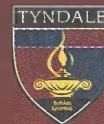


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Tyndale Past, Present and Future

Reflections from a retiring President on Tyndale through the years

Ask President Brian Stiller what makes him marvel after 14 years of leading Tyndale, and the response is surprising. First, there's a moment of silence, then a sigh. "I don't reflect much on the past," he admits. "When I drive, I look in the rear view mirror only to keep myself out of trouble."

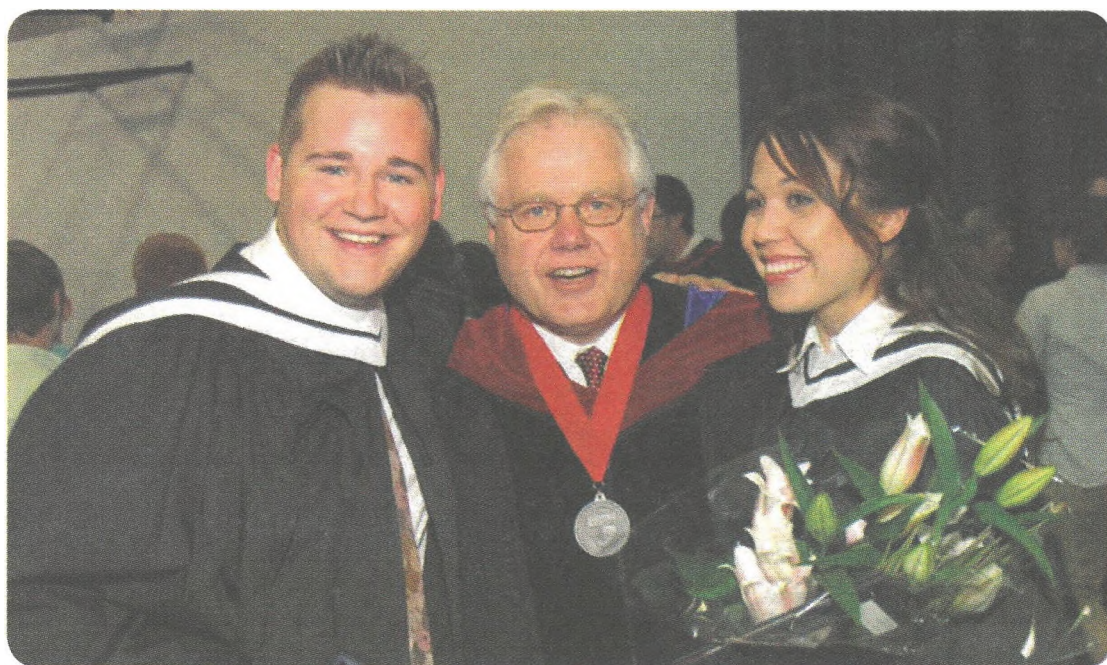
His chuckle reveals he's speaking half in jest. Yet there can be no doubt God has used this man's ability—for looking forward and not back—for the good of this institution.

It was the summer of 1995 when Stiller arrived, first as a volunteer, then full-time as President in 1996, at what was then known as Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary. The institution had been struggling on the brink of bankruptcy. The move away from his position as President of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada—an organization he'd helped build—was a step of faith and obedience.

He cites the contributions of his "incredible team" in getting things on track. "That first year, we got it back up and running, put together a new Board, got some senior staff and began the process of reconstruction."

While it took him a few years to "emotionally bond with the place," he was only weeks into his volunteer presidency before he envisioned what needed to occur; the college would have to become a university, the seminary would have to expand, and they'd have to work and pray to find a larger facility in order to become a great centre for Christian higher education and serious scholarship.

The vision has been largely realized. A firm foundation has been laid for an exciting future. "I do marvel at the doors the Lord has opened at the right time," Stiller says. "That's the most important thing. I call it the



▲ President Stiller (centre) with students at a Tyndale Graduation Ceremony. Stiller hopes to see Tyndale grow to a student population of over 3000 in the next ten years.

'conspiracy of the Spirit,' how He does His work when we aren't even aware of it."

Among several examples, Stiller cites getting out of debt. "We really broke its back in '98-'99." He also recalls the name change. "When we chose the name Tyndale, people's minds opened. They started thinking something new, something bigger." Then there was the milestone of getting government approval to become a university "All around us, the Spirit was working His own work to bring together the factors that allowed us to do what we had envisioned." Finally the great

success of the capital campaign. "So far we've raised about \$40 million in cash and pledges towards our \$58 million goal."

But ask him what he's proudest of, and he becomes quiet once again. "I feel a sense of success, in that, along with my colleagues, we have taken seriously Christian higher education. We've recruited people and resources to participate in it. And we've built a very strong platform on which that will occur at both a university and a seminary level."

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"I can see 10 years from now where the school will be. And that gives me great joy. It should have around 3,000 to 3,500 students."

Message from the President Brian C. Stiller

The effect of a life's witness



Parents understandably carry enormous pride in their children and grandchildren. For my wife and I, as grandparents, the joy of seeing our children and grandchildren do well is at times inexpressible.

I feel the same way about you, Tyndale Alumni. Even though some of you are older than me, and others the age of our children, when I travel about and meet you, there is a bursting of pride and a lifting of praise heavenward.

We have a simple mission: to give our students the very best education, the most satisfying of life-experiences and a deeply enriching encounter with Christ. To what end? *That the witness of Christ will be profound, life-transforming and outreaching in its impact.*

Trace Tyndale through these past 115 years. What you see year after year is a cadre of women and men who have heard the call of the Lord. Some grads enter professions, ranging from psychology to business, from



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pastoral leadership to world missions, caring for people in desperate need, while others focus on scholarship and writing. The mix is marvelous.

In recent years, we have raised up a Christian university. This gives us an even wider diversification of vocations which in turn help to define the life-calling of our alumni.

In this world of increased hostility to the presence of faith, the role of our alumni becomes even more vital. In places where the name of Jesus dare not be mentioned, the life and quality of faith becomes the vehicle of articulation. The witness of Christ is never stymied even when certain words aren't allowed.

We recently had a leading Canadian Christian business leader speak to some of our students. He told the story of when as a child his parents looked for someone to help the family and turned to Tyndale. The young lady they hired led this boy to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Today his entire family trusts in the Saviour. His life, which was once impacted by a student and which now ripples across many frontiers, is but one example of the life and witness of you, our students and grads.

My heart is filled with thanksgiving to the Lord for your faithful commitment and sterling example.

Keep the faith, Alumni. It is well worth living in obedience.

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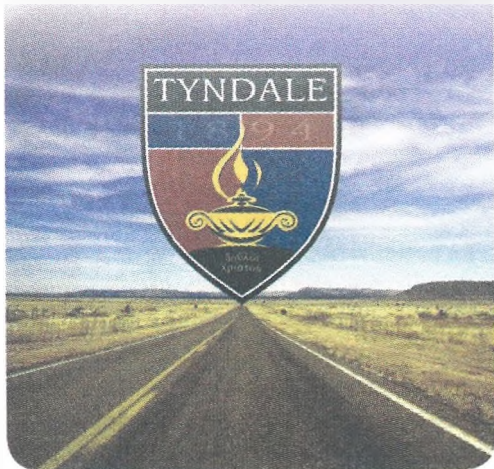
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There is something special about a student's journey through Tyndale. It is not just that they have the opportunity to learn from accomplished professors and faculty. It is not just that more students here are satisfied with their education than in many other prestigious universities across Canada. It is not even because the size of our community allows faculty and students to know each other by name. Though all these things are definitely an advantage, what makes a Tyndale student's journey different is the connection with Christ that they make when they pass through these halls.

It is this connection that propels them towards academic success – not only while they are here, but even after they graduate. Our many students who have gone on to Master and Doctoral Degrees at places such as the University of Toronto, the University of Waterloo and Duke University can testify to this.

