

# ON "THE ROCK" 2006



*Have a glorious Christmas, filled with the love of Christ which brings peace and joy. And I pray God will prosper you in all ways in the New Year of 2007 and bless you always with good health and a long, happy, productive life.*

Happy 1st Birthday Jordan



*I Believe in Miracles !*

*With love from Iris, Stormy, Rocky and Snookie*

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Jordan says.....

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**www.naturalstonesite.com Created by my Mom and Dad!" "**

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*JESUS IS THE  
REASON FOR  
THE SEASON!*



**Jesus said "My mother and My brothers (and My sisters) are these who hear the word of God and do it." Luke 8:21**

~Luke 1:29-38 ....30 "Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you! 31 You will become pregnant and have a Son, and **you are to name Him Jesus**. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High.....34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin." 35 The angel replied, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you**. So the Baby born to you will be holy, and He will be called the Son of God.....38 Mary responded, "**I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants**. May everything you have said come true." And then the angel left.  
NLT

~Matthew 1:20-21 ... "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. **For the Child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit.** 21 **And she will have a Son, and you are to name him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.**" NLT

~ In Acts 1:8 **Jesus says..... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

**God wants to birth something in us...we believers are His body...are we willing to be faithful servants of the Lord, as Mary was, willing to accept whatever He wants us to do, using the power and authority He gave us to do it?**

**1Ki 18:21 Elijah challenged the people: "How long are you going to sit on the fence? If GOD is the real God, follow him; if it's Baal, follow him. Make up your minds!" MSG**

.....And all God's people said .....

**"But as for me and my house , we will serve the LORD."** ~ Joshua 24:15 NKJV

MY CHRISTMAS PRAYER (Dec.2006)

*Dear Father in heaven, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that You will bless and keep my family, friends and friends to be, neighbors, employees, business associates, brothers and sisters in Christ, readers of this newsletter (and even my enemies if I have any)...and all our loved ones (including our pets). I pray you will lead and guide me, as overseer, to make the right decisions in all things connected with Your Stone business, Ministry and Stone Masonry Training School and everything that will come later. I pray you will send just the right people to be a part of all You are going to do. I pray that you will help us to help fulfill the dreams and goals of the students that come and that there lives will be enriched by coming here. I pray that you will bless each one with successful new careers that will give them joy and prosperity in all things. ....Lead each one of us into a close loving relationship with You so that all may go well for us. I pray You will bless all of us to prosper in all good things and be in good health this Christmas and in the new year of 2007. I ask that You will grant us joy and peace and every good thing pressed down, shaken together and over flowing. That each one of us will be filled with the fruit of Your Holy Spirit. That You will strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that we may overcome our weaknesses and worldly ways. That You will keep us from evil and help us to triumph over the tricks of the enemy. That You will lead and guide us on the path You have chosen for us. .But most of all I pray You will draw us near to You, help us to walk in Your ways and to truly love and help one another. And most of all to always remember to be thankful for all You have given us. ~ Amen.*

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There will be a Christmas Eve service and communion at the Community Church at 5 PM. Good news for the 3 churches (United, Anglican and Salmo Salvation Army) that hold services in that building is that we will be getting an elevator! I understand that it is going to go from down below to UP ABOVE! Praise The Lord !!

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WORDS OF WISDOM

I love being encouraged by the Copelands's **Victory Magazine**. Something Gloria said in the latest issue really blessed me "What you continually say is what you really believe in your heart." Right on. We need to renew our minds with God thoughts!

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Can you believe it?.....Mom turned 88 this year and is getting healthier every year! Here she is with our little pride and joy Jordan when we brunched with him and his Mom and Dad this summer in their beautiful back yard. Oh...and Shadow was there too!.....Mom sings "The Little Fishies" song to her little Great Grandson Jordan....just as she did to all us kids. Sure brings back memories eh Ed? Remember the neat jokes we played on her?! ...and the consequences! .....This Christmas James, Lori and Jordan are going to Saskatchewan to visit his Granny Frieda and the rest of the family. We will sure miss them but we have to learn to share! I know they will all have a wonderful time. Lori has been so busy working at her great new job at the college. We are so proud of her. James is also very busy at his "Bakken Custom Computer" business and looking after Jordan when Mom can't be there. They are such a special family. I am so blessed!....Randy and the girls might come for Christmas and that would sure be wonderful. He is so busy still doing stonework in Kelowna and area and not only that ....he has opened a new business in Penticton called "Penticton Stoves and Stones" on 602 Martin St. ....I will make Wendy's favorite fruit and whipped cream dessert again this year in case her and my other dear grandsons Mike and Luke come.....My little brother Ed is coming up for a visit too. I was hoping Maria Elena was coming again too, but she is off to visit her family. But she'll come next trip. The Petersen Group First Aid Training in Naniamo has been very busy because Ed and Maria are abundant!

My Mother Dear

My Mom has always, been my good friend.  
She's the best, that God could ever send.

It makes me happy, to see her filled with joy,  
that comes from faith, nothing can destroy.

Here she goes again, mixing a ton of dough,  
for a million cookies, you just have to know.

It's her thing that she does, at this time of year  
To bake up a storm, for those she holds dear!

I don't know how Mom, can still do so much,  
Each thing has her special, SWEET loving touch.

I love her cheery voice, and the hugs galore,  
And the way she struts, on her way to the store.

Her little boot chains, just klinkity clinking,  
Is she walking on water, without even sinking?

