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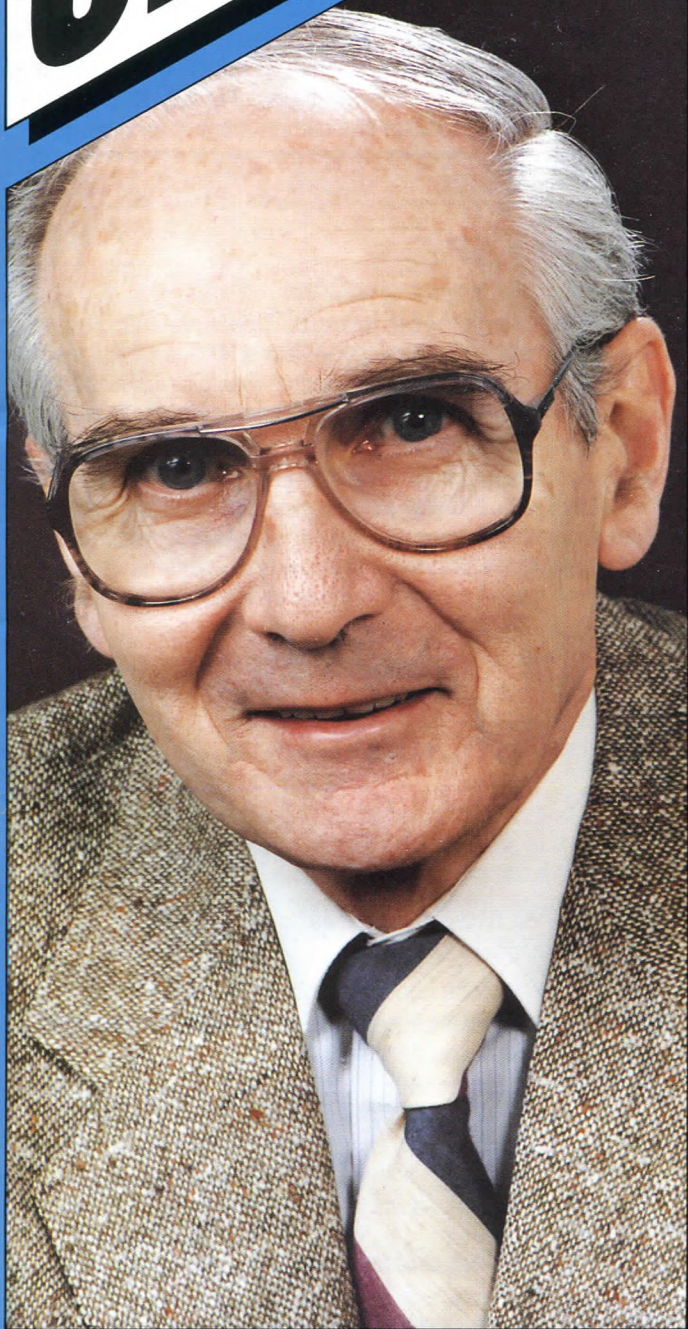
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**LIMITLESS
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Recently my wife and I entertained a visiting professor, a man of God for whom I have the highest respect. Our relationship goes back 22 years to my seminary days. Since then we have crossed each other's paths often, as God has guided us in our years of ministry.

Never before did I fully realize the extent to which I have been influenced by this man. I can identify a half dozen areas in my own

life that have been shaped and sharpened by his devotion to God, godliness of character and commitment to excellence.

Oswald Sanders was correct when he wrote, "Since leadership is essentially the power of one man to influence another, it is well to consider the almost limitless possibilities of a single life for good or ill."

Think of it - 'the limitless possibilities' of a life.

This is what I see in the 80 dedicated members of our faculties and staff - limitless possibilities! This is what I see in the 1,008 keen students on campus this fall - limitless possibilities! This is what I see when I think of you, friends of the College and Seminary - limitless possibilities!

Our *Update* theme for the next four issues is INFLUENCE. We will be looking at four areas where Christians have the opportunity to influence their culture significantly "for good," and to God's greater glory. It is our desire that these articles will provoke you to thinking about the "limitless possibilities" of your own life.

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The subject of influence will be dealt with here and in the next three issues of Update as it pertains to aspects of Christian living. The first in our series, 'Stability in a Mobile Society', is a fitting topic for North American Christians who may desire to influence their society for God, yet discover to their chagrin the extent to which society has left its mark on them.

Stability

IN A MOBILE SOCIETY

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Some months ago the editorial committee of *Update* met to chart the course for the ensuing year. As we talked it became clear that the emphasis was to be on Christian living, and as we probed further we came to the conclusion that the monastic view of the Christian life had much to teach us.

Poverty, chastity, obedience and stability

There are four words that are often used to typify monastic spirituality - poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability - and it is upon these that we wish to concentrate. As we proceed, it will hopefully become clear that what the monastics taught about such matters Jesus Christ Himself taught, and that it was because he stressed them that the monastics did so as well. What they sought to do was to comprehend and apply the teaching of Jesus.

