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This is an anonymous note of encouragement. I am a male or female student at OBC or OTS. I have decided to pray for you every day this year. I rise at 6:00 a.m. to pray and read Scripture – so you will know that you and Mrs. McRae have been prayed for early each day."

Here is a real Barnabas – a son of consolation – an encourager (Acts 4:36)! Three

or four times a week, a colourful envelope has been slipped under the door of my office to greet me in the morning. Each has a timely, sensitive, spiritual word, signed "Anon." From my friend I have learned of the 50 students who devoted a Friday night to a Concert of Prayer, and what an impact it had on their lives. Another excerpt, "We prayed for revival at OBC/OTS and people gently wept, and the Holy Spirit moved and this group committed to meeting again next month for another Concert of Prayer."

I am greatly moved as I hear how students are responding to the Biblical truths they are learning. Our focus on personal holiness this year apparently is being used of God in many lives.

Sometimes my encourager has a pointed word from God. A week or two ago: "With your help I can advance against a barricade; with my God – I can scale a wall" Psalm 18:29. What a way to start a day! Over and over again I have been cheered, challenged and comforted by my Barnabas. That's the ministry of encouragement.

To each of you who are such good friends of OBC/OTS, I want to be a Barnabas. I hope what I have just shared has encouraged you. I think a word of encouragement is the most meaningful way of saying "thank you," and that is what I am saying!

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CHRIST: Lord of Society

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To affirm Christ as Lord of Society is not as easy as it might at first appear. Evangelicalism has been characterized by the tendency to privatize faith and so speak of the Lordship of Christ in primarily personal terms. To make things even more difficult, we have seen separation from the world as the necessary response of both the Church and the individual in the interest of holy living. The consequence of this thinking has led us to see society as essentially a place of evil and disobedience which, for all practical purposes, we assume is beyond redemption. We typically view it as our responsibility to separate ourselves from society. Is there Biblical warrant for affirming Christ as Lord of society or is society simply the domain of the enemy? I want to try to answer that question by a brief consideration of the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

CHRIST: Lord of Society

JESUS CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE

Luke 4 gives us three short accounts of events that took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The first is His temptation in the desert, then the visit to His home town of Nazareth and finally His work of healing and casting out demons.

JESUS TESTED BY SATAN SATAN'S POWER WILL BE CRUSHED

In the story of the temptation, Satan tests Jesus concerning His Sonship, or, as some have put it, His Kingship. The second temptation is particularly telling. Satan offers Jesus temporal power and wealth and the chance to be ruler over the earthly kingdoms, all of which he claims are his to give. The price required is that Jesus worship Satan. Jesus refuses by responding that only God is to be worshipped. Satan has set himself up as an authority which cannot be overcome. Negotiation and compromise were to be the only solutions. Jesus refused to acknowledge that pretended authority and chose to follow a path that eventually led to the cross. Even though it is true that Satan has some measure of power in the kingdoms of the world, it is a power which will eventually be crushed under the supreme authority of Christ. That defeat is achieved through death and resurrection.

JESUS AS SERVANT MESSIAH ETHICAL OBEDIENCE OF PEOPLE OF GOD

The story of Jesus' visit to His home town of Nazareth in Luke 4: 14-30, gives a clear account of His claim to be Messiah. In the synagogue on the Sabbath, He stood and read from the prophet Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

After reading this passage, and while the eyes of everyone were fixed on Him, Jesus said, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." This strong affirmation of His identity as Lord and Messiah is set in the context of a call to servanthood. A little later on in the ministry of Jesus, the expectation emerged that He would be a contender for political power. This hope was grounded in a false understanding of His mission. In general, His method was not one of confrontation with earthly powers, but one of self-giving and servanthood. The work of redemption which Jesus came to accomplish is, for now, incompletely expressed. But this good news is like a bright beam of hope that breaks through the darkness of the pervasive presence of evil in the world. The fact is, there are signs all around us that evidence the radical fallenness of creation and culture and show the exceeding sinfulness of man himself.

The Lordship of Christ over society is not, then, something that can be directly observed. The evidence points to the contrary.

