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Loosening Your Grip

THE INFLUENCE OF THE SIMPLE LIFESTYLE

by Karen McCullough

"The more you have, the more you are occupied, the less you give. But the less you have, the more free you are. Poverty for us is a freedom. It is not a mortification, a penance. It is joyful freedom."

Mother Teresa, *Time* magazine, December 4, 1989.

Mother Teresa's comments were contained in a few little columns wedged between advertising for furs, brandy, fax machines and business travel. As I read them I wondered what kind of impact the quiet words of a tiny woman from quite another world would have on *Time* readers.

Self-imposed poverty or even simplicity is difficult for the average North-American to relate to. During the last decade in particular our society has indulged in a materialistic binge. We have succumbed to the belief that we can manipulate our destinies and happiness by the pursuit of material gain.

Yet, as we embark on the 90's, there seems to be some disillusionment with the lifestyle we have been pursuing. A recent survey by a major advertising firm indicates that consumers want a calmer lifestyle, and it predicts that we will adopt more conservative buying trends.

A Vancouver multi-millionaire who announced that he was giving $100 million to help the Third World, said "I was making millions of dollars in deals every couple of months and I realized that it wasn't doing much for my soul. I asked, 'When is enough enough?' " *(Toronto Star*, January 11, 1990).

Although few of us share his income bracket, we can probably relate to the question: when is enough enough? Maybe Christians in the 90's will be able to provide a model for the rest of society of a saner, more wholesome lifestyle, one which points to the source of security and stability – God himself. And maybe society is ready to listen.

Mother Teresa, and the monastics whose spiritual disciplines we have been looking at in recent issues of *Update*, provide clear examples of simplicity. A vow of poverty, expressed within a community where everyone adheres to the same practice, makes their pursuit of simplicity, if not easy, at least a bit more straightforward. However, most of us live in the mainstream of an affluent society where the norm is very different from their simple lifestyle.

A few years ago my life was a little like the monastics. Deeply impressed by scriptural admonitions such as "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2), I sought actively to simplify my life in order to better follow Christ. I experienced the freedom of a life with few material distractions. At the time I was working for a Christian organization, with a team of people whose income was as limited as my own. In fact, in Quebec where the evangelical church is young and largely blue-collar, most Christians I knew had a similar lifestyle.

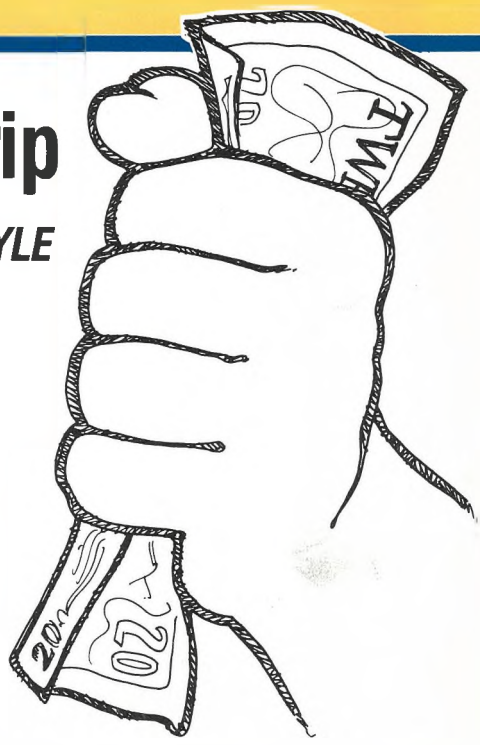
But then God brought me back to Toronto, where I went to work downtown and eventually married a Christian businessman. Integrating faith and lifestyle became much more complicated. In this new context, it has not been easy to define a simple lifestyle let alone live it.

Funk and Wagnall gives us the most helpful definition of simple: "without embellishment; lacking luxury, frugal; consisting of one thing, single, uncombined." This last definition takes us to the heart of biblical teaching on simplicity.

In Matthew 6 Jesus commands his followers: "Do not store up treasures on earth" (vs. 19); "You cannot serve God and Money" (vs.24); "Do not worry about your life" (vs. 25). Finally he says "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and these things will be given to you as well" (vs. 33,34).

