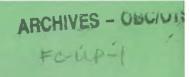


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# EVANGELISM EXPLOSION Student Leadership in Evangelism Grows

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# After Meech Lake

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Ontario Theological Seminary

## by Dr. Ian S. Rennie

Each of us comes to Meech out of our own background. As far back as I can remember I have loved Canada and have wanted to be identified with Canadians. Having had the privilege of living in other countries, when I returned I felt like the Pope, wanting to kneel and kiss the ground. This sense of belonging and identity I receive happily as a gift from God.

Then I have had the privilege of travelling in all the Canadian provinces,



living in several divergent regions, and having a deep feeling for each one. This 24th of May weekend our son-in-law took my wife and I to what

was a new part of Canada for us, the Laurentian hills north of Montreal. Here his great-grandfather had come as a Swiss-French Presbyterian missionary in the last century. And as our son-inlaw shared his affection for the region, its beauty and its people, we found that we heartily concurred. What a remarkable country and people God has given us.

Now, in the midst of this joy, Meech is dead. Even if Canada holds together, there will be discontinuities that most of us in our most technicolour dreams never expected. But we will pray that God in his mercy will hold us together.

However, it may be God's will for the furtherance of the gospel that Quebec become independent. Quebecois, as long as they were subservient to "les anglais," tended to resist the evangelical gospel. But after 1976 when the Parti-Quebecois came to power, and the Francophones felt that they were "maitre chez nous" in Quebec, their defences began to come down, and tens of thousands came to Christ. The further step of independence, in God's In the past year a growing emphasis on evangelism on campus has found expression in a variety of ways. The OBC student council Evangelism committee sponsored a team of students from the College and Seminary who did street witnessing in downtown Toronto each Friday evening. More than 50 students were involved with 20 committed full-time. The student leader, Sean Elliott arranged for training and for the program to be credited as field education.

In the spring, the OBC/OTS Cabinet heard the committee's proposals for creating greater awareness of students' efforts and for developing structures to meet training needs. The Cabinet affirmed the students' efforts and said that the College will look into offering Evangelism as a major when the Chair of Evangelism is filled.

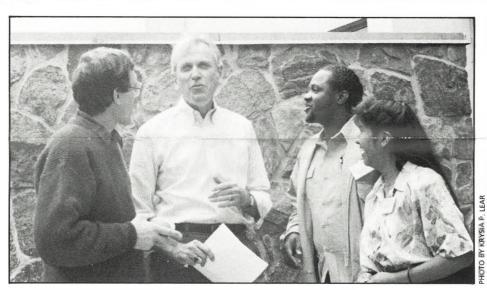
The Vision 2000 committee, an Evangelism sub-committee

with a representative from OTS, began preparing for concentrated outreach to neighbors in the future.

Last February, the student council invited the community to see *Toymaker and Son*, an outreach endeavor.

In a new venture, OBC has instituted an Evangelism Emphasis Week October 22-26. Dr. William Iverson, senior pastor Shenandoah Presbyterian Church, Florida, will teach on lifestyle evangelism and discipleship; student organizers want him to do "hands on" training as well.

On the Tuesday (October 23,) Iverson will speak at the Seminary's Reach the City conference, which is open to the public. Cost is \$10. Iverson is known among other things for creative work in a poverty stricken area of Newark, N.J. He has strong interests in transcultural ministry and, in his more recent work as an educator, in integrating academic and practical approaches to learning.



Rick Wukash, MDiv '90, Leighton Ford, Jacques Bouvier from Dallas Theological Seminary and OTS student Antonia Catari during a break at the evangelism leadership training seminar.

## Evangelism Leadership Developed

by Krysia P. Lear

In mid-May, Leighton Ford Ministries (LFM) and the Seminary co-sponsored an intensive five-day Evangelism Leadership Seminar for 28 international young leaders.

Feedback from those involved was

people have been wonderful to work with." Participants used phrases like "very practical" and "extremely relevant for the 1990s" to describe the mix of theory and application offered.

Involvement was by invitation only. OTS chose 13 of the participants and LFM, the rest, with LFM covering all the costs. Most of the seven women and 21 men were between 24 and 35 and had seminary training.

Leighton Ford started the twice-

said he wants to see participants acquire a sharpened focus on the gospel with a broader awareness of people and culture.

Dr. David Sherbino, professor of New Testament, OTS, and faculty coordinator for the seminar reported that participants appreciated the perspectives they gained from the wide range of lecturers. Ford and a number of guests lectured on evangelism issues. Three Canadians led sessions: William Wan, vice-president, John McLaverty, OTS lecturer in evangelism and senior team leader at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Toronto, and Don Posterski, then acting general director of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Canada.

