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Pastors'
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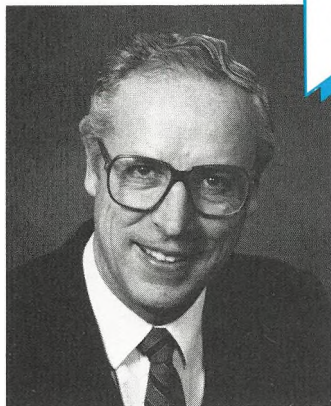


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Several years ago while visiting in Egypt, I bartered for a small piece of papyrus 12 inches square. Today it hangs in my office, beautifully framed by my wife, bearing in artistic script the text of Joshua 1:8,9. God gave me these verses to claim for my ministry when I came to OBC/OTS in 1983.

On four occasions in the one chapter Joshua is challenged to "be strong and courageous."

Israel needed such a leader. So do the College and Seminary. So do your church and our world. Our times cry out for servant-leaders who are strong in energy, faith, conviction, and vision. We need those who, in the face of invincible foes, are courageous and ready under God to challenge the gates of Hell. Oh for a generation of leaders such as John Paton – claiming the cannibal-infested Hebrides for God. What was his source of strength and courage? Paton once said that "Without the abiding consciousness of the presence and power of the Lord Jesus, nothing in all the world could have preserved me from losing my reason. His words, 'Lo, I am with you alway'" were so real that I would not have been startled to see Him step out of the bush, I felt His supporting power."

That was the promise given to Joshua – and us: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Josh. 1:9). We gratefully thank the Lord for this promise of His personal presence!

For over 90 years the commitment here at OBC/OTS has been to teach and train courageous leaders. That has never changed. Our mission has never been clearer. Our commitment has never been greater. This semester almost 700 potential Joshuas are in training! The future is bright indeed.

Churchill once wrote, "Every soldier has the right to competent command." Our mandate under God is to train competent leaders. Thank you so much for your partnership with us in this great task.

Wm. J. McRae

Cover Pictures: Dr. and Mrs. Ray Ortlund, main speakers at Pastors' and Spouses' Conference, January 19-21. Dr. W. McRae speaking to conference delegates: Rev. Roy Grant of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Little Britain, Dr. Berkeley Reynolds of the Good Shepherd Community Church, Willowdale, Mrs. Margaret Wong, Christian Education Director at the East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, Mr. William Wong, graduate of OBC, presently studying at OTS.

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CULTURAL CRITIQUE

A Spiritual Exercise

*by Doug Webster,
 OTS Professor of Theology*

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t the corner of Bloor and Queen's Park in Toronto there is a sign just before the Church of the Redeemer which reads "Discover the Art of Living." As we walk West on Bloor it appears to be a sign for the church. It is not.

A Spiritual Exercise

It is an advertisement for a new luxury condominium being built next door. The sign captures the wisdom of the age: The art of living is knowing where to live – in a luxury “condo” – not how to live. To fear God and live in His presence is a foreign and strange concern.

DISCERNING THE TIMES

Jesus said we should be as wise as a snake and as harmless as a dove. He encouraged us to discern the times and He challenged us to keep watch. Christian faithfulness and relevance presupposes a cultural critique which is able to view society with the perspective of God.

Toward the end of the book of Revelation, John is exposed to the Spirit’s analysis of the dark side of human culture. These chapters in Revelation (17,18) are the Apostle’s “megatrends.” It is his “Third Wave” description of cultural development. When we review the Bible we realize that God is in the business of revealing the truth about human culture. From Noah’s experiences to Paul’s description in Romans 1, from the Tower of Babel to Babylon, the great God levels a devastating critique of the society and solidarity of evil.

THE GREAT PROSTITUTE AND THE GREAT CITY

Two images preoccupy John’s vision of human culture. First, there is a beautiful, richly attired woman surrounded by luxury and exquisite taste. She is called “the great

prostitute.” The second image is Babylon, the great city known for its political power, economic activity, entertainment, skilled labour, and abundant wealth.