The essence of the Christian life is a simplified, single focus, a Godward orientation instead of a preoccupation with material possessions and selfish gain. God would have us loosen our grip on our possessions and on our need to accumulate more – whether prestige, power, or even security. He wants our goals, desires and style of living to be shaped by his kingdom and purposes, not our own.

This perspective helps me in my choices regarding material things. Rather than strictly denying or avoiding possessions, which in itself can lead to legalism, I evaluate them in terms of their purpose, and whether they contribute or distract me from "seeking first the kingdom and righteousness of God."



Another scriptural principle concerning a simple lifestyle is contentment. God calls us to serve him in many situations. Paul states in Philippians 4:12 "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation." When I come to the place where I can relinquish control of my material well-being to God, then I am able to experience joy and thanksgiving for what God chooses to give back to me.

Thirdly, stewardship is foundational to the Christian life and inherent to Christian simplicity. Because what we have has been given by God, we have a responsibility to manage it appropriately. This should call into check our tendency to accumulate possessions and cause us to re-evaluate our "needs."

Finally, we are exhorted repeatedly in Scripture to give to those in need. As we practise loosening our grip on material things, and exchange our dependence on them for a trust in God as provider, we are able to give freely of all that we have. One example in the early Church is radical: "Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need" (Acts 2:45). The availability of resources is a wonderful gift when we can deploy

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Translating Culture

by Krysia P. Lear

When translator Hazel Wrigglesworth and her partner agreed to care for a dying baby Manobo girl, it meant taking in her family, two wet nurses and their families.

No Manobo sleeps away from home without taking along all belongings. Inside their small home, the missionaries were crowded; outside a carabao, puppy and rooster added to the din. Not much language learning was done for a month but Hazel, who has worked with the Manobo people in the Philippines since 1962 under Wycliffe Bible Translators/ Summer Institute of Linguistics (WBT/ SIL), wrote of that 1965 incident:

> ...It was an attempt at building a bridge across the chasm spanning two very diverse cultures. In a small way we hoped it would help to prepare their hearts for the time when we could give them God's Word.

Although she didn't have translation work in mind while a student at Ontario Bible College (London College of Bible and Missions, '49-'52), Hazel can trace the influence of that experience on her later ministry.

John Honeyman, a faculty member, instilled in her a love of English language studies and of using the language in the best way possible. He encouraged her to switch from the three-year diploma program to the four-year program – "even when it meant I was the only woman in a class of men."

In 1955, Hazel enrolled at Central Michigan University. During her first year of graduate work in linguistics, she was deeply impressed by some Wycliffe translators who were updating their qualifications. She says, "I was unable to escape the challenge of Bible translation for my own life." After further training and preparations, she went overseas in 1961.

This year Hazel brought with her the first copy of the Manobo New Testament to show friends, family and supporters in

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FOOTNOTES

ALUMNI HOMECOMING 1989

More than 225 alumni were present October 14, when OBC HOMECOMING took place on campus.

The featured speaker was Dr. Gordon Dorey, BTh '57 and the Alumnus-of-the-Year award went to Rev. Gordon W. Hamilton, BSM '63, BTh '66 in recognition of his service as a minister of music and Christian education. Gary (BTh '85) and Nancy (BTh '85) Wahl supplied superb vocal and instrumental music during chapel services and meals.

Various classes held reunions. Those classes that have responded, have donated more than $6,000 to date to various OBC/OTS projects.

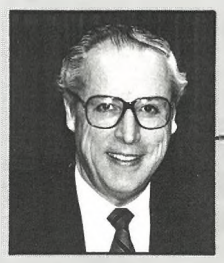
OBC Golden Miler Class of '39.

OTS GRAD COLOMBIA BOUND

In spite of the potential danger, Ruben Ramirez, who graduated from OTS with a Master of Theological Studies in December, has returned to Colombia to work in Medellin. It is reported that 60-80 people a day have died violent deaths in that city, the drug capital of Colombia.

Ruben plans to work with university students so he can reach the coming leaders and "get a better future" for his country.