It is this connection that inspires them towards mission. For some this may mean helping orphans and widows in Kenya. For others it is ministering to those struggling in our own Canadian back yard.

Above all however, it is this connection that shapes them into the persons that they will become. Through this connection our students come to understand God's words as applying specifically to them: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

As you read through this issue of Connection you will see how God's plans for a hope and a future have been played out at Tyndale, both through the progress of our institution over the past couple decades and through the progress of individuals who have passed through our halls. May it remind you of why life with a Tyndale degree is special, and why the future of our graduates, as plotted by Christ, remains a light for the rest of the world to see.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE FEATURES IN THIS ISSUE:

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The Business of Ministry

"One challenge I face regularly is bringing dignity to those we are raising money to support. There are marketing tactics that would raise much more money but I have to serve the interest of those we serve with dignity otherwise the greater mission might be lost."

—Graduate Andrew MacDonald talks about his experience in the working world as a Tyndale Business grad

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BEd program teaches students how to learn

"This program has challenged me in ways I didn't expect. I have grown in the intangible non-academic things. Becoming a teacher has been a life-involving process." —Jean Luc Wu, a student from Tyndale's first Bachelor of Education cohort, shares his experience with the program.

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Husband and wife grads share MDiv experience

"Tyndale provides a spiritual home for us. You feel like you want to be here all the time." —Joey and Flavius talk about their experience studying together at Tyndale as a couple.

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Graduate snapshot: Lee and Estella Wong

"The program has fulfilled our goal to be better trained in counselling. We now have greater skills that we are applying to our work and ministry..."

—Married alumni of Tyndale talk about the benefit of their Seminary education.



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Missions Scholarship leads to life-changing experience

"There were many first time experiences for me. I shared my conversion to Christ, and heard it translated into Spanish for a ten-family church. I learned from a Spanish gentleman how to pave a cement walkway. And all these were done because of Christ's love." —Seminary grad Daisy Mui tells of how her Tyndale-funded mission trip has opened her eyes.

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Teaming Up for the Widow and Orphan

"Imagine seeing these women, disenfranchised and in some cases ostracized, accomplishing things that most of the population find challenging. They were meeting daily needs, sending their children to school, running a successful business. The most noticeable difference, however, is not the material change, but the change of expression and presence of joy that comes from living a life with dignity." —Alumnus James Rennie talks about what he has seen in Africa through his ministry, Project HOPE.

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Jessie Keyes: A purpose driven life

"It was 75 years ago this year that Jessie Keyes (1934) graduated from Toronto Bible College. What a lifetime it has been!" —Decades after her graduation, alumnus Jesse Keyes still has strong memories of her days spent at Toronto Bible College (now Tyndale)

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Golden Memories

Graduates from 1959 share snippets of their lives since graduation and memories of their years as students here.



Life After Tyndale

The Business of Ministry

A failed teen romance and an interest in youth ministry led Andrew to Tyndale. “I was in London, England working with Youth for Christ, thought I was in love and wanted to pursue university studies there.”

His plans, for a variety of reasons, failed to come to fruition and with a family legacy with Tyndale he opted to start his academic life here.

An initial interest in youth ministry was changed early on to a pursuit in Business administration.

“I watched my dad with his ministry and his greatest frustrations stemmed from the general lack of understanding of business practices not being employed or followed and therefore lead the organization to ineffective and inefficient ministry. I wanted to study business and bring those skills to ministry work.”

Now with WorldVision, Andrew credits Tyndale for helping him blend the academic experience with the practical training



necessary to be competitive for his first job. As a student he interned with WorldVision and it lead directly to his current job. Beyond this instrumental nature of his experience

Andrew credits the university for the heart that he brings to his work.

“One challenge I face regularly is bringing dignity to those we are raising money to support. There are marketing tactics that would raise much more money but I have to serve the interest of those we serve with dignity otherwise the greater mission might be lost.

“That is what makes the Tyndale experience so powerful, I was prepared to ask and answer the dignity question,” he says.

“I bring, not only to my work, but my life a greater understanding of business and biblical principles. Professor Penner’s hermeneutics class taught me to dig deeper, apply context, and ask the next question which will serve me over the course of my time here.”

—Andrew McDonald is a 2006 Business graduate from the University College. He now works as coordinator for Donor Relations at World Vision Canada.

BE_d program teaches students how to teach and how to learn

Let’s say you’ve just graduated from your undergraduate program at the University of Toronto and you’re trying to figure out what comes next. What do you do? If you’re Jean Luc Wu, you apply to Tyndale’s Bachelor of Education program.

“**I** had just graduated from my undergraduate engineering program,” he says. “I was thinking about whether to work or go to teacher’s college.”

Wu decided to apply to Tyndale’s BE_d after hearing about the program through a Tyndale speaker at the Toronto Chinese Baptist Church. Since then he has been very satisfied with his choice.

“This program has challenged me in ways I didn’t expect. I have grown in the intangible



non-academic things. Becoming a teacher has been a life-involving process.”

Wu notes that the professors within the BE_d program were instrumental in leading him through this process.

“What I liked most about the professors is that they modeled what they were teaching,” he says. “They taught us to be prepared and on task as teachers, and they always came prepared and organized. What better way to teach a concept than to model it.”

However the greatest impact on Wu was the bond of community.

“Coming into the program I didn’t know what to expect, but the first thing I experienced was a strong sense of community. In a large school it was very competitive. But in the BE_d learning felt like a communal process. It made learning more valuable and enjoyable.”

Wu attributes this sense of community to the openness of the faculty and team.

“You always felt like you were cared for,” he said. “Carla [Nelson, director of the BE_d

program] has been a great person for me to talk to and the faculty were always willing to listen and talk with you.”

It is a combination of all this elements, as well as the experience Wu has gained during his practicum that has prepared him for the next stage in his career. This stage will begin in September 2009 when he begins teaching a grade five class at the Cornerstone Preparatory School in Toronto. Wu knows that he is definitely more confident about being in front of students, and this has been due in large part to his experience at Tyndale. It is an experience he says is not for everyone.

“If someone just wanted a teaching degree – just the piece of paper then Tyndale’s BE_d is not for them. But if someone wants to learn not only how to teach but also the intangible things that go into the process then I highly recommend it.”

—Jean Luc Wu and his 63 other classmates will receive their degrees in November 2009. They will be Tyndale’s first Bachelor of Education graduates.

Life After Tyndale

Husband and wife grads share MDiv experience

There are few truly significant moments in life. This spring, Flavius Mui and wife, Joey Chan, shared one of these together – their graduation from Tyndale Seminary.

On May 2009, both Flavius and Joey walked the stage at Tyndale's annual graduation ceremony to receive their Master of Divinity, Joey in Spiritual Formation and Flavius in Pastoral Ministry. Flavius' Mandarin-language MDiv program is offered at Tyndale through an affiliation with the Canadian Chinese School of Theology.

Joey says the experience of attending Tyndale with her husband has been very special.

"It has been an indescribable blessing being able to study together," she says. "Because he is here, we both understand what it is like for each other."

She adds that it has given them the opportunity to work and participate together in the worship and student life that make up a large part of the Tyndale experience.

Though they were married prior to coming to Tyndale, the paths that brought them here have been different.

"Many pastors I know graduated from Tyndale and they encouraged me to come here," Flavius says, speaking of the events



▲ Flavius Mui and wife Joey Chan both graduated from the Seminary in May

that led him to his MDiv program.

For Joey however, coming to Tyndale was something she had been hoping would happen for a long time.

"I had graduated years before with a BRE from Ontario Bible College," she says. "I prayed that God would allow me to come here to study for ministry. God moved and the MDiv in Spiritual Formation opened up for me."

Both agree that the quality of the programs and the professors confirmed that coming to Tyndale was the right decision.

"It is a blessing that Tyndale has this program," Joey says in reference to the

Spiritual Formation MDiv. "The professors are supportive and encouraging. They are shepherd-teachers."

