



# Canada's National BACK TO THE BIBLE HOUR

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Mr. Cyril Hutchinson,  
462 - 28th Avenue N.W.,  
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Cyril:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your kind letter of sympathy in the loss we sustained through the recent death of my father. Dad was a dear Saint of God and though we will miss him sorely, his homegoing was a great day for him and in that knowledge we rejoice while we wait to meet him again in the morning. Because you have known the same experience you will understand how we feel and how heaven has for us been brought a little nearer to this earth.

I have delayed writing you sooner in response to your kind letter because I have been giving much prayerful thought to a situation about which I am greatly burdened and which I am sure must give you equal concern.

For a long time I have felt that there surely must be some way to re-establish a bond of Christian fellowship between those of us who in years gone by worked closely together in the Lord's service but who have become separated by schisms most grievous to the Holy Spirit. We all know such schisms are not the will of God for His children and it is my conviction that in these last hours of Grace the time has come when all of us concerned, in humble submission to His will and exhortations, should act to correct the existing situation without further delay. I have a definite inward feeling that you must share this conviction which is why I am writing this letter, freely and from a full heart.

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It is but one more evidence of His inexpressable grace that God makes even the shortcomings and follies of His children to work together for good to bring to pass His all-wise purposes and to direct us into the paths he would have us take. This has, I believe, been demonstrated in the trends and developments that seem to have characterized our respective efforts in His service these past few years.

From reports that have come to me, and in which I rejoice, I believe God has singularly blessed your ministry in the field of your Bible College work. He has blessed Bill Laing in the Church field and he has done the same for us in the field of the Radio ministry. Efforts in other fields, as far as the Institute is concerned have met with very limited success. Perhaps you have had similar experiences. Maybe it needed the heartaches we all have suffered to adjust us into the specific spheres in which God wanted and intended us to be.

Here in Edmonton a comparable pattern has unfolded. Our Church work under Rev. Erickson is being richly blessed. The group that separated and established the Bethlehem Church apparently has made only limited progress as a Church but has been blessed abundantly in their Sunday School ministry in a district of the city where the need was great. Recently, as you no doubt know, the two groups here have been re-united in fellowship. At a recent fellowship dinner it was a blessed thing to see and hear men and women who had enjoyed no fellowship with each other for years stand together once more and sing "Blest be the tie that binds". I believe a new era of blessing has begun for both.

The thought and hope uppermost in my mind is - why should not this spirit of reconciliation and bond of fellowship extend to and envelope all of us who at heart are bound together by our mutual belief in the same doctrines and unqualified acceptance of the King James Bible as the divinely inspired and supernaturally preserved infallible Word of God. I'm sure we both agree that the Scriptures emphasize that schism in the body of Christ is one of the greatest and most serious hindrances to the Holy Spirit's work. To permit this cause of great grief to Him to continue to exist if it possibly can be removed is wrong and inconsistent with what we know and acknowledge to be God's will.

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The seriousness of the present situation is underscored further by the fact that time is fast running out. Every hour of Grace that remains should be made to count in an all out effort to reach the unsaved at home and abroad before it's forever too late. Divided our efforts always will be less effective than if we were united in that bond of Christian love and fellowship which the Holy Spirit honors and which we know should exist between members of the mystical body of Christ. My plea is that we take the steps necessary to bring this about without further delay.

God has given us a vast radio audience and an army of prayer warriors across this entire nation and beyond. He has given you entry into mission fields at home and abroad and a Training Centre from which good soldiers of Jesus Christ can be sent forth wherever God directs, trained in the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

I would like to see the Institute's Bible School incorporated into your College and its facilities used to enlarge your work in that field. I would like to throw the full weight of our radio ministry behind your efforts at home and abroad. I would like to see the Churches in Calgary and Edmonton which share the same faith and doctrines united in a bond of fellowship with each other, with your College work and with our radio ministry that the particular work and testimony of each would be strengthened and sustained by the Christian love and prayers of all. The Radio Sunday School Mission and the local Sunday Schools etc. would round out a comprehensive over-all Christian testimony unparalleled anywhere in this country today and one through which God could work and I believe would work to perform miracles beyond anything we have known thus far.

Could it be that God through the fires of dissension has forged and tempered the living pieces which now are ready to be fitly joined together into a living temple that will stand for the rest of time perfect and complete in all the will of God. I come back to my question. Why should it not be so? I for one am willing and anxious to do anything and everything I can to bring it to pass without further delay. If God has led you to share the same desire, it is reasonable to assume he has done likewise with others and if we can give leadership in resolving this problem we may be surprised how well he has prepared the way.

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After much prayerful thought I felt the first step within my power was to tell you my feelings and invite you to do likewise if you share my concern which I feel certain you do. My prayer while awaiting your reply is simply this, "May God's good and perfect will be done."

Muriel joins me in wishing for you and Ruth His richest blessing in your own lives and on all your labours for His Beloved Son.

Yours in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest T. Manning". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text "Yours in Him,".

February 28th, 1956

Premier E. C. Manning,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Ernest,

It is going to be difficult indeed to properly express the feelings that were mine as I received your letter, filled as I know it is with an expression of genuine Christian desire for our renewed and restored fellowship in the Lord. Let me assure you at once, dear brother, that there is little on this earth that I desire more than to see this become a reality at once. And I feel that, in our hearts, this is already accomplished. Thank God for this blessed moving of His Spirit upon all of us!

