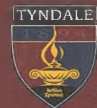


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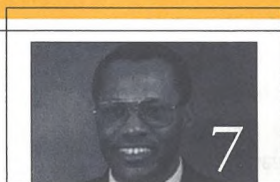


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## Tyndale celebrates 111 years at 2005 Commencement Service

September 13 marked a historic day at Tyndale University College & Seminary. In this its 111th year, the official commencement of the new academic year also commemorated the installation of not one, but two academic deans! Tyndale's President, Dr. Brian C. Stiller called upon those assembled which included the families of the deans and the new Chancellor, the Honourable Jake Epp, to gather

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▲ L to R: Chancellor, Hon. Jake Epp; Provost, Dr. Earl Davey; new University College Dean, Dr. Daniel Scott; new Seminary Dean, Dr. Janet Clark; and President, Dr. Brian C. Stiller.

## Blackaby Outlines the Mission

"Canada's spiritual and moral decay weighs heavily upon my heart and upon God's heart," said a very solemn Henry Blackaby to those present in the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre. Consequently, it came as no surprise that at every given opportunity during his 4-day visit in October, Blackaby declared that his mission was to explore what is happening on the spiritual scene in Canada and to discuss the issue of Canadian governance that seemingly excludes a

Christian perspective. Though a resident of the United States for the past 30 years, Blackaby was quick to point out that as a Canadian who visits at least 3 times per year, he is concerned that there is such a separation of church and state that Canadian politicians are no longer including Christian leaders or concepts in the decision-making process. He is deeply concerned that this is happening to Canada on his watch and so he is led to ring the alarm: "Who will be the watchman for the people of Canada? Who will sound the trumpet?"

Barbara Haycraft, Dean of Student Life, said that Blackaby was invited to be special guest of Tyndale University College & Seminary for the inaugural Spiritual Emphasis Week. Blackaby, a renowned author and evangelist, welcomed the opportunity since, as he explained, God has laid it upon his heart to reach those at the highest level and wake Canadians from their slumber so that they can address the state of their

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▲ Dr. Henry Blackaby (L) speaks with Dr. Brian C. Stiller and People's Church Senior Pastor, Dr. Charles Price (R) before community chapel.

## Tyndale Partnership Yields Fruit – A new course for Christians in political service

Christians need guidance to navigate wisely the paths of public service. This need is the genesis of an initiative by Preston Manning, founding leader of the Reform Party and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Tyndale University College & Seminary in 2005. He proposes opening a door for Christians to enter into thoughtful public service. The Manning Centre for Building Democracy, in conjunction with Tyndale University College & Seminary and Trinity Western University, will offer a non-credit course in Ottawa: 'Navigating the Faith/Political Interface' from February 22-25, 2006. Tyndale, with its partners, invites concerned Christians to sample a smorgasbord of lectures and workshops exploring the biblical and practical foundations for faithful political engagement. Seminar leaders will include several prominent and experienced Canadian evangelicals.

"Scary!" This emphatic sneer is often applied to politicians who dare bring their faith to bear in the public arena. The implication is that Christians are terribly impolite because they do not have the sense to keep their notions to themselves and act just like everyone else in public.

Part of this problem, of course, is self-inflicted. Ever since the Emperor Constantine declared Sunday as a public holiday in 321 AD, Christians have come to expect special treatment from government to promote their agenda. Some well-meaning evangelicals have pushed for moral legislation without pondering that they are expecting mere laws to produce the morality which is solely a fruit of the Spirit, thus short-circuiting evangelism. Unwise political involvement may end up causing more harm than good to the Christian cause.

With this in mind, topics have been carefully designed to include Traditional Approaches to the Faith/Politics Interface, Personal Spiritual and Political Formation, Lessons from the Lives of Biblical Characters who Lived the Interface of Faith and Politics, Knowing Your Country and Political Culture, Doing Politics Ethically, Doing Politics as a Christian, Theories of Representation, 'Moral Crusades', and Legislative Analysis and Law Making.

Three days in Ottawa cannot impart comprehensive

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President's DINNER 2006

An inspiring evening with  
Dr. Haddon W. Robinson

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# The Missions Experience – God’s continued call



**I**t was the early 1890s. A new missions movement, birthed out of England, was about to wash up on to Canadian shores. The China Inland Mission (CIM) had triggered interest among many Brits to go to China, where they lived and served as a rugged band of spiritual pioneers.

Hudson Taylor, founder of CIM, upon arriving in Canada learned to his surprise that the English weren’t the only ones eager to do missionary work in China—scores of Canadians wanted to serve with the CIM. There was a problem, however: Canada had nowhere for its recruits to be trained. Canadian seminaries only trained workers for denominational churches and did not admit women.

As the CIM looked for a Canadian solution, a group of evangelicals from downtown Toronto churches—Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian—met to address the need to broaden training for laypersons. As a result, they founded the Toronto Bible Training School (now Tyndale University College & Seminary) to train laity to teach in Sunday Schools, lead Bible studies at the emerging YMCAs and YWCAs, and prepare for missionary service. (The only other Bible colleges in North America at the time were Nyack College in Nyack, New York and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois.)

Today, 111 years later, that same impulse to serve anywhere continues to pulsate at Tyndale.

*So much has changed.* Peoples of the world are on the move. Canada reflects more of the world: no longer is its population primarily from Europe.

*So much is the same.* Peoples, be they here or in hard-to-access nations, are in need of the ever-redeeming message of our risen Lord.

*So much has changed.* Qualifications to enter many countries call for tags other than “missionary.” Islamic countries show little interest in those with degrees from “Bible schools.”

*So much is the same.* Qualifications of character and vision are required today as then. What is wanted? Men and women with a heart for people; those who are willing to leave home, comforts and friends; people who are

willing to raise personal support.

Walk down the aisles of a workfair and see the smorgasbord of job opportunities, loaded with promises of fulfillment and financial reward. Now compare that to a missions conference. In a culture ruled by self—“I deserve it”—what pull does such a missional call have, to leave all and go to places often unpleasant, with high risk, and at times in harm’s way? What kinds of reward does such a call imply?

A hundred years ago—at the turn of the century—our prime minister looked into the misty years ahead and invoked these words to frame the century, “Canada’s century.” How promising. The century lay before this new generation.

At a recent chapel, I listened to two teams of students tell of their stories of recent overseas service. I couldn’t help but pray that half of our university college students would take the challenge and experience world missions. What will be their impact on this century?

*Much has changed.* Increasingly, missions require transportable skills: teaching, agriculture, journalism, to note a few. Receiving countries are interested in those with needed expertise that brings added value. Visa requests for “evangelism” are rarely accepted today.

*Much is the same.* Missions is tough, with children often the ones to feel most the aloneness and foreignness of life. While missionaries today less frequently send their children to boarding schools, missionary kids still miss the familiar and upon return to the homeland struggle to find their place.

It has been interesting these past ten years to see mission agencies respond to a growing interest in short-term mission trips by students. I know the criticisms: “It’s more like a holiday than true mission work” or “Why not send the money to a mission rather than spend it on travel?” But the critics miss the point. When a young person experiences a well-planned missionary moment, it will transform their lives. Such an experience may lead them into some form of world missions or spark a fire for a long-term involvement on mission boards, regular giving and faithful prayer.

Let us pray that a heart to hear a call to go will be matched by a willingness to risk all of life in obedience to His call.

**Brian C. Stiller**

## Editor’s Note

### Not by words or actions ... but by Grace

Before I could finish my introduction to *Connection* and fully explain the purpose of the interview, Dr. Henry Blackaby gently but firmly commented on my choice of words saying, “The upcoming issue is not about missions ‘in the plural’ it’s about the Mission – Christ’s mission. That’s the only mission we are concerned about. That’s the only thing we Christians *should* be concerned about. Everything falls into place after that.” Profound.

The use of the words, “mission” or “missions” brings to mind the nuances of “communication” or “communications”. In everyday usage, the definitions are not mutually exclusive. The good news is that in a Christian context, missions is one very important way of living out our mission (our *raison d’être*). Tyndale has been living out its mission in such a mighty way that this issue is a whopping 20 pages!

Many kind souls have contributed to the winter *Connection*. Treat yourself to *Musings on Missions*: reflections from students and staff; an introduction to Tyndale’s new course, “Navigating the Faith/Political Interface” being offered in partnership with the Manning Centre for Democracy; and a snapshot of SIM’s century-old relationship with Tyndale. This issue’s centre spread celebrates the winners of the recent Student Photo Contest as well as memories of Commencement 2005.

In 2006, Tyndale’s staff and faculty will convene several seminars and conferences, including *Figured Out: Figuration in Biblical Interpretation* and *Revive Your Soul: A pastors and leaders conference*. There will even be one on the Intelligent Design debate – now that is a really hot topic these days!

Allow me to wish you and yours continued blessings as God continues to work His purpose out in your lives. May you be comforted and filled with His love and peace, this Christmas season and in the coming year.

**Jacqueline Getfield**

*P.S. Due to the overwhelming response to our last issue, we decided to postpone the Connection make-over.*

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*Rejoice and be glad in this yearly festival of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge. Blessings of this Christmas Season and peace in the New Year.*

—The Tyndale family

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## Beyond Barriers ... Bridges of Peace



Father Elias Chacour, an international peace and reconciliation figure, visited Tyndale earlier this spring during his lecture tour, "Beyond Barriers: Building for Peace in Israel." Over the years, the Nobel Peace Prize nominee has devoted himself to conflict resolution between the Middle Eastern Arabs and Jews. Speaking to a small gathering, he said, "We have two choices: we can cry about things and lament or we can do what we can with what we have ... while trying to improve our situation."

Chacour provides professional teacher training in a small Arab-Israeli village near Nazareth, Galilee at the Mar

Elias Education Institution. The mission is to help to bring about reconciliation in a land of strife by encouraging students to expand and strengthen their network among and within their culture and communities.

Chacour charged that exclusive interpretation of the Bible and other religious books promote intolerance and non-acceptance. "Today our political leaders say 'God is with us and whoever is not with us is against us. [In so doing] ... we continue to find justification for violence in these books. Political leaders choose war and power over peace.'" He encouraged the group to not only tolerate diversity, but also to accept peoples of varying cultural and religious backgrounds, so that within a diverse culture, unity may be created. Regardless of our religion (whether Jew, Muslim, or Christian) or ethno-

racial context, "we are only as strong as our efforts to weather the storm of fanaticism and criticism. Piety and ignorance inevitably degenerate into fanaticism."

At this event dubbed "Faith: Source of Conflict or Peace," Dr. Rabbi Marmur, one of the three presenters, noted that interfaith relations and activities should strengthen, not dilute core beliefs. Ideally, truth emerges in the process of doing things together. Another presenter, Farazana Hassan provided excerpts from the Quran that she claims are used as justification of the heinous acts of terrorists of the Muslim faith. Hassan also read other verses that promoted inclusiveness and peace.

The event was sponsored by the Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre (TIM Centre) and the Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada.