Robert Reccord, dean of the seminar and senior pastor, Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, Florida, focused on the leadership side.

On two evenings, the 28 shared the gospel in a variety of settings. Mark Petersen, the OTS student co-ordinator, said that the chaplain of a detention centre wrote to say "it was a terrific evening."

The cross-cultural mix was also highly rated. Kenyan, Indian, Brazilian, Bolivian, Korean, Chinese, American and Canadian participants enriched the proceedings with their own perspectives.

David Sherbino says that the Seminary

plan, may thus result in a great spiritual awakening in Quebec.

So I am torn. I pray for Quebec to remain part of Canada. But if God gives independence, although I will feel emotional pain, I will pray God that He will use this situation to open people to the good news.

A friend from Sherbrooke, Quebec, was on the phone recently, telling me of the new unity that Leighton Ford's Mission Quebec has brought between Francophone and Anglophone evangelicals in his area. If independence comes, we need to pray that Anglophone and allophone (those whose first language is neither French nor English) Christians will stay, and together with their Francophone brothers and sisters, will see a church emerge which reaches to all in Quebec and will be a great praise to our Lord.

Ian Rennie is vice-president and academic dean, OTS. See Unity pg 2. very positive. Organizers said it was one of the best seminars they had been able to offer. Leighton Ford said "OTS yearly seminars in 1987 to help fulfil his vision of nurturing a new generation of evangelists and leaders. Ford hopes to be able to host the seminar again. See Vision pg 2.

## **Mixed Year-end Results**

by David J. Pavey

The generosity of our constituency has resulted in a record level of financial support for the College and Seminary budget. Donations to our operating funds, Commitment to Excellence campaign, and scholarship and bursary funds has reached a total \$1,750,000 during our fiscal year ended May 31, 1990.

But regrettably, we were not able to achieve a balanced operating budget. The Commitment to Excellence campaign has understandably captured the imaginations of our donors; it has drawn gifts which otherwise would have been designated for the operating fund. As a result, our 1990 donations of \$830,000 to the operating fund are \$100,000 below the annual levels of the past five years.

This donation shortfall combined with tuition shortfall and significant non-budgeted expenses has resulted in a deficit to the operating fund of \$350,000. The College and Seminary

were hit by recently increased employer contributions to provincial and federal employee benefit programs. As well, we had to make urgent repairs to residence washrooms and the seminary air conditioning unit.

This deficit is in sharp contrast with the \$20,000 surplus in the operating fund in each of the past two years.

To deal with this serious situation, we are committed to proceeding carefully through fiscal 1991. At the same time we live with the tension of fully carrying out our mandate to train and develop men and women in the Christian faith. The Board of Governors and OBC/OTS administrators will regularly undertake critical assessments of our financial health. We are already putting plans in place to keep the deficit from growing and to develop new sources of income.

The amounts mentioned are subject to the audit currently underway by Ernst and Young. Audited financial statements will be presented to the Board and Corporation in September.

David J. Pavey, CA, is vice-president of administration and finance.

# Digest

## New OBC Bursary

The Paisley family of Stouffville, ON., will help two African students a year study at OBC. The students, who must be committed to full-time Christian ministry in Africa and show potential for academic achievement and leadership, will each receive finanical aid of \$1000 from a bursary.

At the request of Dr. William Wan, vice-president, OBC, the family agreed to let the bursary be named after their son-in-law, Dr. David Mensah.

Dr. Wan wrote, "I am keenly interested ... that African students will be inspired by David Mensah's spiritual and scholastic example to achieve the best for His highest." Dr. Mensah, BRE '81, did his doctoral thesis on Evangelical Environmental Ethics at the University of Toronto. He will return home to Ghana in November, with his family, to direct a development program for the Northern Evangelistic Association, which he helped start as a high school student in 1971.

### Student Gifts

At the graduation banquet last May, the OTS student body presented a \$1500 cheque to MATE, (Mission Advancing Theological Education), to enable it to send more textbooks to seminaries and Bible colleges in developing countries. Students raised \$1000 to which a local businessman added \$500.

The OBC graduating class gave \$200 to the Community Life Department to purchase a microwave for commuter students.

## New Courses This Fall

On Wednesday mornings the Seminary is offering The Healing Ministry of the Church. Dr. David Sherbino, professor of pastoral studies, OTS, will team teach with Dr. Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament, OTS, and Bruce Royat, M.D., associate professor, Department of Medicine, the University of Toronto and Director of the Emergency Department, Toronto Hospital.