I want to say little about this matter until perhaps we are able to meet personally, for it will probably be best that some simultaneous announcement or declaration should be arranged. I have, however, taken Bros. Laing, Cornell and McCulloch into my confidence. I am afraid I was quite unable to keep the good news from them! Well, we all shed a few heartfelt tears of joy and thanksgiving, as we knew this is of God.

I want to say little about the past. There are things we both MUST simply forget. I have endeavoured to do that for a long time, and I am thankful that the Lord makes this possible. We have both had to go through some deep waters, I am sure, and we have had hard lessons to learn. I am sure that God has worked this to His glory, splitting us into our various spheres of service for Him, and at the same time teaching us lessons of humility and utter dependence on His help.

We have rejoiced over the movement in Edmonton, between the groups there, and also over the growing fellowship here in Calgary. I believe we are on the verge of great things as we seek to please God.

Now the extent of practical cooperation will no doubt be worked out bit by bit, as we find out how our respective works can help each other, but let us seek a full restoration of fellowship at once. I feel that our letters will accomplish a great deal, but I would like to develop with you some plan whereby we can make this as inclusive as possible, and as public as is necessary. To this end I would suggest that we meet together for a heart-to-heart talk as soon as possible. I know you are in the midst of a busy session. I am busy at the closing end of Bible School. Yet I

would so much like to meet with you for a little while. Could I leave this with you for a suggested time and place? Perhaps I could better come to Edmonton than you could get down to Calgary. I shall be perfectly willing for this, if some available time can be arranged. An evening during the week is best.

What can I say more? We love you in the Lord, Ernest, and have often prayed for you when we felt your times of need. This is the eighth year since the dark days of 1948. May it be for us indeed the year of "new beginning"! I am sincerely looking forward to meeting you again, in the bonds of Christian fellowship, and the renewing of that glad friendship of years gone by. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity". Thank God for this wonderful prospect again!

Please give to Muriel the best wishes of both Ruth and myself, and rest assured that we shall pray day by day for all the testimony God has given you across this land. May He help us to unitedly carry the precious Word of Life to every creature.

Yours because His,

Written By Cyril Hutchison

EMM

Westerlea Farm,  
Box 317,  
Edmonton, Alberta,  
May 21, 1956.

Dear Ruth,

Ever since the restoration of fellowship between Ernest and Cyril I have intended writing you but just haven't gotten around to it. I had hoped also to greet Cyril personally when he visited the Church here with his slides, but had to leave the meeting early to pick up Ernest at the airport that evening.

However I did not want to let any further time go by without letting you both know how happy I am that through God's good grace we are again united in His service.

We have all been through much in the last few years - you in your sphere of full time Christian ministry - and we in the realm of the Christian layman. But no matter what the sphere, Christian living is no picnic today and nothing seems quite as important as the preservation of the unity of the saints that maximum effort may be put forth for our Lord.

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So often, Ruth, during the time of the personal attacks on our Christian testimony during the last election I have wished that Ernest and Cyril could have knelt together in Christian love - to ask God that no dishonor be brought upon His name, no matter what happened to us personally. Satan robbed us of a very precious source of strength at that time, when he made that temporarily impossible. I am so glad that period is over and we both pray that nothing shall ever again be able to disrupt our fellowship in the Lord. New found friends in the faith are wonderful but no one can take the place of the old.

We are looking forward to seeing you both before too long. Tell Cyril the next time he comes to Edmonton to bring you along. We would love to have you as our guests in our home. Also I would like Ernest to see the slides on Palestine. I am sure they would be a real blessing to him as they were to me.

Yours in Christian love,

*W. Cyril*



Dear Maurel,

I can't tell you how pleased I was to get your lovely letter - it certainly was very thoughtful & kind of you to write. I don't ~~mean~~ ~~to~~ be so slow in answering, but because of our ~~time~~ your ~~affairs~~ you will probably be wondering why I have not replied sooner.

And I should have replied sooner but for the fact that we have been away on tour and your letter finally reached me two weeks later. Then with travelling & meetings every day almost there is so little opportunity to write letters. However we are not travelling today so will get a few lines off to you without delay.

Let me hasten to assure you of my  <sup>sincere</sup> joy and ~~say~~ thanksgiving to God for the renewal of fellowship between us all and especially Cyril & Ernest. Indeed it is through God's good grace and we do praise Him for the barrier & tension removed so that we can now work together in love & harmony. How sweet and precious to once again know the blessing of oneness of Christ in His service.

Everyone who has heard the good news has been genuinely happy & blessed and I am sure it has brought honour & glory to our Lord in a new way. How true that God makes the wrath of man to praise Him, for it would seem that now we can all accomplish much more for God working together, as it were, in our separate works.

May God protect our friendship  
and keep us humble & prayerful that  
~~Adair may not gain another victory~~  
and may we not forget the precious  
lessons learned.

Thankyou Mabel for the invitation  
for both of us to visit in your  
home sometime. He will be  
delighted just as soon as this is  
possible - how wonderful to be  
all together again! In the mean-  
time we are looking forward to seeing  
you both this coming Sunday even-  
at Bethel D.V. and if Cyril can  
arrange to be there. He is booked  
for a missionary Conference East of  
Oledo for that night but efforts are  
being made to rearrange that, as  
the road leads. We do trust that God  
will make this possible.

Your sister in Christ,  
Ruth