At times they applied the teaching too strenuously, by insisting, for example, that chastity implied a necessarily celibate clergy. We can, however, lay such bones at the side of the plate, and get on with the meat of Christian living that the monastics have to provide.

How important the monastic distinctives are for Christian health, and accordingly how relevant they are too. In a world awash in materialism, how necessary it is for the Christian to be reminded by the teaching on poverty that our task is not to increase our consumption, but to scale it down so that we may be liberated to serve.

In a society where sexuality is robbed of the needed concomitants of respect, commitment, fidelity, and sacrificial love, could any word be more salutary than chastity? In every premarital, extramarital, and post-marital relationship, chastity is to be the Christian norm, not to produce withered husks of repression, but so that sexuality may be fully expressed in only the one relationship in which its dynamism is not destructive but creative. And, of course, there is a form of chaste sexual purity which is exhibited in marriage as well.

In a society where self-fulfillment is touted as the goal, the monastic stress on obedience tells us what we so much need to hear - that it is only in submission to God that we are truly free. And in a world where jet-setting may be regarded as the highest good, and change, and mobility and attendant new stimuli are required to make life bearable,

Stability...

then it is surely necessary to be reminded by the teaching on stability that the Christian marches to the beat of a different drummer.

Given the editorial team's thinking and planning, how encouraging it was to receive the August 12 edition of *Christianity Today* with its editorial exhorting to what it called "Remonking the Church." What a joy to find John Stott, Richard Halverson, Richard Mouw, and the associate editor, all pointing in the direction on which we had set out.

The most dramatic life possible

My particular responsibility is to deal with *stability*, and to handle it as the first in this series. In monasticism, stability was most obviously seen in geographic and institutional terms. When a person was received into a monastery or convent, it was normally assumed that the person would be there for life. This was stability indeed. On the surface this might suggest that Christians should never go anywhere, see anything, do anything – that they are to vegetate in the recesses of some 'otherworldly' environment.

But the seemingly obvious was only a step toward something deeper for the monastics. At its best, monasticism meant engaging in the most dramatic life possible. Here in prayer the victory of Jesus over Satan was to be brought into operation in such a way that rivers of living water were to be unleashed into the lives of individuals, the Church, and society.

Even for those who entered a monastery or convent, stability did not always mean staying in the same place. Some went out to minister to the churches, others led the way in missionary activity, others sought to shape society through education and social welfare, and some had influence upon legislation and its implementation.

Stability means at its deepest living according to an ethos, a custom, a heritage, a discipline – and for monastics and all Christians, a godly one. And it is difficult to live in such a way when we are always on the go. We may move, but as soon as possible we should move into stability. Worship, relationships in Christ, and loving Christian service may be uprooted by long-term instability.

There was the lack of the frantic about Jesus.

It is often pointed out that the ministry of Jesus never went beyond the narrow confines of Palestine. The Roman Empire was a cosmopolitan world with lots of mobility. But Jesus concentrated. Jesus taught, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

It was not the aggressive and assertive who were displaying their prowess and placarding their accomplishments whenever possible. It was the meek who sought the inner quietness of trust in God and who, with no concern to impress anyone, were able to give themselves to a restricted sphere. They were world Christians who shared Jesus' vision for the world.

But since he was King and Head, they could leave the other spheres to Him. and so many of Jesus' illustrations have to deal with the stable world of domesticity and neighbour. Even when travelling, there was the lack of the frantic about Jesus as when he rode out the storm asleep in a boat. How often Jesus sent converts back to their homes, at least in part, because the public life with its ostentation and changeability is scarcely conducive to the life of discipleship. Even among long-term disciples, such a situation needs to be battled against. Jesus also teaches the stability of relationships. Marriage and family are God-given and call out for stability.

Ministry is enhanced by permanent relationships of knowledge, respect and trust.

In the ministry of the apostle Paul, although called to a life of itinerant evangelism and teaching, how frequently he settled down whenever he could, in one place for three years. He urged his converts to "remain in the state in which he was called," and "aspire to live quietly."

Protestants have never stressed stability as much as the monastics. But perhaps it was not necessary. When Protestantism was born, western Europe was a stable agricultural society. However, Protestantism did give the ideal that the clergy should exhibit a stable ministry. Thus it was frequently assumed that when a person was ordained in relation to a congregation, that he would remain there for life.

Now, if the minister is inadequate, this can be disastrous, but the assumption was that ministry is enhanced by permanent relationships of knowledge, respect and trust. William Carey spent over forty years in Bengal in India and, when asked to explain his astonishing accomplishments, simply answered: "Perseverance" – that steady and stable carrying on.

We need to foster the same spirit. We need to meet with Christ minus distraction every day. We need often to see the faces of family and our few close friends. We need to worship with the same Christians and rejoice and sorrow with them. Such a life in turn gives more opportunity for the life of Christ to reach through us to others.