For Flavius the Mandarin-language MDiv has provided cultural, academic and spiritual preparation for work with Chinese congregations.

"The program has really helped develop me," he says. "Because the pastors and professors in the program work with Mandarin congregations they provide experience you can't find in a regular academic environment."

As they look into the future the couple says they will allow God to guide them in what happens next. However Tyndale will continue to have a special place in their hearts.

"Tyndale provides a spiritual home for us," Joey says. "You feel like you want to be here all the time."

"I enjoy the mix of cultures here. It is like a picture of the kingdom," Flavius says. "I would encourage anyone to attend Tyndale. It's a blessing, and you won't regret it, whether you're 18 years old or 80."

Joey heartily agrees. "I wouldn't think of studying anywhere else."

—Joey and Flavius are just two of the over 70 students who graduated this year from Tyndale's MDiv program.

Graduate Snapshot: Lee and Estella (nee Cheong) Wong

YEAR OF GRADUATION:

Lee MDiv, Counselling & Diploma, Spiritual Formation (2004)

Estella MDiv, Counselling (2001)

Both BRS & Certificate of Christian Counselling (1993)

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

We are both at the Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University completing our Doctor of Ministry in Marriage & Family. We hope to graduate in 2010.



▲ Lee and Estella Wong still remain connected to Tyndale through their work with Tyndale Counselling Services

WHY DID YOU INITIALLY CHOOSE TO STUDY AT TYNDALE?

Because Lee's uncle, Rev. Dr. William Wan, then Vice President & Dean of Students at Ontario Bible College, introduced us to the school.

After serving in our home church for five years and realizing that we had the passion and gifting for counselling, we felt that we needed to be further equipped to be more effective in our ministry to the church. That is when we came to the Seminary to complete the MDiv program.

HOW HAS STUDYING AT TYNDALE HELPED YOU?

The program has fulfilled our goal to be better trained in counselling. We now have greater skills that we are applying to our work and ministry, me in my counselling practice as a Registered Marriage & Family Therapist, and Lee in his church ministry as an ordained minister. It has also helped both of us as a pastoral couple counselling our congregants in their relationships.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

To remain faithful to the work and ministry the Lord has placed in our paths currently. And, we are open to His continued leading to any ministry He has planned for us.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ABOUT TYNDALE?

The "personable" nature of the professors - we appreciated our professors taking the time to get to know us, ask about us, and pray for us.

We are still serving in the Tyndale community as volunteer counsellors in Tyndale's Counselling Services. So, even now, when we bump into our professors, they still remember and call us by name! And, they take time to stop and chat! As Asians, teachers-students relationships are very important to us, so we appreciated the dedication of our professors. Being international students, then, we were also truly grateful for the care and concern of our professors.

Message from the Dean: Goals for Life after Tyndale

According to the Academic Calendar, Tyndale University College has five goals. Three of these relate to what we do at Tyndale:

1. To provide university-level instruction in various academic disciplines in the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences and the fine arts, as well as in certain professional areas;
2. To provide an academic environment in which rigorous academic research and debate lead to the advancement of human knowledge and the development of greater insight by both students and faculty;
3. To promote the integration of faith and learning so that the wide range of human knowledge and experience can be understood in relation to a Christian worldview.

Two of these goals relate directly to life *after* Tyndale. One calls for us to produce graduates who are well equipped to compete for admission to graduate and professional schools or to enter the workforce successfully. In order to assist our graduates in admission to graduate schools, President Stiller has received letters from the University of Toronto, McMaster University, University of Waterloo, and York University. They state that our students will be admitted to these schools for graduate and professional study on a competitive basis. That is, if they have the grades, experience and qualifications, they will be able to get into the program they desire. Graduates are encouraged to include these letters and a fact sheet regarding Tyndale University College with their applications



to graduate and professional schools. These, along with strong letters of reference from their professors, will assist them in gaining admission. Tyndale alumni have done (and continue to do) graduate work at universities such as

McMaster, the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario and York University. Others are enrolled in Bachelor of Education programs either at Tyndale or in other faculties of education. Many others are gainfully employed.

The other goal that addresses life after Tyndale challenges us to produce graduates who will seek to serve God and their fellow human beings through their own vocations and in their lives generally. As I meet alumni at various events, I am pleased to see how they are helping us fulfill this goal. It is a joy to see alumni obtaining their first job, getting married, having children and contributing positively to society. Some with careers in business, education or the media, others working in the church, but all seeking to be salt and light in our world.

This spring our largest university graduating class and our first cohort of teachers trained in our Bachelor of Education program go out from Tyndale. They will help to animate these two goals related to life after Tyndale. They will be well equipped to serve God and their fellow human beings.

—Dr. Daniel D. Scott is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Christian Ministries at Tyndale University College.



Faculty Updates



Dr. Elaine Becker, Director of the Degree Completion Program (University College), had her book *To be continued: the story of The Salvation Army in Woodstock* published in May 2009. The book was written and published in connection with the 125th anniversary of The Salvation Army in Woodstock.



Dr. Craig Carter, Professor of Religious Studies (University College), was interviewed by Michael Horton on the syndicated radio show *The White Horse Inn* on January 11, 2009. The topic was Dr. Carter's book *Rethinking Christ and Culture: A Post-Christendom Perspective*.



Dr. Richard Davis, Associate Professor of Philosophy (University College), is teaching a class at Cedarview Community Church in Newmarket, Ontario. The class is entitled *Christianity Under Fire* and examines

contemporary attacks on Christianity by the so-called 'New Atheists'. It began on February 8, 2009 and will continue until June 30.



Dr. Bradley Truman Noel, Director of Pentecostal Studies and Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries (University College), took part in the Labrador Pastor's Retreat from March 3 to 6, 2009. The retreat was hosted by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAONL), Labrador City. Dr. Noel taught the morning sessions on the topics of Soteriology, Eschatology, Healing, and Spirit-Baptism. He also attended the Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, in Eugene, Oregon on March 26 to 28, 2009 and presented a paper entitled "Postmodernity, Pentecostalism and Rudolf Bultmann: A Pentecostal appraisal of Bultmannian Hermeneutics in the World of Gen X." He also responded to papers by L. Ambrose, P. Holmes, and R. Holm on early Canadian Pentecostalism. From May 26 to 27, 2009 he attended "Youth Pastor's Time Out" in

Lewisporte, NL where he will participate in the discussion forums for the youth pastors of the PAONL. From June 1 to 5 he taught a graduate course on Pneumatology for Acadia University Faculty of Theology at the West End Baptist Church, St John's, NL.



Dr. Stanley Walters, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies (University College), was guest preacher at the 25th anniversary services of North Bramalea Presbyterian Church, on October 19, 2008. On October 20, 2008, he gave a public lecture on the "Old Testament as Scripture" at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, as part of their "Bible and the Modern World" series. On December 7, 2008 he preached at the 100th anniversary service of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto. He had been minister of the congregation from 1992 to 2001. He has also written the notes for the "Book of Daniel" in *The Wesley Study Bible*, which has recently been released by Abingdon Press.

University Faculty launch several new titles

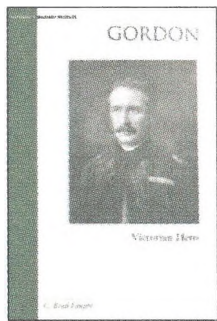
On March 3, 2009 the Tyndale community gathered for the launch of several new books from our faculty. The books were authored or co-edited by C. Brad Faught, Associate Professor of History; Daniel R. Driver, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies; and Doug Hayhoe, Associate Professor of Education.

President Stiller was present at the launch. He spoke highly of the work of the three authors.

“I am so proud of the outstanding scholarship we see year after year,” he said. “Not only is it good work, it shows good compelling research. I am thrilled by the quality of our work and the discipline of our faculty.” Here is a quick look at the titles on display.