Have a very merry Christmas, my Mother dear,  
And the best of everything, for all of next year!

With Love ~ *Iris*

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Psalms 92:14-15

*14 Even in old age they will still produce fruit;*

*they will remain vital and green.*

*15 They will declare, "The LORD is just! He is my rock! There is nothing but goodness in Him!"*

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Jordan 1 year old!

(are these strange people really your Mom & Dad?)

**JORDAN**

We received a bundle of blessing on November 15 Two Thousand and Five For a whole year we have watched that blessing from God grow and thrive.

Our dear little Jordan is now one year old, and getting sweeter each day.

What a thrill watching him do his cute things, in his own special way.

Soon he'll be able to play in the sand pile, with Rocky and me.

And we'll all have such fun with, laughing and shouting with glee!

Happy Birthday Jordan! ~Granny Iris

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Pastor Mark on TV last Sunday mentioned **the old "toothpaste test" .... is what comes out when the pressure is put on. "**

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. (With the same mouth we speak both blessing and cursings)

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**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.....NAME THEM ONE BY ONE**

I think it is important if you don't do a daily diary...to at least write down the things you pray for so you can look back and see just how many prayers God answers and the miracles He does....Write them down...like how the Israelites made monuments so the miracles would not be forgotten. When we go back and remember that God did it before and He'll do it again it increases our faith. In my daily Bible reading I write little notes and dates in the margins and do a lot of highlighting. It is neat to go back and look through the exciting times I got special revelations that was in perfect timing with a problem I was going through or something I, or someone else, was wondering about. I never know just how far along in my Bible I will be each day...but God does!

*Psalms 100:4*  
*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,....*



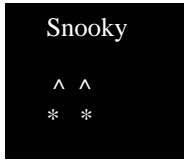
BLESSINGS

One morning when I went out to feed Stormy Rocky who came with me was all excited and jumping around like he was so happy his buddy was getting fed. He was sproing around and looking at Stormy who had begun to eat his hay. He kept looking at me and Stormy as if to say "...didn't you forget something?" I said "What is bugging you Rocky?" He promptly bowed down with his head on his paws



and his butt in the air (his position for me to say grace over his food) I got the message so we said the blessing over Stormy's food. It was so cute. As soon as I said 'Amen' Rocky starts leaping around and standing on his hind feet barking and praising God the special way he does. Now every time we go out to feed Stormy he makes sure I say the blessing over his food and then he joyfully goes

bananas. ....Stormy and Rocky have become very good friends finally. They are so funny playing.....But Snookie our (sort of) cat still hides out and we only see her once in a while. She was a wild cat and just never seemed to want to really join the family though she has been around for many years. I would have figured she had gone away but her food keeps disappearing and if her dish gets empty she puts in a very dignified though indignant appearance.....I'm sure blessed to have such wonderful animals!....even Snookie is special....she is very easy to take care of !!.....



...And they all say... **....And a woof woof ....heehh....**

**heeh...mew...mew MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**....AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to you!**

FROM OUT OF THE PAST.....A LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS



### Salmo Saints Christian Outreach Society

This year a marvelous thing happened. We formed a society called "**Salmo Saints Christian outreach.**" There are five of us on the board Lil, Ann, Chris, Teri and myself. ....Now we are just waiting for our Charity status so we can give Income Tax receipts to people from anywhere that want to donate to help a worthy cause. There are people out there that have skads of money and they need to be blessed by God with helping a project such as this. Futures of our precious young people can be set on a good path that will bring them the abundant life God wants to give them. They are our future! Any Christian that lives in Salmo or area is a SALMO SAINT no matter what church they go to....or don't go to. We the 'believers' are all the body of Christ and if we can ever get over our differences and truly love and help one another we will be a mighty army for the Lord. If we all would just get together and read and study the Bible 'God's Word' "in context" we will come to that desired UNITY OF FAITH. It is our prayer that we can all come together to help provide a new direction for our Salmo and area young people, and also to help the new Youth Centre to survive and grow. This old high school building would not be here today if it wasn't for a group of very dedicated and hard working people who saved the building and are keeping it running. ~ Some are known and some worked behind the scenes...We want to thank them for saving this building for something so worthwhile **that will be a great legacy for all of us.....**It is our hope to get the rest of the old high school building for our purposes.....I also want to give thanks for Doug Jerome who was principal here before he was in an auto accident and later died. Many years ago he and I had prayed for the Salmo youth and he offered to help in any way he could ...the group that was to help youth and was to be called the Salmo Saints didn't happen back then...but it is now. And strangely...or not...that is the part where Doug's office was when he prayed with me over the phone. ....Help of any kind would be appreciated. Especially prayer for our youth in Salmo-Ymir and ideas of how we could do things that would help them to get excited about God and learn to make good choices for their lives.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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The name of the Society is: Salmo Saints Christian Outreach

The purposes of the society are:

- (a) Outreach for the advancement of Christianity.
- (b) To promote the Gospel Message of love, salvation, faith~ Christian unity, principals and good moral values.
- (c) To minister to those in need, especially youth ~ using music, singing and other gifts and talents to exalt the name of Jesus Christ and encourage people to "Think God"

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY YOU COULD

Thank you & God bless....from.....