Stability may take some of the surface glamor out of life; but it will certainly help to encourage genuine beauty.

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.*

The monastics would have agreed heartily with John Greenleaf Whittier, and so hopefully we will make his intent of stability our own.

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CARRYING ON THE TRADITION



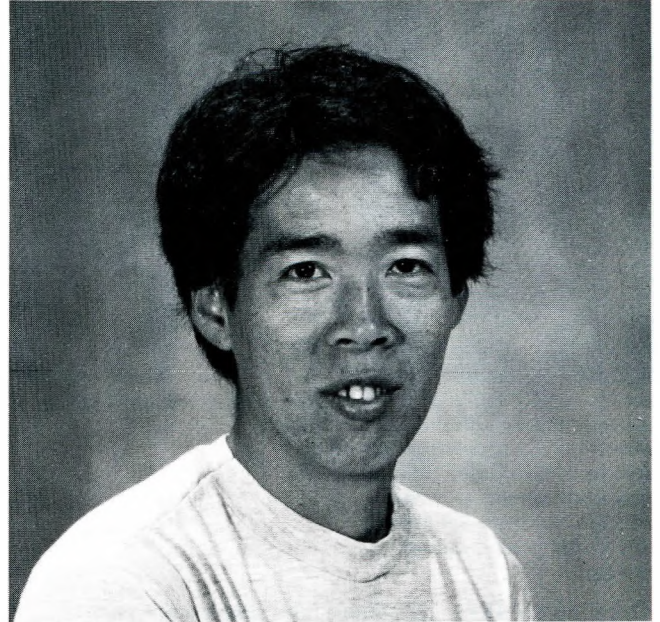
Donna Henry, a first-year student at OBC, is pictured here with grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Swayze. Mr. Swayze celebrated a 50-year reunion with the Class of '58 at Homecoming in October.

It's a thrilling experience for me to be starting at Ontario Bible College the same year in which my grandfather, Gareth Swayze, is being honored as a 'Golden Miler' with his class of 50 years ago. My parents, Doug and Mary Lynn Henry, also attended the College in 1965, so my enrolment this year carries the tradition of an OBC education into the third generation.

Having had several family members attend the College, I was presented with the idea of Bible college at an early age and always planned to attend some day. After graduating from grade 13 last June, OBC seemed a logical stepping stone before university. This year I am taking a one-year Certificate in Christian Studies and am enjoying the program very much. I view this year as one that is set apart for studying and growing spiritually – an opportunity to become deeply rooted in my faith before going on to university.

OBC is a wonderful setting in which to grow closer to God, through classroom learning and also through personal experiences in residence, sports, music, etc. I'm proud to carry on the tradition of OBC in my family and thankful for the opportunity to further my studies here at OBC this year.

A VERY GREAT PRIVILEGE



Hiko Tomari, OTS student.

I was looking at the possibilities of studying in a seminary abroad when I graduated from Tokyo Christian College. A teacher of mine who had studied in the US told me about Ontario Theological Seminary located in Toronto, a city of great cultural diversity.

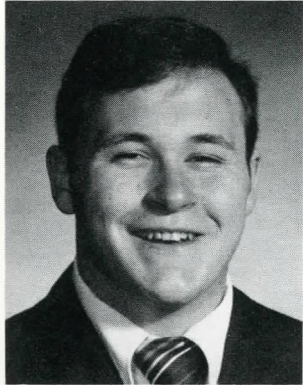
He spoke of its affiliation with a Bible college in existence for almost 100 years, and of its strong commitment to train Canadian leadership to reach Canada. All of this sounded very interesting because in Japan there are few non-Japanese people, even fewer Christians, and in the Japanese Church there is a great need for indigenous leadership.

When I arrived in Canada in October 1986, my first impression was "How can I survive here?" (At the time I spoke very little English.) But the grace of God and the help of many friends at OTS have enabled me to pursue my studies in preparation for ministry as a pastor in Japan.

What has meant the most to me so far in my experience at OTS? It's been the opportunity to live and learn alongside people from so many different backgrounds – in classes, in residence and in field work with youth in a local church. In Japan Christians *know intellectually* that God is the God of all races, but it is hard to really *understand* that when 99 per cent of the population is Japanese!

When I go back to Japan in a year or so I will take with me a deeper conviction of the greatness of God and of the wonderful diversity within His Church to share with my fellow Japanese. I will also take the experience gained from an education in a seminary which models a vision to reach one's own country with the gospel. It is a very great privilege for me to be at OTS.

NOT JUST AN ACADEMIC EXERCISE



Ron Powell (MTS '88) is youth pastor at New Jerusalem Korean Pentecostal Church in Toronto and initiator of 'Club Kuriou.' At graduation last May he received the Alice and Russell Self Mission Scholarship for cross-cultural ministry.



John Irving is currently studying at OTS.