Nonetheless, it is a theological truth that we affirm. Christ is indeed Lord of all creation (Colossians 1: 15-20) and that Lordship extends to human society wherever it might be. How then is that Lordship expressed? The passage that Jesus read in the synagogue, and many other Scriptures as well, suggest that the Lordship of Christ is, for now at least, to be expressed in the ethical obedience of people of God. Christ, as Lord over society, is not so much something we point to as it is something we live out. The sub-culture we call the Church is the presence of the Kingdom in the world. In the Church the Lordship of Christ is readily acknowledged. The Church is called to be engaged in restraining the influence of evil in the culture and manifesting the hopefulness of redemption. We have perhaps been more passive than we ought in our understanding of the Lordship of Christ and have often lived in a way that denies His Lordship over society. Jesus has entered into His creation to reclaim it. We willingly express that in the work of evangelism. But should we stop there? The healing, redeeming power of Christ must be lived out in our broken and alienated society. The works of Jesus, performed during the time of His ministry, were initial signs of a full transformation that is yet to come. In like manner, the ethical obedience of the people of God in the context of fallen society continues that expression of hope and points to the Lordship of Christ. The character of that obedience is one consistent with the passage Jesus read from Isaiah.

JESUS ENGAGED IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE WE ARE EMPOWERED FOR BATTLE

The task is not a simple one. The final section of Luke 4 graphically illustrates how Jesus was engaged in a spiritual warfare. His refusal to submit to the enemy made the battle lines clear. That warfare is one that belongs to the Church as well. The promise of Christ, however, is that we would be empowered for battle (Acts 1:8) and equipped for defence (Ephesians 6:10-18). Yet, the belief in the Lordship of Christ over society is not to be a naive triumphalism but a serious commitment to follow the suffering servant. It would not be far off the truth to say that the contemporary Church has opted for ease and comfort as a substitute for sacrifice and suffering. The ministry of Jesus was characterized by humility and self-giving. The power He expressed was not political in nature, but nonetheless a power that was pervasive and would touch all of fallen creation. The works of Jesus were tokens of things to come, not attempts to completely eliminate evil, and so, likewise, our obedient action is to consist of deeds which point to the final victory. These would be deeds of mercy, compassion and justice which are intent on bringing a redemptive word to a sinful culture. It should be clear that these are not simply deeds of a privatized faith, but actions which acknowledge that the mission of Christ was a cosmic mission, and so declare Him Lord of society and Lord of all creation.

PREPARING FOR MISSIONS

by Scott Forbes
OTS student,
first year, MTS



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all unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not'' Jer. 35:3.

When I accepted Jesus Christ at the age of 14, I had come to realize two important facts. First, I was a sinner in great need of Jesus Christ to set me free from the guilt of my sin. Second, in exchange for my sin and selfishness, God was offering an abundant, challenging and meaningful life and daily fellowship with Him.

Throughout the rest of my high school years, God was at work, transforming my life and stretching my horizons. Between grade 11 and grade 12, I had the opportunity to spend a summer with Teen Mission Ontario in Nigeria, Africa. Along with a group of 28 other teens, I was able to participate in the construction of three church roofs. I returned home for grade 12 and had the privilege of attending the Urbana /79 missions convention. I spent my next summer vacation in Zambia, Africa with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship doing maintenance work at Luampa Mission Hospital. Both of these summer experiences helped confirm my desire to serve God as a career cross-cultural missionary.

Following high school graduation, I attended Ontario Bible College for one year in order to better prepare myself for witnessing in university. While at the University of Western Ontario, I was president of the IVF chapter and became a member of West Park Baptist Church.

Perhaps the greatest gift God gave me during my university years was Karen Lofgren. We were married in June, 1984 just prior to my final year at U.W.O. She is a lovely friend who makes up for my many deficiencies and loves me in spite of them. Karen and I, prior to our marriage, set a goal to do at least a 6-month short term mission assignment in the first five years of marriage. We wanted to avoid being sidetracked from lifetime missionary service. Accordingly, we spent 20 months in Zambia with AEF from October, 1985 to June, 1987. During those months, God proved Himself "great and mighty" as we worked with teenagers who were very willing to learn to follow Jesus Christ. God also showed us His faithfulness through illness and surgery, and most of all the birth of our lovely daughter, Sharon Ruth, on February 15, 1987.

We returned to Canada in June of 1987 to attend OTS for the two year Master of Theological Studies program. Our desire is to be better prepared biblically and theologically for the ministry

with which we have been entrusted. The church leadership have asked us to return to Western Province, Zambia in the fall of 1989. Our tasks will involve youth leadership training and theological education by extension.