## Centre for Service Learning Launched

The Centre for Service Learning was launched in September, 2005. It was created as an umbrella for four existing programs at the University College:

1. Community Service is required of BA students and involves volunteer work in not-for-profit contexts.
2. Field Education is required of BRE students and involves hands-on ministry experience.
3. The Leading Edge is a one-year program that prepares students to enter directly into the second year of a BA or BRE. Students experience intense urban exposure and transformative service opportunities.
4. The Route (Mission Exposure Semester) allows students to study abroad for a semester, while living and working with Canadian Baptist Missionaries. The Centre provides opportunities for students to

serve their community, discover their gifts and participate as global citizens. These experiences are essential components in an excellent undergraduate education. We hope to develop stronger relationships between Tyndale University College and community service agencies such as local churches and not-for-profit organizations where students serve.

If you know of a service opportunity for Tyndale students, whether at Tyndale, a church, a Christian organization or in a secular not-for-profit context, consult the Centre for approval. Forms are available on the website: [www.tyndale.ca/~csl](http://www.tyndale.ca/~csl).

If you would like more information about the Centre for Service Learning, please contact the Centre's Coordinator, Rebecca Carter-Chand, by phone at 416.226.6620 ext. 6707 or by email at [rcarterchand@tyndale.ca](mailto:rcarterchand@tyndale.ca).

## Tyndale's Pastoral and Chinese Ministry Program Stands Out

Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Coordinator of the Pastoral and Chinese Ministry (PCM), represented Tyndale at the Second Global Consultation on Chinese Theological Education in Taipei, Taiwan (June 16-18). It was sponsored by Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism (CCOWE) in an effort to unite global Chinese theological educators and institutions and to promote theological education among Chinese in diaspora. Delegates from about 40 theological institutions all over the world, except China, engaged in the three-day consultation. The theme of the consultation was "Embracing the Mission: Chinese Theological Education in the 21st Century." A power-point presentation

featuring Tyndale's Pastoral and Chinese Ministry Program (PCM) and its larger supporting network (including the Hudson Taylor Centre) was shown. PCM stands out as the only English-stream Chinese Ministry program in North America and in the Association of Theological Schools. Leung Lai, a theological educator, was trained and has served in three continents. She says that her horizon has been enlarged and perspectives have been enriched as a result of this recent experience in Taipei.

### Challenges

Leung Lai states that although PCM is in its 18th year of operation and is internationally recognized, it continues to face ongoing challenges. Leung Lai served two terms with the ATS' CORE (Committee on Race and Ethnicity), and organized and engaged many ATS-sponsored racial and ethnic consultations for faculty and administrators. She believes that an important question remains to be addressed: how can PCM maintain an appropriate balance between "integration" and "specification" in positioning an ethnic program in the curriculum design? This can only be answered by creative implementation.

Leung Lai believes that Tyndale is committed to PCM. She is convinced PCM will become a brilliant exemplification in ATS schools and an effective ethnic-specific program that equips leaders for the ethnically and culturally diverse churches in North America.

## Cozy, Relaxing, Stylish... Tyndale Dining Hall Receives an "Extreme Makeover"

The much anticipated, one-stop access to great foods and good times is finally here! With new tables, chairs, curtains, and an updated colour scheme, the newly renovated cafeteria offers more choices and varieties to students. When stepping into the spacious and brightly lit serving area, check out the colourful menu boards and be ready to experience easy and quick service. One cannot miss the salad bar at the centre of the room. The transformation of the executive dining room that opens up into the serving area allows more space for "grab n' go" and other items. The next time you visit Tyndale, have a meal with us and enjoy the cozy atmosphere by the fireplace in the new lounge area. With many added features – including new menu items – students, staff and guests are sure to find this a great place to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.



▲ [L-R] Maria Tzakas and Kathy Tzakas, concessionaires; George Sweetman, UC Dean of Students; and Michelle Suh, Manager of Hospitality Services cut the ribbon at the official opening of the 'new' dining hall.

## Unlock the Mystery...How to Store 5,000 New Books?

### Move over please, more space is needed!

This year, over 5,000 new books will find their way to the J. William Horsey Library. The installation of the high-density, movable compact-shelving units not only provides room for 23,000 new books, but also offers an opportunity to rearrange some layouts to maximize user convenience. Major changes include relocating the main circulating collection from A to BQ to the upper level, an expansion of the Reference area and combining the children's literature with the Education collection in the Silent Room. So much for peace and quiet!

For more information, the library staff awaits you at the upper level of the library!



▲ Dr. Leung Lai (seated at right) met with members of the Hong Kong chapter of Tyndale Alumni Association on her way back from the Consultation.

# TIM Centre crossing cultures for Christ

A passion for missions has always been at the heart of Tyndale's vision for the world. Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre exists to promote global missions awareness both on and off the Tyndale Campus. TIM Centre actively pursues its strategic mission to partner with pastors, churches and mission agencies in the Greater Toronto Area.



**TIM centre**  
TYNDALE INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES CENTRE  
Roy C. Spaetzel Institute for Life Long Learning

TIM Centre is strategically located in Toronto, one of the world's most multicultural cities, where visible minorities make up 36.8% of the population (2001 Census, Statistics Canada). The Centre also partners with MissionPrep, an inter-mission organization committed to training over 200 Christians for cross-cultural ministry, annually.

Under the direction of Robert

Cousins, TIM Centre is playing an increasingly active role in promoting mission awareness and engagement on campus and into the world.

Experienced missionaries now act as Missions Mentors and "Missionaries-In-Residence" on Tyndale campus. This new initiative is having a direct impact on undergraduate and seminary students, resulting in summer teams being recruited, trained, and placed in challenging cross-cultural ministries.

TIM Centre believes that global missions must start on our own doorstep, where God has brought the

nations of the world to live and work. In partnership with MissionPrep, we now offer a 20-hour seminar called "Reaching Your World Community," which seeks to train leaders in the Church to be better equipped for cross-cultural ministry in their own multicultural communities in Toronto.

As we look to the future, we believe that the TIM Centre can make a significant contribution in developing research and resources that will assist the Church in understanding the ethnic diversity of our great city. It is our prayer that students, faculty, churches and mission agencies will see the kingdom of God extended in Toronto, Canada and to the ends of the earth.

## Missionaries-in-Residence enhance students' lives

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of reciprocity. The primary and unparalleled exchange took place in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for our sins, so that we could in exchange have eternal life and His righteousness (Rom 3:22; 4:5, 24; 5:17). The Church is meant to be a community where "he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little" (2 Cor 8:15) and where "there were no needy persons among them" (Acts 4:34). The body of Christ exists optimally when it is fully immersed in this symbiotic relationship with its members and with God.

Following this biblical pattern, Tyndale University College & Seminary, first, ministers locally among its own student body; second, ministers nationally and internationally to missionaries who are already in the field; and third, forms relationships between the two. Connecting students directly to the mission field takes on various forms and includes the fruitful link that is established through Tyndale's Missionary-In-Residence Program. This is a program that provides students with the insight and mentoring of a Missionary-in-Residence. The position of Missionary-in-Residence is available every year to established missionaries in the field and operates through the TIM Centre. Tyndale-sponsored missionaries are welcome to study and fully participate in the Tyndale community while sharing their practical knowledge and life experience with all students, and future missionaries in particular.

Since August 2005, Andrew and Janet Wildsmith have been Missionaries-in-Residence at Tyndale, giving generously of their time and experience while living and learning on campus. *Connection* recently met with the Wildsmiths at their modest and welcoming 6th-floor apartment, to hear about their experiences and their vision. Both were eager to mention, with thanksgiving, that they were introduced to the Tyndale Missionary-In-Residence Program through the efforts of Robert Cousins and TIM Centre and emphasise that donor contributions have made this program possible.

The Wildsmiths were married in 1984 and have two sons aged 15 and 18. They belong to the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Ontario. Both husband and wife were appointed to career service as missionaries by FEB International: Andrew in 1983 and Janet in 1984. They have spent their careers on the continent of Africa, specifically in Nigeria and Kenya, though Kingston, Ontario is their home base. Andrew Wildsmith holds a doctorate in Religion from the New

College, University of Edinburgh. He is a lecturer in Biblical and Theological Studies and is also an administrator and a published writer. Janet Wildsmith is a proactive and passionate educator especially relating to AIDS education and youth support.

The Wildsmiths will return to Moffat College of the Bible in Kijabe, Kenya, after their stint at Tyndale ends in December 2005. While at Tyndale they have been involved in various activities such as structured and informal mentoring of students, speaking engagements, and awareness programs. In addition to being active on campus with students, Janet Wildsmith has also been providing her skilled assistance at the TIM Centre. When asked what they hope students will take from their time at Tyndale, Janet Wildsmith shared the threefold desire of their hearts:

- to increase students' awareness of what God is doing in other areas of the world
- to inspire students to make godly decisions
- to encourage students to fulfil the Great Commission in their own lives and future ministries.

In agreement, Andrew further clarified, "helping students, whether missions majors or not, seminary or not, take their next step of faith no matter what it happens to be". In return, while at Tyndale, Andrew Wildsmith has been furthering his education and catching up on a writing project. While savouring their time here, the Wildsmith also look forward to returning to the mission field in Kenya, taking with them a greater level of academic and experiential knowledge with which to continue to inspire and encourage Kenyans to know the Saviour and to grow in Christ.



▲ Andrew and Janet Wildsmith

# Musings on Missions

*Opinions and reflections from Tyndale students, staff and faculty*

## Learning through serving

This past spring, I joined some passionate Tyndale University College & Seminary students on short-term mission opportunities. Under God's grace, teams of students from Tyndale travelled to Bolivia, Trinidad and Thailand. Each team, with a mixture of personalities and giftings, offered itself in service to many churches and ministries around the world and in turn was blessed with opportunities to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ with many people. Tyndale and the extended Christian community upheld us in prayer and supported us financially.

Under the direction of Dave Roberts, Tyndale's Missions Mentor, and his team of dedicated workers, students were able to obey God's calling on their lives, as found in Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of



the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Through these trips, Tyndale students were blessed with incredible joy in seeing the Kingdom of God extended throughout the nations. These short-term mission opportunities allowed us to participate in a number of evangelism and mercy ministries. We were able to share the love of God with others. In many cases, this love resulted in powerful changes in the lives of many people.

Even though we were only in the field for a short period, we enhanced communication between local ministries

and the community. Now, local ministries will be better equipped to influence the lives of both the young and old.

More than being a blessing, Tyndale students were greatly blessed through the relationships built in each country. Not only did we have an opportunity to share our faith with others, but we were continually blown away by the many lessons we learned through our hosts and the people we came to love. The people of each nation taught us lessons in how to become mature and spirit-led people, who seek to reach the world for Jesus Christ. The many lessons that I learned through my own experience with short-term mission are a part of my Tyndale education for which I will be forever grateful. The opportunity I had to serve alongside my closest friends and peers was an experience that has taught me many lessons in how to love. I count this experience as one of God's greatest blessings in my life.

—Sheena Wach is in her second year of the BA English program.