Dr. Sherbino conducts healing chapels twice a year at the Seminary providing both a ministry and a model for students. Dr. Matheson has a special interest in the ministry of deliverance from demonic forces. Dr. Royat will add depth in the area of medicine to the course which will deal broadly with healing.

At the College, the Department of Ministry Studies is inaugurating Children's Literature, to be taught by Mrs. Beth Posterski. This course, required for students in Early Childhood Studies, will also be of interest to other students as an elective. Mrs. Posterski has a particular interest in this field as a collector of children's picture books.

## A Vision for Evangelism

### by Janet Redding

As I sat among over 700 delegates at the Vision 2000 Consultation May 16-20, a sense of thanksgiving filled my heart. I realized how fortunate I was to be among respected Christian leaders, and to be a part of a national movement to enable every person in Canada to hear the gospel by the year 2000.

Prompted by some key Christian leaders, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada initiated a National Task Force on Evangelism in 1987 with 31 grassroots workers representing a wide range of churches and ministries. From that modest beginning, Vision 2000 Canada has emerged with over 120 Christian leaders involved in eight strategy groups researching and planning for evangelism through the last decade of this century. Vision 2000 seeks to serve the body of Christ in evangelism not by offering programs per se but by encouraging various groups to develop plans that will work for them.

It is exciting to know that the OBC student council's commitment to mobilize students to reach out to neighbors

## **Getting closer**

"The Commitment to Excellence campaign only needs \$174,000 before ground can be broken for the Seminary expansion "

around the campus is part of a larger

During the first few sessions of the conference. I felt a little intimidated. I represented the Evangelism Committee at Ontario Bible College, and thus was a minority in both age and gender, as well as position. The majority of delegates were leaders from denominational and parachurch organizations.

But I quickly put my inhibitions aside, and realized that God has called many different Christians to strategize and pool resources in order to reach an important goal. Whether I am a student or a middle-aged male pastor is irrelevant. After all, if we only emphasize unity among denominations and don't unite those with gender and age differences, we still will not see our goal met by the year 2000.

I left the conference with pen and paper in hand continuing to note ideas and goals for our Evangelism and Vision 2000 committees and for my own life.

Janet Redding is a BRE student at OBC and co-chair of the Evangelism Committee with Jeff Friesen.





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

# Meech is Dead

I can still see that headline in one of our Toronto newspapers. What a surge of emotions it generated - and still does: anger, fear, disappointment, distrust, uncertainty and many such concerns for the future of our nation.

Undoubtedly, these were the very waves that spread across Jerusalem and Judah centuries ago when the people heard "Uzziah is dead."

In spite of the shame of his later years, when Uzziah died, the nation mourned. After all, he had reigned for 52 years and had been one of their better kings. Isaiah went to the temple - presumably looking for consolation and hope in a time of personal and national grief. He got more than he bargained for.

The Lord drew aside the curtain and gave Isaiah a glimpse into the throne room of heaven. While the throne in Judah was empty; the throne in heaven was occupied. A king had died; the King was alive. Hear the triumphant proclamation: "Uzziah is dead, but I am alive!"

In times of personal and national crisis, there is a calm and security that comes with a peek into heaven's throne room. My prayer has been that the events of Meech will turn many hearts toward God. He is on the throne!

## **Unity within Diversity**

*Update* recently asked a few of the OBC/OTS family for comments after the death of the Meech Lake agreement.

Philippe Haineault, BTh '82, MTS '88, now pastors the Evangelical Church of St. Hubert, Quebec. Philippe asked other churches across Canada for continued support for Quebec churches. He said that in the past when there have been troubles in the Constitutional talks, he has seen a negativism towards Quebec. "When it comes to the Gospel, this is not helpful."

To illustrate how Christ can help overcome language barriers, Philippe,



said that of the 390 churches, participating in the recent Billy Graham Crusade, Mission Quebec, where Leighton Ford stepped in for the

convalescing Billy Graham, 60 per cent were French and the rest Anglo. All worked together in "great harmony."

*Mark Frogley*, BTh '76, associate pastor, Alta Vista Baptist Church, Burnaby, British Columbia, said that the reaction in the West has not been as intense as in Quebec and Ontario because people feel fairly removed from the scene.

His overall concern is Christians in the West take seriously the potential ramifications for the nation and for ministry in Canada.

Mark urges the Church to show the power of the Gospel. He said "The challenge for the Church, as the country sees itself float into fragmentation, is that we as believers model unity and strength, that we build across



THE SPIRIT, THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD: THE MESSAGE OF ACTS John R.W. Stott (Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1990, 405 pp., \$23.95 ).

