

“Why Am I Here?” - A Personal Testimony of God’s Providence

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As a young teenager in Newfoundland I found myself struggling academically in a family newly-converted to Adventism. I was on a fast track to nowhere. My parents decided to send me to Kingsway College. I was apprehensive and excited all at the same time. After arriving on campus, I remember saying, “I don’t know why I am here!”



But God knew exactly what He was doing. At Kingsway, I found a personal relationship with Jesus. I met a girl named Karen, who became my wife. I went to college and then returned to work at Kingsway College in the Business Office. Now I am a Dad, and my children attend Kingsway. The Lord has answered my question of why I ever came here in the first place – you see, I am now the President!

My story is similar to thousands of other students who have attended Kingsway College over the last one hundred years; young people who came to Kingsway and left equipped with a Christian education, enabling them to serve their Church and communities. This is a unique place; inherited from our spiritual forbearers, an institution that cares deeply for the young people who spend time here.

Designing the Next One Hundred Years

Since 1903, Kingsway College (which is actually a boarding academy) has served all church members in Eastern Canada, from Ontario to Newfoundland. Over the past fifteen years or less, however, we have seen our enrolment drop as church membership in Canada has declined along with commitment to SDA education. Our physical plant was designed to accommodate twice our current enrolment of approximately 200 students. It is only through God’s blessing that we are still solvent and able to continue our ministry to young people for the immediate future.

While we are experiencing several challenges we also recognize that challenges bring new opportunities! The property currently owned by Kingsway extends beyond the area used as the school’s “campus.” There are approximately 70 acres that can be developed without jeopardizing our current program and still leave room for expansion, if necessary. Currently, land values are escalating along with urban sprawl from nearby Toronto, which means that if we develop this “extra” portion of land, Kingsway will be able to place a significant amount of money into a foundation that will secure Kingsway’s future for generations to come. There are numerous possibilities of what can be done with a land development project; yet we have only one end in mind – providing Christian education that leads to a happy and joyful life found only through a vibrant relationship with our Lord and Saviour.

We believe Kingsway College has a bright future. Those of us who have lived and worked on this campus have much to be thankful for. The Lord has given us all a great place to learn and a heritage second to none. Our alumni have gone all over the world, taking with them the humble motto, "Service Not Fame." As the Kingsway College Board of Trustees moves prayerfully through the process of planning our future, we need and solicit your prayers. And we invite you to look forward with us to a great future for Kingsway College!