again I cried. I cried for I had that urge to whisper my thank you into the air to a Higher power, for the friendship of such wonderful people God had given us; the many friends back home in Smithers! A wonderful glow of pure love filled my nostrils, love that came through from the Lord Jesus.

On October 7th, 2000, we had people over to celebrate my Georgie being in his home once again and that he is doing

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quite well. It had been a little over four months since his stroke! It was a day to say thank you for all the prayers and support we had and were still receiving from everyone! A couple of weeks leading up to this day I had experienced something I will never forget. On that day, my lower back was in extreme pain. At bedtime, I asked Georgie to call on me only if he really needed me, for I was going to sleep on the floor or on the couch in the living room. As I was dozing off, within moments, I heard my name being called! I opened my eyes and there stood a beautiful man, I cannot justify saying he was just handsome, for he was truly beautiful. He said my name again and then said this to me; "Thank you for taking care of my son! My father and I are with you, to help you; both of you will suffer through hard times, but we are right here and there will be much happiness coming your way!" I reached out to him and he was gone! But I will always remember him and the beautiful color of his clothes! I told Georgie immediately and we both prayed. Back to October 7th 2000, with our friends sitting around the fire, with an unplanned agenda, I accepted the Lord Jesus into my heart fully, with tears of joy streaming



George and Donna Holland

down my face! Within moments my darling George did the same! That was a glorious day!!

I have learned to put things into Jesus' hands, I'm learning of Him through the Holy Bible, and best of all I've learned to love Him more and more each minute of the day! Most of

my life, I did not understand what people meant when they would say "you are blessed", but today I do! I live each day to the fullest and in the best way I know! I am always close to Georgie, even when we are in a disagreement, for my love grows for him as it grows for Jesus! I am learning to understand the Holy Bible and to pray to Jesus and to God the Father using both my own words and through the prayers that have always been around! I am a lot happier, my life is full of purpose and desire! I am so grateful to the Lord for my Georgie, for my friends and that I am alive right now! My fear is greatly weakened,

my anger is a losing battle, and my hatred is overwhelmed with compassion, my destruction no longer hinders me, my hope grows constantly, my love is pure. Sweet Jesus thank you, you are my Higher Power and whispers are now shouts of joy. □

# THE **HIGHEST** **HIGHER** **HIGH** POWER

by Mike Cunningham

It seems that more and more these days, people are settling for a belief in what they term "my Higher Power." On the surface this seems quite spiritual, and enlightened to take such a step in believing that there is more to life than what meets the physical eye.

Oh the tragedy of taking belief in "God" only this far. It's like a person saying they are enjoying a sweet married life, while having no actual spouse of their own. In fact, their only prospect for a potential mate is a crude, out of focus photograph, in which the love of their life has their back turned towards them! Not much to go on!

What is so sad about such a situation is the intimacy of the relationship that is so available with the God of the universe. God **has** made the way for us to know Him personally. How has God done this? Consider these 3 steps God has taken towards you.

## 1) GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF IN THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE:

22 times in the Gospels, Jesus said "it is written" to confirm the Truth of the written Scriptures. The Holy Bible is the written revelation of God to man. By its Holy Spirit inspired words we come to **know** God. We learn of His character, and His commands. Listen to these words of Paul, "Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, **but now revealed** and made known **through the prophetic writings** by the command of the eternal God, **so that all nations might believe and obey him.**" (Rom 16:25, 26 NIV emphasis added)

God's desire has always been to reveal himself to man. I urge you to begin reading the Holy Bible and see for yourself who God really is.

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**“THIS I BELIEVE”**

# A NEW CREATION

by Ken Penner

While visiting a fellow some time ago, I commented on a beautiful lamp he had sitting on a table in his living room. “Oh.” he said, “I made that from broken hockey sticks.” He went on to explain how he had collected broken hockey sticks from the garbage at the arena or wherever he could. He planed them down, fitted and glued them together to make a solid piece of wood which he turned into a beautiful lamp stand on his lathe. It was almost unbelievable that this lamp stand was once pieces of broken hockey sticks left for junk.

God wants to do something beautiful with our lives, if we let him. He turns all the hurts, the inadequacies, the pain, the anger, the fears, the hatred and all the undesirable things in our life, into something beautiful. He wants us to give our lives to him and he will change us into what he wants us to be.

When we are born again of the Spirit of God we will begin to display the beautiful fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

Donna Holland, whose testimony is featured in this issue of The Streetcorner, witnesses to God’s life changing work in her life. I personally know Donna and see the Lord at work in her life on a steady basis, especially since she gave her life to Christ.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV*

*“But the fruit of the spirit is, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22 NIV*

This I believe!