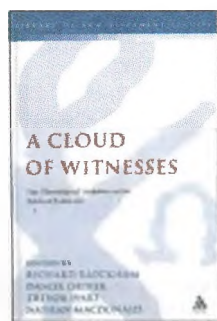
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Most books from our Faculty are available at the Tyndale Bookstore. Churches receive a 10% discount from the bookstore and alumni receive 15% discount. Through an agreement with Ticketwindow the Tyndale bookstore is also a ticket outlet for Christian concerts and events in Toronto and the GTA. Stop by the bookstore for more information or visit the online at www.tyndale.ca/bookstore.



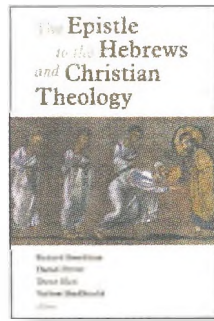
C. BRAD FAUGHT.
Gordon: Victorian Hero.
Potomac Books Inc 2008.
Charles George Gordon is an important British imperial figure of the late nineteenth century and one of the most famous Victorian military men in history. In this new

biography, C. Brad Faught looks at his life and death and the issues of abolitionism, territorial conquest and the rule of dependent peoples that his life forces us to examine. Available at Amazon.com and at the Tyndale bookstore.



DANIEL R. DRIVER
(Co-editor)
A Cloud of Witnesses: The Theology of Hebrews in its Ancient Contexts. Continuum 2008.

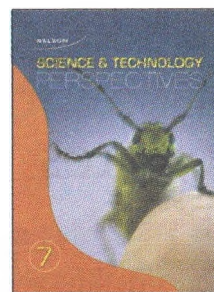
This work was edited by Richard Bauckham, Trevor Hart, Nathan MacDonald and Daniel Driver. It looks at one of the often marginalized books of the New Testament, but one which is found to be theologically significant. The text pays special attention to issues such as the structure of Hebrews; the person of Jesus Christ; Hebrews within the context of Second Temple Judaism and the Greco-Roman empire; and the role of Hebrews in early Christian thought. Available online at Barnes and Noble.



DANIEL DRIVER
(Co-editor)
The Epistle to the Hebrews & Christian Theology.

Eerdmans Publishing Company 2009.
The text is a compilation of essays by scholarly writers on different aspects

of this fascinating New Testament text. In this foray into the book of Hebrews, contributors examine the epistle in dialogue with modern theological thought. Topics discussed include the nature of faith, particularly as it relates to named bible characters. The divinity of Jesus Christ and new conventionalism are also discussed in the context of Hebrews. Available at Amazon.com.



DOUG HAYHOE
Science & Technology Perspectives 7 & 8 Nelson Education LTD, 2008.

These texts were designed specifically for the revised 2008 Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. They will help students

make meaningful real world connections as they look at and address current and relevant issues that impact their lives. As student references these texts provide support for the skills and processes of science, safety considerations, and communicating in scientific terms. The texts integrate the most current advancements in Science and Technology education. Available at www.nelson.com.

University Book Receives Praise

Book Emerged from Tyndale's 2006 "Figured Out: Figuration in Biblical Interpretation." Conference

Go Figure: *Figuration in Biblical Interpretation*, the compilation of essays emerging from Tyndale's 2006 Biblical Studies conference, was recently reviewed favorably by the Society of Biblical Literature in their Review of Biblical Literature section. The collection, which was edited by Tyndale's own Dr. Stanley Walters, includes presentations by the speakers at the event. Papers from Tyndale Faculty members Keith Bodner, Craig Carter, Stanley Walters and C. Brad Faught are featured in the collection.

Reviewers Richard Briggs and Paul Elbert praised the essays and their writers.

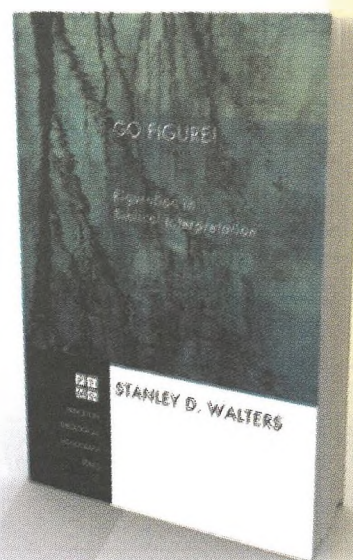
“This is not a project of grand synthesis nor of conceptual map-making, but rather it is a series of forays in a well-defined but still very unexplained territory,” said reviewer Richard Briggs, of Durham University, Durham, UK. “Taking it as read, there is still a consistently engaging and rewarding collection of essays.”

Briggs speaks especially favorably of the essays written by Dr. Craig Carter and Dr. C. Brad Faught. According to Briggs, “These explorations provide plenty of ad hoc encouragement to persevere and much stimulating food for thought in their many and various areas of specific engagement.”

Paul Elbert of Church of God Theological Seminary, Cleveland, Tennessee, also had several positive things to say about the overall text.

“The first section of *Go Figure* concludes with Stanley Walter's ‘Death Binds, Death Births,’” Elbert writes. “Walters's essay, charmingly written, offers an interesting historical account of particular Old Testament passages, while at the same time emphasizing a hopeful outlook on death in light of the resurrection of Christ.”

Elbert goes on to praise Dr. Carter's work in the compilation. “Another theological highlight of *Go Figure* is Craig Carter's essay on *Karl Barth on the Imago Dei: Typology and the*



Sensus Literalis of Holy Scripture,” says Elbert. “Carter presents a refreshing look at the imago Dei in Gen 1-2 in canonical context.”

Overall both reviewers agree that the compilation adds value to the discussion of figuration.

Go Figure is available at the Tyndale Bookstore. To read the reviews in full visit www.bookreviews.org

Message from the Dean: Thoughts on Graduation

Graduation is the highlight of the year. That's true both for students and for those of us who teach and serve at Tyndale. Seeing the graduates walk across the stage, cheered on by their family and supporters, reminds us anew of the missional purpose of this great school. That purpose is to educate and equip people of faith to participate in the mission of God in this world – whatever their vocation may be.

One of the distinctive features of Tyndale Seminary is our commitment to providing theological education for the whole people of God. There was a time when seminaries were almost exclusively focused on preparing pastors and missionaries. While many of our graduates



indeed go on to serve in significant leadership roles in congregations and international missions, our vision is to educate theologically reflective leaders for whatever sphere of life into which they are called.

On graduation day, we pray God's blessing on our graduates as

they disperse into the world to serve as counsellors, educators, youth workers, parachurch leaders, business professionals, campus workers, chaplains, urban ministry workers, scholars, and teachers. Others who will stay in their current profession will be equipped and ready for effective lay leadership in their faith communities.

Tyndale alumni are scattered around the globe. They are bearing witness to the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. Our

graduates do more than make us proud. They inspire us to continue faithfully in the mission of God here at Tyndale.

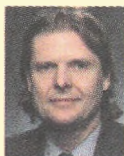
—Dr. Janet L. Clark is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Counselling at Tyndale Seminary



Faculty Updates



Rebecca G. S. Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), preached at Good Shepherd Community Church in Scarborough on Sunday, February 1, 2009. The title of her sermon was "Jesus, our Passover: Reliving the Exodus in the Eucharist." On Friday, February 27, 2009 she spoke on Psalm 103 at Pathways for Interpretation, Tyndale's Biblical Studies Colloquium.



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Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), presented a paper "Total Otherness, Self-Condemnation, and 'Mission Impossible': A Three-world Approach to Isaiah 6" on Friday February 27, 2009 at Pathways for Interpretation, Tyndale's Biblical Studies Colloquium. From March 6 to 7, 2009 she attended the Institutional Members Annual Meeting of the China Academic Consortium in

Berkley, California as a Tyndale delegate. Dr. Leung Lai was also the main speaker at the woman's retreat of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church, on March 14, 2009. She has also recently accepted an invitation to be a part of a research and publication project with Nova Science Publishers, Inc., on "The Psychology of Guilt" (in the integrated area of psychology and biblical studies).