His feelings about returning are mixed. He has some natural reservations, having already faced the reality of spiritual warfare when he involved thousands in praying for Colombia six years ago. At the same time he is excited as he anticipates fighting the problems of society through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.



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

No Easy Answer

The influence of stability, the single life, and obedience have been our recent *Update* themes. In this issue we focus on what may be the most influential of all in our society ...the influence of a simple lifestyle.

It certainly is the most difficult to define. Last fall I spoke to missionaries of Central America Mission at their annual conference in Mexico. My wife and I were impressed by their pace of life, contentment and meagre fare. Did these in themselves constitute a simple lifestyle?

Proper stewardship does not always mean life lived at the level of the bare necessities. My eight-year ministry in Dallas, Texas put me among some of the wealthiest people I have known. I met people whose Lord was obviously God, and who used their resources generously and wisely in the interest of his kingdom. This example also influenced me. I discovered through them that wealth could be a servant, not necessarily a master.

There is so much potential to influence our families, neighbors, colleagues and our world through a commitment to a life not governed by wealth and possessions. It is just possible that a thoughtful, biblical and personal commitment to a simpler lifestyle is a major ingredient missing in our evangelism today. Certainly, it will echo the concerns of our society, which is growing increasingly aware of the environmental necessity of developing simpler ways of living.

This issue of *Update* won't answer all your questions. But "Loosening Your Grip" by Karen McCullough offers some guidelines, and the experiences of those featured will touch on the subject from different angles. By the way, don't forget to do the lifestyle evaluation.

exLibris

Dr. Donald Leggett, *Loving God and Disturbing Men: Preaching From the Prophets.* (G.R. Welch, softcover, 192 pp., $14.95).

It is a pleasure to initiate this column by offering a review of a new book by OTS professor Dr. Donald Leggett. The Old Testament has not always received the attention it merits and the prophetic literature is no exception. Leggett's work is a thoughtful and accessible account of the Old Testament prophets' writings. It is intended to provide us with a middle road between the weighty scholarly commentary and the ever practical devotional application.

A major portion of the work is devoted to a discussion of the importance of the prophets for our contemporary situation. It begins with a brief account of some links between Old and New Testament, goes on to carefully probe the nature of the message, and finally looks at the example of the prophets in regard to prayer, suffering and spiritual honesty. Though concerned with the whole of the prophetic literature, Leggett gives Habakkuk, Haggai and Malachi special attention with a chapter on each.

The book is replete with helpful references to classic and contemporary works on the prophets and contains a valuable bibliography on specific themes. *Loving God and Disturbing Men* is targeted primarily to those who would preach from the prophets, and includes a useful "how to" chapter on this subject. However, the book deserves a much wider audience. It is a fine resource of insight and information of value to anyone interested in exploring the themes and theology of the Old Testament prophets.

John Franklin
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The book is available from the OBC/OTS bookstore or directly from the author.

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them for the sake of others.

If Christians truly followed the biblical teaching on simplicity and the use of wealth, imagine the impact we would have on society!

A life whose one focus or goal is God will demonstrate to the world the trustworthiness of a source of life and security far superior to any material source. On the other hand, if we say to the world we trust God, yet our life proves otherwise, even the greatest materialist will know it. A Bay Street Christian I know took a colleague to dinner with two other Christian businessmen. Later the non-believer asked "How can they be Christians? All they talked about was making money."

Christians also have the privilege to demonstrate the character of God to the world as well as his trustworthiness. As we remove the obstacles from our life which hinder our fellowship with God – self-oriented goals and material distractions are certainly among them – God can freely use us to reflect his image.

Simplifying our lives also enables us to see the world through God's eyes. We shift our preoccupation from self and become more aware of the needs of others. We learn to live with less and we begin to empathize with those who do with little. With world poverty steadily increasing and the financial needs of Christian ministries in North America and overseas rising, little needs to be said about the influence a Christian's generosity can have.

Loosening our grip on material things not only frees us up to give, it also frees us to use for more wholesome purposes what we retain. As we participate in the culture in which God calls us to represent him, our resources can become tools of service. Our homes, jobs, and disposable income may all be used effectively for this purpose.