~Iris Lamb ~ Lil Johnston ~ Ann Smith ~ Chris Bedwell ~ Teri Adkins

~ Phone 357-9515 ~ or e-mail [info@salmosaints.org](mailto:info@salmosaints.org) ~

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~ Philemon 6-7 7 For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother. ....Hebrews 6:10 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister....Matthew 18:2-7 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.....6 Jesus Warns of Offenses ...."Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! ....Mark 9:36-37 36 Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, 37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me." ....Mark 10:14-16 14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." 16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. NKJV

CALLING ALL SALMO AND AREA YOUTH & ADULTS WILLING TO HELP

You don't have to be a Christian to participate in this, but you have to be willing to go along with these established rules.

**"LETS WORK TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING FOR and with SALMO YOUTH !" There is a possibility of working together to create a supervised Christian Youth Disco ~ Entertainment and games room And POSSIBLY even A Bowling Alley in time.**

.....**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 10th TH ANNUAL** .....

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***Christian Revival and Outreach Camp-Out***

***~ Aug. 3, 4, 5 & 6 2007 ~***

**Check our web site for actual dates of fun and fellowship naturalstones**

"LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER" Non-denominational Christian get together and outreach camp-out EVERYONE WELCOME ... "young and old" NO CHARGE....Bring camping gear, musical instruments, fun stuff and some food (just in case) and stay the weekend. (We provide a lot of food for free until it runs out, which hasn't happened yet!) There's water and outhouses but no power hookups. Come enjoy Christian fellowship, entertainment, fun and games.

- Equipped adult stage - plus - Equipped young people stage
- You are welcome to participate (open mike) by sharing your testimony, Christian songs, music, poems, skits, plays, or Christian products, artwork, handicrafts etc. Please contact us for scheduling, etc.
- Horse shoes (Stormy's favorite), Bocci, Badminton, and also ball games for the more energetic people.....
- Sing Around The Campfire each night with marshmallow treats and smores.
- There will be baptism services for those requesting it.
- Free pancake breakfasts
- Sunday Service

**NO ALCOHOL or DRUGS, AND NO PETS PLEASE.**

**REVIVAL 2006 Report**

This year our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Revival fell on the same weekend as the Salmo Homecoming....so we decided to join in with the other things that would be going on to welcome people to Salmo and help make their visit a very memorable and enjoyable one. So for our part we rented the Gym etc. at the Youth-Community Centre for 2 days to help raise money for the youth centre. It was wonderful for all these people to come from so far away to they to help our little town do something for our youth. Thank you all! ~We all missed our special fellowship time out here but figured it was for a good cause.....On Sunday morning we joined in with the 7 churches from Salmo for a historical united service at the park. It was wonderful. ....Later we had a day of fellowship and entertainment at the Youth Centre and a lovely dinner, music and ministering services that evening. Rev. Douglas Lewis and Kathleen Russell of the Anglican Parish Beaver Valley/Salmo began the evening with trumpet, guitar and singing. It was beautiful! Rev. Doug even played "When The Saints Go Marching In" on the trumpet. It was absolutely wonderful. The real highlight of the evening was that several people made a decision to make Jesus Lord of their life and healings also happened. God's word was proclaimed and God confirmed it with signs and wonders. ....There wasn't such a huge crowd as there had been the night before so it was much more organized and comfortable. ....So many people helped with all the food and organizing that I can't begin to thank them all. God bless you for everything you

did. I'm sure the Lord says it best "Well done good and faithful servant!" I also want to thank all the people from the .Salmo Valley Youth and community Centre for all their help and encouragement!

Herb (Who was our wonderful MC and pastor) and Crystal Taylor, with her beautiful songs ~ 'Crystal Clear Ministries' of Red Deer Alberta music and pastoring ministry blessed us once again this year, as did Curt, Toni and Willie Richens of Victory Road Ministries- Pentictin B.C. and Abe and Marge Zacharias ~ A-Z Music Ministry – Country- Gospel Singer and Songwriter from Salmon Arm B.C.....Curt and Abe and Crystal sang their hearts out and blessed many people. We were so honored to have such talent here. Curt sang mostly Elvis gospel songs, seeing as Elvis was a hero to many of us that were a part of the Salmo home coming and had gone to the old high school that is now the Youth-Community Centre. ~Toni as usual gave so many wonderful words of wisdom.

Salmo area was well represented by local singers too with Ann Smith ~ Our little songbird from Park Siding B.C. ~ Music ministry ~Darlene Bakka "Singer- songwriter, author and Evangelist" from Salmo, (Nelway) BC and Elizabeth Soriat from Salmo~ Music Ministry..... who all sang with voices like angels.

The Salmo Saints ~ Teri, Chris and I assisted by Curt and Willie did a skit called 'Devine Dynamite' It was real funny....especially Willie who played ...the devil! Curt did a wonderful job ...as God...and even started singing some of his lines. Ann and Elmer Mebs ~ 'Ray Of Hope Ministries' - of Burnaby B.C.- healing and deliverance ministry did a wonderful Workshop on "THE POWER OF UNITY" ~ Len and Valerie Phelps ~ 'Over The Fence Ministries' of Chilliwack B.C. did a lovely and very comical at some parts Workshop called "SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGES IN TO-DAYS WORLD". This is the first year Len and Valerie have been here and we enjoyed them so much. We discovered why Ann and Elmer have such a good marriage...they usually take Len and Val with them when they travel. They all stayed at the mobile home women's accommodation at my stone school where there is only one double bed...but it would never do to have marriage counselors sleeping in single beds so we put two single beds together and a foam mattress on top. ~ Rodney & Jo Moody ~ (Healing Ministry & Christian Counselors) of Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island BC. are also Vancouver Island Queen Honey Bee Breeders did a workshop about BEES and BEEKEEPING. in addition to their healing ministry. Both were excellent!