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology (Seminary), published his article "Christ's Mediation and the Holy Spirit: The Dynamic of Worship in Luther and Calvin," in the *Irish Theological Quarterly* 74 (2009): 176-92. On May 5, 2009, he spoke on the theme, "The Pastoral Implications of the God who Suffers," at the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada's annual meeting held in Toronto. May 17-26, he was a Visiting Scholar at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, where he worked on his new book, *Theology of Preaching*. On May 19, 2009 he attended the John Wesley Annual Lecture, hosted by the Wesley Centre of Oxford Brookes University, held in Lincoln College, Oxford University. On June 18, 2009, he will host, and be a speaker at, the "The Cross, Suffering and Spiritual Bewilderment" an event from the Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection.



Dr. David Sherbino, Professor of Pastoral Ministries and Spiritual Formation (Seminary), was the guest of the Presbyterian church of Trinidad and Tobago from January 1 to 8, 2009. On January 11, 2009 he was the guest

panelist on Viewpoints CTS where he addressed the issues of personal responsibility. On February 8, 2009 Dr. Sherbino preached at Chapel Place Presbyterian Church on "Infant Baptism ...A Reformed Perspective" and on March 7, 2009 he led a day-long workshop on "Developing a Passion for God" at Thornhill Baptist Church. On March 27, 2009 he conducted part three of a four part teaching series on "Pastoral Care through Small Groups" at the North York Chinese Alliance Church. He also conducted a workshop in Grief Recovery at the Rexdale Alliance Church on April 17, 2009. His topic of focus was "Lament."



Dr. Yau Man Siew, Associate Professor of Educational Ministries (Seminary), participated in the Pastoral Leadership Consultation, "Toward Narrating the Well-lived Pastoral Life," at Indiana University/Purdue University in Indiana (IUPUI) that ran from March 4 to 5, 2009. It was hosted by The Louisville Institute, a Lilly Endowment-funded Program for the Study of American Religion. From April 24 to 28, Dr. Siew was also involved in two postdoctoral workshops, "Learning as a Way of Leading" and "Helping Adults Learn" hosted by Stephen Brookfield at Teachers College, Columbia University.



Dr. Wafik Wahba, Associate Professor of Global Christianity (Seminary), gave a lecture at North Park University and Seminary in Chicago, IL on February 19, 2009 on the topic "The Globalization of Christianity and Islam: Understanding Current Dynamics in Christian-Muslim Relationships."

Seminary Accreditation Review a Success



Tyndale is pleased to announce that the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in Canada and the United States has given the Seminary full re-accreditation for the next ten years without notations. This follows the November review during which a four-member team from the ATS spent several days visiting at Tyndale.

The visit involved a tour of the campus as well as back-to-back meetings with a range of persons, including seminary students, seminary alumni, regular and part-time

seminary faculty, members of Cabinet, Library, Student Life, Admissions, Registrar, Human Resources, IT, the Seminary Dean, the President and the Board. It was the culmination of an 18-month long institutional self-study process, with the overall goal being full re-accreditation of the seminary.

The review's success is a significant accomplishment for the Seminary. Dean Janet Clarke and her faculty and staff deserve special tribute. This accomplishment reaffirms the Tyndale Seminary's place as a leading school for theological study in Canada.

Arthur Paul Boers Appointed as R. J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership

Dr. Arthur Paul Boers has been named as the R. J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership, effective July 1, 2009. The endowed Chair of Leadership, one of the few of its kind in North American theological schools, aims to foster excellence in leadership in the church, Christian organizations, and the marketplace.

Dr. Boers is a seasoned leader, a gifted teacher, an acclaimed author, and a sought-after speaker and consultant. He is an ordained minister with over 16 years of pastoral leadership experience in urban, rural and church-planting settings in the USA and Canada. Most recently, he has been serving as Associate Professor at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Indiana. A Canadian by birth, Boers brings to the post a rich understanding



of the particular challenges of Christian leadership in the Canadian context.

Throughout his life Boers has demonstrated a capacity for keeping one foot in the world of frontline leadership and ministry, and the other in the scholarly world of teaching and writing. This balanced perspective is an

enormous asset as he takes up the Chair of Leadership and gives oversight to the Tyndale Centre for Leadership. Boers is an

award-winning writer who has published hundreds of articles and reviews as well as six books including *The Way is Made by Walking: A Pilgrimage Along the Camino de Santiago* (InterVarsity, 2007) and *Never Call Them Jerks: Healthy Responses to Difficult Behavior* (Alban, 1999).

Boers hold a DMin from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, a MTh from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and several other degrees. He and his wife Lorna McDougall are the parents of two young adults.

Tyndale welcomes Dr. Boers to the Chair of Leadership role and to Tyndale.

Tyndale Past, Present and Future

Reflections from a retiring President on Tyndale through the years

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“But it’s not easy to keep looking back. The future is what interests me.”

He has a “consuming passion” for the next 15 years. One that includes an ongoing role with Tyndale as Chancellor and President of The Tyndale Foundation. He wants to write more books and do more preaching. And true to the visionary he is, “I want to see the creation of a national think-tank of Christians

speaking to public issues of the day.”

Stillier is confident it is the right time to tackle such challenges, and for Tyndale to welcome a new President. But he continues to look forward to Tyndale’s future.

“I can see 10 years from now where the school will be. And that gives me great joy. It should have around 3,000 to 3,500 students. We’ll be fully engaged in the new Bayview

campus. And plans will be in motion to build a great library and student learning centre, a fine arts theatre and sports facility.”

Pausing again, he allows himself one brief moment of reflection.

“We have consciously moved from the ‘back street’ to ‘Main Street.’” He smiles at what has become a favourite metaphor. “And that’s the right place for evangelicals in the 21st century.”

An Evening of Memories President's Dinner 2009



◀ Keynote speaker Eric Metaxas addresses the audience at President's Dinner.



▼ David Humphries (left) is honoured for his ten years of service on the Tyndale Board. The presentation was made by President Brian Stiller (right).



▲ Lieutenant Governor, David Onley, and wife, Ruth Ann Onley, were a few of the distinguished guests present at this year's event.



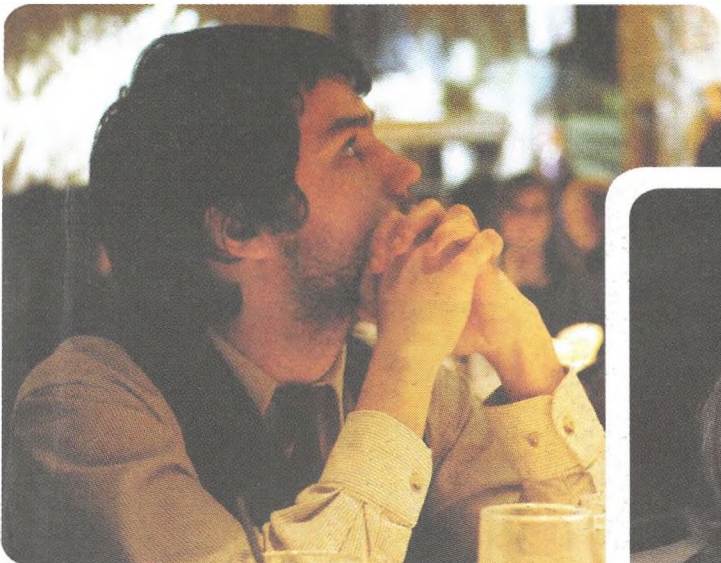
Lorna Duek (extreme left) chats with Tyndale students (l-r) Erica Dawe, Will Gourley, Sarah Patterson, and See Kiat Toh.



▲ President Emeritus, William McRae, talks to the crowd about life after Tyndale.



▲ President Brian Stiller (left) pauses for a moment with emcee and Tyndale student, Lorna Duek, (center) and keynote speaker, Eric Metaxas.



◀ University student, David Busuttill, listens keenly to Metaxas' message.