The teaching on simplicity in Scripture does not dictate absolutes concerning level of lifestyle. Rather it provides guidelines for choosing a way of life which is pleasing to God, and one in which we become instruments of his grace and goodness in our world.

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Living a Simple Lifestyle Isn't Simple

After spending four years in the Philippines as a journalist, I felt I had finally won the struggle to live a simple lifestyle.

From 1981-85, I witnessed scores of Filipinos labor through 14-hour days in 30 degree weather to put a few scraps of food on the table. They considered themselves fortunate to be able to buy the same amount of food I fed my cats.

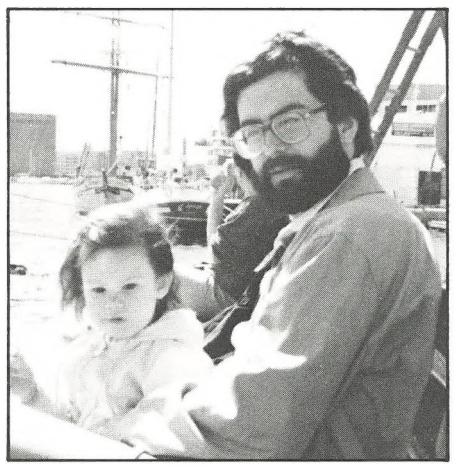
During my walks to work the sound of children's laughter seemed out of place. They gleefully played in disease-infested water with pieces of wood or cardboard – the only toys or playground they would ever know. And families of six "lived" in a space the size of many Canadian bathrooms.

Surrounded by the sights and sounds of poverty, death and starvation, I promised myself that when I returned to Canada I would continue living the simpler lifestyle that I had slowly developed during my years in the Philippines. Of course, this was easy to do in the Philippines where there were few luxury items to purchase and where the majority of advertising seemed to focus on powdered milk and 10 different brands of rice.

Upon returning to Canada it wasn't too difficult, for the first year or so, to fight against the materialism that pervades our society. But then the fact that I lacked a color TV – the 14" black and white didn't count – and a VCR, somehow made me an oddball in my Christian friends' eyes.

It seemed though, the more gadgets I bought, the less I thought of the impoverished millions. Even more frightening, my relationship with God was relegated to hasty graces. I focused most of my thoughts on the end of the month and the need to make the payments on a house full of "necessities."

In January 1989, while driving to work, a tune from Bob Dylan seemed to put my whole dilemma into proper perspective. "You may serve the devil or you may serve the Lord but you gotta serve somebody." Or as Jesus put it, "No one can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24).



Thomas Corbett and his daughter.

I wish I could say that my desires are now God's desires and not my own materialistic wants. But I can say that through a conscious effort – and an effort it certainly is – I am beginning to see Jesus more often in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, those needing clothing, the sick and the imprisoned.

Few of us can honestly argue that the lifestyle of Jesus and the early Church was not simple. It had one purpose: to point away from the accumulation of material goods on earth and toward the kingdom of God, a lifestyle that is completely contrary to the one we as Christians often adopt.

Thomas Corbett (MTS '86) began attending OTS in 1979. He left his studies in 1981 to spend four years in the Philippines as a journalist for Open Doors with Brother Andrew, then completed his degree in 1986. Thom recently established an evangelical publishing company which is producing books for worldwide distribution.

Eight Questions for Evaluating Your Lifestyle

1. "You cannot serve two masters." Do my goals serve God and his cause or only my own interests?
2. How do I measure my level of living: by what others have or by the lifestyle most suited to fulfilling God's purpose for me?
3. Do I consciously think through my need for specific possessions or do I merely buy because I can "afford" it?
4. Do I have a concern for the needy? What have I done about it in the past year?
5. Are any of my possessions or material-related goals distracting me from knowing and obeying God? What action should I take to remedy this?
6. In what specific ways is my money being used to further God's kingdom?
7. In what specific ways are my possessions being used to further God's kingdom?
8. How would I respond if God decreased my current standard of living by one-half? If he doubled it?

Commitment to Excellence

Campaign Report

1990 should be a very exciting year at OBC/OTS. Lord willing, some of the highlights will be the completion of our campaign and the construction of our new Seminary building!