I am excited by the high level of interest in cross-cultural missions among students at OTS. God is still interested in teaching His willing children "great and mighty things" and using them around the globe for His glory. Perhaps God wants to use OTS in your life to make you a more faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI

by Reg Krock
OTS student, third year, MDiv



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his past summer my family and I spent ten weeks in Haiti. The purpose of our visit was to carry out research work in the area of church-centered community development. This opportunity was made possible through a research fellowship sponsored by Christian Children's Fund of Canada Research Fellowship and OTS.

We had ample opportunity to learn first hand the joys and struggles of living with a family in a Third World country. This was intensified by a number of general strikes during the summer. However, God was very gracious to us and protected us. We are now praying about the possibility of serving God overseas when I graduate from Seminary.

Based on research, I found the most effective development projects being run by churches have two important qualities. First, their leaders have servant hearts. Second, the leaders see their primary goal to develop a Christian worldview so that people view themselves as stewards of nature rather than victims of it. It is only on this basis that new technologies can be effectively implemented.

We were also challenged regarding our view of creation in Canada. Rather than believing we are victims of nature, Canadians think we own nature and can do with it as we please. But, as Christians, we are stewards of nature and we must begin to take better care of it.

CAPITAL EXPANSION

A Capital Expansion program is being studied by the board. Some progress has already taken place! One motion, that we obtain temporary extra facilities for the Seminary, is already moving toward resolution. Three portables have been offered to OTS at no cost other than moving charges. We thank God!



FEEDBACK AND ADDRESSES NEEDED

Your opinions, advice, constructive criticism, and approval are what we are looking for. Tell us what you think. At the same time, we would greatly appreciate receiving your correct address and information telling us if you are receiving duplicates of anything. Please return all labels, indicating which should be corrected, deleted or left the same.

CAN YOU HELP

There are many specific needs and opportunities for service at OBC/OTS. Some of these are:

People: Volunteers are needed who are willing to invest time in helping to prepare students for ministry. Help is needed in various areas:

- Computer input (if you type you can do this!)
- Maintenance assistance
- Research for various projects
- General office work

Materials: (Costs are approximate)

Some specific needs include:

- Three additional personal computers (IBM compatible) \$7,500
- Rugs, carpet, curtains and bedspreads for dorms (cost per room) \$1,500
- Carpet for Development area \$1,500
- Three pianos in very good condition for practicing

Contact the Development Department if you can help.

**PEOPLE MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

"I was in prison and you came to me" (Matt. 25:36). Dianne Nolson, program co-ordinator of M2W2, Ontario, helps volunteers make Christ's challenge a reality. M2W2 ("Man to Man/Woman to Woman") is an ecumenical Christian organization of volunteers building one-to-one friendships with prisoners who have lost contact with the community. The Ontario chapter works in jails, correctional institutions, and penitentiaries.

Dianne is directly responsible for the programs at the Prison for Women, Kingston, and the Guelph Correctional Centre and works with co-ordinators overseeing programs at the other centers. To support the volunteers, Dianne provides pastoral care as well as training and orientation courses.

Dianne, a grad of '83, BRE, began this full-time chaplaincy work in September, 1986 after two years as a W2 volunteer; she says the position came at the time in her life when she and her family (husband and four sons) were ready for it. "I have felt the Lord definitely preparing me to be a care-giver and a listening ear." Dianne credits OBC with giving her tools with which to work, perseverance, and confidence based on achieving spiritual goals. She also values some of her darkest struggles, saying that through them she developed a patience that stops her from rushing people with the gospel. She is now able to be friends with people on many levels with the goal of eventually sharing that Christ is the answer. "The most comfortable places for me are in encouraging people who are giving themselves to others and helping people with many problems to find the resources to stand on their own."



**We are doing it
again...**

Our Canada-wide alumni phonathon is scheduled to take place February 21-28, 1988. It is good for alumni to have this contact with one another on behalf of OBC/OTS.



OBC/OTS ALUMNI

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BIRTHS

Melanie Annette, to Mr. & Mrs. Barry ARCHER '77-'78 (Marilyn PERRIN '77-'78), on August 4, 1987, Calgary, AB.

Charis Erin Helene, to Rev. & Mrs. David BANKS, BRE '75 (Grace BEATON, BRE '75), on May 27, 1987, Sardis, BC.

Luke Andrew, to Mr. & Mrs. Mark BINNINGTON, BTh '81 (Lee Anne NORTHUP, BRE '81), on October 13, 1987, Scarborough, ON. A brother for Matthew.