John Stott's latest book, a commentary on the Book of Acts, will serve as a useful study guide to those willing to wrestle with the significance of the early church as a pattern for today's Christian community. Stott has written this book (published in Britain under the title *The Message of Acts* in the Bible Speaks Today series which Stott edits) with his usual clarity of exposition and practical application.

Stott leads us through the ups and downs of the Church's life from the experience of Pentecost in Jerusalem to the imprisonment of Paul in Rome. Relying on commentators from John Chrysostom to John Calvin to G. Campbell Morgan to James Dunn, Stott gives a lively exegesis which interacts widely with Acts scholarship.

Especially to be noted are Stott's treatment of glossolalia in Acts 2 where he argues that the Pentecost phenomenon was intelligible languages and that the 1 Corinthians experience is to be assimilated to it; his evaluation of Wimber's signs and wonders movement in light of Acts 4:30 where Stott argues we should neither describe miracles as "never happening," nor as "everyday occurrences," neither as "impossible" nor as "normal;" and Stott's examination of the baptism of the Holy Spirit arising from his study of the Samaritan

De Droken for the Seminary expansion."

That was the word in mid-July. At that time, \$2,098,000 in gifts and pledges had been given. For this we thank our God and our friends. Waiting has been hard for everyone: students look forward to using the promised preaching lab and worshipping in a chapel instead of a crowded classroom. Faculty anticipate the benefits of being together. At present some camp out in the College/administration building.

### Next step

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Our next goal is to raise \$1.3 to cover the total campaign goals of \$3.7 million. Already we have had people honor family and friends with a commemorative gift for building rooms or supplying furnishings. If you wish to ask about this, you may contact the President or the Campaign office.

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*Carol Tapin*, a part-time Seminary student working on her MDiv and on staff at Christian Directions, Montreal, drew on her background as a student in the West as well her knowledge of her home province.

Carol asked for understanding, particularly of the cultural differences. One concern was that "even among Christians," the perception of people in Quebec was distorted; she attributed this to the media. She hopes people will really learn what is going on and what it means to Quebec to have a secure sense of identity.

She said that the sense of "freedom and joy" that has come with Quebecers feeling they can now decide their future, is understandable. But she commented, that since only Christ can give a lasting identity, this time of change is a strategic opportunity for the Church to pray and work for reconciliation and spiritual awakening. believers in Acts 8.

Also significant are his study of the status of non-Christian religions in the context of the conversion of the Godfearing and devout Cornelius of Acts 10; his review of Paul's missionary policy and its implications for church structure; his examination of the role of apologetics in preaching and evangelism in Paul's Areopagus speech in Acts 17; and the lessons for urban evangelism draw from Paul's experience in Corinth and Ephesus in Acts 18 and 19.

In summary, this book leads one into the heart of the Book of Acts with an eye to the life of the church today. For that reason it will be welcomed by pastors, teachers and followers of Jesus who believe their acts in the world are to be informed by the Holy Spirit's work in the Acts of the Apostles.

John A. Vissers is professor of theology, OTS.

# Missions - All Ages, All Places

## by George Cox

No matter which season of life we are in, God can use us for the advancement of his kingdom.

In 1983 I was given the opportunity to retire (after 32 years) from my position at IBM where I serviced and developed computers. In praying about this opportunity, my wife Shirley and I felt the Lord's leading to go to Bible college.

Our prayers led us to Ontario Bible College where we elected to study for one year. We were interested in working with a missions organization and felt it necessary to increase our Bible knowledge through formal training.

Since we were in our 50s we were a little hesitant about being in classes with students in their 20s. The friendliness and acceptance of other students

quickly dispelled these fears. Faculty and staff also put us at ease; among them were the then dean of students Miriam Sailers, and professors Gordon Wright and John Franklin. We soon joined in debates and discussions with other students.

Studies also brought Shirley and I closer to each other and with God. We discovered that learning can be fun in John Franklin's class. Skits that our fellow students created produced rounds of laughter while revealing important truths. The choir tour to Nova Scotia, under the direction of John Bell, was a time rich in memories. There was a closeness in the choir that only God can develop.

Still seeking God's will in our lives, Shirley and I gradually realized that



George Cox and his wife Shirley.

missions are not only possible in far flung countries but also here at home.

After I graduated in April 1984 I became supervisor of housekeeping at OBC/OTS. In accepting a position on the maintenance staff we became a part of preparing young people in the

dedication of their lives to further God's great command: "Go ye into all the world and preach there the Gospel of Christ.'