Floyd McKeever ~ 'Ray of Hope Ministries' - of Fort Assiniboine Alberta, brought his friend Chris....who had led him to the Lord. Floyd did several sessions of "LET MY PEOPLE GO" workshops....with Chris assisting. (Teaching what God's Word - Jesus taught about deliverance and healing). It was fantastic and a refresher we all needed. What a blessing they were, and what a ball of fire for Jesus that Floyd is!

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Kootenay Business Magazine did a nice article about our stone masonry training school and James and Lori put it on the web site. You can read it at [www.naturalstonesite.com](http://www.naturalstonesite.com) ~ Thank you K.B.M.



The Salmo Salvation Army ~ Majors David and Edith Dean unfurling the colors. They both preach wonderful messages but are not able to be here often as they also run the Nelson church and the many programs there to help people....It has been very interesting and exciting at the little church....We are quite a small congregation, but growing, and though Mavis often preaches her great messages, we have even taken turns preaching and doing the call to wor-

ship...amongst all the other things that need to be done in a church. It sure makes you appreciate those that do it all the time a lot more! ~ Earlier this year both Majors and Mavis our C.S. Major all went on holidays at the same time and left us in charge...That's a scary thought eh?...Well it could have been, but they had the foresight to pray over us before they left...so God took care of it all. We had a good time and learned a lot. I think that is what is supposed to happen at church...the saints need to be trained up to do ministry works....not just sit in the pews all the time letting a few do all the work.. We have been enjoying the young people that are beginning to join us for church on Sundays and hope they start bringing all their friends.....The Lord put on Mavis heart to make all these prayer cloths (Acts 19:11-12) and miracles have been happening! There is no power in the cloth, it is just a point of contact that helps increase faith like anointing with oil (Mark 6:12-13).. What we do in the natural realm effects the spiritual realm....like praising God, prayer, fasting, increasing our faith by reading, claiming and doing God's word..... and especially repenting of any sin in our lives. ~God bless you my brothers and sisters....keep up the good work!

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Hillcrest Pentecostal Church Mission Statement ~ To be a prayerful Spirit filled church, standing firm in the Word of God in our worship and the teachings. To be a body that reflects His love in our fellowship and daily activities, and to be bold ambassadors for Christ in the community of Salmo.

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### SADLY MISSED

Frank's wife Sabina Zmavc passed away suddenly at only 65 this year. She was a sweet lady and will be missed by her family and friends.....but we will see her again.....because I know she believed in Jesus as her Savior. ....I was touched when Frank told me how the Eagle fuzzy blanket I had given her many years ago was still covering the chair she used to sit in. It is so nice to hear how something so little we give can bring someone comfort long after we have forgotten about it. I believe the reason she liked it so much was not just because it was a warm little blanket, but because I had told her the scripture that always brought me comfort that went with it. **Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."** NKJV ~ Rest in peace Sabina.

## VERY BAD HAIR DAY

I decided it was time to let my hair go it's natural color seeing as the white roots seemed to sprout up so fast on the front. It seemed like a good decision and even seemed scripturally to be desired seeing as a 'hoary head' denoted 'wisdom...and I



could sure use some of that. I didn't realize this procedure would be so difficult. Being as my roots at the front were white but came in dark at the back...I got what I figured was very good advice. I was told that the new growth front roots would be more noticeable than the back. (seeing as it was longer hair) so it was advisable to go with the lighter color. Also I did not want to just let it grow out and end up looking like a skunk. ....Not wanting it to be too big a shock I decided to go lighter and lighter blond until I could take the big plunge and make it all white. It sounded like a good strategy....but do you have any idea how many colors of lighter blond there are?...and when I did color it the long back part of my hair always went darker shades than the front. I finally decided I would just take the plunge and go all white. Especially since I had also discovered Proverbs 16:31 "The hoary (frosty white) head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." KJV Right on!.....Then I found out that there is no such thing as white hair dye! eeeesh. In my search I found a FROST & GLOW blinding kit and the picture looked like it would make blond hair go white. Well now we are getting somewhere! Thursday night I made the big plunge and left the color on the back longer than the front figuring that would make it all come out the same color.....and with trepidation took the curlers out Friday morning to see the transformation. ....Welll....when Chris came to work he summed it all up nicely...He said "You look like an ORANGE CREAMSICLE on the back." The wisdom thing didn't seem to work either!

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### *Jer 29:11 -14*

*"I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out--plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for. Jer 29:12 "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. Jer 29:13 "When you come looking for me, you'll find me. "Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, Jer 29:14 I'll make sure you won't be disappointed...."MSG Bible*

*~ Love from God*

Jeremiah 29:11-13 .~.... For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. 13 You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest. TLB

3 John 22 ~....Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. KJV

Matthew 11:28-30 28 .~...Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." NKJV

Psalms 1:1-3 ~Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, at brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper . NKJV  
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Another dear old friend died this year.

