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## In All These Things, God Was Faithful

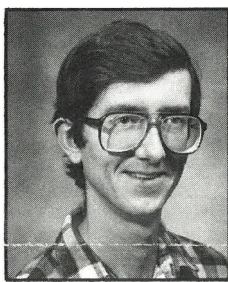
One day, while my wife and I were still on the farm, I got on the tractor and prepared to take some equipment out into the fields. Starting it up, I engaged the PTO and revved the engine up to 540 r.p.m. in order to try out the forage harvester before putting it into operation. Suddenly, I heard a horrendous clanking and screeching noise, and turned in time to see the steel-slatted feed chain destroyed beyond repair.

I shut off the tractor and went back into the house to tell my wife. I asked her how much money we had left over from our milk cheque this month. She said, "About \$600." When I phoned the farm equipment company, they said they had the part in stock and would be able to send it up on the bus. I asked how much it cost. "\$590," was the reply.

Time and time again, this happened to us on the farm. My wife received quite a large sum of money as an inheritance a

while ago. Being familiar with the pattern of events that I just outlined, my first reaction - instead of jumping for joy - was to exclaim, "O Lord, what's going to break now?!!!"

Prior to this however, we had prayed concerning God's purpose for our lives, and having made the decision to leave the farm and attend OBC for overseas service training, this money provided us with the capital to make the move to Toronto, and go to college here. Throughout our time here, God has been faithful to us and provided for us in the areas of accommodation, finances, jobs, and more.



Mike Steinborn, BTh '89

He has provided us with the resources we have needed to survive in the city and to train for his service.

The day I drove into OBC after spending two years working in a rough environment in industry, a real thrill ran through me and I said to myself and to the Lord, "O God, it's so good to be here!" And it was. I revelled in the enjoyment of solid and relevant Christian teaching, and in the warm atmosphere of Christian teachers and friends. I thrived on the challenges of classes and assignments and struggled in my determination to apply what I was learning to life and ministry in the "real" world. And in all these things, God was faithful - providing, encouraging, and sustaining in so many ways, from the heartbreak of my first late paper to the pressure of a final major assignment, to cramming for that last big exam.

But we cannot stay at OBC forever. At some point we must go out and live and work in the real world. And I won't try to deceive you into thinking that everything will always be easy. I've had my spiritual ups and downs, and there have been times when, much to my dismay, I have backslidden tremendously. But still, God has been faithful in sustaining, restoring and teaching me to rely more and more on him.

Mike Steinborn received a BTh in missions last April and is currently working for a year before continuing studies at OTS. Long range plans are to work overseas with the Canadian Baptist Overseas Mission Board, possibly in urban church planting.

### A New Look!

Update has changed its look! We think this new "tabloid" style you have in your hand will be easier to find your way around in, and it allows us more creativity with the layout. Oh yes, it is also far more economical! We hope you enjoy it.

## Laying Foundations In The Dominican Republic

A trip to the Dominican Republic in February made a profound impact on 12 OBC Class of '89 students. Under the leadership of Dr. John Unger, professor of Christian education, the group worked on a building project at a Christian school for troubled youth. Laying a foundation of brick and mortar during the day, our students also assisted in laying a spiritual foundation in the lives of some of the kids in the New Horizon school.

A student wrote about one of the kids at the school: "I'll probably never see Ben again until heaven, but just for a few minutes I was able to share with him his new-found faith in Jesus Christ. As far as I am concerned - this made the whole trip worthwhile!" Another OBC grad, Lois Quick, will actually be returning to the Dominican Republic to work full-time in the school as a house mother.

Without exception the students who went on this trip said the experience had changed their lives. Next year a mission trip to Jamaica is being planned.



Dr. John Unger with OBC students in the Dominican Republic in February 1989.

## In Prison For the Gospel

by Karen McCullough

When I met Merv Budd for the first time in April of this year, following his release from prison in Nepal for "proselytizing," I was immediately struck by his warm, enthusiastic and impassioned manner. Here is a guy who really loves the Lord!

He talked to the OBC student body in the chapel about "being weak" referring to how God used something as "weak" as he and his fellow missionary distributing

Bibles and Christian literature in the wrong town to bring people around the world to their knees to pray for Nepal.

"Be weak" Merv challenged, drawing a distinction between the attempt to be strong in ourselves and spiritual strength from God. Quoting Jeremiah 12:5 he shared the importance of being ready to face spiritual warfare: "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?"