Rachel Elsie, to Rev. & Mrs. David BUCHNER, BRE '80 (Linda SIBLEY, BRE '82), on July 23, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Timothy Douglas, to Mr. & Mrs. Doug CLUTTON, OTS '84-'85 (Valerie WEBB, BTh '86), on August 21, 1987, London, ON.

Sara Michelle, to Rev. & Mrs. Bryan COKER, BTh '78 (Susan '77-'78), on July 10, 1987, Stouffville, ON.

William Denver, to Mr. & Mrs. Laird CRUMP, BTh '80 (Bette Jo STEPHENSON '85-'87), on October 1, 1987, Ajax, ON.

Heather Lee, to Mr. & Mrs. Art DURKEE, BTh '81 (Mona), on September 15, 1987, Oshawa, ON.

Andrew, to Rev. & Mrs. Richard EBY, BTh '78 (Barbara GIBBONS, BRE '78), on October 22, 1987, Woodstock, ON.

Abigail Elizabeth, to Dr. & Mrs. Gary EICEMAN (Mary WOOD, BRE '78), on April 5, 1987, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Kimberley Sarah, to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn GIBSON, BTh '81 (Kelly PRISTANSKI, BRE '82), on July 1, 1987, Winkler, MB.

Jordon Jeffrey David, to Mr. & Mrs. Jim GRAHAM (Linda HALEY '79-'81), on January 19, 1987, Woodstock, ON. A brother for Nathaniel.

Michael Eldon, to Mr. & Mrs.

Roy HARVEY (Barbara FOSTER, BRE '82), on October 16, 1987, Kingston, ON.

Michael David, to Mr. & Mrs. David KLAUKE (Sandra OMSTEAD '80-'81), on September 30, 1987, Holland Landing, ON.

Matthew James, to Mr. & Mrs. Howard KNIGHT, BRE '86 (Evelyn STOCK, BRE '83), on July 14, 1987, London, ON.

Ashtyn Rebekah, to Rev. & Mrs. John KUCHER, BRE '86 (Sherry LEUBNER '82-'83), on August 1, 1987, Skaneateles, NY.

Luke Michael, to Mr. & Mrs. Don MacALPINE (Rose PENNER, BRE '81), on July 16, 1987, Fresno, CA.

Thomas Andrew, to Rev. & Mrs. Peter McKNIGHT, BTh '76 (Carolyn), on September 19, 1987, Lynbrook, NY.

Michael & Kathleen, to Mr. & Mrs. David SCHELLENBERG '80-'81, on June 2, 1987, Bolton, ON.

Sharon Rose, to Lt. & Mrs. James STOOP (Darlene BROWN, BTh '83), on October 16, 1986, Picton, ON.

Kaitlyn Grace & Brooke Dianne, to Mr. & Mrs. Bill THORNTON, BTh '81, MDiv '85 (Heather), on October 13, 1987, Toronto, ON.

DEATHS

Mrs. Helen COOMBS (ROBINSON '33-'36) on September 4, 1987, Smith Falls Community Hospital, ON.

Miss Anna May FLEMMING '18 on August 11, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Rev. Hector GOODALL '38 on November 4, 1987, Miramar, FL.

Miss Ruby LEISHMAN '45 on July 2, 1987, Guelph, ON.

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Mrs. Mary MANNING (LEDREW '55) on June 26, 1987, Toronto, ON.

Mrs. Ruth McCREADY (PITTS '37) April 1987, Woodstock, ON.

Mrs. Ruth MOULTON (TYERS '35) on September 17, 1987, Lindsay, ON.

Rev. John P. POSNO '41 on October 17, 1987, New Glasgow, NS.

Miss Jean WALKER '62 on July 14, 1987, Bucks, England. A Memorial service was held on October 4, 1987 in the Dufferin Street Baptist Church.

Dr. J. Elmore WILLIAMSON '36 on August 8, 1987, Weston, ON.

Mrs. N. Jean YATES '45 September 1987, Mesa, AZ.

MARRIAGES

Miss Danette FAIRFOULL, BRE '87 to Mr. Tom ADAMS '84-'87, on October 10, 1987, at Hooper Chapel, Ontario Bible College, Willowdale, ON.

Mr. Steve HARLAND '83-'84, to Miss Rachel VINDEN, on August 15, 1987, at Fairhavens Bible Chapel, Beaverton, ON.

Miss Shelly McKINNON '86-'87, to Mr. Robert PECKOVER, BRE '87, on September 19, 1987, at Bethel Park Bible Chapel, Brantford, ON.