Len Zachow passed away this year at 84. He was a real great guy. Len, Fern and family were long time friends. We will all miss him here on this earth...but I know we will see him again. ....One blessed summer day when Len and Fern had come for a visit when they came to Salmo from their home in Surrey Len asked Jesus to be Lord of his life. What an honor it was to first lead him in that very special prayer and then another on another visit...it was Fern's turn. I never forget how it made her weep....And how it made us both weep first with sorrow over how we would miss Len....but with joy also that we will see him again. There is nothing more special than to know that death is not the end for our loved ones. That we will spend eternity together where there is no sorrow, sickness or death....Memories come back of all the wonderful times we had together eh Fern. Remember all the great holidays we spent together...you were such dear fiends and such a help to me and my kids....remember the horses stuck upstairs in the barn at Erie?...the time Len fixed the broken window.....twice? The big thistle in his backhoe in the parade? God bless and watch over all of you Fern and family.

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**Psalms 23** ~The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. ~ NKJV

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The study helps in my Spirit Filled Life Bible.. "**Be warned** that returning to a past bondage from which you were once delivered results in deeper bondage. **Recognize** that faith is decision and obedience, rather than ability. **Understand** that obedient faith releases Holy Spirit power to accomplish the task." .....it also says "**Name worry as sin**. Discipline yourself to turn from any anxiety, and **choose to trust** the Lord.....and **Expect** and **welcome** the refining work of the **Holy Spirit** as the result of His indwelling and continual infilling." It isn't fun going through the refining process...but what a joy to make it through a trial and reach the other side.....and find that something in us that needed to change (in spite of our own opinion) has changed forever ...and to feel so good about the change!. God is so good !

Come just as you are....like in the song....Just As I Am”

If you aren't sure where you will spend eternity...or you want to renew your commitment to Jesus.....If you feel God tugging at your heart strings.....don't wait..... tomorrow might be too late...you could end up spending eternity separated from God in eternal agony and regret.....Why not make that decision now, that will bring you peace and joy unspeakable if you follow Him. ....It's all about 'giving up' to begin and enjoy a personal relationship with a loving....living ....Savior .....here and now.... and then spending eternity with Him and those who have also chosen Him.... Jesus is the Word of God...that part of God that spoke everything into existence...who took on flesh....through Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,....and dwelt among us. He is the Lamb of God...who was crucified and died for our sins. The good news is He has risen...and so will those who believe in Him....~ Amen

***Why not receive the free gift of salvation and eternal life right now. (or renew your commitment to Him if you had previously made the decision but have fallen away) Just speak a heartfelt prayer such as the following...AND THEN...GO AND SIN NO MORE!***

**Dear Lord Jesus...I know I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and God raised You from the dead. I ask for Your forgiveness. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit to lead and guide me all the days of my life.**

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THE BIG PUSH

The other day I had to get two pallets of Kootenay Rainbow Gold stone over to the loading dock from the field where the guys split and palleted it, in order to ship it to one of my favorite customers. This was a real dilemma as the forklift was sitting over by the shop in pieces waiting for a new clutch....the loader was out in the field with a burned out starter and both excavators were broke down up at the Rainbow quarry.....I decided to see if I could hire Wade, one of my neighbors to bring his great big logging skidder over to see if we could somehow get the pallets over here with it. It was a process to find a way to do the task with a machine that wasn't made for that kind of job...but Wade being one of those kind of guys that is very innovative soon had it all figured out. He rigged it up so the pallet was lifted off the ground a bit and fit between those back fender things so it wouldn't swing around too much. I was walking behind to watch that it didn't swing and get caught by the big chains on the tires. It came close a few times so I got behind it and pushed on the pallet so it wouldn't turn. It must have looked funny from the highway with me out there pushing that great big machine all the way across the yard. (Leewanda told me she had been driving by when we were going across the yard and it sure did look funny! She nearly fell off her chair laughing.) .....It was so great to just get those pallets over there before the freight truck came....but on top of that Wade refused to take any money for doing it. I pray he and his family will be blessed abundantly for helping out a neighbor in distress. Thank you Wade. You are the kind of neighbor Jesus talks about!

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Colossians 3:23-24 ~ 23 Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ. NLT  
 ~Blessed is the person who has workers such as this!  
 ~ Thank you all!! ~ Iris

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I WONDER IF OUR CUSTOMERS KNOW WHAT WE GO THROUGH FOR THEM !

One day Bob was over here from Scrap King mehanicing on the old fork lift. He said " You know I was wondering what you were doing yesterday when you were putting water on that bundle of stone.?" I guess it did look strange to see someone packing kettles full of hot water and pouring it on the rocks. I told him it was to make the rocks grow....and then figured I'd better tell him the truth. That I was washing the mud and snow off them so Ryan could see the color better when he got them. The next day there were three more pallets to wash and thinking of our exchange the day before got to thinking it would be a lot easier to use sprinkling cans from the garden. So Chris and I were filling up the sprinkling cans to wash the pallets of rock off with. Of course this led to picture taking time to make Ryan feel guilty! Chris wasn't wanting to have his picture taken doing such a silly thing...but he sure didn't mind taking one of me. ....Boy you better buy lots of this rock Ryan!



WORLD'S 2ND BEST FALLER!

I don't know if you all remember Clancy. He was a character. He used to love to go up to the Duncan wherever there was a project to work on there. ....This one time some tree's needed to be cut down that were dangerous. I was kind of concerned about the old makeshift outhouse. It wasn't much, but it served the purpose. The trees seemed to be leaning that way. Well Clancy ...'**the world's self proclaimed best faller**' up and feel a tree right smack dab in the middle of the outhouse! He never heard the end of that one...until he escaped to that big stone yard in the sky.