Merv's experience in Nepal no doubt reinforced this truth in his own life. On a trekking mission through the Himalayas

with Operation Mobilization, Merv and his co-worker Dave McBride travelled too close to a town where the police had already been alerted to the fact that other Christians had been selling Christian literature, which in Nepal is illegal. Called in for questioning they were searched, and found to be carrying not only Bibles and Christian literature, but a detailed report of their itinerary and activities too!

Even at this point, Merv and Dave didn't really think they were in danger. However after being held in custody for

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## FOOTNOTES

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PASTORS IN BANGLADESH, INDIA, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES

In May of this year, OTS professor of pastoral studies Dr. David Sherbino, and his brother Michael, BTh, OBC, MDiv, OTS, pastor of Uptown Community Church in Thornhill, travelled to the Third World to provide educational assistance to pastors

and church leaders. They taught very basic level courses in preaching, leadership in the church, and Scripture study in Dhaka, Bangladesh; Bangalore, India; Bangkok, Thailand and Manila, Philippines.

Says Dr. Sherbino: "It was encouraging to assist these pastors, who have minimal biblical training. There was a deep sense of gratitude for the help we provided...[The experience also] heightened my awareness of the need for the Christian church in North America to do more to help in caring for the people who live in squalor and poverty in the Third World."

### DR. BOB DUEZ AT SCOTT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN KENYA

Shortly after Christmas of last year, Dr. Bob Duez and his wife Shirley travelled to Kenya, East Africa to teach a "mini term" at Scott Theological College, located about an hour's drive from Nairobi. For two weeks Dr. Duez met each day with second year pastoral students to study the Sermon on the Mount.

African students are eager to learn, and three-hour classes often extended to four. The Duez's impression was that Scott plays a very strategic role in the spiritual life of Kenya, and the whole of Africa.

"This was a life-altering experience for Shirley and me," says Dr. Duez. "As we reflect on our time in Kenya, we are deeply moved by the evidences of God working in Africa. The poverty and superstition of the country are also indelibly etched on our minds. We thank God for the privilege of having a small part in the exciting things which he is doing there."

Scott Theological College is affiliated with OBC, through whom its degrees are granted. In April of this year, 17 Scott students received BTh degrees through OBC.



Wm. J. McRae, DMin  
President, OBC/OTS

## A Life Of Obedience

June 17, 1989, was promotion day for my dear, godly mother. At 88 years of age, and after almost 60 years of Christian service she entered quickly and quietly into the throne room of heaven to report to the Lord. In a service conducted by her children and grandchildren, our family celebrated her life, taking as our text Proverbs 31:28 - "Her children will rise and call her blessed."

We thought about her influence on our lives. My sisters and I came to know the Lord on our knees beside our mother! I met my wife, Marilyn, when she was a student in my mother's grade five class. And during the last six years "grandma" lived in our home, always gentle, appreciating everything, demanding nothing. She brightened our home and enriched our lives.

It is quite evident that she influenced us in our careers as well. Each of her children became teachers! I can say without a doubt she has been the primary instrument the Lord has used to shape my life and ministry.

In this issue of *Update* we deal with the influence of obedience. Measured against the standard of great people, my mother's life would appear very ordinary. Yet any life lived in simple obedience to God can be extraordinary in its influence. This is part of the legacy my mother leaves us. It is one reason I rise up and call her blessed.

# The Influence Of Obedience

*When we think of influence, it is natural to view it as exerting control over someone for a specific purpose. What kind of influence does obedience have? A passive influence? Perhaps the influence of obedience is more powerful than we thought...*

Some time ago, one of our sons shared an experience he had in grade seven which had surprised and delighted him. He discovered that he could be influential in the direction of obedience.

One day when he was out on the school grounds with the other boys, at recess time, the group headed off the property to an area which was out of bounds (and therefore particularly attractive, as the apostle Paul knew from personal experience, Rom. 7:8). Our son went along. His conscience troubled him though, and he soon turned back. Much to his surprise, they all went with him, and instead of the disapproval he expected, he had the joy of being an influence for good.

Experience indicates that some of our most impressive lessons about obedience are indeed learned through pain. It is particularly significant that Jesus is described as learning obedience from what he suffered (Heb. 5:8). Jesus had always done the Father's will perfectly, but it was only through suffering for doing right that he knew experientially the full meaning of obedience.

The Hebrews, to whom this letter was addressed, were suffering for their faith in Christ, and there was the danger that they might think the cost was too great and be tempted to turn back. So they are encouraged to consider the example of Jesus, who had endured such opposition from sinful people and yet continued to be obedient. This example would give them heart, and encourage them not to grow weary in their own costly obedience (Heb. 12:5). Indeed, the author tells them, although they have suffered for obedience to Christ, they have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood (12:4).

