



*Our owners, Gerry and Jan Scott*

The morning after high school graduation in the late 1950's, Gerry Scott started a career that saw him go from restaurant jobs, to sales rep. for Nabob tea and coffee, and on to his lifetime dream of becoming a radio personality. It was in high school that Gerry persuaded the principal to let him take over the tiny room off the principal's office to transform it into a mini radio station. He was able to loan equipment from a broadcast supplier in exchange for commercials, and borrow records from a local record store. The show took place during lunch hour and was broadcast to the classrooms and public areas. Gerry loved it! Shortly after high school, he took a job with Vancouver's CJOR radio station, playing "organ music" interspersed with inspirational poetry, during the late night show. Gerry was on the air for 18 hours per week, and was truly a pioneer in Christian music broadcasting on secular commercial stations. It was during this time that Gerry created strong connections with Christian record companies in the US like Word, Sacred, Christian Faith, RCA, Columbia, Dot, Angel and many others.

During this time, Gerry met his soul mate, Jan Driedger, and they soon after married on March 9, 1962. It was on their honeymoon in California and Palm Springs that he signed an agreement with Sacred Records and Christian Faith to distribute records for them in Canada. This was the beginning of many partnerships for Gerry and Jan, with such companies as Word Records, which they became exclusive distributors for all of Canada. They were able to place Word Records in department stores and record shops across the country. The formation of WORD RECORDS LIMITED took place, and Gerry and Jan owned this company until their eventual sale to the American Broadcasting Company (New York) in June of 1989. Gerry was instrumental in a number of other ministry opportunities including "The Haven of Rest" ministry in Canada, assuming the position of Board Chairman, as well as the first President and Chairman for "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" Canada. He served as a board member and Chairman for Robert Schuller's "HOUR OF POWER" in Canada, and board member for Youth for Christ, along with Vice President and Director of the International Committee of GMA International in Nashville, TN. He also rounded out ministry outreach as Board Member for the International Bible Society.

Upon retiring, Gerry was restless after building a dream home that he and Jan had planned. God gave both Jan and Gerry a new vision to build the most fantastic Christian Bookstores in Canada. This vision came to reality, as they built the first 10,000 sq. ft. store in Saskatoon, SK. in 1999 and a year later, a 16,000 sq. ft. store in Red Deer, AB., to create the largest Christian bookstores in Canada. Having suffered his first of several strokes in 2000, Gerry had to relinquish Presidency of the stores to Jim Pearson who joined the company in 2002. Jim became the President and C.O.O. in 2004 and Gerry remained as C.E.O.

From the beginning of his young high school days, Gerry never realized that God was already grooming him to be what he wanted him to be. United with Jan in marriage, God brought their vision for ministry together and they became the ideal couple for God to use in the most Christ honoring occupation: to spread the Gospel through music, Bibles, books and gifts through Scott's Parable Christian Stores. To God be the Glory... Great things He hath done!