▲ The Trinidad team with primary school students and youth in a rehabilitation centre.



## Serving in Sudan

Plunged into the heart of Africa to wear the heart of God was our very own Trevor Russell, OBC '95, Manager of Campus Facilities at Tyndale University College & Seminary. Both he and his wife, Patty, were invited to the village of Tonj in Sudan to minister with Safe Harbour International and twelve Sudanese nationals. Three gruelling weeks in July were spent cleaning infected wounds, feeding the hungry and ministering the Word of God to the Dinka and Bongo tribes.

"Anyone can go on a mission trip," he commented, matter-of-factly, as he told a story of surgically removing an embedded thorn that remained for months in the right foot of a little girl called Adut. Although Trevor had no medical training, he insisted that our basic North American knowledge, an obedient heart, and reliance upon Jesus were all that he needed to serve God. Basic first aid and hygiene are rare in a country that remembers 20 years of violence and has little infrastructure in place. In simple ways, Trevor and Patty were able to make a big difference in the lives of the people of Tonj. This experience has so influenced the Russells that he has opted to live simply and continually seek to obey God.

—Joanna Marriage, OBC '98 is the Registration Associate at Tyndale. She has been to South America and Europe on short-term mission trips.



▲ Trevor with a young patient.



## Postmodernism & Missions

Missionaries must fully explore, analyze and understand the nuances of each culture or they will not find a hearing for the Gospel. We also know that our own life circumstances—our culture and all the historical factors that have influenced us—must also be understood. If not, we will bring too much unintended non-Gospel baggage along with the message of our God and Saviour. Clearly, it's not Western culture that saves people, but Jesus.

Today, the life circumstances of Western cultures are shifting at a very profound level. What has been taken for granted for hundreds of years is no longer readily accepted. The word "postmodernism" is often used to label this shift, but all the word really means is that we are in a state of transition from

something previously called "modernism." The term is vague because of the historical phenomenon through which we are living. Neither the old nor the new is in and of itself wholly good or totally evil. Until the Kingdom of God comes in its fullness, this will always be the case.

One prominent mission leader recently said, "We still have not understood how modernity has misshapen our church and mission 'enterprise'" (William D. Taylor, 2000). So, we have at least two very good reasons to be concerned and interested in this phenomenon called "postmodernism": first, we want and need to understand ourselves; and second, we want and need to understand

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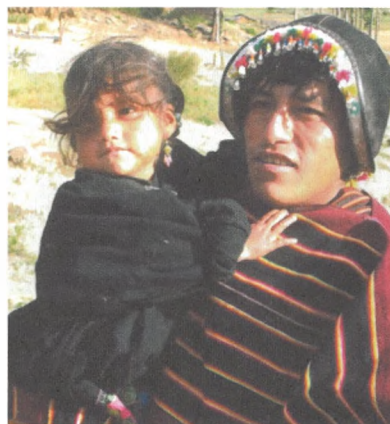
## When God says, 'Go'...go! Trust me!

From January through to April 2005, Pamela Fitkin and I had the opportunity to be the first students from Tyndale University College to enter into the ROUTE program in partnership with Canadian Baptist Ministries.

For four months, we lived and studied in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and completed one full semester of the BRE program. We took courses in Cross Cultural Ministries, internships, as well as two language credits in Spanish.

While I was in Bolivia, my beliefs about God were deepened, and my commitment to Him became truer; my life became a home for God. This is what Henri Nouwen talks about in some of his books, which I read for my internship. His explanation of God's home being created within His people helped me to understand God's grace, love and His entire plan, not just His individual plan for me.

In Bolivia, away from my regular routine and business, God redecorated His home in me. Without my regular distractions, I found that my prayer life grew in time, in depth and in meaning. I worked hard to communicate, build relationships and to live in another language. At times I felt stuck inside myself, because I couldn't understand anything that was going on around me. I couldn't understand the Word of God being preached, or God's love being sung or the testimonies I heard. I couldn't tell others about God or myself, order a meal in a restaurant, or arrive at the right house for



▲ A leader of a village in Sucre, Bolivia and his child. This village participates in Community Tourism, inviting foreigners to experience authentic Bolivian culture through actually living with Bolivian nationals.



▲ Adele with 2 of her students.

Spanish classes by taxi. Many times I found myself lost, confused and frustrated. My home with God became the only comfort I could find. Although we had support from missionaries and few very close English-speaking friends, the struggle to connect with the community around me was ongoing. God used this struggle around me to slow me down, rest in Him and trust His work through me to be the only means of communicating.

By the half-way mark, Bolivia became my home. Out of the struggles of communicating grew relationships that were built by God, not me. I had a ministry with beautiful Bolivian children who welcomed me, laughed with me and cried with me when it was time to leave. Anything and everything that happened in Bolivia was by the power of God, all I had to do was

be obedient. I am closer to God now.

I don't remember the tough times as being bad, I see them now through the eyes of a woman who is changed because of them. I remember being surrounded by majestic glorious mountains, and large bodies of blue water. I remember tall trees from palms to pines soaring in the bluest skies. I remember the faces of my Bolivian family, young and old, with laughter, tears and joy. But I will never forget the wall that God pushed me to climb over to meet His people, touch their lives, and have Him touch mine.

Now that I look back on the whole experience, my question is "When can I do that again?"

—Adele-Marie Diffey is a third year BRE student majoring in Youth Ministry.



## Mission – where you plant your feet

God's command to us is to get on with the task of world evangelization, whether the circumstances be favourable or unfavourable. A wise teacher said, "He who observes the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap... In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good" (Eccl. 11:4-6).

World evangelization cannot wait for fair skies and calm seas. The King's business requires haste. Like Paul, live or die, our only concern should be to glorify God and finish our course with joy. Some of the greatest events in mission



▲ Nouhoum enjoys sharing his story in Ontario schools.

history occurred when times were least propitious. William Carey was pleading the cause of world missions during the French Revolution, which threatened to engulf Europe. The first American missionaries sailed for India in 1812, the same year that war broke out between Britain and the United States. Hudson Taylor first arrived in China in 1853, as the Taiping Rebellion was getting under way – a rebellion that lasted fifteen years and took at least twenty million lives.

Now, in the 21st century, we are reminded of our duty to obey the command of God for the global mission. Today, the church faces many challenges such as postmodern culture, natural catastrophes (Tsunami, famine in Africa), hurricanes (Katrina and Rita) and worldwide fundamentalist religious terrorism. Yet, in the midst of these problems, people are dying without the eternal life that Jesus Christ alone gives. That is why the realization of Christ's mission is an imperative here in Canada and elsewhere.

Thank God that Tyndale Seminary is putting more and more emphasis on worldwide missions. Many short-term mission teams have been sent from Tyndale to places like South America, Africa and England over the years. My studies in the Master of Divinity Missions Department at Tyndale have given me the biblical, theological and cultural tools I need for world mission. The Lord has used Tyndale to open the doors of many evangelical missions organizations or local churches where I can preach or teach about mission in Ontario and Quebec. Last summer, I preached about mission twice in French, in Montreal and in Quebec city. The Lord

also gave me opportunities to preach or teach about mission in English in many other local churches in Ontario, especially in the Greater Toronto Area.

I believe that every follower of Christ is called to be a missionary, wherever he or she lives. In the past, the western world went overseas to preach the Gospel, but today, through migration and global trade and communications, God is bringing the rest of the world to the West. Mission opportunities are right here in Canada: in our universities, working places, and neighbourhoods. Nobody has to travel to Timbuktu in Mali to be involved in mission. Tyndale University College & Seminary and Toronto are great places where everybody can learn to relate to other cultures. That is why everybody at Tyndale should take advantage of that opportunity!

Tyndale has given me the opportunity to learn how to interact with and relate to Christians from other cultures. My mission will continue in my own continent (Africa) the day God takes me back there. My prayer is that Tyndale Seminary will continue to be "salt and light" in Canada and in the whole world, as it continues to give priority to mission awareness.

—Nouhoum Coulibaly is an international student, pursuing the ThM. A graduate of Tyndale's MDiv program, Nouhoum has been sponsored by a U.S. couple who met him in 2001 while on a mission in Senegal, Africa.

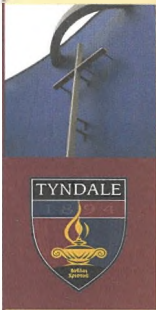
## Distinguished Alumni

We are accepting nominations from Tyndale University College & Seminary alumni for the Distinguished Alumni Award, which is presented in May at the 2006 graduation ceremony.

Please send the name of your nominee and supporting information to the Alumni Office via Fax 416-226-6746 or email: [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca), no later than January 16, 2006.

Faculty at the university college and seminary and an alumni representative will vote on the finalists.

Previous nominations will be considered if they are re-submitted using this current form.



### Nomination Form

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach any additional information.

### Tyndale Alumnus appointed Associate General Secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students



Tyndale alumnus, Dr. Las Newman, has been appointed Associate General Secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, headquartered in Oxford, England. Dr. Newman will be responsible for

coordinating the international programmes and strategic global ministry activities of the IFES, including directing its quadrennial World Assembly which will next be held in Canada in 2007.

Newman, a Jamaican, is a graduate of Ontario Bible College (1976) and the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. He recently completed a PhD in Missiology at the Oxford Centre for Missions Studies. His thesis explored the West Indian contribution to the Western Missionary Enterprise in Africa in the 19th Century.

Newman was General Secretary of the Jamaican IFES movement, the Students Christian Fellowship and Scripture Union, from 1981-1995. He then moved on to represent the region as Regional Secretary for the IFES in the Caribbean from 1995-2005. He has also served in other Christian ministry capacities in the Caribbean. He was Organizing Secretary for Jamaica's National Leadership Prayer Breakfast for 24 years and Chairman of Open Air Campaigners. Newman has lectured in church history, church and social change and Caribbean politics and culture at the Jamaica Theological Seminary and the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology.

Founded in 1947 at Harvard University with 10 member countries, the IFES is the coordinating body for national-based Christian missions in universities, colleges and high schools in over 150 countries.

### DESTINED FOR A LIFE OF MINISTRY

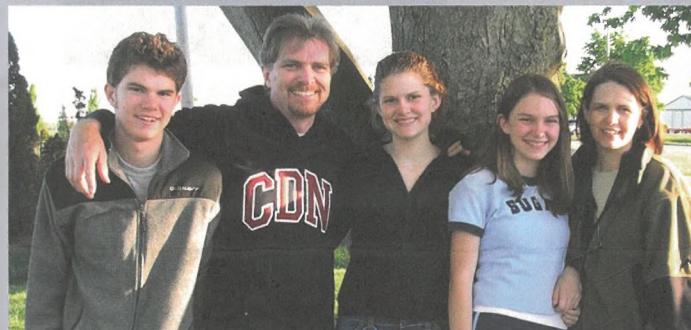
#### – A profile of Dave Roberts

With Tyndale playing such a large role in three generations of his family history, it seemed almost inevitable that Dave Roberts would become a part of a Tyndale graduating class. Dave, however, had some plans of his own.