When Clancy had cut up the tree and the guys kind of stuck the old outhouse together again though it left a lot to be desired. This year I decided to use the little chain-

saw I had with me to cut down the two little trees that kind of held the black plastic walls sort of in place. They had been left leaning out over the parking place when Clancy's tree had hit them. I finally got the chainsaw going and figured it would be an easy task to fall those two little trees. Well...as usual I figured wrong....When the tree started to fall it cracked and split. I figured I could solve the problem by using the chainsaw to cut part of the split part off. I put the saw under the split part and started to cut upwards....not getting



the picture of what might happen once it let loose! Too make a long story short the saw flipped sideways as part of the tree let loose. The chain also flipped off and jammed. Well not being a quitter I went and got the Swede saw to cut more of the split part from the top. It worked great until it let loose and flipped the chainsaw out and down the toilet hole...eeesh! The only good thing I can say about the whole episode is .....thank goodness I am in the stone business!

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PREACHER----- ON -----LINE

Ever hear of Pod casts?.....Well it is a really neat thing where people that live where there is high speed Internet can now listen to Pastor Hutch from the Salmo Baptist Church Sermon Messages. Unfortunately for me out here in the boonies his messages are rather unusual! He speaks part of a sentence and then there is a long pause....then he speaks some more. I guess I am just lucky it works that way rather than Hhhheelll-loooooo tthhhiiss iiiss Pppaaassttoor Hhhhuuuttccchhh GGGGoooodddd bbbllllleeeesss yyyooouuu aaaallllll ! I am going to see if I can buy cd's or dvd's that will talk at the right speed. But for you lucky ones with high speed Internet..... Just go to **www.salmobc.org** for Salmo Baptist Church where you can find the POD-CASTS and other ministries like students ministry "IGNITE". You can read some of these wonderful young people's testimonies on their page.

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*God is activated by our faith, .....not  
our trying to do His job !*

### A SAD TAIL

Some times Pastor Len and Helen come from up from Meadow Creek for a visit when I'm up on the mountain at my camp. This one day when they came up I told them about the rat that Rocky was all excited about. It had taken refuge in the engine of my truck and he was diligently keeping it there! When I would open the hood the rat would hide behind engine parts where I couldn't get at it and I would again remove the twigs and stuff it had begun to build a nest with. I was tired of the game and concerned it might chew some important wires or something in there. I didn't want to put any poison in the engine in case it fell under the truck where Rocky might get it...Pastor Len being a take charge of situations and solving them kind of a guy opened the hood and quickly assessed the situation while Helen and I looked on. With all the wires and stuff the rat could damage in there it was obvious he had to go. I went to get something to try and flush the rat out. I came back to discover Len standing there with a funny look on his face holding a rat's tail in his hand! It was so funny....well not for the rat of course! Len had grabbed the rat by the tail to flip it out and the tail came off! I wonder if there is a bounty for rat tails?

The good news is that that rat must have left the country because I never saw him again...the sad part of the tale ....for me....is that it cost me several hundred dollars to get the wiring fixed that it had damaged. Because on the way home the next night I had discovered that several of my warning lights were on in the dash and some of the functions were not working. When I looked up what they meant in the truck's instruction manual, two of them, that had to do with the brakes and the engine said "take the vehicle to a Toyota service centre immediately"....Not an easy task when you are 80 or so miles of winding mountain roads from such ! ...I cautiously and prayerfully made it to Kaslo where I crawled under the truck with my flashlight to see if I could discover where the damage was. Oh Oh...there it was....there was this big bunch of multi colored wires that had been covered by an un rat-proofed covering. It now looked like a multi colored curly porcupine! Little yellow-green and red wires curled out from the main bunch with gay abandon. The young man at the service station (where there was no mechanic on duty at that time of night) checked all the levels and under the hood. It looked okay and he said if I was careful I would probably make it home okay. It was a testy drive....and it certainly intensified my prayer life...but I made it.....Though the mechanics at Nelson Toyota had never faced doing a RAT REPAIR before they did a good job and even put extra protection over the wires in case the critter decided to come back for another attack! .....I wonder if Pastor Len will be wearing a **Ratcoon** hat this winter?

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There is a printable 2007 calendar on our main web page as a gift to you from all of us at Kootenay Stone Centre and Kootenay Stone Masonry Training School. (Just print it out, preferably in color on shiny white poster paper, punch holes across the top and either use plastic binder springs, rings or even knitting wool to bind the pages together.)

~ Merry Christmas and the Best Year you've ever had. in 2007 ~



HAVING A BLAST !

*Matthew 17:20-21*  
*20 So Jesus said to them,*  
*"Because of your*  
*unbelief; for assuredly, I*  
*say to you, if you have*  
*faith as a mustard seed,*  
*you will say to this moun-*  
*tain , 'Move from here to*  
*there,' and it will move;*  
*and nothing will be im-*  
*possible for you. NKJV*

We at Kootenay Stone Centre have been really blessed this year because Lorne decided to retire! After having his own log hauling business for many years he figured it was time to slow down....or something!! Who would have ever thought he would ask for a job here. I sure want to thank Claire because I know she had a hand in it. I guess with her working at the Credit Union and seeing the state of my finances she figured we really needed help so she sent the big guns in. Lorne has been doing a great job with the drilling, fixing stuff....a lot, welding things back together and more important to me....the blasting! I feel like I got a get out of jail free pass. And all the crew are so happy he is here, especially Roger who is thankful to have some of his heavy load lightened by Lorne. Lorne even had the honor of subbing to drive the old 1972 ROAD WARRIOR Kenworth when we were minus a driver for a while. Now Lou is better and back in the saddle again so I hear Lorne was demolishing the mountain today with the excavator. Now we just have to keep Claire from retiring or having holidays so we can keep him working for another 10 or 20 years.