▼ Tyndale staff members (l-r) Sharolyn McLeod, Christie Warren and Stephen Haineault are ready and eager to help out with the evening's proceedings.

▼ Lorna Duek poses a question to Tyndale Alumni Director, Allan Marriage.



Church Relations Officer, Josiah Warren, (left) chats ▶



◀ Almost 800 guests attended this year's President's Dinner.

▶ Andrew MacDonald (centre), his wife Katrina MacDonald (left) and his mother Denise MacDonald (right) all come out to support President's Dinner. All three are alumni of Tyndale.



Honeyman Lecture Series: The Faith of Oliver Cromwell

It was cold outside the day of the annual Tyndale Honeyman lecture. But inside the warmth and passion of John Morrill for one of his favorite subjects, Oliver Cromwell, made one forget the blustery day outside.

Dr. Morrill is Professor of British and Irish History at the University of Cambridge. In his presentation he challenged the Tyndale community to reach beyond the history of Cromwell and see a man who was chasing after God in all aspects of his being. One key point to Cromwell's life that Christians have to embrace, he said, is the notion of responsibility within our liberty. Cromwell is undoubtedly an original voice on this topic, Morrill maintains. We as Christians can look to his life as an example when we are struggling with surviving in a post-modern society where personal responsibility seems to have disappeared in the context of liberty.

Another point of the evening lecture was

the humility with which Cromwell approached power. Becoming King of England after unseating the current monarch he said, "I will not build Jericho again." Meaning it was not up to him to assume the authority of the monarch, but rather on God's authority the government would be created or recreated. Can you imagine a modern leader who had just assumed power over a nation saying he or she was not interested in the power and wealth that could come from absolute authority?

If you are interested in learning about this controversial historical man who gained accolades from both Hitler and Roosevelt, download the speech in its entirety for the next 60 days at www.tyndale.ca/alumni.



▲ Dr. John Morrill speaks on the life of Oliver Cromwell during Tyndale's 2009 Honeyman Lecture Series.

A Day in the Scriptures: Biblical Studies Colloquium a Resounding Success

On Friday February 27 the Biblical Studies Department of Tyndale Seminary held a day-long colloquium entitled "Pathways for Interpretation: A Day with the Biblical Studies Faculty of Tyndale Seminary." The purpose of the colloquium was to provide our current Seminary community, especially the Biblical Studies majors, with exposure to the distinctive methodologies, emphases, and styles of the department's full-time faculty.

More than 160 people arrived for the morning session. Each of the sessions consisted of a 50-minute presentation followed by questions. I began the day with a general introduction followed by a presentation entitled *Pathways Through the Forest: Utilizing Diverse Methodologies in the Interpretation and Appropriation of Judges 11:29-40 (Jephthah and his Vow)*. In it I employed diachronic and synchronic reading methodologies to uncover the portrait of Jephthah as an individual whose service was compromised by his personal ambition and faulty theological understanding of the person and purposes of God.

Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament, presented a paper entitled, *Bless the Lord, O My Soul: Reading and Appropriating Strategies for Psalm 103*. In it she presented an analysis of the psalm, taking us through matters of its genre, structure, position in the Psalter, theological message and contemporary relevance. She especially stressed the fact that praise does not have to



▲ Over 100 students, alumni and guests attended the Biblical Studies event.

be spontaneous to be genuine. Rather, true worship issues out of a decision to praise God. Associate Professor of Old Testament, Dr. Barbara Leung Lai's contribution was entitled *Total Otherness, Self-Condensation and 'Mission Impossible'—A Three-World Approach to Isaiah 6*. Dr. Leung Lai's interest in the 'inner life of Hebrew personalities' was manifested as she presented Isaiah Chapter Six as a 'vision drama' in which the totality of the prophet's senses - seeing, hearing, perceiving - are involved in a profound multi-faceted personal response to the Holy Lord of Hosts. The day concluded with a round table discussion, superbly led by Tyndale's Doctor of Ministry program director, Dr. Paul

Bramer, during which the presenters received questions from the floor and entered into dialogue with one another.

The enthusiastic response to the presentations clearly indicated an ongoing interest and desire to study the Scriptures in a careful and in-depth way. Options for further study include: the auditing of courses; the Master of Theology (ThM) program and the Doctor of Ministry degree, for those with a theological degree and experience in ministry.

—Dr. John Kessler is Professor of Old Testament at Tyndale Seminary. To find out more about our Seminary programs visit <http://www.tyndale.ca/seminary/programs.php>

Missions Scholarship grants Seminary grad life-changing experience

The Lord's blessing continues. Following my May 2008 graduation and with a surprise mission scholarship, I joined a short-term mission trip for eight days in Mexico together with seven other Christians from the Willowdale Pentecostal Church (WPC). I went to Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Linares, Mexico. There we brought love and care for the twenty orphans. God has not forgotten about them.

With donations from WPC Toronto, we were able to purchase a washing machine and a gas-water heater to complement their laundry facility. We also paved the cement walkway leading to the new laundry room and painted the kitchen windows where they eat breakfast before school. When they grow up, we hope they recall the love and sweat that made this place a little better for them.

At Mimbres, a mountain village, we visited people in their homes, laying hands on some and praying for their healing. Many women requested prayers for their husbands to come to Christ. We distributed school supplies to the children there after they returned from school. With the little Spanish I learned, I found joy in teaching the kids



to sing a short hymn in Spanish.

There were many first time experiences for me. I shared my conversion to Christ, and heard it translated into Spanish for a ten-family church. I learned from a Spanish gentleman how to pave a cement walkway. And all these were done because of Christ's love.

If I had to pick a theme for this trip, Micah 6:8 would be it. As the prophet wrote, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love

▲ Daisy spends time with Maria, an orphan girl she met on her trip

kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

The scholarship from Tyndale was the building block that made this trip possible. I would like to thank Tyndale Seminary and the Association of Chinese Evangelical Ministries. Without the time and resources they put towards this scholarship, this trip could not have happened.

—Daisy Mui received a Missions' Scholarship from the Tyndale Seminary on her graduation in May 2008. The scholarship is awarded to graduating students who have served in a cross-cultural ministry for two full years while attending the Seminary.

If I had to pick a theme for this trip, Micah 6:8 – "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Students bring hope to Japan through worship

In May 2008, six chapel team members from Tyndale embarked on a journey to Japan, not having the slightest idea of what to expect. This spring eight University College students are preparing to make a return trip.

God did amazing things in Japan last year, both in the people in Japan and in the team that went. The term "miracle" took on a whole new understanding for each of us as we saw God break through even the toughest of barriers to plant seeds in the hearts of many. As our time in Japan drew to a close, Martin and Ruth Ghent, the OMF missionaries we were with, asked us to come back again and to bring more people!

This year we will unite together in passion and purpose to return to Japan, to reach people through song, testimony, worship and relationship building.

Japan is a place that is struggling to find hope - hope that can only come from Jesus Christ. In January 2009, the Japanese government recorded 2,645 suicides, a 15 percent increase from the previous year. Our prayer as a team is that people would be able to see Christ's love overflowing in our lives and that they would be able to see meaning beyond



◀ Tyndale worship coordinator Colin Owen (far left) is going with eight university students to minister through music and the Word to the people of Japan.

economic need and material desires. Currently, there are approximately 127.5 million people in Japan. Only 1.6 percent are Christians. But God is moving in incredible ways. The harvest is certainly plentiful but the workers are few.

It is a difficult thing for a Japanese person to come to Christ. On average, it takes approximately 14 years from the first time a Japanese person hears the Gospel to the point where the individual commits to following Christ. We learnt last year that even one or two

new people at an evangelistic event is an amazing thing. By our last concert last year, there were close to 70 new people in attendance.

Please join us in prayer for this effort. God is moving and we are excited to go back.