We would not want to follow the error of the theologians who have suggested that the life and death of Christ was simply an example which we can follow and likewise gain acceptance with God, the "moral influence theory." On the other hand, we must not ignore the power of Jesus' example for us. The obedience of

Jesus should be a powerful call to a life of the same quality of obedience, in the power of the same Spirit.

A life lived in this sort of obedience can, in turn, have great influence upon others. We see this in the lives of early missionaries to Africa. In those days, Africa was known as the "graveyard of

missionaries" because so many died of disease or at the hands of enemies. The time came when missionaries went out with the expectation that they would die there, and packed their belongings in coffins. The impact of that commitment was a powerful testimony. Africans saw the cost which these people were prepared to pay in order to deliver their message, and gave them a hearing.

More recently, Dr. Josef Tson, exiled by the Romanian government in 1981, has written a theology of martyrdom. It is his conviction that Jesus' "call to martyrdom was one of the secrets of Christianity's success in its first centuries." Tertullian, converted through the testimony of Christians singing on their way to death gave us the oft-repeated statement that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." The Romanian authorities knew the power of martyrdom and told one of Tson's colleagues: "We know that Josef Tson would love to be a martyr, but we are not such big fools as to fulfill his wish." Tson had previously told an interrogator who threatened to kill him, "Your supreme weapon is killing. My supreme weapon is dying." He knew that his death would add irrepressible power

to the tapes of his sermons circulating around the country.

Very few of us who read *Update* find ourselves in situations where our lives are endangered by our obedience to Christ. The cost of our obedience is more subtle, and the risks of disobedience sometimes less obvious. Last winter our family had the privilege of visiting in the home of a pastor in Cuba. He told us of their joy in seeing their three teenage boys choose to follow Christ, against pressures which were subtle but forceful.

The influence of their parents' obedience was obvious, and the parents had been careful to give the boys as much support as they could. Once when asked by a teacher why the boys were not members of Young Pioneers, the communist youth movement, the pastor explained that they were excluded by the condition that a member could not have religious involvement. The teacher then berated the parents for forcing religion upon their children and thereby jeopardizing their chances at good employment and university education. The parents refused to be cowed, nor would they accept blame for coercion. They suggested that the teacher ask the boys themselves why they made this choice, and the boys gave clear, independent witness to their personal faith in Christ, in spite of the cost.

That kind of pressure is still outside of the experience of many of us, but it reminds me of a situation I encountered in the Philippines which may come closer to home. I was holding home Bible studies with a family, a widow and five teenage children. All of the children were studying in schools where there were tuition costs.

During one of our studies, the mother indicated with some distress that she was cheating in her business. It was something which was commonly done in her line of work, but she knew that it was wrong. She told me that she "had" to do it, in order to send her children to high school and college. It made me aware of

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the danger we face when we decide what we "must" have.

Jesus lived a life which had just one goal - to please his heavenly Father. There was nothing else that he "had" to have. He told his disciples that, unlike the birds and the foxes, he didn't even have a home to call his own. Not that having a home would have been wrong for him, any more than having a good job or a university education is wrong for us. But if it had meant being anything less than totally obedient to the Father, it would have been too big a price to pay.

Ours is a society which has little understanding of voluntary suffering for a cause. Yet we cannot ignore the powerful influence of the obedient life, the life of a person whose commitment is to please God, to follow Jesus in disregard of the scorn of others or the persecution that may result.

*Terry Tiessen, PhD, provided excellent leadership as vice-president and academic dean of OBC from September 1986 to June 1989. He has now returned to full-time teaching in a Bible college in the west.*

## OTS ALUMNI!

Plan now to attend the OTS Alumni Lectureship. This year it will be held Thursday, October 19 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rev. Jim Beverley, OTS professor of theology and ethics, will speak on "Christianity and the Unification Church."

To register, call the OBC/OTS alumni office at 416/226-6380 by **September 30**. This is so we can make arrangements for food. There will be a \$5.00 charge to cover lunch in the cafeteria.

## "Batter My Heart, Three-Person God"

I came to OTS two years ago because I needed 30 hours of Bible to qualify for missionary service with several missionary organizations. I expected I would gain some knowledge and a few skills to put to use in ministry, and I expected I'd meet some people and make some good friends. All of that happened, but that still hasn't been the essence of my seminary experience.

The truth of the matter is that these last two years have been two of the most painful years of my life, because of events in my personal life, as well as through some of the courses I've taken, and some of the professors I have



Ruth Buckinger  
MTS 1989

known. I came to OTS quite oblivious of what was about to happen to me, but at school I've been faced with a God that is bigger than the god I had in a little box; I have been forced to look at myself, the ground that I base my life on, who I am, who God is, how I relate to him and what he asks of me.