The great prostitute is a graphic depiction of the success fantasy and the cult of self-worship. She epitomizes the ego gratifying, self-indulgent passions of the eighties. The great prostitute also personifies the loss of the sacred. Individualism and self-interest reign as the supreme norm. Guilt is simply the emotional hangover of negative experiences.

Morality is a matter of social convention, a reflection of trends and opinion polls. Death ends all. But who cares? The deification of sports, technology, sex, and the corporate culture goes merrily along with ever increasing momentum.

In the great city we see the top side of an affluent, sophisticated culture. We are ushered into its showroom with all of its artificial, seductive beauty. Just when we were ready for Hell’s Kitchen in New York we get The Eaton Centre in Toronto. There is nothing here to suggest physical decay, ill health, material impoverishment, and famine. The underside is only hinted at when John describes the merchants trading “in the bodies and souls of men.”

What a potent phrase! Who are these merchants but modern day abortionists, advocates of apartheid, success enthusiasts, self-serving managers, and manipulative communicators?

The message of John is that this powerful civilization, by human standards, is brought to a total devastating ruin in an hour.

CULTURAL CRITIQUE AS A SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

Cultural critique is a spiritual exercise. Do we have God’s perspective on the great prostitute and the great city? Have we entered into the passions of our time, relishing the false splendour of a sick society rather than the beauty of God’s glory? Have we joined the quest for success, scaled down the expectation of salvation, and joined the sacred rituals of business, sports, possessions, and intimacy?

Cultural critique requires authentic withdrawal and engagement (see Revelation 18:4). This does not mean a pharasaic withdrawal with all of the self-righteousness and religious pride that such “separation” generates. It does, however, mean a distinctively Christian lifestyle, characterized by a theology of the Cross rather than a strategy for success. Righteousness instead of cultural respectability becomes the believer’s goal. We present our bodies as a living sacrifice unto Christ rather than promote ourselves in the cult of bodily perfection. We exchange a fascination with trivialities for a passionate devotion to the truth.

CRITIQUE COMBINED WITH SPIRITUAL HOPE

Cultural critique is always combined with genuine spiritual hope (Rev. 19:1-10). Images of hope – the rainbow, the promised land, the incarnation, the

resurrection, the new heaven and the new earth – pervade the Scripture. The past record of God’s faithfulness and mighty acts is proclaimed as grounds for hope for the future.

God has promised to rescue us from the present evil age (Gal. 1:4). I take that in the first instance as a promise, but in the second instance as a challenge. Am I willing to enter into God’s critique of the dark side of human culture? Perhaps I find myself too attracted to the great city and the great prostitute. Sometimes God challenges us to see what we do not wish to see so we can become what we ought to be.

As you go about your business today, let the words of Jesus echo in your mind, “What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul?” And remember that the world’s sales pitch “Discover the art of living!” is God’s challenge to you and me to crucify the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

OTS HOMECOMING January 21, 1987



Dr. William Foster (alumnus of L.B.I. '51), Professor of Systematic Theology and Hebrew, OTS, is honoured for 26 years of service. Dr. Foster is retiring this year.



Dr. Mariano Di Gangi, Professor of Pastoral Studies, OTS, is honoured for 11 years of service. Dr. Di Gangi is retiring this year.

PASTORS AND SPOUSES CONFERENCE January 19-21, 1987



Among those who attended were these alumni. Left to right: Rev. Mike (and Janice) Bells, M.Div., '84; Rev. Jake Small, B.Th., '65; Rev. Chris (and Muriel) Sorley, '28; Rev. Dan Bennett, M.Div. '86

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Many of you have been faithful in designating gifts for our Alumni Scholarship Fund. Now is the time to replenish this fund so that qualifying students will not be disappointed when they need their money. Here is another avenue of service to OBC/OTS.

ALUMNI INVESTMENT

Make a wise investment in the future of a student or faculty member at OBC/OTS.

\$1,100 \$550 \$276 \$92

Choose the amount of investment you wish to make before May 31, 1987. Our target is \$125,000 – we are not quite half way. Invest today – for the future.