As of December 31, 1989, almost $1.9 million had been received in cash and pledges. This is approximately 56% of our recently adjusted target.* We are very grateful to the Lord and to so many of you.

We received our first gift from a major foundation in December. In addition, businesses and individuals have offered assistance in decorating, landscaping and supplying furniture, carpet, and electronic equipment. What a terrific help!

However, we still have a critical need for up-front cash before we can begin construction. We need to start soon so we can be ready for September, 1990. Please pray with us for the Lord's provision for this project.

** The campaign target has been adjusted to $3.4 million, primarily because of increased building costs.*

Reaching Out Right On Campus

The idea was right. At a meeting for those in the special needs major, first-year student Shari Savage suggested we set up a Friendship Club at OBC for mentally delayed individuals. Her concept included a weekly time of singing, crafts, short Bible stories and refreshments.

Faculty superviser Beth Posterski endorsed the idea. Immediately, a hubbub of excited voices filled the room as we made plans. Before I knew it I was the club co-ordinator, and all the students in the special needs studies program were going to take part.

The night finally came when nine guests arrived for our first meeting, coming from Christian Horizons group homes throughout the city. They ranged in age from 20 to 50. That night, and in fact all of the nights, were a success. Our guests loved it!

One event really stands out in my mind. I had just finished leading the songs when Howie jumped out of his seat and came up to me, trying to tell me something. Finally I understood: "Sing some more!" "What song do you want to sing?" I asked. He spread his arms wide making peace signs, so I announced: "Howie is going to lead us in 'Peace Like A River!' "

It was beautiful to watch him up front doing the actions as well as he could and singing away to his heart's content. As the song ended, everyone gave him an emotional round of applause.

For the five weeks the club ran, we rotated responsibilities, with some students leading singing, some doing the Bible story, etc. We made it a practice to be ready 20 minutes early, so we could spend time in prayer for the club.

The Friendship Club was both challenging and rewarding. Sure it was difficult for us all to juggle homework, field education, and everything else, but it was a great experience.

After our last evening together, the other students and I talked about the club. We feel that not only was it effective as an outreach ministry, but it also contributed significantly to our ability to work with special individuals.

And when we think of how some of them prayed during our times together, we know that no matter how simple their faith is, God hears and loves them. We are convinced that God used our outreach to minister to his precious children and we feel privileged to have served him in this way.

Will we do it again? We sure hope to!

Cheryl Mazurk will graduate in 1991 with a combined Bachelor of Religious Education degree from OBC and a Developmental Services Worker diploma from Humber College. She will be the first student to complete this OBC/community college joint program set up in 1988.

Cheryl Mazurk leads the singing at the Friendship Club on campus.

Flying On Faith

My wife Sheela and I boarded our flight in New Delhi last July with $20 each, two suitcases and our Bibles. As the plane landed in Toronto, we held hands and prayed that God would fulfil his purpose in bringing us here. Although leaving India was difficult for us, we looked forward to the opportunity to attend OTS for theological training.

I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior in 1977 at the age of 21 and Sheela did the same in 1979. We met at a youth fellowship in 1981 and were married a few years later in Madras in South India. There we grew in the Lord and saw his hand move in amazing ways. Street preaching, tract distribution and one-to-one evangelism brought several people to the Lord. Then, as both Sheela and I were praying concerning full-time ministry, the Lord called us to serve him in North India in 1987.

I resigned from my job as a chartered accountant and joined a Christian organization in New Delhi. Everything was new there, the people, the culture, the language. But soon God opened so many doors we felt like mere spectators to what the Spirit was doing. Hindus, Muslims and nominal Christians from the colleges and universities nearby came to the Lord.

Two or three people were coming to the Lord almost every day. And as more and more Hindus came to the Lord, our responsibilities grew. Ostracized from family in a country where the family is so central, new believers now looked to us as their "spiritual parents." In many cases it became our duty to choose partners for them and marry them. Often Christian workers would have tanks constructed in their homes for baptizing the converts.