All of these questions have been painful in my life because I have had to sort out some of the dead wood as God has been doing some housekeeping within me. I came to seminary very independent and self-sufficient, a very competent and capable sort of person. And I think I left not so independent and not so self-sufficient, not so competent and not so capable.

You may think that's strange, but I think that's a wonderful thing, because that needed to happen to me.

John Donne, a 17th century poet wrote the words, "Batter my heart, three-person God... bend your force to break, blow, burn and make me new." I never prayed that prayer but I think that's what God did in me these last two years. He's been battering my heart and breaking me, blowing, burning and, I hope, making me new.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Studying New Testament At OTS

Understanding a text or passage of the New Testament is not unlike understanding a person. To get to know a person it is important first of all to listen carefully to what they are saying so that one really hears what is being communicated. It is also important to know the background and experience of the individual. This will give us further clues as to why they communicate in a certain manner.

The New Testament department at Ontario Theological Seminary offers courses that enable the student to listen to the text, letting the text speak for itself rather than superimposing our own message onto it. After initial courses in Greek Grammar and Syntax, further courses help the student develop an exegetical methodology, first in the epistles and then in the gospels.

In addition, "New Testament Introduction" outlines the background and origin of the New Testament, so students can better grasp why a book or paragraph is structured in a particular way.

A variety of other courses covering both the gospels and the epistles are offered on the basis of the English text. These are primarily for students in the MTS program.

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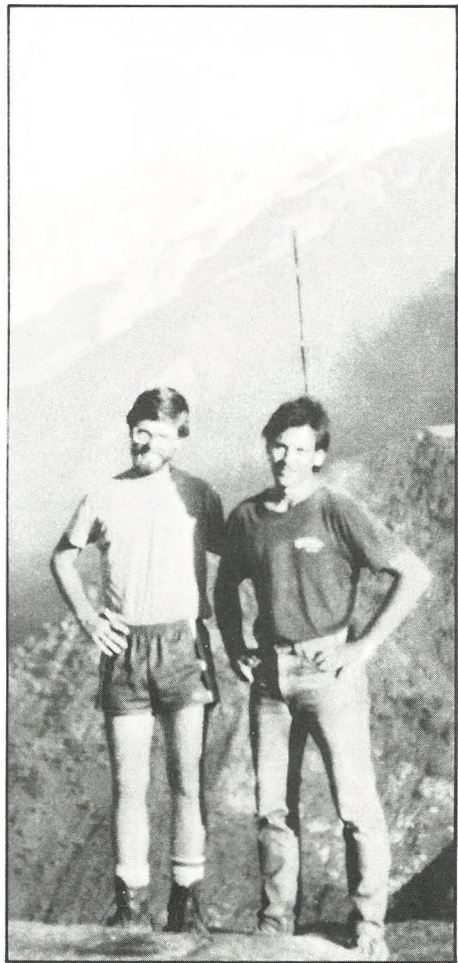
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Merv Budd (right) and Dave McBride

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10 days, questioned without representation, denied bail and imprisoned, the seriousness of their situation began to sink in. In the prison 28 men shared an open cell, one cold water faucet and no privacy.

This was one of the hardest things to endure. No "getting away" - to read, to pray, to think. But Merv says he experienced a great sense of peace while in prison, even during the first three weeks when they did not know if anyone was even aware of their arrest. Eventually, letters came from people in 38 different countries around the world, encouraging Dave and Merv, and assuring them of their prayers. Merv realized "the sun never set that someone wasn't praying." At the OBC Global Missions Conference in January there were special times of prayer set aside specifically for them.

Four months later, on March 1, Merv and Dave went to court. They had been charged with disturbing Hinduism and preaching Christianity, yet in the end were acquitted with the help of a Nepali supreme court lawyer, and through the prayers of God's people around the world.

As for the future, Merv intends to pursue a master's degree and ultimately work in youth evangelism, implementing some ideas he came up with while in prison.