As we look back over the years we have seen God's handiwork in our lives. Each step has been under his direction. Such was the case as I assumed responsibility for the total supervision of Campus Operations; this freed the previous supervisor, Tom Oliver, and family to go to Africa with the African Inland Mission.

Now as Shirley and I pass on the direction of Campus Operations to the younger generation we look to the future, not to sit in our rocking chairs but to gird anew in the "Armor of God" and step forward into a new path. Now is not the time to retire (as in rest) but "re-tire" (as in putting new tires on old wheels) and to continue in God's work.

George Cox retired as manager of Campus Facilities in June.



## **OBC Generations**

Dave (BRE '90) and Don Hiscox (a BRE student) continue their family's tradition of training for life and ministry at OBC. Pictured in the above photo with their mother Marilyn (nee McGill '64) and their father Gordon (BTh'65) Hiscox. Their grandfather, William McGill ('26) and grandmother are shown in the above left photo when Mr. McGill became a Golden Miler in 1976. Gordon, facilities manager at Fairhavens Bible



Conference, is presently on the OBC Alumni executive. Marilvn. activelv involved in their home church, serves as secretary for the class of '64

# THAT LONG DISTANCE FEELING **Alumni Network Supports Students**

n May, from Monday to Thursday, the general office at the Seminary became by night "call-central" for this year's very successful Alumni phonathon.

The success was more than financial. The 16 student callers, an average of

## \$137,500 Given

eight a night, contacted a total of 2,039 out of a possible 3,650 alumni for OBC/ OTS. In June and July, callers followed up on those missed in May. Eleanor Engberts, our alumni secretary, who supervised the program, commented that hearing calls to people across Canada and the United States helped her appreciate the alumni network. The contacts also gave the College and Seminary an opportunity to update records



This year's total of more than \$137,500 in gifts and pledges compares with \$17,024 given last year. A move to a more intensive program, pledges spread over three years, and keen alumni interest in the projects, contributed to the increase in support.

This year the alumni phonathon gifts and pledges centred on two areas: the Commitment to Excellence campaign for the College retrofit and Seminary expansion, and financial aid for students. The latter is part of a focus by the Institutional Advancement Department and the OBC Community Life Department to expand the financial assistance options available for students.

High school students visit campus -October 26, November 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Call Student Enrollment office** 416-226-6380 for a brochure.

London, ON Annica Jane to Gary (MDiv '84) & Brenda Horst ('81-'82) on December 28, 1989 in Stratford, ON

BIRTHS

Andrea Diana to Barry

(nee Blekkenhorst, '82-

'83) on June 2, 1990 in

Tomlinson, BTh '79) on July 22, 1989 in

and Diane Bonvanie

Tottenham, ON

Peggy Boyd (nee

Toronto, ON

Alyssa Rose to K

Norman (MDiv '86) &

10, 1990 in Ajax, ON

Rogers, BRE '86) on May

Nolan James to Sheldon

(BTh '83) & Sheila Dyck

(nee Walker, '82-'83) on

November 21, 1989 in

Sharon Brown (nee

Jeffrey Arthur to Colin

## MARRIAGES

Mary LeGear, BRE '82, to David Patterson on May 31, 1986 in Barrie, ON Sharon Bonney, BRE '86. to Brian Birch on May 7 1988

Heather Amanda to Rev Don (BRE '82, BTh '90) & Elizabeth Beauchamp. BRE '90, to Robert Frans in February in Kenya, Africa

Tom Swan, '59, to Holly Verburg on March 30, 1990 in Jordan Station ON

Stephen Dettweiler, MTS 89, to Sonia Hall on April 14, 1990 in Decatur, Georgia

Hope Slessor, '82-'83, to Andrew Galloway on April 28, 1990 in Edgar, ON

David Michels, BTh '90, to Janice Martin, '85-'86, on May 12, 1990 in Almonte, ON

Grace Mary Allen, '43, on May 25, 1990 in Brampton, ON Rev. Emil M. Balla, '42 in November 1987

DEATHS

**OBC/OTS ALUMNI KEEPING IN TOUCH** 

Gertrude Eleanor Bridger, '30, on March 21, 1990 in Toronto, ON Elizabeth Amy Dancy (nee Marwood, '26) on March 15, 1990 in