Classes that feel they would like to undertake a collection of funds for any particular project are kindly asked to check first for approval of project before proceeding.

A list of suggested projects is available upon request.

MR. & MRS. DOUG ANDERSON B.TH. '78 (BEULAH)



The Andersons are on the administrative staff of Emmanuel International which ministers to remote villages of the Third World. As Director of Community Development, Doug co-ordinates the six teams which are presently on the field and helps develop new programs planned for the future. Doug's ministry involves some travelling overseas, but his

work is mostly carried out from Emmanuel's headquarters in Stouffville through overseas representatives. As Medical Co-ordinator, Beulah gives guidance to the particular emphasis Emmanuel's teams place on primary health care.

Doug comments, "Beulah and I have been with Emmanuel since 1978. We are excited about how God is using our teams to spread the Gospel and help needy people around the world. We have seen how God has used Emmanuel to help the National Church reach out in fruitful ways to its own people. To have a part in this development is for us a great privilege!"

REV. & MRS. DON WEBSTER, B.TH. '57 (THELMA CUDNEY, B.TH. '57)



very word of God is pure. He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him" (Pr. 30:35).

As a teenager, I took secret comfort in this promise, enshrining it on my football shirt "number 35." Our patient Saviour had penetrated my life at the age of eight. Although the experience was real, my teenage years saw me oscillating between two

worlds. The total turn-around took place in People's Church, Montreal, on October 27, 1950, as a 20-year-old airman sought repentance and peace.

Since our four years at OBC (London campus), the Lord has privileged my wife, Thelma, and me with three missionary journeys: 12 years giving this "pure" Word to the Inuit of Alaska; seven years guiding other translation teams in Ivory Coast and Burkino Fasso; and now, in the People's Popular Republic of Congo, establishing a base for other Bible-less groups to have this "pure" Word personalized.

I still can exclaim these many years later, "What a Word! What a shield!"

BIRTHS

Jeremy Michael, to Rev. & Mrs. Donald Boyd, B.R.E. '82 (PEGGY TOMLINSON, B.Th. '79), on Oct. 7/86, Toronto, ON.

Robert Daniel, to Mr. & Mrs. Colin Kohlsmith, B.Th. '83 (YONHEE PARK '82-'83), on Nov. 4/86, Philadelphia, PA.

Matthew, to Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pellow, M.Div. '86, on Oct. 31/86, St. Pearl, NF.

Rachel Elisha Eva, to Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Johnston, B.Th. '81 (DIANA MORPHET, B.R.E. '81), on June 6/86, St. Hubert, PQ.

Andrew Windsor, to Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Saynor, B.Th. '81, M.Div. '86 (DIANE WINDSOR, B.R.E. '80), on Aug. 29/86, St. Catharines, ON.

Rebecca Elizabeth Anna, to Mr. & Mrs. Ken MacWhirter (ANN WHITEFORD '69-'70) on Sept. 21/85, Willowdale, ON.

Lydia Anne, to Mr. & Mrs. Glen Ferris (MARION TURNER, '69-'70) on March 5/86, Guelph, ON.

Lauren Jane, to Mr. & Mrs. David Flook, B.R.E. '83 (JANE MARTIN '80-'82), on Sept. 25/86, Willowdale, ON.

Timothy John, to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Hogenbirk, B.Th. '78 (DOROTHY HENDERSON, B.R.E. '78), on Sept. 15/86, Ivory Coast, W. Africa.

Alisa Ruth, to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne MacLeod, B.Th. '82 (DIANE ARNOTT, B.R.E. '82), on July 5/86, in Curepipe, Mauritius.

Stephen Henry, to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Mathewson (DONNA O'BRIEN, B.R.E. '74), on Oct. 3/86, Aylmer, ON.

Leah Gezina, to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Koopmans (DOREEN LANGMAN, B.R.E. '77) on Aug. 6/86, Elmvale, ON.

Jessica Joan, to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Kraemer, OTS Cert. '86, on Aug. 24/86, Montreal, PQ.