—Colin Owen is an alumnus currently serving as worship coordinator at Tyndale, and leader of the team heading to Japan this spring. To view testimonies, updates and prayer requests from the team visit tyndalejapan2009.blogspot.com

Your Will and You – Part Two

In the last issue we explained that your Will is a legal document which is executed by a witnessed signature. Your Will explains, in detail, how your property will be distributed.

We also mentioned the first five steps for preparing your Will:

1. Make a list of all your property
2. Decide your beneficiaries
3. Choose a main trustee and an alternate
4. Choose a guardian and an alternate for your dependent children
5. Begin drafting your Will

Now we will explain the next couple of steps involved in the process

STEP 6: THE EXECUTION OF YOUR WILL

Once your Will is written, it is ready for “execution,” which means it is ready to be signed. Since each province has different legal requirements, it is wise to consult with a lawyer prior to executing your Will. You sign your Will in the presence of two witnesses. Your witnesses are not “witnessing” the content of the Will, but rather are witnessing that the signature on the Will belongs to you. Your witnesses should be Canadian residents, but should not be your spouse, or any beneficiaries named in your Will.

At the time your Will is executed, one of your witnesses will be required to sign an “Affidavit of Execution.” This is a document that is required for the “probate” of the Will. “Probate” is the procedure whereby the Will is approved by the court as the last Will and Testament of the deceased, and confirms the Trustee named in the Will as your personal representative.

STEP 7: REVIEW YOUR WILL REGULARLY

Once your Will has been written and executed, don’t forget about it! Remember that as your lifestyle changes, so too must your Will. It is important that your Will reflects your current wishes. If you elect to make changes to your Will, you may be required to write a new one. Another option is writing a codicil which will keep all your existing provisions, except the new ones outlined by the codicil.

STEP 8: REMEMBER TO...

- Keep your Will in a safe place –but don’t hide it. Tell family members or your trustee where the original is kept.
- Keep all important documents (e.g. social insurance number, insurance papers, bank information, and pension forms etc.) somewhere they can be easily located by your trustee or family members.



OTHER ISSUES

Bequests to your spouse

By bequeathing your appreciated assets to your spouse through your Will, you can defer the tax on them. It is only when these assets are sold, or your spouse passes away, that the taxes will become due. It is possible for you to set up a trust for your spouse, so that your spouse will not be responsible for managing the assets of the Estate. Instead your spouse can receive the income from the trust, and then the capital can be passed on to your heirs. A spousal trust may be credited at any time, but is more likely to be used in the event of a second marriage.

Including a charitable gift in your Will

As you reflect on the charitable organization which are important to you, such as Tyndale you may consider making a charitable bequest to them. Often it is difficult to make a significant gift in life, but a charitable bequest makes that possible. A charitable bequest allows you to:

- remember an organization like Tyndale which holds and promotes the same values as you;
- assist the ministry of Tyndale in perpetuity;
- make a difference in the lives of those touched by Tyndale.

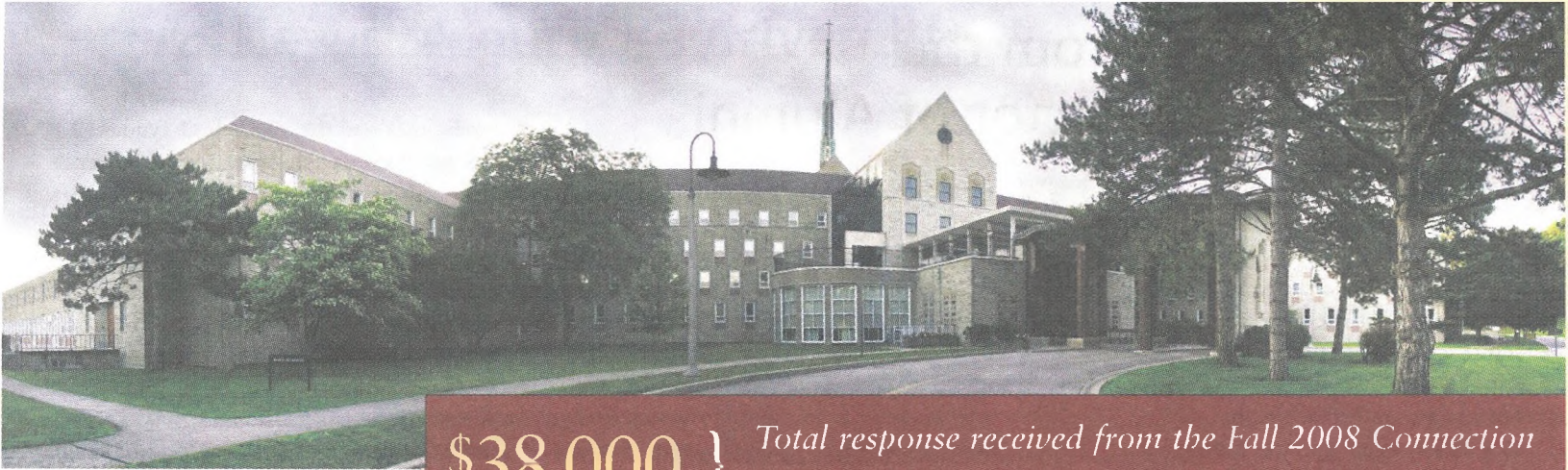
Types of Charitable Bequests:

- A) **Specific Bequests** – You can bequeath a gift of a specific dollar amount or property and your Estate will receive a tax receipt from Tyndale. In the year of your death, by law, you can donate up to 100 per cent of your net income.
- B) **Contingent Bequest** – You can leave a bequest to Tyndale which is dependent on the death of a previously named beneficiary.
- C) **Residual Bequest** – Once all the debts, taxes, administrative expenses and specific bequests have been made, you can bequeath the residue to Tyndale.
- D) **Charitable Remainder Trust** – Through your Will, you can establish a trust where you bequeath a specific dollar amount to Tyndale which will be held “in trust.” The income generated from the trust may be paid to Tyndale on a regular basis and the principle may never be touched.
- E) **Scholarship Fund** – Operating from the same principle as a Charitable Remainder Trust, you can bequeath a specific dollar amount to Tyndale which is to be held “in trust” with the income generated used to fund a scholarship.

Where Do I Find Help?

If you are looking for assistance through the estate planning process, there are several places you can turn. Your lawyer is available to help you and answer your questions. As well, a Development Officer from Tyndale University College and Seminary is available without cost or obligation to you.

—If you would like to meet with a Development Officer, call us at 414.226.6620 ext 4100. One of our Development Officers would be pleased to assist you in this process.



\$38,000 }

Total response received from the Fall 2008 Connection insert and subsequent student call campaign.

Giving Now. Investing in Eternity.

A volunteer on Tyndale's *Uncommon Ground* Campaign Cabinet recently challenged those in her business sphere to "invest in a cause that has significance; where the value of the investment will not depreciate but will only increase." This cause is the training of more leaders for service. That could be in their church, in a parachurch ministry or in the marketplace. Leaders who will in turn change their communities and the world. This kind of training happens at Tyndale. Tyndale alumni along with other supporters across Canada are giving to the *Uncommon Ground* campaign because they understand that through their gifts, Tyndale will have the physical and program capacity to do more of this.

Some have given sacrificially and others out of their abundance. But all have given because

they believe in the impact Tyndale graduates are having on our world.

We continue to be touched by the stories that reflect the spirit of this giving. Stories like that of *Paul and Marie**, an alumni couple who recently established a family foundation, and who felt compelled to make our campaign their charity of choice in 2008.

Or stories of those like *Helen**, a 1991 Seminary graduate who wanted to "give back" and with her husband made the decision to invest in Tyndale's future. Or *Mark**, a present Tyndale university student, who made his own sacrificial gift as he realized the potential of Tyndale's future.

There are others like *Peter** who offered to host presentations for friends and colleagues in his own banquet facility to raise funds for Tyndale. The list

of alumni and other supporters goes on and on.