In this exciting time when we were simply watching the Lord manifest himself, he laid it upon our hearts to come to Canada to study. My brother, who ministers to Indians and Sri Lankans in Toronto, had written me long ago about coming to OTS; he himself has taken courses at OBC. Although we did not really want to leave the work in India, God was leading in this direction.

OTS students Peter and Sheela Duraisami.

We soon received a letter of admission from OTS, but knew we did not have the finances required by Canadian immigration rules. Because we had seen the Lord work things out up until now, we applied for our student visas anyway. The immigration office in New Delhi, in processing our application, lost all our papers and decided to just grant us our visa immediately!

Since we arrived in Canada, God has been meeting all our needs miraculously. He who called us is more than faithful.

We are really enjoying our studies at OTS. We appreciate the transparency of the faculty and their commitment to develop the students on the whole, not just academically. For us this is particularly significant because in India most theological colleges are liberal or focus only on the theoretical. Here the emphasis is much more practical.

Peter and Sheela Duraisami are both in their first year of studies at OTS, working toward MTS degrees. They are also involved in a ministry to Indians and Sri Lankans in Toronto.

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Canada; 3000 copies have been printed. She has put years of work and long days into the project because she is convinced (and research shows) that believers who have the Scriptures in their own language more fully grasp its message and thus develop the sound basis necessary for building a viable church.

Each time she returns to Canada, Hazel like most missionaries, must bridge another gap – the one between the simpler lifestyle she's comfortable with and Canadian culture. The change involves an abrupt transition. "...I am suddenly confronted with a way of life that has moved on during my intervening years on the field." Most of the time in the Manobo village she can wear simple cotton clothes so she finds herself carefully weighing purchases even for summer clothes in Canada. Yet, Hazel also appreciates the importance of fitting in culturally, whether in Canada or in cities in the Philippines, so that she and others feel comfortable.

It isn't always easy for her to fit back into her former niche. "[It] no longer exists, and my former friends and colleagues have moved on to a professional lifestyle that I, at least, do not fit into financially, even though I have reoriented academically."

When she returned to the Philippines this February, Hazel anticipated a number of interesting projects that will help other translators cross cultural boundaries. She has recently become editor of WBT/SIL linguistics publications for the Philippines. She will also consult on ethnic hymnody and oral literature (She has her PhD from Indiana University in these fields). Oral literature is of growing interest to linguists and anthropological scholars around the world.

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Financial Report – General Fund

Many thanks to our many friends who contributed to the ministry of OBC/OTS during 1989. The following is a brief report on our finances.

In the last two months of the calendar year (November and December) donations to the general fund were 6% above last year.

However, for the first seven months of this fiscal year (June-December), donations have totalled $495,797. This is 11% below last year and is a real concern.

We realize that our *Commitment to Excellence* campaign efforts account in part for the decrease in giving to the general fund. We certainly appreciate your prayers about this matter.

OBC/OTS ALUMNI *Keeping In Touch*

BIRTHS

Matthew Joshua on March 21, 1988 and Aaron Michael on September 12, 1989 to Rev. Jim (BTh'79) & Dianne **Swan**, (nee **Barbour**, BRE '78) in Mt. Forest, ON

Matthew Robert to Robert (BRE '84) & Yvonne **Brown** (nee **Johnston**, '82-'83), on October 21, 1989 in Oshawa, ON

Sarah Louise to David & Sandra Klauke (nee **Omstead**, '80-'81) on November 10, 1989 in Newmarket, ON

Benjamin Allan to Daniel (BRE '78) & Marion **Jamer** on October 18, 1989 in Norton, NB

Jason John to David (BRE '84) & Sandra **Roberts** (nee **Janzen**, BRE '83) on May 12, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Barend Luke to Barry & Dianna Bonvanie (nee **Blekkenhorst**, '82-83) on December 14, 1988 in Tottenham, ON

Mark James on April 9, 1986 and Timothy David on May 19, 1988 to David & Debbie Paul (nee **Allan**, BRE '83) in Ajax, ON

Bethany Marilee to David & Ruth Knappett (nee **Willson**, '71) on June 22, 1989 in Port Sydney, ON