Lyle James, to Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Markle, B.Th. '75 (RUTH VOLD, '71-'73), on July 7/85, Meaford, ON.

Katelyn Joy, to Mr. & Mrs. John Lambshead, B.Th. '83 (KATHRYN SMURTHWAITE, B.R.E. '83), on March 17/86, Smith Falls, ON.

Bradley Paul, to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Crosby, B.Th. '84, on July 6/86, Newmarket, ON.

DEATHS

Mr. John Callery '34-'36 on Aug. 18/86, in Huntsville, ON.

Mrs. Betty Franco (ROBERTS '49, B.R.E. '51) on January 22, 1987, in

Timmins, ON.

Miss Dorothy Franklin '34 on Oct. 15/86, in Toronto, ON.

Mrs. Ada Groh (HEADINGS '25) on Aug. 26/86, in Longview, TX.

Mrs. Neta Hoagland (REDDICK '42) on Sept. 25/86, in Halfmoon, BC.

Miss Doris Jacomb '43 on Sept. 20/86, in Paris, ON.

Mr. Frank Phillips '39 on Nov. 22/86, in Paris, ON.

Rev. Harold Stainton, B.R.E. '61 on Sept. 8/86, in Toronto, ON.

Dr. Bryan Wigglesworth, B.R.E. '69 on Nov. 28/86, in Toronto, ON.

MARRIAGES

Miss Elaine Alway '83-'84, to Mr. Michael Greenfield, B.Th. '86, on Sept. 6/86, at First Alliance Church, Scarborough, ON.

Miss Beverley Bratton, B.Th. '59, to Mr. Gerald A. Oxman, on Aug. 16/86, at Markham Baptist Church, ON.

Miss Rose Janzen '85-'86, to Mr. Keith Crawford, B.Th. '86, on Dec. 20/86, at Scott Street Mennonite Brethren Church, St. Catharines, ON.

Miss Sharon Gibson, B.R.E. '84, to Mr. John Horner, on Oct. 11/86 at Bethany Baptist Church, S.S. Marie, ON.

Miss Grace Harrison, B.R.E. '81, to Mr. William George Barkwell, on Aug. 24/86, at Immanuel Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Miss Marguerite Knechtel '39, to Mr. (John) Ross Taylor, on June 7/86, Burlington, ON.

Miss Karen MacLeod, B.R.E. '83, to Mr. Kent MacLeod, on Aug. 16/86, at First Sackville Presbyterian Church, Lower Sackville, NS.

Mr. Jacques Nadeau, B.Th. '85, to Miss Tatiana Nesterentzo, on Aug. 8/86, at Russian Slavik Church of Evangelical Christian Baptist Church, Oshawa, ON.

Miss Kathryn Pidgen '80-'81, to Mr. Lauren Hodgson, on Sept. 20/86, at Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church, ON.

Miss Susan Priest '85-'86, to Mr. Tim Davis '84-'86, on Aug. 23/86, at St. Andrew's United Church, Port Alberni, BC.

Mr. Paul Russell, B.Th. '81, M.Div. '84, to Miss Gale Houston, on Nov. 1/86, at Dorset Park Baptist Church, Scarborough, ON.

Miss Arlene Ruth Knights, B.R.E. '84, to Mr. Glenn A. Svarich, B.Th. '82, on Oct. 4/86, at Little Trinity Anglican Church, Toronto, ON.

Miss Lois Templeton, B.R.E. '81, to Mr. John Dillon, on Oct. 18/86, at

Spring Garden Church, Willowdale, ON.

Miss Jane Voshart, B.R.E. '83, to Mr. Ron Dunning, on Oct. 18/86, at Hilltop Chapel, Weston, ON.

PASTORAL

Mr. Bruce Barber, M.T.S. '86 is presently pastoring at North Wood Missionary Church, Brampton, ON.

Rev. Laurence Barber, B.Th. '70 is presently pastoring at Kingsway Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Rev. Michael Blair, B.Th. '81 was ordained Sept. 29/86 at Walmer Road Baptist Church. Rev. Blair was inducted Oct. 8/86 into Dufferin Street Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

Rev. Vito Booth '64 is presently pastoring at Sunridge Gospel Mission, South River, ON.