London, ON Joy Grant (nee Adams '66) on April 26, 1990 in

Quito, Ecuador, SA Fred Hatch, '62, on September 30, 1988 in Toronto, ON

> Gertrude M. Smith, '38, on March 5, 1990 in England E. Jean Wachsmuth

(nee Bucher, '24) on March 30, 1990 in Chatham, ON

PASTORAL

Rev. Gary Myatt, BTh

Maugerville United

Baptist Church, New

Sheila Stevens (nee

Blanchard, BRE, BSM

22, 1990 at Val Royal

Baptist Church,

Willram Thorton

senior pastor at

MISSIONS

Andrew & Hope

Galloway (nee Slessor,

'82-'83) serving in Goma

BTh'81, MDiv '85, is

(AGC), Lambeth, ON

Lambeth Bible Church

Montreal, PQ

'82) ordained on April

Brunswick

'79, pastoring at Upper

and 3 children in Ouebec for French language study with Africa Evangelical Fellowship Malcolm (BTh '82) & Liz Ross (nee Morey, BRE '81) teaching at Tabetha Christian School, Herzlija, Israel

## MINISTRIES

Robert Dobson (Dip '70) has accepted the position of director of public affairs at Northwest Baptist Theological College and Seminary, Vancouver, BC

Rev. Ronald G. Hamilton (BTh '57) serving as the national president of the Associated Gospel

Wayne (BTh '82) & Diane McLeod (BRE '82)

(BTh '83) & Yonhee Kohnsmith (nee Park '82-'83) on January 14, 1990 in Scarborough

Rebecca Anne to Jeff (BTh '88) & Fiona Sensenstein (nee Smith, BRE '87) on March 8, 1990 in London, ON

Taralyn Ruth to Dan (BTh '77) & Linda Shields (nee Atkins, BRE 77) on April 29, 1990 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Abigail Elise to Philip & Teresa Strickland (nee McLeod, BRE '80) on March 16, 1990 in Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Lauren Anne to William (BTh '81, MDiv '85) & Heather Thorton on June 22, 1990 in London, ON

Ophra Alexandra to Paul (BRE '84) & Alexandra Watson on January 10 1989

Elizabeth Hatch, '83-'84 to Stan Williams Jr. on May 19, 1990 in Mindemoya, ON

Rebecca Villaneuva, BRE '90. to Victor Goh. BTh '89, on June 9, 1990 in Toronto, ON

George Alves, BRE '90, to Shirley DeSilva on June 9, 1990 in Toronto. ON

Sharon Sinclair, BSM '88, to Terry Eizenga, BRE '89, on June 16 1990 in Barrie, ON

Cheryl Valcourt, BRE '85, to Michael Andrews on June 16, 1990 in Brantford, ON

Wendy Binnes, BRE '89, to Peter Thomas. BRE '89, on June 23, 1990 in Orillia, ON

Zaire with the Canadian Mark Chapman, BRS '89, Baptist Overseas to Mary Neufeld on July Mission Board 7. 1990 in Avlmer. ON

of March 1, 1990.

Rev. Robert Irwin, BTh '57, serving as Canadian Director of the Slavic

Gospel Mission in Mississauga, ON. Tim Phan, BRE '90.

serving as counsellor at World Vision Reception Centre, Toronto, ON

## NEWS

Stephen Ford, BTh '87, received his MDiv from Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions on June 2, 1990.

Paul Watson, BRE '84, received his MRE on April 28, 1990 from Canadian Theological Seminary in Regina, SK

October

## DISCIPLESHIP AS LIFESTYLE

Join Ontario Theological Seminary at Reach the City, our annual seminar on urban ministry issues.

Dr. William Iverson, evangelist, educator and senior pastor, Shenandoah Presbyterian Church, Florida, speaking.

Known for his "astonishing practicality," inner-city and transcultural ministry, and commitment to educating for outreach.

> Cost: \$10. Lunch available in cafeteria.

Tuesday, October 23, 1990, 9:15 - 4:15 p.m. **Registration at OTS** after 8:15 a.m.

## An Evening of Discovery

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**Ontario Bible College** and **Ontario Theological Seminary** 

invite you to

The President's Banquet Friday, November 9, 1990 at 7:00 p.m.

**Royal York Hotel** Front and York streets, Toronto

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Reservations required in advance; no charge for tickets. An offering will be taken.

Make up a party of 10 with your friends and host a table.

Call 416/226-6380 to reserve tickets.

OBC Alumni Homecoming • Mark it on your calendar

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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 12	OBC/OTS Convocations, Mr. Rick Tobias
September 17-21	OBC Spiritual Life Conference, Dr. David Epstein
October 3	OTS Day of Prayer
October 13	OBC Alumni Homecoming
October 17	OBC Day of Prayer
October 22-26	OBC Evangelism Emphasis Week, Dr. Wm. Iverson
October 23	OTS Reach the City Conference, Dr. Wm. Iverson
October 26	Encounter OBC - high school students visit campus
November 8-10	<b>Christian Writers Conference</b> , Maxine Hancock, sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
November 9	President's Banquet, Royal York Hotel
November 21-23	<b>OBC Staley Academic Lecture Series</b> , Dr. Mary Stewart van Leeuwen
November 29	OBC Continuing Education Christmas Concert
1991	
February 18-20	Ministry Enrichment Conference, Dr. Archibald Hart, professor of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary

## **Minor Prophets, Major Encounters**

## By Dr. Donald Leggett

fter years of teaching about suffering in the minor prophets, this year I met some students overseas who gave me a deeper appreciation of the cost of commitment.