Club Kuriou ("The Lord's Club") is a Christian outreach program dedicated to reaching the pre-teens and junior highs of a predominantly Korean and Latin-American neighborhood with the gospel of Christ. It began as an assignment at OTS. As part of the requirements for the course 'Ministry in an Urban Context,' Rick Tobias gave the students the task of examining a spiritual need in a community and designing a program to meet that need. I decided that my community was not geographical but cultural – the Korean community of Toronto.

Too burdened for the young people to just leave this as an academic exercise, I began to pray that God would take my strategy from paper to an actual program touching the lives of many Korean kids.

The success of the program was its simplicity. No high budget, no facilities and no highly trained staff were necessary to run the activities. We began by advertising a community water-balloon fight. On the day of the 'Water War,' a group of Korean Christian teens, and my assistant John Irving (currently studying at OTS), met in my apartment to pray and plan for the event. At the park 60 young people aged 10 to 16 met us. We ran the event, then sat them down and I shared with them about the war within! This became a regular program every week.

Adapting what I had learned in John Wilkinson's class 'Youth Ministry in the Church,' I developed a discipleship class for those who desired to grow in Christ. One guy I've been discipling accepted Christ with me two years ago at age 11, then led a friend to Christ, and is now part of our leadership. He's such a joy to me. He really understands these kids because he's one of them. He and 20 other teens make up the 'staff.'

We've had such a positive experience with this program, we hope others like it will spring up in other neighborhoods.

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Betty Laing ('38), pictured here with Paul Estabrooks (BTh '68), at Homecoming.

Alumna-of-the-year Class of '38

Our alumna-of-the-year is described by colleagues, peers and friends as 'faithful through difficulties' and 'always an encourager.'

Early life in western Canada under the teaching of godly parents is the spiritual heritage of **Betty Laing**. Motivated largely by a missionary call to China, she undertook studies at Toronto Bible College and graduated in 1938.

However, constant discouragement awaited Betty. Roadblocks such as age, war, marital status seemed to present a closed door. But faithfulness and persistence saw her fulfill God's calling and arrive in China – only to enter a Japanese internment camp!

After the war, our alumna-of-the-year was assigned by the China Inland Mission to teach in the Kunming Bible School – only to soon be evacuated to Hong Kong because of the communist takeover. But a new opportunity for service was found in Hong Kong refugee camps.

When new fields opened to missionaries of the now OMF, Betty was one of the first to go to share the gospel among the villages of Malaysia. Then later, a loan of service was arranged with Singapore Bible College where she faithfully served until retirement age and mission policy prompted her return to Canada. Those were difficult times...living in cramped quarters and travelling thousands of kilometers in dilapidated old vans in order to supervise students in practical evangelism and teaching ministries.

A colleague writes, "...dedication to the Lord, genuine love for people and willingness to undertake any task if it would further the cause of the gospel made her a worthy model to emulate... None will forget her jovial, yet no-nonsense approach to community life and service... Her example of faith-living was more effective than many sermons; and a generation of students was prepared for pioneer missions."

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BIRTHS

Gabriel Gregory
to Mr. & Mrs. Michael
MILNE, MDiv '85 (Beatrice
SCHMOLL, '74-'75) on May
11, 1988.

Melody
to Mr. & Mrs. Paul HOLMES,
BTh '73 on October 7, 1986
in Airdrie, AB.

Esther
to Mr. & Mrs. George
PAWLUK (Ruth JORDAN,
'74) on July 21, 1988 in
Dorion, ON.

Clarissa Gee-Yun
to Mr. & Mrs. Michael
LEUNG, MDiv '81 (Selina HO
LEUNG, MTS '84) on August
6, 1988 in Toronto, ON.

Natasha Carolyn
to Mr. & Mrs. Melvin KETTLE
(Carolyn HARRIS, '79) on
August 3, 1988 in St. John's,
NF.

Deanna Marie
to Mr. & Mrs. Harold LASER
(Janice COMFORT, '78-'79)
on July 1, 1988 in Hamilton,
ON.

Kristopher William
to Mr. & Mrs. Bill
WILKINSON, BRE '84 (Bonita
STEADMAN, BTh '81) on
June 3, 1988 in Manila,
Philippines.

Meggan Marie
to Mr. & Mrs. Don
CRAWFORD, MTS '87 (Jean
ALQUIRE, '79-'80) on May
27, 1988 in Mississauga, ON.

Sara Elizabeth and
Robert Stephen
to Mr. & Mrs. Frank NAGY
(Ruth COLLETT, BRE '78) on
September 8, 1988 in
Winnipeg, MB.

Jonathan Daniel
to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Melnik
(Donna WAKEFORD, BRE
'81) on October 4, 1987 in
Regina, SK.

Hanna Marie
to Mr. & Mrs. Jim DEKKER,
BTh '86 (Christine
HODOWANSKI, '85-'86) on
May 1, 1988 in Grand Rapids,
MI.