Rev. Donald Boyd, B.R.E. '82 was inducted to the pastorate on March 3/86 as Pastor of the Church of the Crusaders, Toronto, ON. Donald was ordained on Jan. 26/86 at the Church of the Crusaders, Toronto, ON.

Rev. Dana Brown, B.R.E. '82 is presently pastoring at Park Ave. Bible Church, Melfort, SK.

Rev. Bryan Coker, B.Th. '78 is presently pastoring at Bloomington Christian A.G.C., Stouffville, ON.

Mr. Andrew Doherty, B.R.E. '84 is presently pastoring at Priory Park Baptist Church, Guelph, ON.

Rev. Robert Drumm, B.R.E. '83 is presently pastoring at Forest City Bible Church, London, ON.

Rev. Philip Hainut, B.Th. '82 is presently pastoring at Albion Hills Bible Church, Caledon East, ON.

Rev. & Mrs. Stanley Hibbins, B.R.E. '68 (WINIFRED GOWLING, B.R.E. '67) are presently serving in North Bay, ON where Stanley is pastoring at First Baptist Church.

Rev. & Mrs. Ron Humphries '74-'77 (THERESA KLAYER, Dip. '77) are presently residing in Brantford, ON where Ron is pastoring at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Mr. Paul Lee, OTS Cert. '84-'85 is presently serving as Assistant Pastor at the Chinese Alliance Church, Hamilton, ON (Sept./86).

Rev. Michael Liew, B.Th. '74 is presently pastoring at Jerseyville Baptist Church, ON. (Mar./86).

Mr. James L. Wright, M.T.S. '84 is presently serving as Assistant Pastor while living and working in Bastogne, Belgium with Gospel Missionary Union.

Rev. Bob MacGregor, B.R.E. '79 is presently pastoring at Calvary Baptist Church, Leamington, ON.

Rev. Dwight Patterson, B.Th. '56 is presently pastoring at Milton Baptist Church, ON.

Rev. & Mrs. Daniel Shields, B.Th. '77 (LINDA ATKINS, B.R.E. '77) commenced their new ministry Nov. 1/86 as Daniel serves as Pastor at Faith Baptist Church, Echo Bay, ON.

GENERAL NEWS

Rev. Paul Burns '46 is presently serving as Assistant to Dept. of Canadian Missions (effective Jan. 1/87).

Rev. Norman Finch '50 has retired as Pastor from Islington Baptist Church, Toronto, ON. Rev. & Mrs. Finch are seeking to establish a seniors' ministry at Pinery Baptist Church, Forest, ON.

Rev. & Mrs. John Roberts '49 (AUDREY '49) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 14/86. Family and friends gathered at OBC to commemorate the occasion.

Mrs. Arlene Svarich (KNIGHTS, B.R.E. '84) graduated from the University of Waterloo May 1986 with a B.A. in History.

Mr. Glenn Svarich, B.Th. '82 has graduated from the University of Waterloo Oct. 1986 with a B.A. in Philosophy.

Mr. Henry VanBoxtel, B.R.E. '86 is presently serving as Director of Marketing with Praise Audio Visuals, Woodville, ON.

Miss Debbie Waugh, B.R.E. '81 has recently taken on the position as Youth Guidance Director, Y.F.C., Edmonton, AB.

CORRECTION:

Contrary to previous reporting in the "UPDATE", Dr. Douglas C. Percy is the President of OBC Alumni Class of 1936. We are sorry for this error and any inconvenience that this may have caused.