In January, my wife Linda and I worked in Kenya at Scott Theological College, a sister institution to Ontario Bible College. It was established by the Africa Inland Mission and is now part of the Africa Inland Church.

For 10 days, three hours a day, I taught a survey course on the minor prophets to 23 students. Most were from Kenya, but some had come from Rwanda, Zambia, Tanzania and Ethiopia.

In addition, I took a week of chapels. That worked out well since I preached from Habakkuk and Haggai, which then saved some class time and also hopefully enabled me to demonstrate the task of preaching from the prophets.

Linda processed books in the school library, some sent previously by OBC

students and some by young people at my church in London, ON.

I came away impressed with the dedication of the students. One former school teacher invited us to meet his wife and four children. One was an abandoned girl they had adopted. His struggle to make ends meet represents the hardships which face many.

Two Ethiopians in my class had been imprisoned for their faith. I didn't know this during the first lecture when I cited the way the minor prophets modelled suffering for their faith, as one reason for their importance. Afterwards it humbled me to realize how little we in Canada know what suffering means.

A veteran missionary statesman recently recommended to OTS students that pastors visit the mission field as a means of increasing missionary vision in the local church. I heartily agree.

Donald Leggett is OTS professor of Old Testament.

# **Faculty and Staff Notes**

### PUBLICATIONS

Dr. James Beverly, OTS professor of Theology, "Unification Church" in Evangelizing the Cults, editor Ron Enroth, Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, MI

This summer Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. will publish the lecture he gave in February, under the title "Web of Error.

Dr. Robert Hiebert, OBC professor of Old Testament, The "Syrohexaplaric" Psalter, Society of Biblical Literature Septuagint a Cognate Studies Series, Number 27, Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1989.

pastors, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; May, training session, Chartwell Baptist Church, Oakville, ON; October 11, East Toronto Fellowship Baptist Pastors

Dr. William McRae, President, OBC/OTS. August: Bible teacher at Chinese Congress on World Evangelization, North America '90, Los Angeles; Odosogih Bible Conference, NY.

Mrs. Lvnn Smith, dean of students, OTS, participant in seminar, "Changing Profile of Seminary Students," Evangelical Seminaries, Dean of Students Conference, July, Denver, CL.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION** 

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

## **Ontario Theological Seminary**

FALL SEMESTER

September 10 - December 6 Monday 9:30 a.m. + 12:30 p.m. Introduction to Counselling 572 (4) Brian Cunnington, lecturer in counselling Adolescent Development and Culture 594 (4) John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry Old Testament Exegesis 711 (4) Don Leggett, professor of Old Testament Foundations of Christian Spirituality 542 (4) David Sherbino, professor of pastoral studies

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

Exegesis of Mark 621 (4) Roy Matheson, professor of New Testament Systematic Theology I 535 (4) John Vissers, professor of theology Hermeneutics 732 (4) James Beverley, professor of theology Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament Baptist Heritage 950 (4) Grant Gordon, director of field education, and guest lecturers. Pentecostal Heritage 950 John Stephenson, lecturer in Pentecostal heritage 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Exegetical Method I 523 (4) Harry Hahne, lecturer in New Testament Ministry in an Urban Context I 848 (4) Rick Tobias, lecturer in urban ministry

## **Ontario Bible College**

FALL SEMESTER CREDIT DIVISION

EVENING PROGRAM September 10 - December 13	
Monday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	
Understand the New Testament	
I BIBL 0103	B. Allison
Introduction to Psychology	
SOSC 0351	T. Quek
Foundations of Teaching	
CHED 0112	G. Bredfeldt
Introduction to College Writing	
LANG 0111	I. James
Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	
Understanding the Old	
Testament I BIBL 0101	R. Hiebert
History of Christianity HIST	
0104	P. Friesen
Group Dynamics CHED 0106	J. Unger
Christianity and Marxism RLGS	
0303	W. Wan
Sexuality and the Develop-	
mentally delayed person	
CHED 1000	D. Hingsburer
Christian Counselling	
Part I SOSC 0361	B. Cunnington
Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	
Theological Studies I THEO 022	1 R. Duez
Ephesians and Colossians BIBL	
0305	E. Penner
Personal Evangelism PAST 0200	E. Sikakane
Christian Life and Discipleship	)
PAST 0109	J. Bell