Jennifer Dianne to Rev. Kevin (BRE '83, MDiv '86) & Vana **Leonard** on April 17, 1989 in Oakville, ON

Jonathan David to Rev. David (BRE '80) & Linda **Buchner** (nee **Sibley** '82) on October 18, 1989 in Toronto,ON

Emma-Lee Dawn to Kevin & Shawna McLaughlin (nee **Sparkes**, BRE '87) on September 20, 1989 in Grand Falls, NB

Heather Amanda to Rev. Don (BRE '82) & Peggy **Boyd** (nee **Tomlinson**, BRE '79) on July 22, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Megan Elizabeth Sadie to Glenn (BTh '82) & Arlene **Svarich** (nee **Knights**, BRE '84) on October 9, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Fraser Bradley to Don (MTS '87) & Karen **Crawford** (nee **Alguire**, '79-'80) on November 3, 1989 in London, ON

Caleb Stephen Bond to Steve (BRE '87) & Heather **Wilson** (nee **Gage**, BRE '85) on December 6, 1989, in Toronto, ON

MARRIAGES

Betsy **Glenday**, '39 to William Downes on July 25, 1989 in Toronto, ON

Gregory **Sheil**, '85 to Elizabeth Wouters on July 8, 1989 in London, ON

Kai D. **Mark**, MDiv '86 to Margaret Chau on May 21, 1988

Sylvia **Kinsman**, BRE '57 to Edwin Salmon on August 12, 1989 in Shelburne, NS

DEATHS

Frances A. **Longley**, '37, at Toronto, ON, May 17, 1989

Rev. Alan R. **Matthews**, '48, at Kingston, ON, August 10, 1989

May B. Brittain (nee **Munro**, '32-'33) at Toronto, ON, November 7, 1989

Stella Pickens, (nee **McCullough**) '38, at Toronto, ON, November 29, 1989

PASTORAL

Kai D. **Mark**, MDiv '86, ordained on September 23, 1989 at Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church, Mississauga, ON

Kevin **Leonard**, BRE '83, MDiv '86, ordained on April 30, 1988 at Faith Baptist Church, Oakville, ON

Ted **Reid**, BTh '85, ordained on November 21, 1989 at First Baptist Church, Collingwood, ON

Les **Clemens**, BRE '84, ordained on November 4, 1989 at Westboro Baptist Church, Ottawa, ON

Rev. Eric **Strachan**, '76, now pastoring the New Life Community Church, Petawawa, ON

Rev. Wrenfred **Bryant**, '49, now serving as the vice-president of the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces

Rev. Chul Jik **Kim** (cand.) MDiv '90, appointed senior pastor at the Living Stone Korean Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA

MISSIONS

John and Lois Dillon (nee **Templeton** BRE '81) and son Andrew leaving this month for Malaysia as Wycliffe Bible translators

David **Mensah**, BRE '80, received his PhD in systematic theology from the University of Toronto (Toronto School of Theology) for dissertation entitled, "The Evangelical Ethic"

In December 1990, David, his wife Brenda and three children will be returning to Ghana, West Africa to direct a rural development program with Northern Evangelistic Association

Tom and Ruth **Oliver**, BRE '79 (nee **Walden** BRE '74) and children left for Kenya in Decmber 1989 to serve as maintenance supervisor at Kijabe Medical Centre with AIM

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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.

1990

February 14	**OBC/OTS Day of Prayer**
February 21-23	**Ministry Enrichment Conference** with Luis Palau and Roy Clements
March 11-12	**Experience OBC** – high school students visit campus
April 18	**OBC Baccalaureate service**
April 20-27	**OBC final examinations**
April 28	**OBC graduation ceremonies**
May 7-11	**OTS final examinations**
May 12	**OTS graduation ceremonies**
May 14-18	**Leadership Evangelism Seminar** with Leighton Ford and associates

OBC GRADUATION CEREMONIES

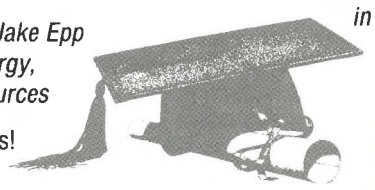
Saturday, April 28, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

The Peoples Church
374 Sheppard Avenue East
Willowdale

This year we are pleased to have as featured speaker

The Honorable Mr. Jake Epp
Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

Please join us!