Elizabeth Eugean
on May 11, 1986; Lindsay
Victoria Ann on March 4,
1988 to Mr. & Mrs. David
MCPHERSON (Kim RAINEY,
'81) in Simcoe, ON.

Aaron William
to Mr. & Mrs. Paul HAMILL,
BTh '81 on June 29, 1988 in
Kitchener, ON.

DEATHS

Florence Ada ASKEY, '55-'56
(wife of Kenneth ASKEY,
'55-'56) at Zambia, Africa,
June 2, 1988.

Dorothy HUTCHINSON (nee
HOLDEN, '33) at Tavistock,
ON, June 8, 1988.

Harold HOLDER (husband of
Willa ROSS, '39) at Toronto,
ON, August 28, 1988.

Dilman EBY, '41 (husband of
Della HONSBERGER, '40) at
Beamsville, ON, April 17,
1988.

George SINCLAIR, '32-'34 at
Toronto, ON, July 2, 1988.

John HORNER (husband of
Sharon GIBSON, BRE '84) at
Sault Ste Marie, ON, July 16,
1988.

Harold DANCY, '24 at
London, ON, September 8,
1988.

Doreen BISSETT, '25-'26,
March 1988.

George BOOTH, '16-'18 at
Guelph, ON, June 27, 1988.

William BROWN, '38
(husband of Florence
DERBECKER, '36) at
Walkerton, ON, September 2,
1988.

MARRIAGES

Marion WYSE, BTh '74 to
Craig Cameron on September
3, 1988 at Winnipeg, MB.

Carolyn HARRIS, (Ormerod
'79) to Melvin Kettle on
September 19, 1987 at Port
aux Basques, NF.

Paul CAIRNS, BRE '87 to
Grace Prinzen on August 27,
1988 at Belleville, ON.

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PASTORAL

Neil & Sally STEENSON, BRE
'83, now pastoring at
Arnstein Evangelical Baptist
Church, Arnstein, ON.

Don MILLER, BRE '87,
serving as assistant pastor at
Arlington Woods Free
Methodist Church, Nepean,
ON.

John & Kathryn
LAMBSHEAD, BTh '83
(Kathryn SMURTHWAITE,
BRE '83) now pastoring at
First Baptist Church, Fort Erie,
ON.

Jurgen RAUSCH, BRE '83,
now senior pastor at German
Philadelphia Pentecostal
Church, Windsor, ON.

Tom ADAMS, BRE '88,
serving as minister of youth
and music at Redeemer Bible
Church, Niagara Falls, ON.

Philip WHEATON, BTh '88,
serving as associate pastor in
CE and youth, Salisbury
United Baptist Church,
Salisbury, NB.

Suzanne ROZENBERG, BRE
'83, has accepted an
associate pastor position at
First Missionary Church,
Pembroke, ON.

William & Barbara Helen
VIRGIN, BTh '74, serving at
Central Park Baptist Church,
Bramalea, ON.

Bill BAIRD, MDiv '85, is now
minister of Knox Presbyterian
Church, Teeswater, ON.

Mark BANYARD, MDiv '87,
is assistant pastor of Heritage
Park Alliance Church,
Windsor, ON.

Bruce BARBER, MTS '86, is
pastor of First Missionary
Church, Pembroke, ON.

MISSIONS

Lois DILLION, BRE '81 (nee
TEMPLETON) received her
MA in Linguistics from
University of Texas, August
1988. She and her husband
John shall be doing deputation
and training before going to
the field in 1989.

Paul & Carol HOLMES, BTh
'78 have accepted a new
position with WBT as teachers
in Yaounde, Cameroon.

NEWS

M. Ruth LAMBSHEAD, BRE
'51 has returned to Canada
after 34 years of service with
AEF in Malawi, Africa.

Jean SMITH, '57, translator
with WBT in Papua, New
Guinea, is now WBT
representative in Saint John,
NB.

Audrey MOW, '65-'66 is
recuperating in Nova Scotia
from a car accident in Nepal,
India in 1987. She awaits
direction from the Lord as to
future service.

Thom CORBETT, MTS '86 is
doing his thesis for Master of
Philosophy at the Institute for
Christian Studies, Toronto
while continuing his work as
Acquisitions Editor at Welch
Publishing.

Ruth CRUMP, (nee
FALCONBRIDGE, '49) is
serving as secretary at
Bridletowne Park Church,
Agincourt, ON.

Godfrey GREEN, BTh '82,
was ordained on November
29, 1987 at Renforth Baptist
Church, Etobicoke, ON.

Elaine BECKER, BRE '79, has
become assistant
administrator of the Salvation
Army, Toronto, ON.

David L. ELLIOTT, BTh '86,
assistant pastor at Fellowship
Baptist Church, Cobourg, ON
was ordained to the Baptist
ministry on Saturday, June
18, 1988.

Jim DEKKER, BTh '86,
graduated with an MA in
Church education from Calvin
Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI,
May, 1988.

