

I Love My Job

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I love my job. In my whole career as a teacher I had always thought that I had the best job in the world. I worked with children and was permitted to witness their educational as well as their spiritual growth. To me that was exhilarating.

But three years ago that all changed. I gave up teaching so that I might stay at home and home school my youngest daughter. We had hardly begun her Kindergarten year when Lloyd Robinson, the present British Columbia Conference Superintendent of Education, requested my assistance for one year. B.C. had no Assistant Superintendent and Lloyd had requested the assistance from three of us "retirees" for that year. My job was to travel throughout B.C. visiting the teachers to either evaluate them or assist them in setting up professional growth portfolios. I was terrified at first (and made enough errors to prove it). But the more I visited with the teachers, the more I realized I was thoroughly enjoying myself. And now three years later, here I am, still doing the same job. Well, my job has changed somewhat. I also assist at New Teacher Orientations and I travel to teachers and schools that request assistance for various reasons.

So, why did I continue with this job? How could I say no? I love my job! I love working with the teachers. We have such an awesome group here in B.C. As I visit each classroom I am so impressed with the professionalism that I meet, the creativity, the care demonstrated towards their students, and the strong commitment to God that keeps coming to the surface over and over again. The teachers here in B. C. have been a blessing. Each school that I visited, I realize that I walked away having been re-energized and filled with a newer confidence. I walked away blessed.

God has given us talented and dedicated teachers. We have teachers who are dedicated to their jobs and to their God. We have teachers who are willing to go the extra mile. We have teachers who believe in their students and demonstrate that belief. It is my prayer that each and every Seventh-day Adventist Education Department can say these very same words.

But where would our teachers be without our Education Departments? I have to admit that another huge drawing card to my job is that I love working with the Office of Education Team here in B.C. Teamwork is so important and they, here in B.C., are a strong team. And this team is committed to the success of our teachers and our schools. Of course, they work longer hours than they really should and they work more days than they really should. But, they put our teachers and our schools in high priority.

The Office of Education Team possesses a distinct desire to affirm and to assist our teachers. And so they should. Teachers in our Seventh-day Adventist Schools should be affirmed. They spend so many hours whether preparing classes, teaching, grading, arranging special events, supervising, and the list goes on... but that is not the whole of it. Most of the teachers that I have visited have had one common desire/goal. They do not look at their students merely as academic learners, but as vessels for God. They desire that their students leave their classrooms having been filled and ready to serve their Creator. This Office of Education Team believes in affirming their teachers and in so doing, giving the teachers the confidence to continue their valuable service to their students, their schools, their communities and to their God.

So, I am proud to say that I work with our teachers and with the British Columbia Conference of

Education Team.