### DAY PROCEAM

DAT PROGRAM	
Tuesday September 11 - December	r 11
9:00 - 11:50 a.m.	
Understanding the New	
Testament I BIBL 0103	E. Penner
The Kingdoms of Israel BIBL 0201	G. Wyper
Christian Themes in Literature I	
LITR 0271	E. Davey
Youth Ministry CHED 0216	G. Mercado
History of Missions MISS 0204	L. Reed

## 2:00 - 4:50 p.m.

Integrative Theology I THEO 0321 R. Duez Expounding Key Chapters in the Prophets 717 (4) Donald Leggett, professor of Old Testament

Tuesday 6:30 · 9:30 p.m. Critical Youth Issues 593 (4) John Wilkinson, professor of youth ministry Adult Development and Learning 654 (4) Linda Cannell, professor of Christian education The Pastoral Epistles 628 (4) Kevin Quast, professor of New Testament Christianity and Society 856 (4) Paul Marshall, lecturer in Christianity and society

Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Elementary Greek I 321 Harry Hahne, lecturer in New Testament

INTERSESSION January 7-18, 1991 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Ephesians 954 (2) James Packer.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Christian Introduction to Islam 888 (2) Menes Abdul Noor. Leading Your Church Into Renewal 848 (2) Robert Roxburgh

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Care Givers and Crisis Ministry 847 (2) Philip Taylor.

Adolescent Development and Culture CHED 0206 G. Bredfeldt

**CAMP WEEKENDS** October 19/20 and Nov. 23/24 in-class lectures plus two weekends at camp TBA Camping Programing CAMP 0203 J. Fabok

**DIPLOMA DIVISION** September 10 - October 18 Monday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Worship: Entering into God's Presence

D. Dorman Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Genesis: The Book of Beginnings S. Thompson Drama and Music in Ministry G. Wright D. Bielby Issues of Life and Death Thursday 7:30 - 9.00 p.m. J. Vold

Matthew Sexual Ethics Biblical Beliefs

S. J. Brush

J. Beverly

B. Moore

J. Vold

G. Taylor

Saturday Seminars October 20, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m How to Interpret the Bible (In Cantonese) W. Lai The Dynamics of Audio Visuals

A. Darkes in Ministry

October 27, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Evangelism Around the World in the 90's

Thursday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Foundations For Christian

October 22 - November 29 Monday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Worship: Facilitating Worship in

Today's Church	D. Dormar
Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	
Exodus	A. Davey
Money Management Biblically	
Based	R. & F. Binkley
Guitar for Christian Work and	
Enjoyment	J. Gormie
Evangelizing Children	J. Dar

Dr. Kevin Quast, OTS professor of New Testament, "Remarkable Outpouring in Canadian Biblical Studies," Christian Week, May 1990; "The Church on the Isthmus," an introduction to 2 Corinthians, The Canadian Baptist, January, 1990; "Reexamining Johannine Community," Toronto Journal of Theology, 1989.

Dr. Ian Rennie, vice-president, OTS, wrote several articles for the Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith, editor Donald K. McKim.

### OFF CAMPUS

Mrs. Shirley Brush, evening school registrar, September 15, Ontario Christian Reformed Church School Convention, Willowdale Christian Reformed Church.

Dr. Donald Leggett, OTS professor of Old Testament, invited to speak by Dr. Jim McColl, BTh '66, in September at a ministers conference, Seaside Heights, NJ. Other speakers: James Boice and S. Lewis Johnson

Dr. Roy Matheson, OTS professor of New Testament, on Deliverance Ministry in the Church: February, Salvation Army Training School, Toronto; March, Toronto and area

Dr. Milton Wan, OTS professor of Theology and director, Chinese Ministry Program. Three weeks in May teaching at China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong.

### PASSAGES

Mr. John E. Buckley, started in June as campus facilities manager. John has a background in production management in manufacturing.

Miss Linda Buch, MDiv, MLS, ended her term as public services librarian May, 31, for training in the Baptist Urban Involvement in Leadership Development (BUILD) program.

Mr. George Cox retired in June as campus facilities manager.

Miss Joy Graham started in May as personnel & office services administrator. A graduate of Glasgow University, she has a background in administration

Mr. Hugh Rendle, who holds a BTh from Central Baptist Seminary (CBS) and an MLS from the University of Toronto, was appointed public services librarian, June 1.



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