Dave became a Christian at the tender age of 8 and was baptized at 10. Yet, transitioning into his adolescent years, he felt the usual coming-of-age struggles for self-identity and independence. Wanting to chart his own path, Dave did not wish to follow his family heritage. Determined not to become another pastor, he enrolled at McMaster University to pursue a career in Accounting. During his time there, Dave was anonymously sponsored to attend Urbana, a student missions conference in Illinois. The sponsor turned out to be his grandmother. After hearing Billy Graham speak, Dave decided it was time to recommit his life to the Lord. Consequently, Dave did not return to McMaster that fall, but instead, enrolled in Ontario Bible College to pursue a BRE with a Pastoral major.

Dave graduated in 1984 and along with his wife Sandy, also an OBC graduate ('83), remained at OBC where they served for four years before moving to the mission field. From 1990 to 2002, Dave and his family were involved in leadership development as missionaries in Zambia with AEF/SIM.

Now, Dave resides in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and has returned to Tyndale University College & Seminary as the Missions Mentor, as part of his ministry with MissionPrep. He also continues his work with SIM. Dave now considers his family heritage to be a wonderful blessing and loves the opportunities that he has to interact with those pursuing missionary work. His advice to those pursuing missions is to understand and embrace the lifestyle of the Great Commission – being 'missional'. After all, the mission field is right at our doorstep and the Great Commission is for everyone.



▲ David Roberts with his family: Jason, Becky, Sarah and wife Sandy.

### Roberts Family Alumni (TBC – LBI/LCBM – OBC – Tyndale)

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| 1. Roberts, John James 1917, TBC   | 9. Roberts, Elizabeth Joyce 1949, LBI/LCBM<br>Librarian at OBC  |
| 2. Windsor, Eleanor Joyce 1921, TBC<br>Married: Rev. John and Joyce  | 10. Roberts, Grace 1961, LBI/LCBM   |
| 3. Windsor, William TBC  | 11. Perkins, Donald 1962, LBI/LCBM<br>Married: Rev. Don and Grace Perkins –<br>Fellowship Baptist Pastor  |
| 4. Brock, Constance TBC<br>Married: Bill and Connie Windsor –<br>Missionaries to China with CIM            | 12. Plewes, Karen 1973, OBC   |
| 5. Eaton, Elizabeth TBC  | 13. Roberts, John Timothy 1975, OBC<br>Married: Tim and Karen Roberts –<br>Missionaries to Colombia and Spain with<br>Fellowship Baptist Missions from 1980<br>to 1998, Fellowship Baptist Pastor |
| 6. Booth, George 1921, TBC<br>Missionary to China with CIM   | 14. Janzen, Sandra Joan 1983, OBC   |
| 7. Roberts, John Windsor 1949, TBC   | 15. Roberts, David Andrew 1984, OBC<br>Married: Dave and Sandy Roberts  |
| 8. Roberts, Audrey Marie 1949, TBC<br>Married: Rev. John and Audrey<br>Roberts – Fellowship Baptist Pastor |   |

### The 21st Annual

## RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge

**Saturday, April 1, 2006**

Tyndale University College  
& Seminary Gymnasium

#### Schedule:

- 1:00 p.m. Women's game
- 3:00 p.m. Men's game
- 5:00 p.m. Pizza & Pop (FREE)

For more information contact Sharolyn McLeod at [smcleod@tyndale.ca](mailto:smcleod@tyndale.ca) or Janet Phillips at [janetphillips4@hotmail.com](mailto:janetphillips4@hotmail.com)

All alumni are invited to come and cheer on your friends as well as join us for pizza after the games. Last year we all had a wonderful time! Please remember we need lots of RA alumni players, both male and female!

Child care for toddler age and up will be provided during game times for those participating in the games.

Alumni



# Alumni Updates

**John and Sheri Stuffles (nee Savage) OBC '92** welcomed their first child, a baby boy, into the family on Sept. 29, 2004. Arik Stuffles weighed 8 lbs, 12.5oz. They currently own a home in Keswick, ON. Sheri is on maternity leave and is enjoying her time with Arik. She works for Christian Horizons in Stouffville. John and Sheri celebrated their 6th anniversary on August 7, 2005.



**Stephen TS '00 and Wendy OTS '97 Mason** have been married 7 years and have four children: Rebekah (5), Jonathan (4), Anna (3), and Elizabeth (1). The Masons reside in Newmarket. Wendy, along with being a full-time mom, is teaching orchestral music part-time. Stephen is the Associate Pastor of Worship and Spiritual Formation at Community Bible Church in Aurora.



**Stewart Brown OBC '77, OTS '85** has been a pastor for over 25 years. He has developed a seminar for churches to deepen their fellowship bonds and to effectively welcome, retain and inspire newcomers, called "Transforming Church Visitors into Passionate Members". Stewart has just published a book, *Feeling at Home in God's Family*, co-authored with Dr. Randy Hines. He can be reached at revstewart@hotmail.com.

**Tim OTS '93 and Melanie Richards** have moved from southwestern Ontario to Melfort, Saskatchewan, where Tim has taken on the role of pastor at Melfort Free Methodist Church. Tim and Melanie have two children, Kelsey (7), and Benjamin (5). "We have left all of our family behind in Ontario to follow God's calling here and I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me." tim.melanie@sasktel.net

**Keith Anderson TC '00.** After finishing his BRS, Keith got married and continued to work for Christian Horizons in a group home before moving to the Toronto office as the Family Home Coordinator. In June 2004, Keith decided to change career paths and since then he has been staying at home with his son Kai (2). This past May, Keith's wife took a position at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. They have been enjoying the mountains ever since. Keith and his family plan to return to Ontario in May 2007.

**Lois TBC '66 and Ken Barron** thank God for the blessings of health, family, friends over their 38 years of marriage. Ken has been retired for twelve years. He and Lois have been enjoying their winters in Florida. They have two grown children, Melodie who is married with three children whom she home schools and Andrew lives in North Carolina. Andrew and his wife Christine recently celebrated the birth of their first child.

**Karen Kehoe LCBM '63** has been serving the Lord in France for the past 40 years. She writes, "Dear Friends, July 2005 marks my 40th year serving the Lord in France! Can it be? Yes, and I can say God has been faithful in every way this entire time. The French have been so kind and loving to help me learn their language and adjust to their culture. I feel completely accepted. Though there hasn't been a big influx of French into the kingdom of God, I find that the French are more open and responsive to the Gospel now. Several of the young people I have disciplined over the years are committed Christians involved in the local church or in full-time ministry. It is such a joy to me. If I were to live my life over, I'd be glad to live it serving God in France. May I add, I have found my LCBM training to have been a good foundation for my life and work. It has served me well. God bless and continue to use Tyndale to train up the workers in the way they should go. Love, Karen."

**Jim Hardwick OBC '88, OTS '92** has spent the last eleven years ministering within the military community. With overseas experience in the Golan Heights, Bosnia, and most recently in Sri Lanka with the Canadian Forces DART, Jim believes that he truly is where the Lord has placed



him to serve. He completed a 12 month tour of duty with the US navy in Portsmouth Virginia working mostly with drug- and alcohol-challenged military members and completing four units of Clinical Pastoral Education. This past Spring Jim graduated from Regent University with a Doctor of Ministry. He requests our prayers for Canadian Forces families as they cope with the stresses of military life and also for his ministry as he seeks to offer spiritual leadership within the military.

**Sharon Dickinson OBC '76 and Shirley Funnell LBI '60** have been serving in the Philippines with Summer Institute of Linguistics. One of their big projects, the translation of the whole Tuwali Ifugao Bible was completed in June 2005 and was dedicated with a celebration. Shirley writes, "The people who came lined the plaza area, sitting under tarps and native style houses, put there on display. People also spilled out of their homes and stores at the edge of the plaza area. The speeches of the dignitaries were exceptional. There was excitement in the air as both politicians and Christian leaders exalted the Word of God now translated into Tuwali."

Shirley is in the Publications Department and has the major role in typesetting Scripture publications. Sharon is the SIL Library Manager; these 'specialized' libraries are mainly used by the translators.

**Ken and Shirley (nee Mills) Hoffmann OBC '77** are missionaries with SIM. They married in Nigeria 23 years ago. After teaching for 18 years in various schools (high school, Bible college and a seminary) they had to leave the field due to Shirley's lymphoma. Praise God that through treatments and prayer she now has full strength. Shirley works in SIM headquarters with first time inquirers who want to serve God in one of their fifty countries. Ken is the content manager for SIM's intranet, which is to be the repository of the mission's administrative and ministry information. Their son Aaron is a fourth year student at Moody Aviation



## How to put Tyndale in your will

After making provision for your family and loved ones, you may want to consider putting Tyndale in your will. By so doing you leave a legacy that will continue to invest in the lives of students.

You can make this important investment in the ongoing life and ministry of Tyndale by simply writing in your will: *I bequeath to The Tyndale Foundation, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON Canada M2M 4B3 (insert here the amount you wish to bequeath) to be used in the ministry of preparing strong Christian leaders.*

Your bequest can be a specific amount, a piece of property or a percentage of your estate. You may also wish to name Tyndale as a contingency beneficiary in the event that someone named in your will is no longer living. We recommend that you ask a lawyer to enable you in the drafting or amending of your will.

Your gift of accumulated resources ensures that Tyndale continues to raise up generations of young people who love and serve the Lord, here in Canada and around the world.

If you wish further information, please contact David Balik at 416.218.6760 or 1.877.TYNDALE (press 0) or dbalik@tyndale.ca.

# Alumni Updates

in Spokane, WA, where he is in training to become a missionary bush pilot. Ken and Shirley teach ESL (English as a Second Language) at their church. They are going to Guatemala this fall to study Spanish. khoffm@aol.com



**Sjane OTS '96 and Jonathan Peoples** were married in 1999 and are preparing to go overseas as missionaries. John will complete a Missions Diploma at Tyndale in 2007. The arrival of their daughter Abigail in January of 2002 brought both blessing and physical challenges for the family. Abigail has diabetes and requires insulin injections every day. Sjane underwent back surgery. In 2004, they began working with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). Sjane has been appointed Child Evangelist for the GTA. Both Jonathan and Sjane have just finished 5 weeks of training from CEF in Warrenton, Missouri for child evangelism. "The best part is that we can have an evangelistic outreach in our home or help others to do the same in their own home. Toronto is a huge mission field, and children are a large part of that mission field." [speoples@cef.org](mailto:speoples@cef.org)

**Dr. Edward D. Brotsky OBC '43** recently visited with President Brian Stiller at Tyndale. Dr. Brotsky is Director Emeritus of Judeo-Christian relations for the American Baptist Convention (Eastern States) and Executive Director of Judeo-Christian Relations for the Hebrew Christian Witness in Canada. He has pastored Baptist Churches and founded Messianic congregations in Canada and the United States.



## In memorium

**Alvin McIntosh TBC '43** passed away on August 23, 2004. He was always very thankful for his training at the Toronto Bible College, and was glad to contribute to the ongoing wonderful work of Tyndale.