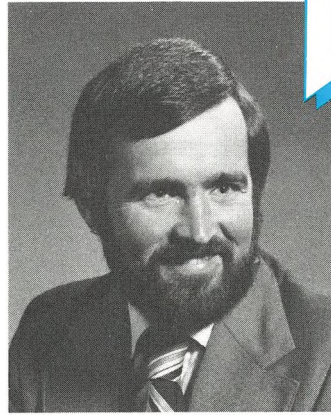
WATCH AND LISTEN FOR

Alumni ministry in these months and places:

March - Toronto, Stratford, Wingham, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener/Waterloo; April - Montreal, Ottawa, Renfrew-Bancroft, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Simcoe; May - Sarnia, Strathroy, London, Woodstock.

Due to limited space, the Missions section could not be included. For missionary news, please request the OBC/OTS Prayer Folder.

OTS GOES TO KENYA



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r. Rod Wilson, OTS Dean of Students and Professor of Christian Counselling, accompanied by his wife Bev, has just returned from a six-week tour of ministry in Kenya, East Africa. We asked them to share a little of their experiences.

“Summarizing six packed weeks is impossible! We spent time in the major metropolis of Nairobi, at the Theological

College in rural Machekos, in a number of isolated mission stations, and at the coast along the Indian Ocean.

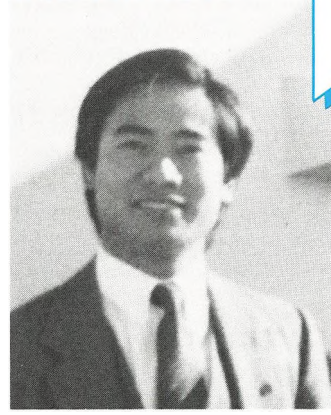
“Our view of God and of ministry was enlarged in this cross-cultural experience. There is an insidious belief in North America that God works in North American ways all over the world. However, in our experience we observed God’s work in unique and special ways. We spent some time with one missionary family committed to reaching the primitive and nomadic Pokot tribe. These missionaries are building wells so the Pokot will bring their cattle to the area, and through that bridge relationships can be established and the good news presented. In this location we did not see high and lofty views of success, but faithfulness to God and a love for the Pokot people.

“We were also moved by our experience with the family at Scott Theological College, our OBC affiliate in Kenya. I have never taught a group of students who showed such a desire to develop spiritually and minister. Many of them came to the school making great personal sacrifices. Their commitment to the Lord and His people was inspiring. We readily saw the importance of theological institutions in countries such as Kenya where there is a tremendous need for trained leaders.

“The missionaries themselves also have great need to receive pastoral care. In their dedication to serve others they can easily experience personal and spiritual starvation. A ministry of encouragement and listening is desperately needed on the mission field.

“We have a real sense of indebtedness to the Christians who made the trip possible financially. Our experience will surely colour our perspective on ministry as we continue to serve God in our North American context. We will not easily forget our fellow workers in the Lord across the ocean on another continent.”

VIETNAM COMES TO OBC



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was first drawn to him by his vibrant smile – in itself a miracle when one considers all Tim Phan has endured. Born in Vietnam in 1960, Tim’s early career goals included becoming a medical doctor.

1975 was a traumatic year in the Phan household. The impending Communist takeover of Vietnam put the country in turmoil. The Phan children tried to escape but

were soon separated, leaving Tim with a young brother and sister. They boarded a boat for Saigon where Tim watched his sister die from hunger and his brother wander about, delirious from lack of food. They met their father in Saigon where Tim related how God had cared for them enroute. Mr. Phan, who had been a political leader and a province counsellor, was impressed with Tim’s story and desired to become a Christian. But the urgent political situation allowed no time for him to be led to Christ. Realizing the Communists would soon find and arrest him, he attempted suicide, but was found and rushed to hospital where his life was saved. Upon his recovery, he was imprisoned, where he remains today.

When life began to return to “normal,” Tim returned to school, still desirous of becoming a doctor. A second escape attempt also failed and Tim remained in Vietnam doing odd jobs. In his early years, Tim had rejected two contacts with the Gospel, and was at this point still an unbeliever.

In 1979 Tim’s father wrote his family from jail urging them to become Christians as he had done. As a result Tim believed in Christ as his Saviour.