Miss Karen MURTAGH, BRE '85, to Mr. Gary GOULD, on October 17, 1987, at Richview Baptist Church, Weston, ON.

MISSIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Harold BALL '65-'66 (Patricia WARNER '65-'66) are presently on furlough (November 1987) from Zambia where they are involved in church planting with A.E.F.

Miss Pauline CLARKE '69-'70 is on furlough from W. Africa where she serves as rural health nurse/midwife with S.I.M.

Miss Laura FENWICK '80-'83 is presently doing an internship at Erin Mills Baptist Church with O.M.F.

Miss Elvira GAILITIS '82-'83 has returned to the Philippines where she is involved in church planting with OMF.

Dr. & Mrs. Peter HAMBREY, MDiv '83 are presently serving in Pakistan with F.E.B.C.C. (July, 1987).

Miss Annemarie HATTENHAUER, BRE '73 has returned to the Cameroon Baptist Theological College in Africa where she trains pastors' wives and is involved in teaching (July, 1987).

Miss Lesley KAYSER, BRE '70 is presently on furlough from Bolivia with S.I.M.

Miss Audrey LAWRENCE '56 is presently on furlough from Chad where she is a teacher of missionary children (TEAM).

Miss Audrey MAW '65-'66 was involved in a road accident in which she suffered a compression fracture of her 12th vertebrae (June, 1987). She has returned to Halifax, NS where she is making good progress (BMMF).

Miss Doris NESBITT '65 has returned to Niger where she continues to serve as missionary accountant with S.I.M. (August, 1987).

Miss Betty NEUMANN, Dip. '68 is presently on furlough (October, 1987) from Nepal. Betty serves as a RN at Shining Hospital with Int'l Christian Fellowship.

Rev. & Mrs. Rick RANCOURT (Lynn, OTS '78-'79) have returned to Thailand (August 1987) where they are involved in church planting with OMF.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

October 17, 1987

Some 300 alumni attended homecoming this year at which Dr. Terry Tiessen, BTh '64, vice-president (academic and student affairs) OBC, was the theme speaker, "Ministering a Changeless Christ to a Changing Community."

CLASS OF '37 – Golden Milers



(left to right)
Row 1 – Mrs. Edna Lorimer, Mrs. Mae Sargeant, Mrs. Lorna Anderson, Mrs. Mary Garrett, Mrs. Evelyn Jarolimek, Miss Elva Bicum, Mrs. Lucy Scott, Mrs. Joan Casler, Mrs. Vera

Lanigan, Miss Ida Peterman.

Row 2 – Mrs. Lillian Morden, Mrs. Vera Tyler, Mrs. Sadie Howlett, Mrs. Margaret Hill, Mrs. Francis McAlpine, Mrs. Edith Shingler, Mrs. Gladys Briggs.

Row 3 – Miss Francis Longley, Mrs. Dorothy Henderson, Mrs. Eleanor Richardson, Rev. Dow Sargeant, Rev. John McDowall, Rev. Percy Barley, Rev. Leonard Self.

Row 4 – Rev. George McAlpine, Mr. Donald Loveday, Rev. Leonard Coupland, Rev. Art Greer, Mr. Lawrence DeMontmorency, Mr. John Jeffery, Rev. Lloyd Hylton.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

"Proclaimers of Good News"
Rev. & Mrs. Stewart WEBER
'46 (Marion PITTAWAY '42).



On behalf of the Golden Milers, class president, Dr. Donald Loveday '37 presents a cheque of \$3,600.00 to Dr. Wm. McRae, president. This gift went towards the library project through a matching gift arrangement which resulted in a \$7,200.00 donation.



SCHEDULE OF MUSIC GROUPS

February 14 - INSTRUMENTAL GROUP is at Northminster Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

CHOIR is at Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

OCTET is at Waverley Road Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

February 20-29 - Dr. Wm. McRae at Moody Keswick Conference in Florida.

February 28 - BAND is at Dovercourt Baptist Church, Toronto, ON.

OCTET is at Calvary Baptist Church, Oakville, ON (a.m.); Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Gormley, ON (p.m.).

March 4-13 - CHOIR on tour in London, Niagara Falls, Buffalo area.

OCTET on tour in Sarnia, Windsor, Detroit area.

March 20-27 - Band on tour in Kingston, Ottawa area.

March 27 - OCTET is at Unionville Baptist Church, Unionville, ON.