## POWER TO CHANGE

*Donna’s testimony reminds us that God has the power to change us from the inside out. This begins the moment we receive Christ into our lives. Here are the promises God offers you today:*

### GOD’S DESIRE

1

God created man to live with him for all eternity! Scripture tells us that he is our Creator, that he knows each of us by name, and that he cares intimately about us. It says in 2 Peter 3:9, that God is *“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* (KJV) This is God’s heart! He wants you to be with him. He wants you to live with him forever. He wants you to enjoy a perfect relationship with Himself. The Bible clearly teaches that **GOD LOVES YOU!** (1 John 4:10)

### MAN’S PROBLEM

2

There is one thing, however, that keeps us from this relationship with God—OUR SIN! Scripture teaches that *“without holiness, no one will see the Lord.”* (Hebrews 12:14 NIV) In other words God’s standard is perfection. There must not be one sin on our record if we are to be acceptable to God. However, Scripture tells us that *“...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23 NIV). It also says that *“the wages of sin is death.”* (Romans 6:23 NIV) or separation from God for all eternity! If we physically die in this condition, there are no second chances. It is too late to turn to God then.

### GOD’S GIFT

3

Fortunately, this is not the end of the story. For God saw our helplessness, and in great compassion sent us what we needed most, a Savior, His one and only Son - Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that, *“(Christ) Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree...”* (1 Peter 2:24 NIV)

*“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace [with God] was upon him.”* (Isaiah 53:4,5 NIV)

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (Rom. 5:8 NIV)

### MAN’S RESPONSE

4

God has made a way for us to be acceptable and right before Him. *“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.”* (Acts 3:19 NIV) *“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”* (Acts 16:31 NIV) Jesus said: *“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”* (John 11:25-27 NIV)

You can be saved right now, whoever you are, whatever your situation. Confess to God that you are a sinner. Thank Jesus for taking the punishment for your sins by dying on the cross. Place your life in Christ’s hands. Trust Him to forgive your sin. He alone has the power to save!

**IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE JUST DONE, PLEASE CONTACT A PERSON WHO YOU KNOW IS A SINCERE CHRISTIAN AND TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS! FEEL FREE TO CALL US AT STREETCORNERS IF YOU NEED TO. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE AS YOU BEGIN YOUR NEW LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN!**

## “The Highest Power” Con’t from pg. 2

### 2) GOD WALKED ON THIS EARTH FOR 33 YEARS, IDENTIFYING IN EVERY WAY WITH YOU AND ME.

People often say, “If only I could see Him, I would believe in Him.” Well, for 33 years God **was** visible in the flesh, in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus teachings were (and still are) sublime. He Himself claimed to be God. His miraculous healing power testified to his identity. His historical death and resurrection proved again His claims to Deity. Take an honest look at the evidence and I believe you will find that Jesus was who He claimed to be—the Son of God sent to seek and to save lost humanity. Consider the words of Jesus: *“Anyone who has seen me, has seen the father...I and the Father are One.”* (John 14:9, 10:30 NIV)

### 3) GOD PROMISES TO ENTER THE HEART OF EACH WILLING BELIEVER, GIVING THEM THE VERY PRESENCE AND STRENGTH OF GOD INSIDE THEIR LIFE.

One skeptic once asked, “How do you know that God is alive?” A Christian replied, “Well, that’s easy, I just talked to Him this morning!”

This is the true experience of any sincere believer in Christ. When Jesus left this earth He promised to send the Holy Spirit to live in the temple of the human heart. This was prophesied hundreds of years before by the prophet Joel who wrote, *“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”* (Joel 2:28, 29 NIV)

As a Christian I have experienced the leading of God, the healing of God, the conviction of God, the presence of God, the peace of God, and the power of God. There is nothing of this world that can compare to the awesome reality of Jesus Christ alive in your life.

Please don’t buy the lie that any old “higher power” will do! God says in Scripture: *“For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”* (Exodus 34:14 NIV) There is only one God, and He is the Highest Power! He has taken a step towards you that you might know him intimately. Will you, like Donna Marie, enter into that relationship with Jesus right now, and find the purpose for which you were created? It is simply this, to know God, and to make him known! □



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### The Bible and Its Authority

a) We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and conduct.

### The Eternal Godhead

b) We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### Man and His Need

c) We believe that man was created in the image of God: that through sin man incurred both spiritual and physical death. Consequently, man is totally depraved, alienated from God, under his righteous anger, and in need of the new birth.

### Jesus Christ and His Work

d) We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary and is true God and true man.

e) We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in him are justified on the ground of his shed blood.

f) We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his ascension into heaven, his present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate and in his personal return.

### Salvation for Sinners

g) We believe that by the grace of God, all who in repentance and faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God. Such are sealed unto the day of redemption. Nevertheless, the believer is commanded to be filled with the Spirit, moment by moment.

### The Future

h) We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, in the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and in the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

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