Tim was forced to join the Vietnamese army as a labourer and was sent to Cambodia where he determined to escape to Thailand at any cost. Over cliffs and through mine fields he made his way to Thailand and was there imprisoned for seven months. Upon his release he found employment with Youth With a Mission and decided to serve God wherever He wanted him.

The Canadian government eventually allowed him entrance to Canada and he arrived in Toronto in 1985. Following a year of English study, Tim entered OBC last year. His vision is to share Christ with the 30,000 Vietnamese presently in Toronto, and he serves as Director of Christian Education in the Evangelical Church of Vietnam in Toronto.

Tim needs your prayer support to effectively witness for Christ and to meet his financial obligations at OBC. Pray too for his family still in Vietnam, facing constant persecution for their faith.

Above article: Written by Don Miller, senior OBC student.

Calendar of Upcoming Events at OBC/OTS

MARCH

March 3-5 Academic Lectureship

with Dr. R. Mark Henkelman, Professor in the Department of Medical Biophysics, University of Toronto. Series: "Christianity and Science" each day from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Special Public Lecture: "Wonder and Worship" on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

March 3-5 Dr. Wm. J. McRae at NAE Convention in Buffalo with Pat Robertson, U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, and U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield

March 6 Nurturing Each Woman (NEW)

Meeting for all ladies, on the topic of finances for women. 7:15 p.m. in the Seminary building

March 6-15 Choir Tour to New Brunswick

including services in Montreal, Jacksonville, Fredericton, Moncton, Chipman, St. John, Plaster Rock and Toronto

March 14-18 Dr. Wm. J. McRae at Bibletown Florida Conference

March 16-17 Experience OBC

an introduction to exciting Bible college life. Spend a day on campus, sit in on classes, ask questions, EAT, be challenged in a chapel service, and involved in a dorm supper and other incredible activities.

March 23-28 Alumni Phonathon

Canada-wide phoning to our alumni.

APRIL

April 24 OBC Graduation Banquet

April 25 OBC Graduation People's Church at 7:45 p.m.

April 26 – May 8 Concert Band Tour in Northwestern Ontario

April 26 – May 6 Octet Tour with Dr. Wm. J. McRae in Southwestern Ontario

MAY

May 9 OTS Graduation Bayview Glen Church, 7:45 p.m.

May 11 – 25 A Holy Land Study Tour

Dr. John Unger. OBC Credit – 3 hours Bible or Arts. OTS Credit – 2 hours Bible. Cost: Approx. \$2,000.00

MAY & JUNE

Ontario Bible College Summer School

CREDIT COURSES (2 credits each) 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mondays, May 11 to June 22

Apologetics

Issues in Modern Evangelicalism

Jesus and the Kingdom of God

Tuesdays, May 12 to June 23

Life and Teachings of Jesus

Humans and the Natural Environment

Book of Galatians

Wednesdays, May 13 to June 24

Blueprint for Builders; Ezra, Nehemiah

Archaeology and the Bible

Conflict Management

Thursdays, May 14 to June 25

Theological Themes from the Minor Prophets

The History of Evangelical Christianity

Bible Course

Monday through Friday, July 27 to August 28

Introduction to Greek Grammar

DIPLOMA COURSES, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mondays, May 11 to June 22

Classical Piano Literature

Tuesdays, May 12 to June 23

Astronomy, Evolution, Philosophy, Destiny

Thursdays, May 14 to June 25

The Prophecy of Malachi

SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Hispanic Studies – Studies in the Prophecy of Isaiah
Course will be taught in Spanish.