April 10 - INSTRUMENTAL GROUP is at Boston Baptist Church, Boston, ON.

OCTET is at Church of the Crusader, Toronto, ON (a.m.);

Humbervale Park Baptist, Toronto, ON (p.m.).

CHOIR is at Calvary Baptist Church, Guelph, ON.

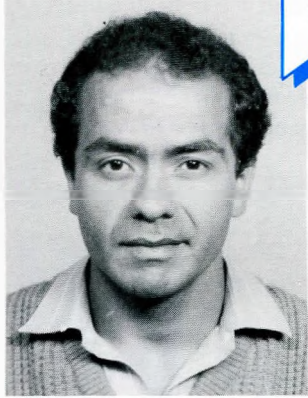
April 17 - INSTRUMENTAL GROUP is at New Life Chapel Brampton, ON.

OCTET is at Bridlewood Presbyterian Church, Agincourt, ON.



FACULTY MEMBER NEEDED

Counsellor/Teacher: OBC is seeking a full-time faculty member who will teach psychology and counselling half-time and provide counselling services in the Community Life Department half-time. Applicants should have a Masters degree, experience in college teaching and counselling in an educational setting. Contact Dr. T. Tiessen.



U by Karen Homer,
news editor
CHRISTIAN NEWS

Unless a corn of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Ruben Ramirez, a 30-year old Columbian student at Ontario Theological Seminary (OTS), has hazy, anguished memories of the night his dear friend and spiritual mentor, Hernando Hernandez, MTS '83, plunged to his death in a

car accident on a mountain road. He had no idea then how drastically that 1985 tragedy would alter his own life.

Before the accident, Ruben and Hernando had known each other for almost a decade. Their relationship weathered a three-year hiatus when Hernando, a zealous leader within a burgeoning students' ministry, travelled to Canada to advance his education at OTS.

Hernando had been instrumental in Ruben becoming a believer ten years earlier – inviting him to an evangelistic meeting in Bogota.

"Jesus was very far away in my understanding," explained Ruben, a former Roman Catholic from a broken, violent single-parent family that lived in extreme poverty. "I thought you had to do a lot in order to approach Him."

Ruben says he was an "empty" teenager involved in drugs and alcohol who was looking for a *raison d'être* outside of Christianity when a mutual friend introduced him to Hernando. Ruben responded to the speaker's invitation at the crusade he and Hernando attended, marking the beginning of his Christian life and service.

After a year-and-a-half of being discipled and encouraged by Hernando and a student Bible study cell group, Ruben – a natural evangelist – began his own ministry at the University of Armenia, Columbia. Through him, many students became believers and were discipled and equipped for leadership themselves.

However, when Hernando departed for Canada, Ruben experienced difficulty. "Suddenly, I had to forge my own identity and vision for ministry...and acknowledge my own gifts. It wasn't easy," recalls the gentle, soft-spoken Columbian.

Meanwhile, Hernando was making quite an impact on OTS. His prophetic candor and uncompromising commitment challenged both his fellow students and his professors.

"Hernando was one of the most outstanding students ever to come through this place," reflected OTS vice-president Ian Rennie.

Hernando returned to Medellin, Columbia in 1983 and worked for two years with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. In January, 1985 Hernando, Ruben and two colleagues were invited to speak on evangelism at an International Fellowship of Evangelical Students training seminar in Quito, Ecuador.

Hernando drove a station wagon belonging to Latin American Missionary Jack Voelkel back to Columbia.

"We were driving and dreaming, excitedly talking about the conference and our renewed vision to reach university students," recalls Ruben soberly. "Suddenly, Hernando screamed 'Oh, God.' That's the last thing I remember."

Rounding a curve on a descending mountain road, Hernando swerved to avoid an oncoming bus but he could not avoid plunging over the edge. The car dropped 150 feet and then bounced twice. The impact forced the doors open, hurling Alvaro Fernandez, Juan Gabriel Pena and Ruben to the ground. Seat-belted in position, Hernando rolled with the car until it stopped some 1,100 feet below the highway. Alvaro and Juan Gabriel scrambled down to the car. Hernando died 20 minutes later in their company.

A passing taxi driver struggled down the cliff to rescue Ruben who suffered 13 broken ribs, cuts and bruises.

Ruben recovered slowly from his physical injuries but says the psychological wounds took longer to heal.

"I wondered why God had allowed me to live instead of Hernando...he was a better prepared leader than myself," said Ruben. "I realized that He must have a purpose for my life."