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WALKING INTO THE PROMISED LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

Once we have made that decision to allow Jesus to be Lord of our lives, we are born again (spiritually) and have been set free from the curses, received all the promises ....but we need to step into all we have received. It is important to study the Bible to understand what we have been set free of and what is our new inheritance. **Then we need to walk into it .....claim it .....and use it.** It's like if you have been left many great treasures, AUTHORITY and privileges by a wealthy, powerful relative who died, that you didn't even know existed.. ...You would want to find out just what things were left to you and go take possession of them. If you didn't look into it you would still be driving that old jalopy, when you actually own a brand new Limousine, and a chauffeur to go with it. ....It is like that with God. He gave us great treasures through Jesus, set us free from sin and death... and gave us power to overcome temptations...plus a passport to heaven and eternal joy. He also gave us great gifts and authority to do His works. We are to use them to increase our treasures in heaven, not just treasures on earth where moth and rust will destroy them. And I tell you true, those things we do for His kingdom will give us more joy and satisfaction than anything we could ever own or experience in the old way of life. ~ Amen?

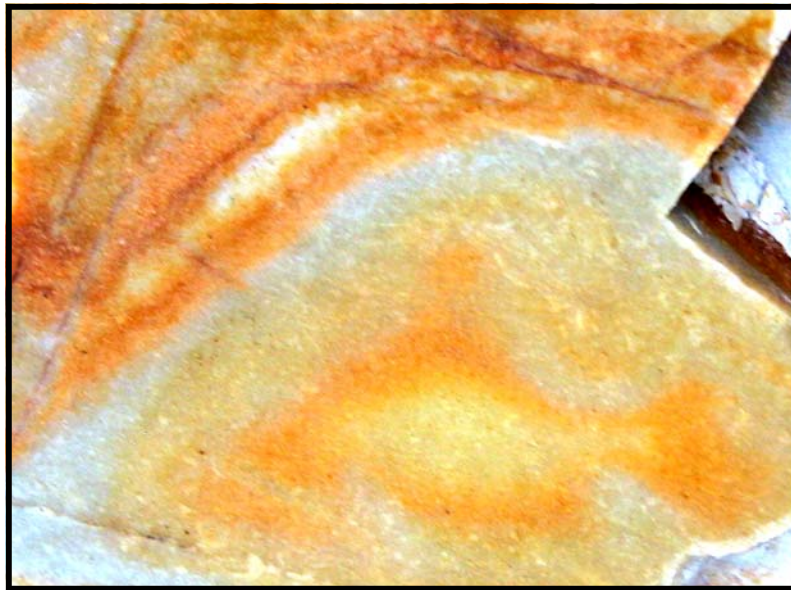
### A FISH STORY

This year had been a pretty rough year sales wise so it was often hard make decisions about what to do, which quarry to work in, should I sell some quarries and so on....One day Roger had brought samples down from the Kootenay Rainbow Quarry and he and Lorne were unloading them by the shop. As I walked out to see the samples I went past Chris's new car and kind of marveled at the bold Christian 'fish symbol' proudly displayed on the back. ~I though of all the changes in Chris' life that little symbol represented. Of how about 9 years ago Chris turned to God and was healed of cancer and later delivered from severe alcoholism...then cigarette smoking. How he came to work here 8 years ago....just to do a bit of work in the gardens and yard. That was all he could handle at that time. Then gradually he did more and more until now he does the retail sales, payroll, loads the big super B trucks with the big old forklift and much much more. He even gets to do some of the gardening when things are slow enough. He is one of the most loyal, trustworthy people there is. I'm very proud of him and appreciate all that he does do. Most of all, I appreciate his stand for Jesus. He gives his testimony to truck drivers and visitors when led to and prays for people with me often. He encourages with scriptures and words of wisdom and lives a Godly life. He is active in the church (Salmo Salvation Army) where he creates the church bulletins on his computer, choosing the scriptures and all, and even does the praise and worship music and overheads. ~ Thank you Chris! ~ When I got to the shop to look at the samples good old (young) Roger had brought down I was telling them how I didn't know what to do. Things had been pretty distress-

ing business wise and I just didn't know what to do. I said "**Wouldn't it be great if God would just drop a note on a rock down from heaven to tell me what to do.**"

Lorne had gotten some tools out of the shop and had been splitting some of the thicker samples. I looked down at a gold and white one he had just split open. It was like a bolt of lightening jolted

me.....there was a **Christian fish symbol, with a rainbow** on each peace of the rock he had just split open! There is no way this could have been a coincidence! Every time I think of it I am so amazed, though I shouldn't be. I know what an awesome