**Ivey Estall TBC '30** died peacefully in her home at the age of 102 on July 25, 2005. Although frail in recent years, she was lively and spirited to the end. She will be dearly missed.



**Margaret Wiig TBC '47** passed away on April 14, 2005. Serving as a missionary in India, Margaret led many to the Lord showing the love of Christ through her compassion and concern for the needs of the poor and disadvantaged. She would diligently follow up by corresponding with a person she may have shared the Gospel with on a bus or a train...hoping and praying for their salvation. "Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3).



**Dr. Gordon Dorey LCBM '49** was born on April 8, 1928, in Hamilton, Ontario. He passed away on June 14, 2005. He was a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, involved in Christian ministry for over 55 years. His service for the Lord was a mixture of church ministry, education and missions. Dr. Dorey was well known around the Tyndale campus as he served as the Director of the Pastoral Studies Department from 1965 until 1980. Dr. Dorey will be greatly missed by not only his family and friends, but by the many people who were touched by his life and ministry. Psalm 84:11-12 was one of Dr. Dorey's favourite scripture verses, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you."

## Celebrating 50 Years with the Class of '56

*All Graduates of the Class of '56 are invited to the Golden Miler Celebration*

**April 11, 2006  
at Tyndale University  
College & Seminary**

Registration, Tea and Coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m.

*Watch your mailbox for more information about this special gathering or for more information contact Leah Lundy in the Alumni Office at 416.226.6620 ext. 2107 or [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca)*

## HUDSON TAYLOR CENTRE 5TH ANNIVERSARY & CHINESE ALUMNI REUNION BANQUET

**Date:** April 30, 2006  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Century Palace Chinese Restaurant (398 Ferrier Street, Markham)  
**Contact:** Nelly Chau, 416-226-6620 ext. 2223, [thtc@tyndale.ca](mailto:thtc@tyndale.ca)

Come celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Hudson Taylor Centre. Reunite with members of the Chinese Chapter of Tyndale Alumni Association during the 30th anniversary year of the Tyndale Seminary. Place your reservations before April 20.

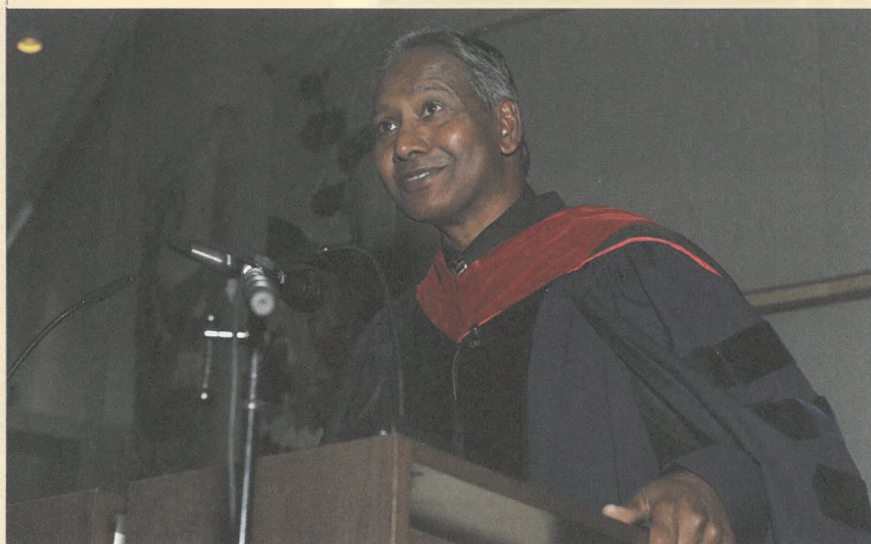
## LONDON ALUMNI HOLD 2005 BIENNIAL REUNION

From the east and the west, they came to the 2005 LBI/LCBM Alumni Reunion on May 27 and 28. From Bear River, Nova Scotia, to San Diego, California, and many points in between, almost 200 graduates and former students gathered at Temple Baptist Church, Cambridge, for fellowship and encouragement under the theme challenge of "Pressing on..." from Philippians 3:14. Special speakers were Dr. Roy Matheson '58, retired OBC/Tyndale faculty member and Dean; Dr. Kenneth Davis, former LBI faculty member and founding Principal of the A.C.T.S. consortium at Trinity Western University in B.C.; and Dr. Ronald Unruh '67 LCBM graduate and now the President of the Evangelical Free Church in Canada. Soon, the Committee will begin preparations for the 2007 Reunion and all alumni and former students are urged to "mark your calendars for May 25 and 26, 2007."

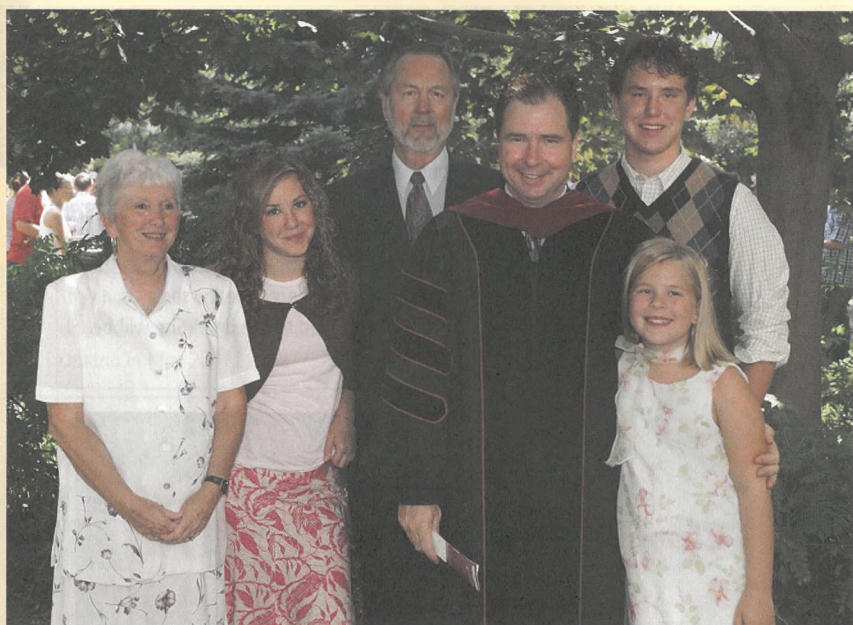


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# Commencement Memories 2005



▲ Guest speaker, Dr. Das Sydney.



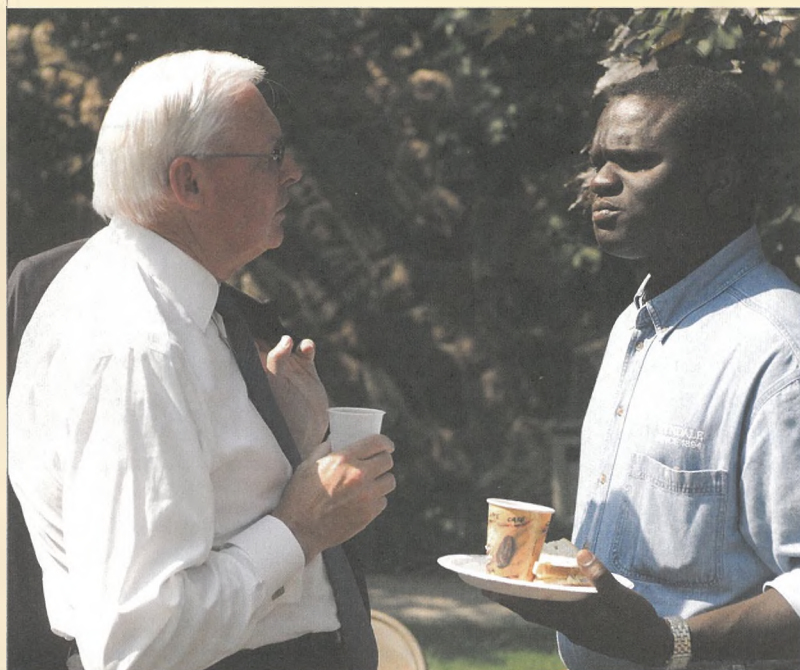
▲ Dr. Daniel Scott and family.



▲ Dr. Janet Clark with husband, Rev. Blair Clark and daughter, Lindsay.



▲ New Deans, Dr. Daniel Scott and Dr. Janet Clark are commissioned with prayer led by Chancellor, Hon. Jake Epp.



▲ Chancellor Jake Epp and seminary student Nouhoum Coulibaly.



▲ University college students, Irene Chandraseelan and Mary Lyn Hingston and seminary student, Colleen Blake

# Student Photo Contest Winners



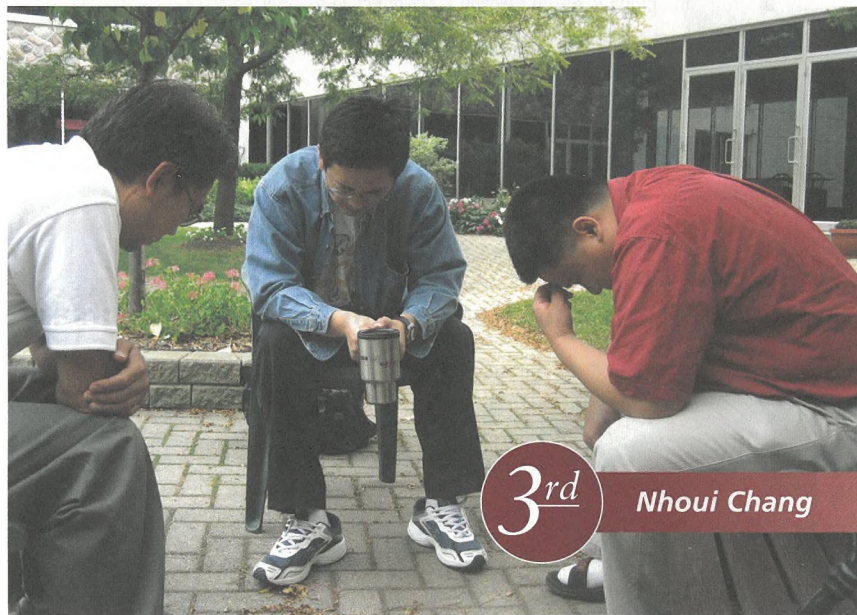
Nhoui Chang, third year MDiv student emerged winner of a photo contest held in September. All student photo buffs were eligible to enter with photographs reflecting life at Tyndale. Second place went to Peggy Yim, part-time seminary student and third place to Michelle Kay, second year BA student. The top 5 photographs are shown below.



▲ Winner Nhoui Chang received his prizes, an iPod and bookstore gift certificates, from Larry Willard, Vice-President, Advancement and Jacqueline Getfield, Communications Coordinator.