**OBC/OTS ALUMNI Keeping In Touch**

**BIRTHS**

Philip Edward to Mr. & Mrs. David Reimer, BTh '80, on February 22, 1988 in Oxford, England

Simon Benjamin to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gilbert, (Susan Allcorn '77-'78) on February 11, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Erica Elisabeth to Mr. & Mrs. Philip Walker, MTS '87 on February 20, 1989 in London, ON

Natalie Joy to Rev. & Mrs. Robin Pifer, BTh '86 (Gwendolyn Laird, BSM '83) on November 26, 1988 in Winnipeg, MB

Meghan Dorene to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ambrose (Linda McGuire, BRE '81) on October 10, 1988 in Kitchener, ON

David Michael to Rev. & Mrs. Harley Winborn, BTh '73 (Mary Szczerbiak, BRE '75) on February 7, 1989 in Calgary, AB

Jennifer Michelle to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Halliday, '76-'77 (Susan Hawkins, '76-'77) on September 9, 1988 in Brampton, ON

John Grant to Dr. & Mrs. John Vissers (Lynn, BRE '82) on November 27, 1988 in Toronto, ON

Sara Dawn to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Russell, MDiv '84 on November 29, 1988 in Ndola, Zambia

Natalie Christyn to Rev. & Mrs. David Elliott, BTh '86 (Lisa Stinchcombe, BRE '85) on December 18, 1988 in Cobourg, ON

Jonathan Daniel to Mr. & Mrs. John Reaume, BRE '86 (Wendy Stuart, BRE '85) on January 21, 1989 in London, ON

Abbey Victoria to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bronson, BRE '76 (Brenda Headrick, BRE '76) on May 19, 1988 in Dunnville, ON

Raymond Philip (May 28, 1987) and Katherine Lynn (September 15, 1988) to Mr. and Mrs. Norman White (Rosemary Pauls, BRE '79) in Lower Hainsville, NB

Jillian Grace to Mr. & Mrs. Dean Hughes, MTS '84 (Susan Pooler, MTS '84) on September 21, 1988 in Lethbridge, AB

Katelyn Dawn to Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Saynor, BTh '81, MDiv '86 (Diane Windsor, BRE '80) February 10, 1989 in St. Catharines, ON

Leslie Anne to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Webster (Nancy Palmer, '71-'73) March 23, 1989 in Little Britain, ON

David Pierce to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Hinton (Sheryl Sauer, '76) on January 17, 1989 in Niagara Falls, ON

Rebecca Lynne to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Peckover, BRE '87 (Shelly McKinnon, '86-'87) on January 10, 1989 in Toronto, ON

**MARRIAGES**

Sharon Debus, '78-'79 to Dr. James Frizzell, May 21, 1988 at Medley, AB

Brenda Breen, BRE '84 to Michael Carr on November 5, 1988 at London, ON

Phillip E. Holbrook, BRE '85 to Patricia Cuff on June 18, 1988 at St. Catharines, ON

Janet I. Black '82-'83 to Nello Romagnoli at Grassie, ON

Lawrie McEwen, BTh '81, to Wendy Lea Bowser on June 20, 1987 at Arthur, ON

**DEATHS**

Glen Henderson, '70-'71 (husband of Maybeth Tyler, '70-'71) at Johannesburg, Africa, March 27, 1989

Rev. Fred Bregman '30 at Toronto, ON, January 23, 1989

Harry Moore, '28 at Orangeville, ON, September 4, 1988

Comfort Appiah, BTh '67 at Begoro, W. Africa, December 4, 1988

Jean Hynes (nee Cook, '48) at Guelph, ON, December 19, 1988

Rev. Cecil K. Dolby, '22 (husband of Dorothy Graham, '37) at Etobicoke, ON, November 26, 1988

Hazel W. Brown (nee Bond, '33) at Stayner, ON, October 28, 1988

Gladys Morris (nee Stephens, '28) at Bangor, SK, March 28, 1989

Aileen Stephens (nee Noel, '38) at London, ON, January 14, 1989

Edith Stobbe (nee Howell, '25) at Owen Sound, ON, January 17, 1988

Christina Inrig, '19-'21 at Hamilton, ON, January 29, 1989

Mrs. Dorothy Wright (nee Rabbitts, '34-'35) at Paris, ON, December 11, 1988

Betty Hill (nee Fraser, '49) at Barrie, ON, December 7, 1987

Dorothy Elliottson (nee Havercroft, '43) at Hearst, ON, June 6, 1988

Rev. Paul Erb '36, at New Hamburg, ON, April 14, 1989

**PASTORAL**

(Rev. David and Marianne Roberts, BRE '79, pastoring at Rouge Valley Alliance Church, Scarborough, ON

Rev. Wrenfred and Helen Bryant, '49 (Helen Dyall, '51) retired from position of pastor-at-large Area IV, United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces, February 1989

Robin Pifer, BTh '86 ordained on June 19, 1988. He and wife Gwendolyn (nee Laird, BSM '83) have accepted senior pastorate at Waverley Fellowship Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB

Donald H. Wonnacott, MDiv '89 ordained on May 7, 1989 at Good Shepherd Community Church, Toronto, ON

Rev. Stephen Jones, BRE '73, MTS '87 serving as senior pastor at First Baptist Church, Smith Falls, ON

