

Canadian Report for August 1972

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The work for Father this month gave us two new members here in Toronto and one in London, Ontario. Father's gift came at the end of the month so it will certainly help us to look at the month ahead with hope and optimism. Our new sister is Helene Pelletier, a 20-year-old French Canadian girl who is studying English for the summer here in Toronto. She was attracted to the group by the speeches that we have been giving in local parks on weekends. She joined Principle one week after meeting us and only hours after she had heard the conclusion. Jack Simmons, who is our new brother, is filled with enthusiasm and zeal to do the Father's work. It gives us all joy to see such a response. Robert Duffy, the representative in London, Ontario found his first member after three months' work.

Our activities this month include: street preaching which involves speeches on different aspects of the "Principle" anywhere where we find crowds and ears that will listen. In this area, we are utilizing a megaphone that we bought recently. We have also read directly from some of: Master's Speeches and taught straight from the Principle book. Teaching in the park on weekends been a good experience also. The first time we did this, the weather was stormy and windy; big dark rain clouds rolled around above us. In spite of this, about twenty people set in the chairs that we had provided until the very end of the lecture until the instance we had finished when it rained huge heavy drops that came pelting down.

The "Open House" also helped us to reach out and share through the medium of film and discussion some of the Principle views. Teaching in the afternoon and evenings has provided many who seek the truth and lots of work for the teachers and Father.

We also reached the people of Toronto through setting up a literature and information table on the street. The police only object if we obstruct traffic. This has proven a good way to meet people and at the same time sell speeches, books and other information.

IFVC lectures continue to be given within the family. We hope that when Katharine [Bell] arrives back, with her directives, we can make them open to the public. All the same, we have invited people who are interested after hearing all of the "Divine Principle" to attend.

This month we have faced many trials in the area of personal relationships, group harmony and direction. We hope that with our hearts fixed on our Master and Father we will overcome all obstacles that stand in our way and bring the victory to His throne.