**1<sup>st</sup>** Nhoui Chang



**3<sup>rd</sup>** Nhoui Chang



**2<sup>nd</sup>** Peggy Yim



**5<sup>th</sup>** Michelle Kay



**4<sup>th</sup>** Michelle Kay

## First Golf Marathon a Success

"What's a golf marathon for goodness sake?" This was the response that came from the lips of many people when The Tyndale Foundation introduced the concept this year. A golf marathon is similar to any other "thon." In this case, golfers secure pledges from sponsors to play as many holes as possible to raise support for charity. The benefits of playing golf for a worthy cause or organization has led to golf marathons gaining popularity over the past few years within the non-profit community.

For Tyndale's first event, 18 golfers joined us on August 12, at Foxridge Golf Course, in Uxbridge, Ont. Through their tremendous efforts, these golfers raised over \$26,000 in pledges. Many players were Tyndale staff and management. Despite the inclement weather, everyone managed to achieve the number of holes they had committed to play and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We're looking forward to doubling the number of golfers in May 2006.



## Tyndale's 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament – Great golf for a great cause

There was "more" to Tyndale's 8th annual charity golf tournament, held Monday, September 26: more golfers, more sponsors, and more funds raised, despite weather that changed hourly.

The event, held at Wooden Sticks golf course in Uxbridge, Ont., included a packed day of golfing and fellowship. The evening, hosted by hockey legend Paul Henderson, included a live and silent auction, an update on school developments by Dr. Brian C. Stiller and the launch of the Paul & Eleanor Henderson Bursary. This financial award is the largest of its kind and will provide \$10,000 to a Tyndale student who is committed to working as a Christian leader or counsellor (see this page, "Hockey Hero Paul Henderson Helps Start Bursary").

A dedicated team of volunteers contributed to the success of the day. Brent Babcock (Chair), Carol Babcock, Sam Maduri, and Gary Sharpe played an invaluable role in securing prizes, sponsors, and auction items.

Special thanks to these generous sponsors for their support:

**Lunch & Dinner Sponsor** – Good Books, Oakville

**Golf Cart Sponsor** – Caldwell Securities Ltd.

**Capture Action** – Etherington's

**Closest to the Pin Sponsor** – Ross Mitchell Family

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## The Benefits of Donating Publicly Listed Securities

Did you know that if you donate publicly listed securities (stocks, bonds, treasury bills and mutual fund shares) to a registered charity, the capital gain is taxed at 25% instead of 50%? Take the following example: ten years ago you purchased 1,000 shares in ABC Co. at \$25/share. Today, the price is \$80/share. That's a gain of \$55/share or \$55,000. If you sold these shares and donated cash, your personal taxes on the transaction would be:

Capital Gain	= \$55,000	
Taxable Gain	= \$55,000 x 50%	= \$27,500
Taxes on Gain	= \$27,500 x 50%	= \$13,750

What if you donated your shares to Tyndale instead?

Capital Gain	= \$55,000	
Taxable Gain	= \$55,000 x 25%	= \$13,750
Taxes on Gain	= \$13,750 x 50%	= \$6,875

You would also receive a charitable tax receipt from Tyndale for \$80,000. This will save taxes on other income of \$40,000 (\$80,000 x 50%). The net savings on taxes is **\$33,125** (\$40,000 less \$6,875). Therefore, from a cash standpoint:

Initial cost of shares	= \$25,000
<b>Taxes saved</b>	<b>= \$33,125</b>

If you simply sold all of the shares and donated the proceeds of \$80,000 your after-tax cash generated would be \$26,250. If you donated your shares to Tyndale, the after-tax cash generated for you would be \$33,125.



▲ Board member Stephen Sham presents Dr. Brian C. Stiller with a stock donation for Tyndale.

*Additional advantages to donating shares include:*

- You can donate a gift without depleting your bank account.
- You can increase your current after-tax cash flow.
- Tax receipts can offset your taxes on income from other income and capital gains.
- You can "prepay" future taxes in a tax-effective manner on the capital gain in your share portfolio.
- You can never "out give" the Lord, and donating shares lets you demonstrate this truth!

To learn more, please contact Winston Ling, Vice-President, Finance and Administration at 416.218.6747 or email [wling@tyndale.ca](mailto:wling@tyndale.ca).

## Hockey Hero Paul Henderson Helps Start Bursary



While he is known to many for scoring the winning goal in the final game of the 1972 Canada/Russia hockey series, Paul Henderson knows how financial obstacles can close academic doors. He personally faced the frustration that comes from growing up in a family that didn't have the economic means to help him get a post-secondary education.

After coming to faith as a follower of Jesus Christ in 1975, Paul enrolled in classes at Tyndale and loved it. His personal journey, along with that of his wife, Eleanor, have

led them to launch the Paul & Eleanor Henderson Bursary. This annual award of \$10,000 will assist one Tyndale student, called to Christian leadership and/or counselling, to obtain an essential education. "With its emphasis on helping a student who demonstrates financial need and exemplifies Christian character, this award is a tremendous blessing," says President Stiller.

Contributions to this bursary – and to help less fortunate students – can be arranged by contacting Colleen Kennedy in The Tyndale Foundation at 416.218.6763 or by email at [ckennedy@tyndale.ca](mailto:ckennedy@tyndale.ca).

"This bursary will help ensure that Tyndale students – who have the talent for Christian leadership and/or counselling but not funds – can receive a Christ-centred education," says Paul.

# President's DINNER 2006



**TYNDALE**  
University College & Seminary

## An inspiring evening with Dr. Haddon W. Robinson

**April 4, 2006**

Reception 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Sheraton Parkway Hotel  
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## In the Pipeline

### Bachelor of Education Update

The PEQAB site team has submitted an early report on Tyndale University College's readiness as the possible home of Ontario's newest teacher training site. Provost Earl Davey reported that although our application is still in process, there are many positive features in their early assessment. Carla Nelson, Director, Bachelor of Education, along with the Dean, and the Advisory Committee will follow up on the report's recommendations and continue to provide changes requested.

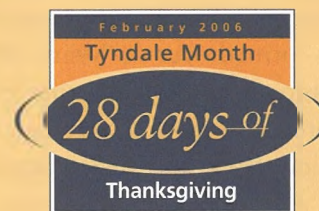


### Navigating the Faith/Political Interface

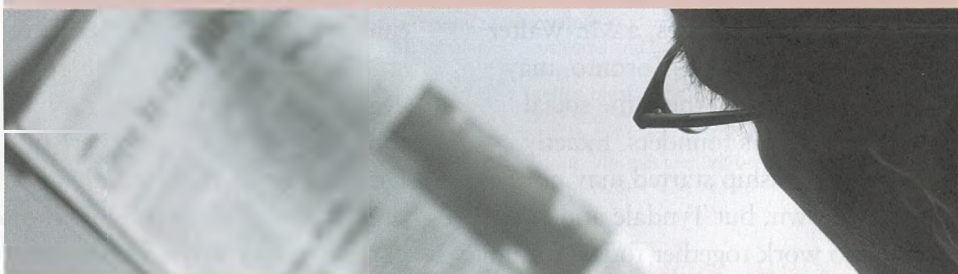
The Manning Centre for Building Democracy, Tyndale University College & Seminary and Trinity Western University will partner to present a 3-day course in Ottawa in February 2006. Dr. Mark Steinacher, ext. 2145, has all the details on this exciting new course.

## Tyndale Month: February 2006

We're once again celebrating the support of the Tyndale family of friends with **Tyndale Month: Twenty-eight Days of Thanksgiving**. Throughout February, students will be calling donors to express our gratitude, and offer our prayers. So don't be surprised if you receive a call from us...it's just our way of saying thanks!



## Media Mentions



### "Restrospective on at Tyndale Gallery"

*North York Mirror, November 9, 2005*  
*Inside Toronto.com*

### "Evangelicals are back in the education game."

*Christian Week, October 28, 2005*

### Report on the fourth annual Diocesan Outreach Networking Conference held at Tyndale University College & Seminary

*The Anglican, November 2005*

### Canadian Chinese School of Theology in Tyndale Seminary

*Anglican Journal, November 2005*

### Henry Blackaby visits Tyndale University College & Seminary

*The Christian Herald, October 2005*  
*Sky Magazine, Fall 2005*  
*Maranatha News, September 2005*

### Interview with Dr. Brian C. Stiller about Tyndale Golf Tournament

*UCB Canada 102.3, September 22 & 24, 2005*

### Interview with Paul Henderson about Tyndale Golf Tournament

*UCB Canada 102.3, September 24, 2005*

### Preaching the Parables by Dr. Brian C. Stiller named book of the month

*Preaching Now magazine, July 2005*

### Tyndale Student receives first Scripture Union Scholarship

*Sky Magazine, Fall 2005*

### Tyndale sponsors Read for Life campaign

*Maranatha News, September 2005*

### Review of Dr. Jim Beverley's book, Counterfeit Code

*Christian Week, June 24, 2005*

### Dr. Earl Davey presents Leslie K Tarr award at Write! Canada Conference

*Christian Herald, Summer 2005*  
*Maranatha News, July 2005*

### Elizabeth Davey in an interview on Listen Up TV

*Global TV, November 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.*  
*CTS TV, December 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.*

## Leaders Retreat



▲ Leaders connect with each other and with God.

Leadership, they say, can be a lonely place, that's why these leaders make a point of meeting regularly to exchange ideas and connect with each other, and more importantly, with God. The group, initiated by Dr. Brian C. Stiller, President of Tyndale University College & Seminary, and Dave Toycon, President of World Vision Canada, meets 4 times annually, with one of those times designated as a retreat. This year's retreat was quite informative, as the leaders shared experiences, challenges and solutions specific to their respective organizations. The highlight was the times of reflection and solitude with God – an appointment that is often squeezed out of a Christian leader's busy daily schedule.

# Tyndale and SIM: Building Bridges from Here to Eternity

**B**ecause we know that the harvest is plentiful, Tyndale forges ahead tirelessly in its mission to educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ. So the rigour of academia is only one tool used to equip Christians to serve the world.

Ask any Tyndale grad and they will confirm that academic pursuit at Tyndale is multifaceted and tempered with hands-on learning and effective mentoring relationships. One such relationship is with the mission agency SIM (Serving In Mission). The relationships that Tyndale has formed over the years with churches, mission agencies and other ministries represent bridges from academia to action, from knowledge acquisition to the administration of service.

Both Tyndale University College & Seminary and SIM have roots dating back to the 19th century: in 1894 the Toronto Bible College was formed, just a year after the first SIM missionaries set out to India. One of those missionaries, a Mr. Walter Gowans, who was from Toronto, may even have frequented the same social circles as Tyndale's founders. Exactly when this friendship started may not be precisely known, but Tyndale and SIM continue to work together today, forming bridges that students may use in their transition from the school to the field.

*Connection* recently met with former

Missionary-in-Residence at Tyndale (1980-1981), Dr. John Miller, and his wife, Helen Miller. The Millers have been with SIM since the early 1960s and have worked in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya. Since 1991, the Millers have been stationed in Toronto, and are passionate about their work with Muslim immigrants from Somalia. Through SIM, the Millers are building bridges by forming trusted friendships with the Somali community. Outreach activities include home visits, teaching English or other subjects, babysitting, Bible study, any other means of loving Somalis, and opening doors for the Gospel. The number of families that can be visited is only limited by the number of committed volunteers and students available.