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HOMECOMING

Joy and enthusiasm characterized the day as 200 alumni, spouses, and friends from as far away as California gathered to celebrate the faithfulness of God, and to honor the Golden Miler Class at Homecoming on Saturday, October 15, 1988.

During the chapel time, chaired by Rev. Don MacKenzie, BTh '58, president of the OBC Alumni Association, a delightful prelude and two special numbers were rendered by the Ambassador Brass, a Salvation Army band consisting primarily of OBC/OTS alumni and students. This was followed by powerful testimony of God's faithfulness by Rev. Murray Hicks, BTh '58, and an encouraging message by Dr. Robert Duez, vice-president, extension education.

Hearts were gladdened and spirits were lifted in praise to the Lord as we got a glimpse of the impact of the Golden Miler Class in their churches, missions and other vocations over the past 50 years. A more recent graduate, Jeff Sensenstein, BTh '88, president of the OBC Class of '88, unveiled his class' graduation picture while sharing the class verse, 'Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain' (I Cor. 15:58 NIV).

As Paul Estabrooks, BTh '66, Canadian director for Open Doors Ministries, read the information on the alumna-of-the-year, it became evident that the awards committee had made a wise choice in selecting Miss Elizabeth A. Laing, '38 for this honor in recognition of her missionary service in China and Singapore with Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

The chapel period concluded with Steve Robinson, '38, acting president for the Golden Miler class, presenting OBC/OTS president Dr. Wm. J. McRae with a cheque for \$5,184.08 to replenish the *Dr. John McNicol Memorial Award in Biblical Studies* fund.

During the Homecoming dinner, the new president of the OBC Alumni Association was announced by Rev. Jake Small BTh '65, director of alumni/referral services, transferring the responsibilities from Don MacKenzie to Bruce Hughes, '61.

These are just some highlights of a great time together. Many people expressed positive comments. Next year Homecoming is scheduled for October 14, 1989. Circle your calendar now!

We would like to share an excerpt from a letter received from Della Eby (nee Hornsberger '40) whose husband Dilman recently went home to the Lord:

"We, Dilman and I, both cherished our years at the College - Toronto Bible College at that time. What a God-given privilege to sit under the teaching of men like Dr. John McNicol, Dr. J.B. Rhodes, Rev. T.B. Hyde and other men of God on staff at that time."

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IT ALL COUNTS FOR ETERNITY



In our feature article we identified the importance of stability in a mobile society as an aspect of discipleship and a positive influence in our environment and our lives. Gladys Lee is one of our alumnae whose life is an example to us of such stability. She is an exception to a modern trend. For 45 years now, she has served diligently with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (formerly with the Sudan United Mission before merger with TEAM).

After graduating from London Bible Institute and French language studies, Gladys went to Mondou, Chad and began to study the African language of that place. At the same time she taught reading and writing – using the sand for a chalkboard in the early days. She also gave knitting lessons and worked in the print shop and bookstore.

Perhaps the determination to get there, in response to God's call, and the perseverance required to adjust to a totally new way of life contributed to her 'long-term' mindset.

Eventually administration became her main sphere of service, although her spiritual ministry to people never ceased. Perseverance and faithfulness to the task certainly have not implied stagnation for Gladys Lee. Altogether, she served on five different mission stations during her more than 20 years on the field.

If you ask Gladys about culture shock, she has very little to say. Her memories of the African people she served, her co-workers in ministry, the joy of making the gospel known and the constant presence of God in all situations far outweigh any memories of the difficulties or hardships.

A short time ago the Chadian president of over 840 TEAM-related churches in that country publicly thanked 'Miss Lee' and other single ladies who had come to teach African brothers and sisters, not only reading and writing, but also the Word of God.

Now Gladys Lee works in the Toronto office of TEAM. Her great joy comes from knowing that through all these years with the same mission, whether on the field or in the home office, it all counts for eternity.

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OBC's 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This fall marks the 20th anniversary of the merger of London College of Bible and Missions and Toronto Bible College into Ontario Bible College.

Interestingly, the sequence of events leading to the merger began two years earlier when in 1966 a meeting of Christian educators and pastors was convened at TBC to discuss the need to provide graduate-level theological education in Central Canada.

Dr. William R. Foster, who played such a critical role in the merger, recalls those days when he writes:

In 1968, further talks were held between representatives of London College of Bible and Missions and representatives of Toronto Bible College. There were definite indications that God's time was at hand to take the initial steps which would ultimately lead to the provision of the much-needed graduate-level theological institution.

Both LCBM and TBC served the same general constituency and had similar academic programs. Both colleges were experiencing a lack of finances and competing with each other for students. A combined college would provide a larger student body and faculty and would result in significant reductions in operating costs. More importantly, it would strengthen the base of constituency support – a vital pre-requisite for the possible development of a graduate seminary.

The 1968 discussions involved very serious research by combined committees from every area of the operation of the two colleges – board, faculty, student affairs, alumni, public relations, and business affairs. The location of Toronto Bible College was regarded as ideal. Each of the committees positively and enthusiastically urged the two boards to proceed with the merger as soon as possible. The final decision was made by the two boards voting separately, and the target date was set as September 1, 1968.