OTS GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Saturday, May 12, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Bayview Glen Church
Bayview & Steeles Avenues
Thornhill

Rev. Henry Wildeboer of the Zion Christian Reformed Church in Oshawa will speak

All are welcome!

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MARCH 11-12, 1990

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May 2-16, 1990

$2,360 per person from Toronto

This covers airfare, hotel, two meals a day, ground transportation and entrance fees to sites visited.

Register today to secure your place! Call Dr. Hiebert or Dr. Penner for details and a brochure (416/226-6380). Deadline for full payment is **April 2, 1990**.

Note: OBC and OTS students are eligible to receive academic credit upon completion of an assignment associated with the tour.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Coming Your Way

The following list gives the general areas where the choir, octet and drama group will be ministering. Please contact Krista Landis (416/226-6380) closer to the date for specific locations and times in your area.

March 2-11

CENTRAL TOUR **Choir**: Oshawa, Peterborough, Kingston, Ottawa, ON: Montreal, PQ.

EASTERN TOUR **Octet**: Woodstock, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, NB; Charlottetown, PEI; Truro, Halifax, Sydney, NS.

April 21-May 12

WESTERN TOUR **Octet & Drama Group**: Windsor, ON; Detroit, MI; Winnipeg, MB; Saskatoon, SK; Edmonton, AB; Vancouver, BC; Calgary, AB; Regina, SK.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

Ontario Theological Seminary

MAY-JUNE COURSES
May 17-June 28, 1990
Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Genesis 615 (4)
Robert Hiebert, OBC professor of Old Testament

(This course will begin Tuesday, May 22)

Cross-Cultural Communication 688 (4)
Dianne Cunningham, lecturer in missions

New Testament Seminar. Parables 728 (4)
Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament

(Prerequisite: two graduate-level courses in New Testament plus admission by the professor)

Each course has a value of four credit hours.

Ontario Bible College

SPRING SEMESTER (DIPLOMA)
March 20 – April 26, 1990
Tuesday 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Cults, the Occult and the New Age Movement (II)	L. Marsh
Malachi	J. Weiler
Organizing a Church Library Collection	M. Knapp
Preparing for a Preaching/Teaching Ministry	TBA

Thursday 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

II Samuel	J. Vold
Coping with Stress	D. Bollis
Teaching Techniques	S. Brush
Issues Facing Christians Today	J. Wiebe

Saturday, March 24, 1990
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Preparation for Marriage	G.& M. Taylor/R.& B. Wilson
Marriage Enrichment	Wm. & M. McRae
Something for Singles	M. Sherbino

***Saturday, March 31, 1990**
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

New Testament Walk through the Bible	D. Collins

*Note: Incorrectly listed under March 24 in last issue of Update

MAY-JUNE COURSES
May 14-June 28, 1990

Courses will be offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings (each course one evening per week for seven weeks) at both credit and diploma levels.
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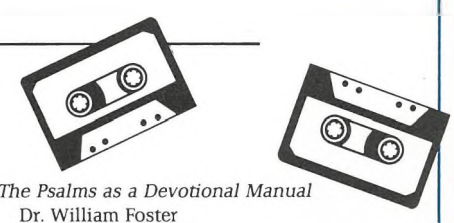
Ezekiel and Daniel
Rev. James Vold



The Psalms as a Devotional Manual
Dr. William Foster

The Gospel of Matthew
Rev. James Vold

Studies in I and II Peter
Dr. Mariano DiGangi

Exploring Exodus
Rev. James Vold

The Revelation of John
Rev. James Vold

Studies in Ephesians
Dr. Erwin Penner

Philippians and Colossians
Dr. Mariano DiGangi

The Word of God and the God of the Word
Dr. Robert Duez

The Renewing Spirit: A Biblical Analysis of the Ministry of the Spirit
Dr. William Foster

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You could qualify for a scholarship at Ontario Bible College!

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For an application please contact:
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