

PUPPETS 4 Him



Team Photo

2009/2010 Year

Puppets4Him was happy to welcome aboard four new members: Hannah, Armando, Janelle and Katie. Katie stepped in and gave us a hand at Summerfest '09 and after seeing she had the right stuff, we convinced her to join the troops! We're thankful for all our puppeteers! With his years and experience behind the curtain, Gregory spent some time in front of the stage as he stepped into more of a leadership role recently and aided in the flow of the rehearsals. As a team we did a lot of brainstorming this year. We choreographed and performed some new songs. We also have a great start on some new ones still to come! We ended the year presenting some "Fruit of the Spirit" songs for the Heart Shaper Sunday School at Calvary Temple who had the ongoing theme this year in the open sessions.

"One Heart - Winnipeg"

We were thrilled to be asked to present our ministry at the One Heart Winnipeg service held in January at the MTS Center. More than seven thousand people from twenty-six churches of a variety of denominations gathered together for a combined Sunday morning worship service. Coming together celebrated the truth that we are all one in Christ.

It was a real honor to be able to share some of our favorite pieces with such a large crowd at such an exciting service. We presented a non-verbal skit called "The Faith Finish", Marlowe and his vent character did a short ventriloquism routine and we ended with a hilarious parody song titled "Sanctuarian Rhapsody". We continue to hear many wonderful comments from people of all ages about how much they enjoyed and remember the presentation. It was truly a highlight of this past season and one we will remember for a long time. (You can view them all on our Puppets4Him Facebook page.)

Following the worship service Guns and Roses moved their show into the MTS for a concert. We can now say that we were the last act to take the stage and rock the house before GnR. Okay, so there were three days in between but that's just details.

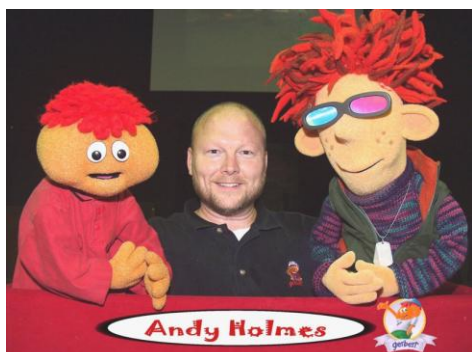


Marlowe and Zack



MTS Centre

Anyone who has been to the church library has no doubt seen the shelf full of Gerbert videos. Marlowe and Carol enjoyed seeing Gerbert perform live at one of the first Minneapolis puppet festivals they attended. This spring they met up with Andy and Gerbert again and, while having lunch, threw out the idea of coming to Winnipeg for Family Fun Day.



Andy accepted our invitation to come and bless our church family. Our team was privileged to have him speak to us during our rehearsal time in the basement and we appreciated his words of encouragement to all of us. Thanks to Gerbert for taking time out of his busy schedule for a photo shoot!



Long-time Gerbert fans!

I-FEST



Pleased with the end result in some of the hands-on workshops!



After years of trying to get there, Marlowe, Carol and Cassidy finally made it to Chicago, Illinois to attend the *International Festival of Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism*. People came from as far away as Japan, England, Africa, Australia and South America to participate. We had a fun-filled week taking in seminars, workshops and enjoying performances in puppetry, illusion and many other creative ministries. It was great to meet up with some old friends and make new friends with other puppet-crazed people like us! We came back pumped and with many new items and ideas to try. On International Night, our family was honored to be asked to represent the exotic country of Canada! Marlowe, Carol, Cassidy (and Tyler too!) shared about our puppet ministry in Winnipeg and reported on our missions adventure in Russia. Even Cassidy took the microphone and commented on a couple of pictures in our presentation. We were well received.



Cassidy ran into an old friend who still insists that she's his girlfriend!

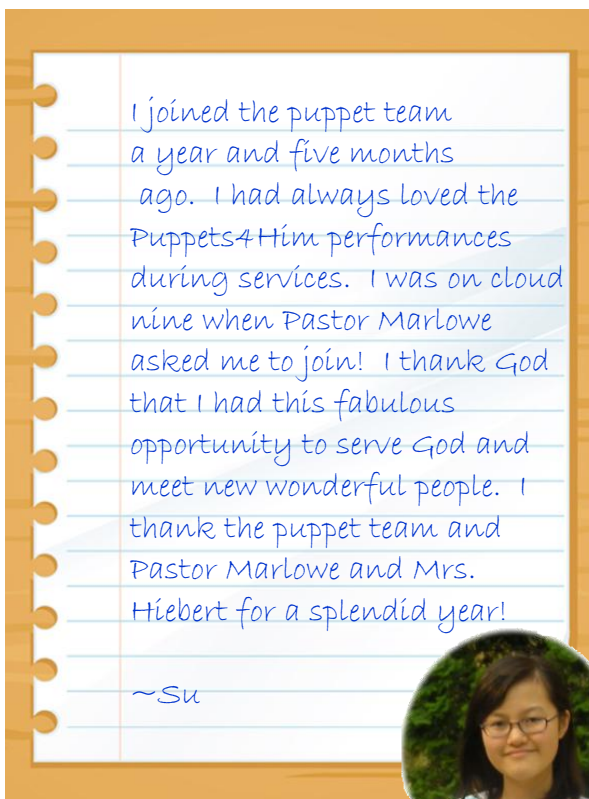
Over 600 people were chanting her name after Bongo's performance! Cassidy was recognized all over the university campus for the duration of the week!



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- ... to **Derek** for videotaping our performances
- ... to **Laura** for videotaping our Christmas production!
- ... to **Jeff** for being the closest thing to a "roadie" that we'll ever have!
- ... to the **team parents** who supported us in many encouraging ways
- ... to everyone who remembers this ministry in prayer



We hope you are enjoying the summer!