A spirit of excitement characterized the early months of the merger, as everyone looked forward expectantly to the good things that God had in store for them.

And what great things God has done in these 20 years:

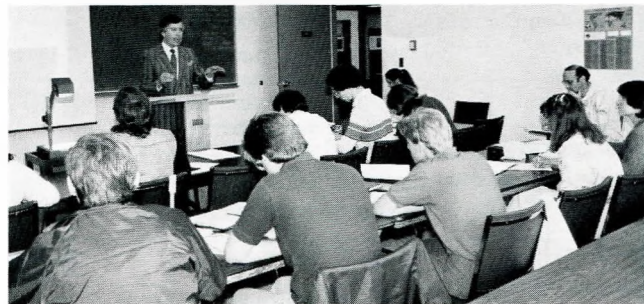
The founding of Ontario Theological Seminary, now the largest graduate seminary in Ontario; the relocation in that same year to a wonderful new campus facility in Willowdale; soaring enrolment over the years, from 341 students in 1968 to 1,008 students this fall in credit and diploma courses at the College and Seminary.

On this occasion, our 20th anniversary, we salute Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer, Mr. J. William Horsey, Mr. Melvin Steinmann, Dr. Victor Adrian, Mr. Robert McClintock and many others – men and women under God, whose vision and leadership paved the way for these 20 years of miracles, growth and ministry, the impact of which has been felt around the world.

Wm. J. McRae

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OTS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:



It has been traditional for seminaries to offer the broad discipline of Christian education as one of their majors. This area of study has tended to be fairly general in its course offerings as it encompasses so many educational facets of the church.

However OTS, having noted a recent church employment trend in North America of hiring a youth pastor as the second full-time employee, decided to begin its Christian education focus by offering a full major in the specialized field of youth ministry.

In the fall of 1985, under the direction of John H. Wilkinson, Canada's first graduate program in youth ministry was set in motion. The following year the program achieved full-time status with 12 enrolled in youth ministry majors. Last spring saw the first five youth ministry graduates. All were hired full-time within a church setting soon after graduating.

At present 42 OTS students, full-time and part-time, are classified as youth ministry majors within the MTS and MDiv degree programs. Twenty-one entered the program this fall.

Future plans look most promising for this youth focus. In addition to our core offerings of six youth ministry courses (including a two semester internship), plans are under way for additional youth electives, a specialized track in para-church youth ministries and a lay 'Institute of Youth Ministry' for volunteer youth workers and parents of youth.

John Wilkinson

If you are interested in the youth ministry program at OTS, contact John Wilkinson (416) 226-6380.

WHAT'S A TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM?



OBC/OTS has taken a giant step forward into state-of-the-art technology with our new phone system installed this past summer. But like most things there have been a few kinks to work out, complicated by the Bell strike. We apologize for the inconvenience!

Hats off to *Maurice Clelland* (BRE '71), president of Multicomm Corporate Consultants, Inc., whose involvement in this project has been a significant contribution to OBC/OTS.

OTS CONTINUING EDUCATION 1989

Intersession

JANUARY 2 – 6
(one week)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pastoral Care of the City Core 656
David Frenchak and
Carol Ann McGibbon

JANUARY 9 – 13
(one week)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Pastoring a City Church and
Community 657*
William Leslie

JANUARY 2 – 13,
(two weeks)

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
*I and II Thessalonians
953 (2)*
David Ewert

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bio-Medical Ethics 753 (2)
Douglas Webster

Luke as Missiologist 845 (2)
Mariano Di Gangi

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
*Christianity and Development
884 (2)*
Larry Matthews
Reformed Heritage 950 (2)
John Vissers

Spring Semester

JANUARY 23 –
APRIL 25, 1989

Mondays
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Youth Ministry in the Church 592
John Wilkinson

Music of the Church 558
Larry Marshall
*Introduction to Hebrew
Exegesis 612*
Peter Gentry

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
*Contemporary Religious
Movements 965*
James Beverley
Old Testament Prophets 512
Donald Leggett
*Ministry in An Urban
Context II 849*
Rick Tobias

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Hebrews 724
Roy Matheson
Wesleyan Heritage 950
Robert Buchanan

*History of Christianity
in Canada 662*
Ian Rennie

Tuesdays
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Methods for Youth Ministry 595
John Wilkinson
*Equipping for 'Secular' Workplaces
654*
Ray Binkley and James Beverley
Jeremiah 814
Donald Leggett

Thursdays
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Elementary Greek II 322
Harry Hahne
Preaching Practicum I 745
Michael Eizenga

OBC CONTINUING EDUCATION 1989

Diploma Division

JANUARY 9 –
MARCH 6

Mondays
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Piano Class
S. Bell
Flute/Clarinet Class (Intermediate)
C. White

JANUARY 24 –
MARCH 2

Tuesdays
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Philippians
J. Weiler
Intermediate Guitar
J. Cormier
*Cults, The Occult, and The New
Age Movement (2)*
L. Marsh

The Trumpet in Christian Ministry
P. Fehderau

Thursdays
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Old Testament Survey (1)
J. Vold
Spiritual Warfare
Co-ordinator to be announced
Evangelism
M. Noble
'Let's Communicate!'
G. Bredfeldt

Credit Division

JANUARY 9 –
APRIL 27

Mondays
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Piano Class MUSC 0164
S. Bell

Calendar of Events

All events take place on the Bayview campus unless otherwise indicated. For further information on any events listed here, call 416/226-6380.