Jeff and Fiona Sensenstein, BTh '88 (Fiona Smith, BRE '87) pastoring at Hamilton Road Missionary Church, London, ON

Rev. William Thornton, BTh '81, MDiv '85 ordained to the ministry at Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, ON on January 15, 1989

Rev. John Ross, BTh '82 now pastoring at Bayview United Baptist Church, Bathurst, NB

Richard and Laura Martens, BTh '88 (Laura Lutes, '83-'85), serving as youth pastor at Leamington Mennonite Brethren Church, Leamington, ON

**MISSIONS**

Tom and Ruth Oliver, BRE '79 (Ruth Walden, BRE '75) preparing for return to Kijabe Medical Centre with Africa Inland Mission

Rev. Howard and Janice Hawes, '65-'67, (Janice Marion, '66-'67) departing shortly for Uganda, Africa to teach at Bishop Baliya Theological College (Howard) and do medical work (Janice)

Doug and Esther Duvall, BRE '83 (Esther '75-'76), formerly with CEF of Ontario; in language study for one year before commencing missionary service in Italy

Normand Leduc, BTh '84, in language training in France for work to Muslims with Arab World Ministries

Bernard and Mildred Flanagan (Mildred Wood, '49) retired from Baptist Mission of North America

**NEWS**

Linda Ambrose (nee McGuire, BRE '81) has accepted doctoral fellowship from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to continue research in Canadian social history leading to PhD in history from University of Waterloo

Glenn and Arlene Svarich, BTh '82 (Arlene Knights, BRE '83) both received BEd degree in May 1988 from University of Western Ontario. Arlene is teaching with North York Board of Education; Glenn is teaching at Peoples Christian School, Toronto, ON

Robert and Beth Cottrill, BRE '69 (Beth Carscadden, BRE '68). Robert is teaching at Briercrest Bible College while working on his MA; Beth has informal ministry to wives of married students.

John Dyck (Judy Heintz, '70-'71) left Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in NS; now with Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg, MB as college and career co-ordinator.

Rev. Thomas Swan, BTh '59, is now director of Christian Service Brigade-Church Relations, Burlington, ON.

Robert Joyce, '61-'63, editor of Chefoo Schools Association magazine, addressed student body of new Shandong Theological School in Jinan during visits to China in 1988.

**Say hello to Steve!**



Steve Thomson, MDiv '87, is a new face around campus. He has extensive ministry experience including pastoring a church and now he is OBC/OTS's director of recruitment. He will be our liaison person with churches, schools and interested individuals, keeping them informed about opportunities for study at OBC and OTS.

Steve is an experienced speaker and welcomes invitations to minister from the pulpit, to youth groups, at retreats and mission conferences.

Give him a call! (416/226-6380)

"Miranda Lau is the sort of person you would imagine a hospital chaplain to be - warm and caring." So began a front page article in Etobispoke, Etobicoke General Hospital's magazine. Miranda is the first chaplain to be appointed at Etobicoke General Hospital and is a 1988 graduate of the MDiv program at OTS.

Earlier this year Miranda addressed OTS faculty and students. The following, taken from her message, exemplifies both the challenge and joy of institutional ministry.

Ministry in institutions is a ministry that takes place at the heart of human need. Every time I am called to listen to hurting people, I remind myself to get off my own agenda and give the person my undivided attention. Our distinct task is to be able to make the connection between the human story that we have just heard and the divine story that we know.

One patient with a heart condition, John, was hospitalized because of severe irregularity of heartbeat and was scheduled for shock treatment. When I responded to his request for a chaplain and came to see him in his room, he was all hooked up to monitors around him. Obviously anxious, he shared deeply his fear and wanted me to pray with him.



Miranda Lau, MDiv '88 Chaplain, Etobicoke General Hospital

morning the doctor looked at it and said, 'You sure don't need shock treatment right now!' - I am going to be discharged this afternoon."

Who can estimate the power of prayer? We treat but only God heals. The Lord says "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws... You will be my people, and I will be your God."

How accurate these words are from Ezekiel (36:26-28). The Holy Spirit is the great heart surgeon. If chaplains also specialize like doctors, I think I will specialize in coronary care and co-work with the Holy Spirit!

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Dr. Gordon Dorey '57 is our speaker this year. Also joining us will be Merv Budd BTh '86, who spent four months in prison in Nepal after being arrested for distributing Christian literature.

**ALUMNI, don't forget to send in your registration. Call the alumni office if you did not receive one.**

Class reunions for classes of: '39, '44, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, '84

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# 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.