To date, approximately 1,500 Somalis have been a part of this ministry and 28 Tyndale students have completed their internships with the Millers in the Muslim Somali community. This cross-cultural ministry has proved invaluable to Tyndale students, who have been able to take academic knowledge and apply it directly to the mission field right here in Toronto. Dr. Miller reminisced fondly about each of those 28 students, many of whom continue to be active in the mission field all over the world. He believes through this ministry students not only learn from the Somalis they serve, but they

eventually come to love them also.

Brian Seim, Director of the SIM program, Culture Connexions, emphasized the importance of entering the intercultural experience as learners as a primary means of establishing sound relationships with those who will then be receptive to our own biblical message. Like the Millers, Mr. Seim expressed enthusiasm about the ongoing Tyndale-SIM relationship with visions of even greater opportunities for Tyndale in the future. For example, SIM offers an extended internship program, either in Toronto or abroad, involving supervisor and peer mentoring, practical training and application. Each intern designs a sustainable ministry program within an intercultural church that will be maintained after the completion of their program.

Whether it is in Toronto with the Millers' ministry, or through another of SIM's internship and mentoring opportunities, the Tyndale-SIM alliance has led to the building of many bridges, cementing many lasting relationships. Dr. Miller was very proud to share the story of his "favourite" Tyndale intern, Ingrid, who tutored in three Somali homes, which she maintained after the completion of her required internship. She is now the Millers' daughter-in-law and is stationed with their son in Bangladesh, also through SIM!

## Blackaby Outlines...

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spiritual health. Asked to clearly identify two symptoms of Canada's ill-health, Blackaby specifically mentioned the political decisions on same-sex



▲ Dr. Blackaby shared his insights with university college students.

marriages and Canada's continued reticence as a world power, preferring instead the role of peace-keeper.

By the end of his visit, some 1800 heard

Blackaby's call to Canada's spiritual, political and business leaders. Blackaby reminded Christian leaders that they have an important assignment: to "listen and tell the people God's will. The watchman is God's first line of defence. [Right now] there are not many who recognise when the enemy is coming in like a flood. The people must be warned. Now, sin remains unchecked. There is horrendous moral and ethical

[in]difference. Salt and light are not doing their job well. The salt is not preserving and the light is definitely not dispelling of the darkness. The light is specifically missing."

This warning can only be effective if leaders are in communion with God and know the heart of God. Blackaby spent his days at Tyndale listening to and speaking with students (including those in leadership), members of staff, faculty, and the board. As a part of the official launch of the Tyndale Leadership Exchange, he visited with business leaders at the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Asked about the highlight of his trip, Blackaby said that he was particularly happy to have achieved his primary mission, which was to "effectively see God do what the Tyndale leadership wanted to accomplish [through his visit]. I prayed for a fresh interpretation for each group and I could see that everyone, including board members, was affected by a fresh encounter with God."

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#### Monday

11:00am-1:30pm registration  
1:00-3:00 welcome and first session -  
**keynote** Dr. Gordon MacDonald  
3:00-3:30 coffee break...and trade fair  
3:30-5:00 2nd session – **keynote** Dr. Larry Crabb  
5:00-7:00 free time for dinner  
7:00-8:30 music, worship and 3rd session –  
**keynote** Dr. Dallas Willard

#### Tuesday

8:00-9:00am coffee and danish  
9:00-10:30 4th session – **keynote** Dr. Larry Crabb  
10:30-11:00 coffee break  
11:00-12:30pm 5th session – **keynote** Dr. Gordon MacDonald  
12:30-1:30 open lunch and trade fair (*visit one of dozens of restaurants near the hotel*)  
1:30-3:00 6th session – **keynote** Dr. Dallas Willard  
3:00-3:30 coffee break  
3:30-5:00 7th session – **keynote** Dr. Larry Crabb  
5:00-6:30 open  
6:30-8:30 Banquet – **keynote** Dr. Charles Price

#### Wednesday

8:00-9:00am coffee and danish  
9:00-10:30 9th session – **keynote** Dr. Dallas Willard  
10:30-11:00 coffee break  
11:00-12:30pm final session – **keynote** Dr. Gordon MacDonald

**Price for all three days:** By Dec. 30th after Dec. 30th  
Per person \$225 \$249  
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### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Dallas  
Willard



Gordon  
MacDonald



Larry  
Crabb



Bob  
Cottrill

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## Tyndale celebrates

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around the two leaders who represented both academic and spiritual depth, praying for the mantle of God's blessing at Tyndale.

Provost Earl Davey summoned Dr. Janet Clark and Dr. Daniel Scott to unite with us in a covenant of installation as Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary and University College, respectively. As deans, they will oversee teaching, research, academic leadership and Christian service and enable the institution to serve God in all that it does.

Guest speaker, Dr. Das Sydney, Senior Minister at Highland Baptist Church (Kitchener, Ont.) speaking on the theme "Your Gift to God" challenged those present to "say an unreserved yes to the call of God even when it is demanding and costly so that our lives can become an echo of the life of God." He cited Abraham's call, saying that many of us have heard the call of God, but how many of us respond to God's call? What evidence is there that it will all work out in the end? How many have refused the voice that speaks of moral courage [and] of uncalculating loyalty to the cause of Christ?

He explained that sometimes on a human level, since we believe that there is no practical sense in it, we smother the voice that speaks within us.

He suggested that God calls us, ordinary folk, to do extra-ordinary things so that we can clearly see how great and gracious He is. God is with us all the time. He loves us unreservedly and unconditionally. The appropriate response to this consummate love is to love him back and in so doing answer His call, unconditionally.

"What we are is God's gift to us; what we become is our gift to God."

### Tyndale Partnership Yields Fruit...

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training, but it will provide a forum to discuss key issues and provide resources and contacts to develop a responsible Christian approach to political participation. Participants will have opportunities to reflect and begin creating a personal political action plan, whether their goal is simply to contribute on the local level (for example, as a poll captain) or if they have a larger vision (for example, running for public office).

Who might want to take these courses? The group is diverse, from students with an entire life before them who are seeking God's primary path for life service through to pastors and lay leaders who want to make a positive contribution to the national community.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact Dr. Mark Steinacher, Tyndale's Director of Educational Initiatives at 416-226-6620, ext. 2145 or [mstein@tyndale.ca](mailto:mstein@tyndale.ca); Nick Gafuik of the Manning Centre at [nkgafuik@mcbd.ca](mailto:nkgafuik@mcbd.ca) or visit [www.faihtpolitical.ca](http://www.faihtpolitical.ca).

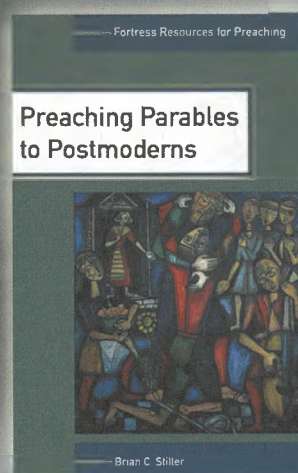
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—Timothy George, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University  
Executive Editor, Christianity Today

## Book Review

### Revival in the City: The Impact of American Evangelists in Canada, 1884-1914

Dr. Eric Crouse, of Tyndale University College, has made a valuable addition to our understanding of Canadian evangelicalism with this study of a group of key American evangelists and their forays into Canada. D. L. Moody, the Sam Jones/Sam Small team, Reuben Torrey, and J. Wilbur Chapman are names which speak of the heart of American conservative evangelicalism. As the 19th century drew to a close and the 20th century began, these men and their associates were filling auditoriums across the English-speaking world. Canada was no exception. According to Crouse, from Moody's 1884 campaign in Toronto through Chapman's Canadian crusades in 1911, about 1.5 million people heard them preach.

Crouse has chosen to approach the topic through the use of local newspaper accounts. He has carefully examined a range of papers and responses in each of the Canadian cities visited, from smaller centres like Brandon, Orillia and Fredericton, to the large metropolitan regions. This methodology has numerous advantages for a study of this nature. Newspapers survive by selling papers, something only possible if they are in touch with their readers. In those days, religion sold papers, so revival was a major story. But, they also saw themselves as mandated to lead in the moral renewal of their communities. Revival stirred up piety. So, if one wanted to raise the moral tone of the community, newspaper reports appeared to be the most efficient way. To that end, they not only supported revivals, but also went to considerable lengths to generate them. Since the most powerful revivalists seemed to be the American evangelists, they were actively sought out and recruited. In this context, the reporting and editorial slants expressed by the papers were illustrative of the values and tensions of the regions. They help us understand popular notions of piety and provide examples of ideal models of community. Most interestingly, they illustrate what was understood by spiritual power. As well, through this methodology, a rich collection of "Letters to the

Editor" becomes available and Crouse has used them effectively to capture the power of the transformation that occurred in lives, as well as the controversy generated.

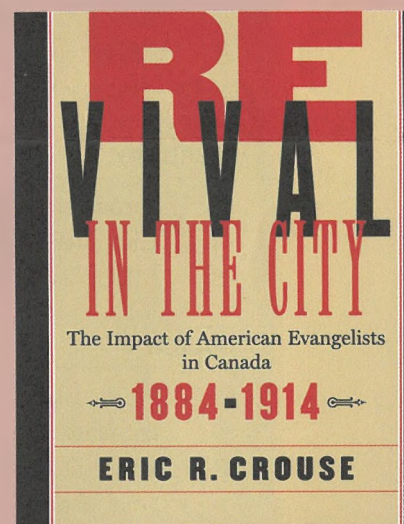
The author also succinctly develops the massive transitions of this era. Religious leaders frequently felt overwhelmed by change as the nation became heavily urban and industrial – almost overnight. Crouse captures the sense of optimism and anticipation as the leaders of Canadian churches looked south for help, in an effort to reach the growing non-churched population. A related theme explored in the book was concern over the loss of active males in the daily life of the church.

The book begins with an insightful chapter that introduces the evangelists and the issues at stake. Included is a careful study of the impact of transferring business models of management into both revivalism and church life and the resultant alienation among the working classes. Subsequent chapters unfold naturally, with each focusing on one of the major evangelists. Beginning with Dwight Moody, it explores the power and attraction of the evangelists. In a parallel stream, it also develops the controversy that emerged around every subsequent preacher. This balance strengthens its thesis.

Crouse points out that as the period under examination drew to a close, the evangelists were still a major factor in American evangelicalism, while their impact in Canada had run its course among the groups able to organize and finance events of this nature. The author's evaluation of this phenomenon is very helpful. For Canadian evangelicals interested in learning their own story, it would, however, be helpful to have some more detailed work on those who sponsored the various evangelistic meetings, as well as a fuller examination of the theological issues that generated the controversies.

This book is one that combines careful scholarship with a readable and accessible style. We look forward to further explorations of the relationships between evangelicalism in these two nations.

—Reviewed by Don Goertz, Assistant Professor of Church History at Tyndale Seminary.