Continuing his work with students, Ruben recognized that he needed more Christian education to be able to address the Marxism and liberation theology he confronted daily. In 1986, Jack Voelkel recommended Ruben for an OTS scholarship established that year in Hernando's memory to assist Third World students. Funds for the ongoing Hernando Hernandez Scholarship are donated by OBC/OTS alumni and interested patrons from the Christian community. This pays for Ruben's room and board while his tuition and books are covered by the Denta G. Bernardo Memorial Scholarship.

Ruben arrived in Toronto in June to learn English before enrolling at OTS in September. Initially, he feared that people would view him as Hernando's replacement. However, having overcome a degree of culture shock, Ruben has effectively carved out his own niche. In his University of Toronto language class, he led seven fellow international students to faith in Christ.

Ruben, who attends Bayview Glen Church, plans to complete a two-year Master of Theological Studies degree.

Commenting on his academic goals, Ruben said, "I want to have a clear vision of God's plan for Latin America from which my future ministry can flow."

Those who knew Hernando see his fervour reflected in Ruben as he prepares to communicate further the Gospel in Columbia, continuing his friend's vision to reach his countrymen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2 - Dr. John Stott will speak at a conference on campus to which the public is invited, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

March 4-13 - CHOIR and OCTET on tour

March 7-9 - OBC Academic Lectures: Dr. Calvin Seerveld, Institute for Christian Studies. Topic: Christianity and Art

March 8, 10 - Diploma Evening School registration

March 14 - Experience OBC (see back cover)

March 17 - Wills Seminar, in Kitchener with Lawyer David Amy, BA, LLB

March 20 - 27 - BAND on tour

March 21-23 - Visit of the AABC Evaluation Team to OBC

March 25 - Board meeting

March 26 - Preparation for Marriage and Marriage Enrichment courses

April 9 - Parents' Day at OBC and NEW Women meeting

April 20 - OBC baccalaureate

April 23 - Corporation meeting

April 30 - OBC graduation

May 6 - Board meeting

May 7 - OTS graduation

Diploma Division – Evening Class Schedule Spring Semester 1988

PART II - SATURDAY

Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This is a one-day, all-day course
Basic Journalistic Writing K. Homer

Feb. 20, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This is a one-day, all-day course
Science and Scripture T.G. Dunkin

PART II - TUESDAY EVENINGS

Mar. 8 to Apr. 19, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Church Growth Through Small Groups J. Kao
Studies in the Epistle of James D. Mensah
Making the Church Library Useful J. Johnson
The Epistle to the Colossians W. Foster
A Christian Perspective of Emotions J. Brownlee

PART II - THURSDAY EVENINGS

Mar. 10 to Apr. 21, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Thessalonian Letters D. Hamilton
Understanding the Pupil S.J. Brush
New Testament Survey (2) J. Weiler
Studies in Hebrews (2) J. Vold

PART II - SATURDAY

Mar. 26, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This is a one-day, all-day course
Preparation for Marriage R. Wilson, G. Taylor

Mar. 26, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This is a one-day, all-day course
Making a Good Thing Better
Marriage Enrichment W. & M. McRae

OBC SUMMER EVENING SCHOOL

May 16 - June 30, 1988

Eight – ten College Credit Courses will be offered.

Courses given one night per week for a period of seven weeks on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Two Diploma Courses will be offered from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

HOLY LAND STUDY MISSION

by Dr. John Unger, professor of Christian Education, OBC and tour guide



The above scene was only one of many unforgettable experiences of the 15-day tour of Israel which was part of the "Holy Land Study Mission" sponsored by Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary last May. Students may register for this course at the Seminary (4 hours credit) or at the College (3 hours credit).

Preliminary research prepares the student for participation. A highly qualified tour guide provides educational information daily which each student records in his/her personal "Daily Log Book." One participating seminary student commented, "I've never learned so much in such a short time span as on this tour." Another student commented, "Every graduating seminary student should have this experience as part of his/her training for ministry."

Our Bible study reaches a new depth as we visit the ruins of Capernaum, the Bedouin market in Beersheba or Eilat where the Israelites camped in the wilderness. Caleb's city of Hebron brings the faith of the patriarchs into focus. Bethlehem brings us to the Gospels which are so central to our faith. Jerusalem helps us recall the Psalms of David, the splendors of Solomon's temple and the "Garden" where we view an empty tomb, but rejoice in faith in the reality of a living Saviour. Time slips away so rapidly, but memories are with us for life.