September 5	OBC Parents' Day
September 11	OBC and OTS classes begin
September 13	Convocation with Bishop Donald Bastian, Free Methodist Church of Canada
September 18-22	OBC Spiritual Emphasis Week with Dr. Walter Liefeld
October 4	OBC/OTS Day of Prayer
October 14	OBC Alumni Homecoming (see p.3)
October 19	OTS Alumni Lectureship (see p.2)
October 23-25	OBC Academic Lecture Series with Dr. Stephen Charles Mott, Gordon Conwell Seminary
October 27,28	Experience OBC - high school students visit campus
October 31	OTS Reach the City seminar (see this page)
November 3-5	"New Patterns for Christian Women in Leadership" at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, co-sponsored by OTS, McMaster, BUILD
November 9-11	Christian Writers' Conference with Philip Yancey, sponsored by EFC
November 10	President's Banquet at the Royal York Hotel (see this page)
November 17	Experience OBC - high school students visit campus
November 30	OBC continuing education Christmas concert, 8 p.m.
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February 21-23	Ministry Enrichment Conference with Dr. Luis Palau

## A Commitment Unfolding

Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary invite you to attend a victory celebration.

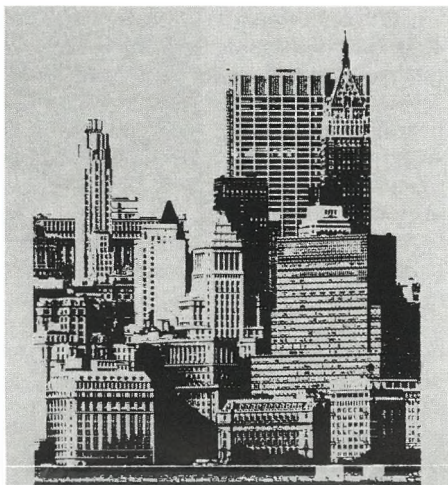
**THE PRESIDENT'S BANQUET** will take place on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel Front and York Streets, Toronto

We will be celebrating the goodness of God this year as our "Commitment to Excellence" campaign has been unfolding.

There is no charge for tickets, but reservations must be made in advance. An offering will be taken.

We invite you to inquire about hosting a table for ten.

Call 416/226-6380 to reserve tickets.



### Reach The City...

...is a one-day seminar on urban ministry sponsored by OTS and intended for Christian workers in urban settings who deal with urban issues.

This year REACH THE CITY features Dr. Roy Bell. Former pastor of First Baptist Church, Vancouver and Calgary, Dr. Bell is now professor of family ministries at Carey Hall. He will be speaking on "Ministering in the City, to the Crisis in Marriage and the Family."

REACH THE CITY will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 9:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. at OTS. The cost is \$10. Register at the seminar after 8 a.m. For more information phone OTS at 416/226-6380.

## New Appointments

Dr. William Wan, PhD (Ottawa), has been appointed vice-president and academic dean of OBC. Wan is a professor, lawyer, and pastor, and most recently pastored the Chinese Bible Church in Ottawa. He has served with numerous Christian and secular organizations, specializing in intercultural relations. Wan has also lectured widely in universities and seminaries in Canada as well as in his native Singapore.

After many years of pastoral ministry Bruce Scott joins OBC/OTS as vice-president of institutional advancement (formerly development). Scott has pastored in Fellowship Baptist churches in both Ontario and Saskatchewan. He has also been involved in music ministry and evangelism training and outreach.

James Bailey, MA, joins the OBC Community Life team as dean of students. Coming from Houghton College in New York he brings to OBC broad experience in student development and youth coun-

selling. He is currently working on his PhD in philosophical theology.

Dr. Stephen Roy, PhD (Glasgow), received an MDiv last May from OTS and has now assumed the position of registrar for the Seminary. He has a doctorate in city planning and is an elder at Leaside Bible Chapel in Toronto.

In May Rev. David McDonald, BA, MDiv, came to OBC/OTS to serve as director of our "Commitment to Excellence" financial campaign, designed primarily to provide funds necessary for facility expansion. For four years McDonald was vice-principal of the Baptist Leadership Education Centre in Whitby. He has pastored two churches in Ontario, and has substantial management experience.

Rev. Steve Thomson, a grad of OTS (MDiv '87), is our new director of recruitment. (See p.3)

(Bruce Scott, David McDonald, William Wan and Steve Thomson are available for ministry speaking engagements and may be contacted at 416/226-6380.)



## CONTINUING EDUCATION

For further information on continuing education programs, contact the OBC or OTS registrar (416/226-6380).