Diploma Course – **Saturday, June 20,**
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Creative Overhead Seminar

JULY & AUGUST

Ontario Theological Seminary Summer Studies

CRASH GREEK

July 27 - Aug. 28, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER SESSION

August 10 - 21, Monday to Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / Second Corinthians

Dr. Roy Matheson, Professor of New Testament, OTS

A Christian Perspective on Psychotherapy

Dr. Vernon Grounds, President Emeritus of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / The Bible as Literature

Dr. Leland Ryken, Professor of English, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

Creeds of the Early Church

Dr. Gerald Bray, Professor of Doctrine, Oak Hill Anglican Theological College, London, England

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Developing Lay Leaders

Rev. Alan Andrews, Canadian Director of the Navigators

The Brethren Heritage

Dr. Donald Tinder, Professor of Church History, Tyndale Theological Seminary, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Christianity and Chinese Culture (in Cantonese)

Dr. Wing-Hung Lam, Professor of Church History, China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong

BUILD YOUR FAITH

August 24-28 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Evangelism in a Post-Christian Society

Canon Michael Green, Professor of Evangelism, Regent College, Vancouver

Exploring Prayer

Mrs. Rosemary Green

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. / The Gospel of Mark

Dr. Larry Hurtado, Professor of New Testament, University of Manitoba

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. / Counselling and Sexual Problems

Dr. John Bettler, Director, The Christian Counselling and Educational Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary

Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally

Dr. Miriam Adeney, Adjunct Professor of Missions and Cross-Cultural Communication, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.

Prayer Folder Reminder

If you would like to receive a copy of the OBC/OTS Prayer Calendar (containing references to alumni, faculty/staff, and special events), please forward your request with correct mailing address to:

OBC/OTS Att. Mrs. Liz Schouwstra
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Library Project Update

Essential to our Seminary accreditation is the completion of our Library Project. Phase III, our final stage, has \$84,000 to go! The examination by the accrediting association is scheduled for this fall. Please pray with us.

Chinese Study Program

This program has been approved by the boards of the China Graduate School of Theology and of OBC/OTS. The program will be launched in the fall of 1988!

OBC/OTS Conference Centre!

Facilities for conferences or retreats are available here at 25 Ballyconnor Court on our campus. Especially during the summer these events are welcome. Please contact our Business Administration office for details.

Positions Available

OBC welcomes applications or recommendations for the position of Dean of Students. Applicants should have formal training and experience in student affairs, as well as proven administrative ability. Applicants should also have an area of teaching expertise, for limited teaching responsibility. Contact Dr. Terrance Tiessen, Vice-President, OBC.

Applications or recommendations are invited for the position of Public Services Librarian. Applicants should possess a graduate degree in library science and be capable of managing the library public services department and offering reference services to both the Bible College and the Seminary. Possession of a graduate theological degree is preferred. Please send resumes and references to James R. Johnson, Librarian.

Volunteer Help Welcome

If you or someone you know would like the opportunity to help us, please let us know. Assistance is needed especially in the areas of maintenance, secretarial work and mailings. Your help would be a great encouragement! Please contact Mrs. Sharon Bell, Department of Development.

Pre-Authorized Donation Plan

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Mr. Louis Eizenga, New Vice-President of Development

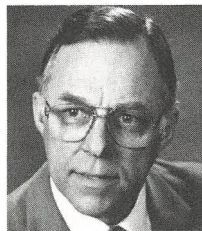


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Mr. Eizenga joined us in January as our Vice-President of Development. He comes from London, Ontario with a background in life insurance and as the owner and manager of a Christian bookstore. He has a son who is presently at OBC and a son-in-law who has graduated from OTS.

Rev. Gary Bredfeldt, Christian Education, OBC

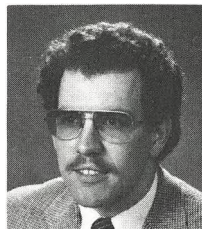


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Rev. Bredfeldt began his teaching in the Christian Education Department in January. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Denver Baptist Bible College (B.A.), Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary (M.A.) and is a candidate for the Ed.D. at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Rev. Bredfeldt will assume the chairmanship of the department on June 1, 1987.

Sabbatical Studies

Dr. Don Leggett is on sabbatical during this spring term. He has taken this time to write a book on the key chapters of the Old Testament. He plans to do short-term and limited teaching at the Seminary in Holland started by Greater Europe Mission.

Mr. John Franklin is also on sabbatical during the current term. He is completing his dissertation on Transcendence and Secular Thought. This is being done in conjunction with the University of Guelph and McMaster University.

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