God He is and that He is alive and loves us so much.. I knew what that message from heaven meant..."Just follow Me and I'll take care of everything." ..... No coincidence I'm sure that I have a picture of the Kenworth with one rainbow going from the mountain right into the back of the dump box and the other one into the field where the crew split the stone.....Because I got so far behind with my obligations to the government I received a visit from an auditor which only confirmed that the returns I had filed was correct, and that I had no money to pay, as our sales were down over \$100,000 from last year....and that I was in deep trouble ....and also added a big penalty for being so late with payroll deductions. Nobody's fault but my own. "We are to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". It is not the tax collectors fault...I sure don't envy their job....it must be very difficult at times. I probably should have laid everyone off when sales got down....but I kept hoping orders would come, so we kept going....which only compounded things. There was just nothing I could do...sales were bad enough in the good weather, but now we even having an early winter and that meant even less sales. ....I decided I just had to get away and spend some time with the Lord to get things ironed out. I went to my camp up the Duncan for four days of absolute peace and quiet time. It was great just to have nothing to do but whatever I felt like...no phones no people no noise and best of all time to spend in the Bible and prayer. I was seeking Him to find out why with all these beautiful quarries of stone and such a unique stone masonry training school I was so far in debt. I knew there must be something in my soul that needed to be changed. Some wrong mindset or something. On Sunday I went down to church at Meadow Creek. Pastor Len very appropriately was doing a message called UP ON THE MOUNTAIN. Before he started he and Helen sang a beautiful song that I know God had arranged just for me.



**God on the Mountain**

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain,  
 You've got peace of mind, like you've never known.  
 But things change, when you're down in the valley,  
 Don't lose faith, for you're never alone.

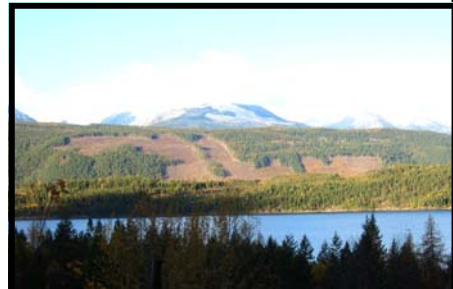
(Chorus )

You talk of faith when you're up on the mountain,  
 Talk comes so easy when life's at its best.  
 Now it's down in the valley, of trials and temptations,  
 That's where your faith, is really put to the test.

Chorus:

***For the God on the mountain. is still God in the valley.  
 When things go wrong, He'll make them right.  
 And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times.  
 The God of the day, is still God in the night.***

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*Jesus said "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31 NIV*

The tears ran down my face as I listened to the beautiful words. And for the rest of my stay up on the mountain the words of the chorus of that song kept going through my mind.....Finally I came home on Halloween night. I checked my phone messages and there were orders for truckloads of stone! And then the next morning I got an order for two more super-B truckloads of stone to go to Ontario. It was just **unbelievable!** But I think...therein lies my problem. Some kind of glitch that needs to be overcome that affects my belief that I can be out of debt and have abundant finances. ....The Lord had told me one morning when I woke up early feeling so stressed...."DON'T LOOK AT WHAT YOU SEE.....LOOK AT WHAT YOU BELIEVE." which lines up perfectly with what Christianity is all about.. "FAITH"! .....at church here in Salmo the next weekend Major Edith preached a great message on things to be thankful that God is to us. When she said "God is our provider" ....the scripture came to mind about when Peter asked Jesus if they should have to pay taxes and Jesus provided money to pay both their taxes in a strange way ... Matthew 17:26.".....so go down to the shore and throw in a line, and open the mouth of the first fish you catch. You will find a coin to cover the taxes for both of us; take it and pay them." TLB It reminded me of the fish symbol on the Rainbow Gold rock. But foolishly I was determined we needed to keep trying to get into the Charmin quarry to fill two orders I still had to get in the color that comes from there. The guys fought the snow..... and very time they would just about make it would snow a bunch again or something would break down. Finally I gave up and they moved down to the Rainbow quarry where there is less snow ....and where the rock with the fish symbol had come from....eesh! Now here it is Dec. 15 and the guys are still in that quarry. I'm not caught up yet...but I know I will make it and I know I will overcome whatever the financial glitch I have is. Money is not a bad thing to have as long as you don't let it have you! So I want to go there!!! (having abundance of money, but keeping myself closely guided by the Holy Spirit on what to do with it, and when....after I have all my debts paid! ) I've tried this thing of owing money for too long....it's time to try the other way..... I know the answer is to search out the scriptures on prosperity and debt to get what God says about it strongly in my faith kit instead of fear, doubt and anxiety. (They are real faith killers.) and "God does not give us a spirit of fear...but of power and of love and a sound mind." I know He will show me the way



Joshua 3:15-16 .....the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), 16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam.....NKJV

SOME OF THE 'KOOTENAY STONE' PROJECTS WORKED ON BY THE  
STONE MASONRY STUDENTS OF 2006





Curt came all the way from Georgia to take one of our stone courses, but couldn't stay for the second one. Before he left he secretly carved this beautiful maple leaf out of our grey mix stone (above, for the next class to set in the middle of the patio they had all been working on, as a surprise for me. ....Thank you Capt'n Curt and crew!

Landscaping With  
Stone.....course.

Students having fun  
doing  
stepping stones  
with  
Kootenay Green  
stone





Marty, Martina, Oscar, Cassey, Brandon, Tina, Ken and me ~Iris

THE LAST CLASS OF 2006

Marty Hamilton (L) was our stone masonry instructor for most of this year. He did a great job and was so pleasant to work with. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned lots.....Sadly for me....Marty also works the winter running snow cats and being a photographer at Retallack Ski Resort near New Denver.....So I have to have another instructor until he comes back, or teach it my self and I really don't seem to have enough time to do that.....We had quite a few women take the courses this year and they did real well and thoroughly enjoyed it. Interestingly we even had two psychiatric nurses take the course during their holidays! I guess they must have heard about us. (They're not Martina from Calgary and Tina from Ontario shown in this picture.)

Please make copies of this poster and put some around your area.....thanks....from Iris

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