### Ontario Theological Seminary

#### FALL SEMESTER

September 11 - December 7, 1989  
Monday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Critical Youth Issues 593 (4)  
John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry

Christian Ethics 731 (4)  
James Beverley, professor of theology and ethics

The Church: Planning for Ministry 847 (4)  
David Sherbino, professor of pastoral studies  
Linda Cannell, professor of Christian education

Monday 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Gospel of Luke 725 (4)  
Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament

World Evangelization 555 (4)  
Frank Byrne, professor of missions

Hebrew Grammar 611 (4)  
Peter Gentry, lecturer in Old Testament

Theology of Culture 652 (4)  
Brian Walsh, lecturer in theology

Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Wisdom Literature 513 (4)  
Donald Leggett, professor of Old Testament

Ministry in an Urban Context I 848 (4)  
Rick Tobias, lecturer in urban ministry

Greek Syntax 521 (4)  
Harry Hahne, lecturer in New Testament

Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Intergenerational Family Ministry 755 (4)  
Linda Cannell, professor of Christian education

Adolescent Development 591 (4)  
John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Elementary Greek I 321 (4)  
Harry Hahne, lecturer in New Testament

Born to Create: Creativity and Christianity (4)  
Nicholas and Joy Hunter, lecturers in interdisciplinary studies

#### INTERSESSION

January 8-12, 1990  
9:30 am - 4:00 p.m.

Streams in Christian Spirituality: An Historical Perspective 667 (2)  
Charles Nienkirchen, PhD, associate professor of Church history and director of spiritual formation, Canadian Theological Seminary

January 8-19, 1990  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Community in the Old Testament 718 (2)  
Elmer Dyck, PhD, assistant professor, biblical studies, Regent College

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Caring for Pastors and People: A Study of Paul's Letters to Titus and Timothy 843 (2)  
Mariano Di Gangi, lecturer in pastoral studies

Justice in the City 683 (2)  
Rick Tobias, lecturer in urban ministry

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A Theology of Sexuality and Marriage 963 (2)  
Douglas Webster, lecturer in theology and ethics

### Ontario Bible College

#### FALL SEMESTER (CREDIT)

September 11 - December 7, 1989  
Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Elementary Greek LANG 0371 B. Allison

Introduction to Psychology SOSC 0351 T. Quek

Theology in the Two-Thirds World MISS 0306 D. Mensah

Joshua, Judges, Ruth BIBL 0201 G. Wyper

La Vida de Cristo\* R. Dario

Tuesday 9:00 - 11:50 a.m.  
Dynamics of Interpersonal Development CHED 0106 R. Dirks

Marriage and Family CHED 0302 J. Unger

Romans BIBL 0312 E. Penner

Cultural Anthropology MISS 0201 E. Sikakane

Tuesday 2:00 - 4:50 p.m.  
Essay Writing and Research LANG 0270 E. Davey

Understanding Old Testament BIBL 0101 R. Hiebert

Children's Music and Movement MUSC 0463 S. Bell

Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 0205 J. Franklin

Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Theological Studies III THEO 0321 W. Foster

Canadian Literature LITR 0273 E. Davey

History of Christianity HIST 0104 C. Cameron

Human Development PAST 0203 D. Russell

Christian Counselling I SOSC 0361 B. Cunnington  
(September 12 - December 19)\*\*

Sexuality and the Developmentally Delayed CHED 1000 D. Hingsburger  
(October 2,9,16,30)\*\*

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Understanding the New Testament BIBL 0102 E. Penner

Luke - Acts BIBL 0207 B. Allison

Modern Cults MISS 0302 L. Marsh

Childhood Ministry CHED 0203 B. Posterski

\* Offered in Spanish

\*\*Please note these dates vary from the regular schedule for credit courses.

#### FALL SEMESTER (DIPLOMA)

September 11 - October 23, 1989  
Monday 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

La Vida Abundante\* E. Aldaz

Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Gospel of Mark J. Christie

How To Be A People Helper D. Roberts

I,II,III John J. Weiler

Corinthians I S. Roy

Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Ephesians G. Gordon

Isaiah I J. Vold

The Challenge of Being God's Woman In Today's World L. Stephens

Old Testament Survey: Poetry and Prophecy S. Brush

Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Old Testament Walk Through The Bible D. Collins

Saturday, October 21 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
The Christian Response to Homosexuality W. Wan, P. Allan, J. Howard

Introduction To Counselling J. Greene

Teach Triumphantly S. Brush

October 24 - November 28, 1989

Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Corinthians II S. Roy

Guitar J. Cormier

God and You! TBA

Discipleship For Lay Leaders\*\* T. Hwang

Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
The Life of Christ J. Bell

The Church, The Family, And Homosexuality P. Allan

Isaiah II J. Vold

A Study of Scripture J. Wiebe

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