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THE MARITIME TEAM, left to right, David Goldsmith, Carol Kirten, Sharon Wilson, David Gast and Mr. Warren Adams.

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MARITIME TOUR

On May 12, 1965 at 8:00 a.m., the Maritime Gospel team left the college campus for a thirty-four day, 4,850 mile journey through New York State, the New England States, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The tour included thirty-eight services, four Christian Education Workshops conducted by Mr. Bell, and three radio broadcasts.

The Ministry

The ministry in word and song centered around three themes:

"The Life of Christ"

"The Greatness of God"

"The Faithfulness of God"

The theme most frequently used was "The Life of Christ". In this service we used the hymn "One Day" as our theme hymn, and using other numbers presented the Saviour's birth, death, resurrection and second coming. Both the team members and the folk to whom we ministered expressed individual blessing and thanksgiving for so great a salvation in the Word made Flesh.

On Sunday morning, May 16, we presented for the first time a service on "The Greatness of God". In this service, both in music and God's Word, we sought to communicate the majesty, power, wonder and depth of the love of our great God. We proclaimed His glory and God, through His Holy Spirit, drew near us and filled that service with His presence. The entire ministry was one that both team and congregation will remember for a long time.

The Hospitality

One of the very delightful experiences of such a tour is meeting alumni and friends of the college, and developing new friends. The warm hospitality in the homes and churches was most gratifying to all of us. During our four-and-a-half-

week journey, we were able to contact seventeen of our alumni; most of these were in the Maritimes. We were privileged to be a part of the great ministries in their churches. Our hearts were moved to thanksgiving for the depth of the ministry of some twenty-five alumni in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. God has multiplied our college ministry through these servants of His. We give a hearty word of thanks to Pastor L. D. Farrell and Mrs. Henri Lanctin for planning our itinerary in these provinces.

The Benefits

As team members we could not begin to mention all of the benefits resulting from this tour. However, we would ask you to join us in thanksgiving and praise as we name a few of the fruits of this experience:

1. 467 new families will receive the LCBM "NEWS".
2. Personal contacts were made with prospective students.
3. We were able to share with young people and adults a deeper desire to live for God in a richer and more meaningful way.
4. We are grateful to God for each Alumnus and his individual ministry.
5. The gifts from God's people enabled us to meet our expenses for the trip.

— Warren Adams

OUR STUDENTS MINISTER

Preaching, teaching, leading youth groups, directing boys' and girls' clubs, singing and a variety of other ministries comprised the Christian Service of our students this past year.

Sixty-nine students received assignments from churches in and around London. Over thirty churches, representing ten denominations, participated in this program.

Nine of our men have been doing

pastoral work: Dave Taylor, Oneida Fellowship Baptist Church; Dick Smith, South Zorra Baptist Church; Michael Walch, Kensal Park Baptist Church; David Pyke, Hess Street Mission, Hamilton; Jim McColl, Watford Baptist Church; Earl Holland, Brownsville Baptist Church; Bruce Vincent, music department of Central Baptist Church, London and Marvin Warman, Director of Youth, First Baptist Church, Waterloo.

Thirty-six of our students are members of the College Chorale. They spent twenty-two days this past semester in Chorale ministry. Eighteen of the choir were kept very busy singing almost every weekend in Gospel Team work.

The total effect of this Christian Service of our students would be impossible to state in statistics. All that has been accomplished though, has been accomplished because God has given the increase. Our records indicate that at least sixty-three people found Christ through the direct ministry of our students this year. A total of one hundred and sixteen were introduced to personal Bible study and devotions. 76 began a systematic memorization of the Word of God. These figures point out the personal involvement of our students with other people.

— David Bell, Christian Service Director

MY REACTIONS TO TOUR

When I was asked to be a part of the team, I wondered why I had been chosen. I knew that God had a reason—probably He had quite a few lessons that He wanted me to learn. Now, the tour is over and many things have been forgotten but I know that God used it to teach me and give me an opportunity to serve Him.

As a student, I find graduation and the actual time of service to be so distant. Four years seem such a long time. Our alumni were

deeply involved in service for God. I felt a closer bond with them as I realized that they had probably had similar experiences to mine. Next year I shall leave LCBM and go forth as they have done. Their hard work and faithfulness helped me to picture my future.

During the tour I was impressed by the kindness of the people with whom we stayed. In Hebrews 13: 1, 2 the writer says, "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers" We experienced this type of loving hospitality. I thank God for the testimony of love they were to me.

Through the various experiences of the tour God showed me the joy of serving and giving. With God's help I want to be more joyful in my service—especially the tedious ordinary things and, like the people whom I met, be unselfish—more willing to share and give of what God has given me.

— Carole Kirton



Pictured above are Marvin Warman '65, Michael Timgren '65, Jack Longhurst '66, Doug MacDonald '67 and John Tempelhoff '66, who are serving in their denomination's summer pastorate program. Dale Green '65 and Richard Quiring '66 are also working in summer pastorates.

PRAYER

- for Peggy Degnan '44 who was recently involved in a serious accident.
- for our faculty who are involved in summer studies.
- that the Lord would supply the needs of our freshmen and returning students.

DECISION

By DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President

We have all heard such slogans as "he who hesitates is lost". Shakespeare expresses the same thought in more picturesque language:

*"There is a tide in the affairs of man,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries."*

Both of these quotations are evidence of the fact that many people shy away from making decisions. Some hesitate before big decisions and try to avoid them. Others even shrink from decisions in minor matters such as food and dress. Why is it so?

A decision is a committal, and many do not want to be committed. They prefer neutral ground, whence they can move to one side or the other when it becomes evident which side is safe. They generally fall into the chasm between.

A decision means involvement, and we are living in a day when many do not care to be involved. Rather allow a woman to be stabbed to death on a New York street than be involved! Involvement is too costly. So while we stand on the sidelines, hesitating, opportunity passes, and we are left to the shallows and the miseries of indecision.

Decision is the stuff of character. As we decide, so are we. Decision is also the stuff of life. The biography of a great life is the story of strong, noble decision.

The Bible presents us with sketches of men who were great because they made great decisions. Some of these will indicate areas in which we too are called upon to make commitments.

Abraham made the decision to obey God, even when it meant leaving home and kindred, without a known destination, because he believed God. The decision grew out of his faith.

Surely our indecisions in the matter of obeying God betray our lack of faith in Him. If we truly believed, we should leap to obedience.

Moses made his great decision when faced with two alternatives—to continue in the luxury and pleasure and rank of an Egyptian prince, or to identify himself with the oppressed people of God, his own people, for their deliverance. The noble choice is recorded for us in Hebrews 11:24-26. Notice that his decision rested on such an accounting as the world would call folly, but which is heaven's own mode of accounting. Is it because our accounting is faulty that we hesitate in decisions that involve earthly loss?

As an old man, Joshua gave new expression to a decision which he had made long before, and which had given clear direction to his life. "As for me and my house," he said, "we will serve the Lord," and with this he was able to challenge all Israel. From that day he had been sent out as one of the spies it had been his determination to follow the Lord fully, so that his life as well as his profession spoke to his fellows. Do our decisions carry the strength and consistency to encourage others to follow the Lord?

Daniel, the youth, "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." In his situation, the decision involved risk, not only of a promising career, but of life. But to him came the beatitude of purity: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Can it be that our eyes are defiled and dim because we have not stood firmly on the ground of purity?

Then with respect to the Gospel we must arrive at the point of decision, as Paul did, as recorded in his first letter to the Corinthians: "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." In days when attempts are being made to lure the church away from its central message, we need to take clear Gospel ground: Jesus Christ and Him crucified.