With students, we mix a blend of tourists, varying the age range of participants to provide a meaningful cross-section of Christian fellowship. Such a tour is only one of many ways in which we can "teach them" as Jesus commanded us to do. Its effects are life changing.

Next tour: May 8-23, 1988, with tour host, Dr. Robert Duez. Brochures are available.



OBC/OTS FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Fund Operations and Fund Balances
For the Years Ended May 31, 1986 and 1987
(thousands of dollars)

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>
Revenue:		
Tuition and other student fees	\$2,275	\$2,348
Donations and other revenue	974	979
	<u>3,249</u>	<u>3,327</u>
Expenditures:	<u>3,621</u>	<u>3,515</u>
Revenue (less than) expenditures before transfers	(372)	(188)
Transfers from funds for specific purposes	327	80
Revenue (less than) expenditures	(45)	(108)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,112</u>	<u>3,220</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$3,067</u>	<u>\$3,112</u>
Consisting of:		
Operating fund deficit	\$ (294)	\$ (249)
Property fund	<u>3,361</u>	<u>3,361</u>
	<u>\$3,067</u>	<u>\$3,112</u>

Detailed 1987 financial statements as audited by Clarkson & Gordon are available upon written request to OBC/OTS.

LIBRARY PROJECT COMPLETED

Just over two years ago, an ambitious plan was launched to upgrade the college library for the accreditation of the Seminary. Our librarian, Jim Johnson, designed a project that required \$300,000.00. We are delighted to announce that this goal was reached in December. Many of you contributed generously and sacrificially. To each of you we say a hearty "thank you." For years to come, the studies and ministries of hundreds will be enriched through your interest. We are all most grateful.

CHINESE MINISTRY PROGRAM

This new MDiv program is to begin at OTS in the fall term of 1988 under the leadership of Dr. Milton Wan. During the first year, fall term, Christianity and Chinese Culture will be taught; in the spring term Chinese Church History before 1949 and Preaching in the Chinese Church will be taught.

Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary are very conscious of their responsibility to be accountable to their donors in many areas, but especially in the area of financial accountability.

This concern for accountability is shared by over 65 Christian charities that are members of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and that display the CCCC seal. The CCCC is a non-denominational, inter-agency organization, embracing a God-honouring code of ethics as a governing standard for the activities of Christian charitable organizations and churches. The CCCC seal assures a donor that an agency meets seven standards of accountability and openness.

CCCC's standards:

1. Organizations must have active governing boards with policy-making authority which meet at least semi-annually and are independent from staff.

OBC/OTS board meets five times annually and staff members may not be members of the board.

2. Organizations must be audited annually by a public accountant.

Clarkson Gordon is OBC/OTS's auditor. Audits done annually.

3. Organizations must make their audited financial statements available on request.

Financial results are published. Detailed financial statements are available on request from OBC/OTS Development Office.

4. The organization's governing board must establish an active audit review committee.

An active audit committee, established by the board of directors, provides an internal review of OBC/OTS's financial systems and frequently interacts directly with the organization's external auditor.

5. Organizations must carry on activities with the highest standards of integrity and avoid conflicts of interest.

OBC/OTS has maintained this standard since its inception in 1894.

6. Organizations must have a clearly-defined Statement of Faith.

OBC/OTS's Statement of Faith is available upon request from OBC/OTS Development Office.

7. The organization must in all its programs and activities be consistent with its stated purposes and objectives. Donated funds must be applied for the purposes for which they were received.

Donated funds are spent on activities or objectives as approved by the board. Each gift designated by a donor for a specific activity or objective is used as designated. It is understood that when any specific activity or objective has been met, designated gifts are used where needed most. All gifts are acknowledged, and when appropriate, a receipt for tax purposes is issued.

Membership in the CCCC is one way OBC/OTS strive to display their sincere commitment to high standards of financial stewardship and accountability.

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Starts Sunday night at 8:00

WHAT TO BRING:

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COST:

\$ 10.00
(before March 7, 1988)
\$ 12.50
(after March 7, 1988)

Fill out the registration form, tear it off, and return it to:

OBC
25 Ballyconnor Court
Willowdale, Ontario
M2M 4B3
Attn: Liz Schouwstra

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Sunday night in the dorm
(Monday night accommodations are also available at no charge.)

Questions??
Call Liz Schouwstra at
(416) 226-6380

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