1988

Dec 1 Evening School Christmas Concert
in the OBC chapel at 8:00 p.m.

Dec 12 – 16 Final examinations

1989

- Jan 2 – 13** Intersession courses at OTS
Jan 5 OBC semester begins
Jan 5, 9, 17 OBC evening school registration
Jan 10 – 13 OBC Global Missions Conference
All are welcome. Speakers: Dr. Helen Roseveare and Rev. Roy Comrie.
Contact: Dr. Sikakane.
- Jan 16 – 18** Ministry Enrichment Conference with
Dr. John White (see back cover)
- Jan 23** OTS semester begins
- Feb 7** OTS missions conference
Feb 15 Day of Prayer
Feb 25 Today's Teens conference in conjunction
with Youth for Christ and featuring Josh
McDowell. Contact: John Wilkinson.
- Feb 27 – Mar 1** Academic Lecture Series
- Mar 20** Experience OBC

For schedule of music group tours, see p. 14

Mondays
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Pastoral Letters BIBL 0214
Introduction to Counselling
SOSC 0358
R. Dirks
Leadership Theory and Practice
CHED 0212
G. Bredfeldt

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Theological Studies II THEO 022
W. Foster
Jeremiah BIBL 0304
G. Wyper
Spiritual Life in Ministry
PAST 0436
J. Unger
Children with Special Needs
CHED 0300
B. Posterski

JANUARY 5 –
APRIL 27
Thursdays
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Understanding the New Testament
BIBL 0102
B. Allison
Western Thought and Culture
PHIL 0105
J. Franklin
Camp Administration
CAMP 0301
J. Wilkinson
Romans BIBL 0312
D. Mensah



- December 1 Christmas Choir Evening School concert at OBC - 8:00 p.m.
- December 2 Christmas Choir at Yorkminster Park Baptist Toronto, ON - 8:00 p.m.
- December 3 Christmas Choir at Wortley Baptist Church, London, ON - 8:00 p.m.
- December 4 Christmas Choir at Forward Baptist Church, Cambridge, ON - 6:30 p.m.
- January 22 Octet at Uxbridge Baptist Church, Uxbridge, ON - evening service
- January 29 Choir at Glen Cairn Baptist Church, London, ON - 6:00 p.m.
- February 5 Octet at Brant Bible Church, Burlington, ON - 11:00 a.m.
- February 12 Instrumental group at Lakeshore Bible Chapel, Waterloo, ON - 11:00 a.m.
- February 12 Choir at Dorset Park Baptist Church, Etobicoke, ON - 6:30 p.m.
- February 12 Octet at Longbranch Baptist Church, Etobicoke, ON - 6:30 p.m.
- March 3-11 Choir - eastern Ontario, Upstate New York
Octet - northern Ontario
- March 12-19 Band - western Ontario

OBC/OTS FINANCIAL REPORT

(thousands of dollars)

	1988	1987
REVENUE		
Tuition and other student fees	\$2,507	\$2,275
Donations and other revenue	<u>973</u>	<u>973</u>
	3,480	3,248
EXPENDITURES		
Instructional	1,718	1,521
General operations	1,534	1,521
Ancillary	<u>570</u>	<u>578</u>
	3,822	3,620
Revenue (less than) expenditures before transfers	<u>(342)</u>	<u>(372)</u>
Transfers from funds for specific purposes	<u>363</u>	<u>327</u>
Revenue in excess of (less than) expenditures	21	(41)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>3,067</u>	<u>3,112</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$3,088</u>	<u>\$3,067</u>
Consisting of:		
Operating fund deficit	\$ (274)	\$ (294)
Property fund	<u>3,361</u>	<u>3,361</u>
<i>Complete fiscal 1988 financial statements as audited by Clarkson Gordon are available upon written request to OBC/OTS.</i>	<u>\$3,087</u>	<u>\$3,067</u>

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MINISTRY ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

*“Ministering in the
Sexual Revolution”*

January 16 – 18, 1989

Theme Speaker

DR. JOHN WHITE

The Ministry Enrichment Conference

(formerly Conference for Pastors, Church Workers and Spouses) will be of definite interest to all Christians ministering to people: pastors, youth workers, para-church ministry workers, counsellors and involved lay people.

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