▲ Eric Crouse, *Revival in the City: The Impact of American Evangelists in Canada, 1884-1914*. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2005.



#### About the author

Eric Crouse is Assistant Professor of History at Tyndale University College.



## Tyndale's Timeline

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- 17 Seneca University Fair
- 17 **Encounter University (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 18 Humber North Campus University Fair
- 19 Humber Lakeshore Campus University Fair
- 19 **Encounter Seminary (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 20 Sheridan University Fair (Brampton)
- 22 Calvary Logos Church
- 27-29 Vancouver Mission Fest

#### FEBRUARY

- 9 **Encounter Seminary (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 14 **Encounter University (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 18 LITE Conference (Meeting House in Oakville)

#### MARCH

- 6 Harlem Gospel Choir (Hummingbird Centre)
- 9 **Encounter Seminary (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 13-15 Revive Your Soul (A Pastors' and Leaders' Conference)  
Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Hwy 7, Richmond Hill
- 13-14 **Encounter University (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 21 **Encounter University (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 24-25 Toronto Mission Fest

#### APRIL

- 4 **President's Dinner**
- 4 **Encounter University (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 6 **Encounter Seminary (Tyndale campus visit)**
- 25-27 PAOC Western District Conference
- 28-29 Equip 2006 (Burlington)

#### MAY

- 12-14 Overflow Youth Conference (Burlington)
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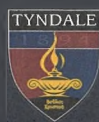
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# Musings on Missions



## Postmodernism & Missions

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those to whom we go, all because we want to represent our Lord Jesus as accurately as possible.

The dominant culture we often call "Western" is also understood as "modern." On the other hand, so many to whom we go (and with whom we work) are "non-Western." But what is this modernism which characterizes the West? In short, modernism is the humanism of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, especially as characterized by the primacy given to the autonomous, rational individual. The scientist is "the priest," and Reason is the god. The fate of the future is in the hands of humans and progress is optimistically acclaimed as the sure product of managerial and technological/scientific efforts. This is the modern story, though it is no longer as widely believed as previously. For that we can be thankful!

Postmodernism has helped expose the deep errors of this modern myth, and Christians are usually in agreement with the critiques offered. The problem is that there is no sure alternative. Not that there aren't alternatives — there are too many alternatives. The lid has come off modernism and now the previously excluded or devalued is flooding into the public and private spheres, all bathed in uncertainty, without any assured and agreed-upon foundations or standards. Thus, along with the revaluation of the affections, the imagination, and the dynamic, as previously devalued by the static "pure reason" of modernistic mathematics, comes the reaffirmation of other previously excluded values, like unbridled eroticism and body piercing. And along with the inclusion of previously marginalized people, such as the poor, non-Whites, and single-parents, comes the revaluation and affirmation of all the other previously marginalized people, such as those listed in Romans 1 or 2 Timothy 3: the lovers of their own selves, the covetous, the boasters, the blasphemers, etc. The "postmodern

problem" is, How can one tell the difference? Without some answer we are indeed left with the relativism and nihilism so many fear from postmodernism, and unfortunately, the alternatives Christians offer are often so much "infected" with the same discredited modernism as to be unpersuasive.

Therefore, it's not difficult to see that we have a problem. The difficulty of sorting out good from bad changes is no less severe when we contrast traditional Western values with traditional non-Western values. When we look at the 10 categories often used to assess cultural differences in our missionary training programs we find that the Western cultural preferences, including most missionary candidates, are at one end of the spectrum while the non-Western cultural preferences are at the other end. These 10 categories include human attitudes toward the environment, time, action, communication, space, power, individualism, competitiveness, structure, and thinking. To the extent that these Western preferences are "modern" (and many of them clearly are), the postmodern shift mentioned above brings both good and bad news. The good news is that things are changing in our own culture and especially in the younger generations. This will facilitate the communication of the Gospel to non-Western peoples. The bad news is that the kind of radical displacement of values involved in this shift can, and often does, bring much confusion, misunderstanding and disconnection as new candidates are placed within the older mission structures. This too, though, can be good news...if we humble ourselves afresh, refocus on our Lord, and open ourselves to the creative winds of the Holy Spirit.

—Thomas McCormick lectures in Missions and Evangelism at Tyndale Seminary.

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Both the Men's Volleyball and Basketball teams are defending champions of the Ontario Christian Colleges Athletic Association Championships. The battle is on again for the new academic year. Tyndale University College & Seminary is pleased to provide a live Internet audio broadcast of the Men's Basketball Home games. For details go to [www.tyndale.ca/tucs/sports.php](http://www.tyndale.ca/tucs/sports.php). More information about athletics can be found at [ww.tyndale.ca/~athletics](http://ww.tyndale.ca/~athletics).

# Faculty & Staff Notes



**Dr. Elaine Becker**, Director of the Degree Completion Program at the University College, was guest speaker at the anniversary service of the United Church at Port Burwell, Ontario on October 2. Dr. Becker attended the NAPCE (North American Professors of Christian Education) board meeting and conference held at Rochester, Minnesota, in October where she was elected Vice-President of this board for the year 2007. She has also written the sermon section in worship material for the Salvation Army (Central Territory, U.S.A.).



**Dr. James A. Beverley**, Professor of Christian Apologetics at the Seminary, lectured at an international conference in Sicily in June. He participated in a four-part TV series on *The Da Vinci Code* on "100 Huntley Street" in July. He spoke on the Mormon-Evangelical dialogue at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Philadelphia in November. His book, *Religions A to Z*, has just been released by Thomas Nelson.



**Dr. Craig Carter**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University College, gave two keynote lectures at the European Mennonite Theology Conference, held in Fredesheim, The Netherlands, September 1-3. The theme of the conference was "Nicea and Peace Theology." He also presented a paper entitled "Rethinking Christ and Culture" and served as a respondent at the New Projects in Systematic Theology session on "Theosis" at the Evangelical Theological Society, on November 16. On November 21, he presented a paper entitled "Citizenship and Modernity: Tensions in the New Testament and Modernity" at the Evangelical Theology Group of the American Academy of Religion.



**Elizabeth Davey**, Associate Professor of English Literature at the University College, spoke on C. S. Lewis in anticipation of the release of the movie, *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*. at a staff training session entitled, "Jesus and Narnia" at The Meeting House in Guelph and at a workshop, "Wardrobes and Broomsticks" at Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph. She was also featured in an interview on Listen Up TV.



**Dr. Brad Faught**, Assistant Professor of History at the University College, gave a lecture entitled "Aspects of Victorian Painting" at the Art Gallery of Northumberland in Cobourg, Ontario, in October.



**Reverend Donald Goertz**, Assistant Professor of Church History and Director of the In-Ministry MDiv Program at the Seminary, was guest speaker at the Spiritual Life Retreat of the English congregation of Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, June 10-12. On September 18, he was the speaker at the Missions Conference of the Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church.



**Dr. Rebecca Idestrom**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Seminary, attended the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies conference at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, from May 29-31, where she participated in a panel discussion on "Academic Mentoring". Rebecca also taught "God's Glory in Exile: Studies in the Book of Ezekiel" at Regent College in Vancouver for their summer school, July 25-29. She also preached at Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church, August 28.



**Dr. Barbara Leung Lai**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Seminary, gave an Old Testament Seminar on the Pentateuch at Arcadia Chinese Community Church in Toronto on October 7. She presented two papers entitled, "Uncovering the Isaian Personality: Wishful Thinking or Viable Task?" (Psychology and Biblical Studies Section); and "Surely, all are in vain! Psalm 73 and Humanity Reaching out to God" (Laments in Sacred Text and Culture Group) at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature in Philadelphia (November 19-22). Her commentary on the Book of Proverbs was released by Tiendao Publishing House in September.



**Dr. Scott Masson**, Assistant Professor of English Literature at the University College, led a 10-week evangelistic course from September to November entitled "Christianity Explored" at Knox Presbyterian Church. He also led two seminars at Bayview Glen Church, in December on C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*.



**Dr. Dennis Ngien**, Research Professor of Systematic Theology at the Seminary, was guest preacher once more at the Knox Summer Fellowship at Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto. In a trip to Malaysia this summer, he preached at two Renewal Conferences in the Methodist Church of Malaysia, August 19-21, and 26-28. His book, *The Suffering of God According to Martin Luther's Theologia Crucis*, entered into its second reprint with Regent College Publishing this September. His article, "The Theology and Practice of Prayer in Luther's Devotional and Catechetical Writings" was published in the *Luther-Bulletin* this fall.



**Reverend Dr. Fred Penney**, Adjunct Professor of Preaching and Joint Coordinator of the Pastoral Ministries Program at the Seminary, had an article published in the October issue of the magazine *Preaching* entitled "Preaching the Parables of Jesus."



**Sharon Ramsay**, Adjunct Professor of Counselling at the Seminary, preached on "Joy and Pain" at St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian on August 3 and at The Church of the Resurrection (Anglican) on August 14. She was interviewed for the July, September, and December 2005 issues of *Canadian Living* magazine on women and friendships, couple and family relationships, respectively. She was featured on the second showing of *The Pre-nup Challenge* on Vision TV.



**Reverend Dr. Victor Shepherd**, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at the Seminary, spoke on "The History of Christian Anti-Semitism" at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto on November 29.



**Reverend Dr. Paul Scuse**, Assistant Professor of Counselling at the Seminary, was the guest speaker at a volunteer training seminar at Dorothy Ley Hospice on Monday, October 24 on "Ministering to Families who are in Crisis."



**Dr. David Sherbino**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries at the Seminary, conducted a spiritual formation retreat in Virginia in May. He then spent the month of June in Singapore and Malaysia, teaching courses on Spiritual Formation at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology and the Malaysia Bible Seminary. In addition, he conducted retreats and conferences at the Mount Carmel Bible Presbyterian Church in Singapore, Holy Light Presbyterian Church in Malaysia, Hebron Presbyterian Church in Singapore and City Discipleship Presbyterian Church in Kuala Lumpur. In July, he taught a course on Small Groups and Spiritual Formation at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario.



**Dr. Yau Man Siew**, Assistant Professor of Christian Education at the Seminary, attended the National Association for Professors in Christian Education's (NAPCE) annual conference in Rochester, Minnesota from October 20-22. He was also at the Religious Education Association Conference for their theme discussion, "Religious Education for Peace & Justice," held at Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, from November 4-6. Dr. Siew spoke at North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, Care & Support Fellowship Christian Church, Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church and Markham Chinese Presbyterian Church. He also led a series of Teacher Enrichment Workshops at Bridal Trail Baptist Church.



**Dr. Mark Steinacher**, Director of Educational Initiatives, visited Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, near Boston, to learn more about their Semlink Distance Education program. Over the next few years, new Internet-based courses will emerge to complement Tyndale's on-site offerings.



**Dr. Ron Weed**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University College, presented a paper entitled "Justice, Equality and the Character Dimension of Factional Conflict in Aristotle's Politics" at the Equality Workshop at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Workshops in Political Theory in Manchester, England on September 9.



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