Today we thank God for his provision of almost \$40,000,000 towards the campaign goal. You along with many others across Canada have chosen to share in this vision with us and invest in eternity. We are grateful for your contributions.

As we look ahead, we ask for your continuing support through prayers, encouragement and gifts. There is more work to be done. We cannot complete it without you.

** Names have been changed to ensure confidentiality*

If you are interested in making a gift to Tyndale's campaign, we would welcome your call at: 416.619.1201, or email us at: campaign@tyndale.ca. For more information visit www.tyndale.ca/campaign.

Tyndale Sundays

The Tyndale Foundation, in association with the Alumni Office, will be launching a special initiative this year called Tyndale Sundays. It will be an opportunity for us, through your churches to connect with you. Here are a few details:

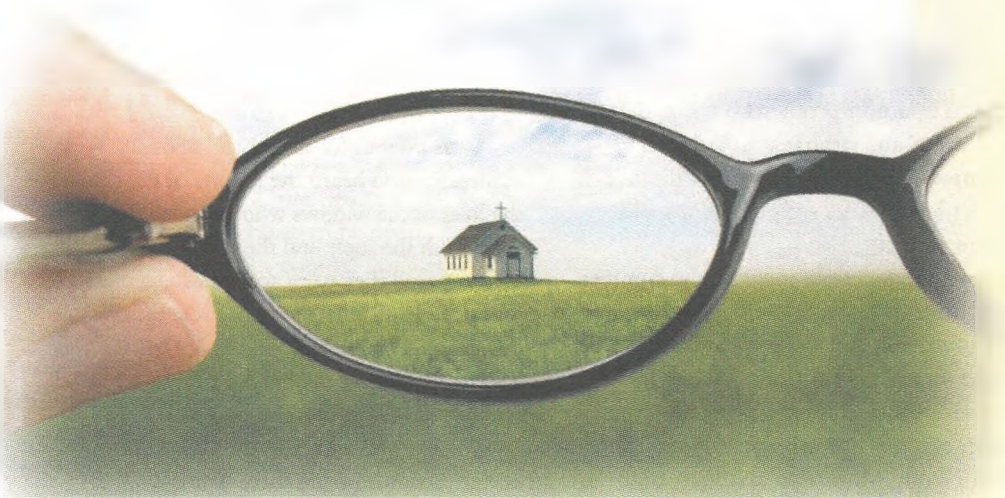
WHAT IS A TYNDALE SUNDAY?

A Tyndale Sunday is an opportunity for churches, familiar or unfamiliar with Tyndale, to be engaged with the life of the school. It is an opportunity for Tyndale to partner in ministry with our churches and strengthen the relationships we have with these communities.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT CAN TAKE PLACE ON A TYNDALE SUNDAY?

There are several ways that Tyndale hopes to engage with our churches. These include:

- Providing speakers who will minister to the congregation through the word of Christ
- Having members from our Admissions team available to assist youth and others with information about Tyndale
- Creating awareness of Tyndale seminars, events and other spiritual and personal development activities that may be beneficial to the congregation
- Creating an environment where current Tyndale students (including those who attend your churches) can share their testimony about God's work in their life



through the church and through their experience with Tyndale

- Interacting with church congregations and finding ways in which we can partner to grow each other in Christ

WHEN IS THE FIRST TYNDALE SUNDAY?

The first Tyndale Sunday was held in April of this year. Subsequent Sundays were held in May at churches within Ontario.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Professors, staff, students, alumni and other volunteers from the Tyndale family

HOW CAN I GET TYNDALE SUNDAY HAPPENING AT MY CHURCH?

Contact Josiah Warren, our Church Relations Officer at: 416.226.6620 ext. 4103 or 416.844.8408 or jwarren@tyndale.ca

We can't wait to partner with you!

A Message from the Director of Alumni

I have been listening to a lot of jazz music lately. I am amazed at how all of the individual instruments come together to make such a beautiful sound. On their own they sound good, but together they create an incredible sound.

This is not unlike the ministry we have



together as alumni of Tyndale. Individually, we are instruments in God's hands as He produces a beautiful witness through our lives and service. Together, as alumni, we work to complement and support each other. When our instruments blend it is music to God's ears! The mission of our Alumni Team is to support your life and ministry as well as bring you together to bless

each other and the ministry of Tyndale. Let us know what you are doing and how we can support you. If you want to gather the "band of instruments" together from your generation please contact me directly and we can arrange to make some beautiful music together. We are here for you! God bless you.

—Alan Marriage is Director of Alumni Relations at Tyndale. Contact him at amarriage@tyndale.ca, 416.226.6620 ext. 4107.

Teaming Up for the Widow and Orphan

Tyndale alumnus James Rennie gives his experience of working with Sweya Family Ministries through Project HOPE in Africa.

As the twin prop jet circled to the runway below, my excitement grew. This was the first time that I had been in Tanzania. It was the first time I would see a small but highly impactful ministry which I had been supporting for several years. But more importantly, this would be the first time I had seen my friend John since college seven years ago.

I first met John Sweya in the Tyndale University College residence in 1999. At that time I was taking a Bachelor of Religious Studies and was a Residence Advisor. John was an eager student at Tyndale Seminary, fresh from the heart of Africa. Having spent the first nine years of my childhood in the neighboring country of Zambia, I was keen to reconnect with my roots in conversation with John. Little did I know what a connection we would make.

Four years passed. John graduated and returned home to Tanzania and began a ministry to widows in his hometown near Mwanza. I took on a dream job of directing Project HOPE, a non-profit whose mandate is to help widows and orphans in Africa. Imagine my surprise and joy when I discovered that Project HOPE was supporting my old friend John Sweya!

Fast forward a couple years to the summer of 2008. I was giddy with excitement at the prospect of spending a week with John and his family and seeing the fruit of both our labours. As the week unfolded it became evident that my excitement was not misplaced.

Sweya Family Ministries was formed in 2003 when John and his wife Buyegi answered God's calling to care for widows in their area. John soon realized that the most effective way



▲ After many years John (left) and James (right) still maintain a strong friendship through their joint mission

to help these women long-term was to help them form a community of support and encouragement and to give them micro-enterprise knowledge and skills training. Thus the "Equipping Widows for Development (EWD) Conference" began.

I was present for the second annual EWD conference and heard the reports of the change in the lives of the widows who attended the previous year. With the tools and the encouragement they had acquired they were accomplishing incredible things. One widow is now running three small businesses. For the first time in her life she was able to pay for her four children's school fees without having to beg and borrow.

The larger community in Mwanza has taken notice. Imagine seeing these women, disenfranchised and in some cases ostracized, accomplishing things that most of the population find challenging. They were meeting daily needs,

sending their children to school, running a successful business. The most noticeable difference, however, is not the material change, but the change of expression and presence of joy that comes from living a life with dignity.

In our materially saturated society we can over-spiritualize things. When Jesus states, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10 NIV), we rightly say that this applies to our spiritual vitality. And yet, for these women, 'life to the full, in abundance, 'till it overflows life' is deeply bound up in their here and now, everyday experience. The dynamic testimony of their changed lives gives meat to John's passion of introducing people to Christ.

This is why Sweya Family Ministries exists, to change lives for the glory of God. This is why Project HOPE is privileged to partner with local, grassroots initiatives like this, to do God's redemptive work of caring for the widow and the orphan.

—For more information on the Sweya Family Ministries please contact James Rennie at james@projecthope.ws For information about Project HOPE and its work with African widows and orphans please visit us at www.projecthope.ws.

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Jessie Keyes: A purpose driven life

It was 75 years ago this year that Jessie Keyes (1934) graduated from Toronto Bible College. What a lifetime it has been! Born in Melville, Saskatchewan in May 1913, Jessie was seven years old when the family moved to Toronto. At the age of twelve and a half, two key events happened in Jessie's young life. The first was her conversion to Christianity at St. John's Presbyterian Church. She recalls that from that time onward, she never doubted the reality of Jesus Christ in her life. The second event was an extended bout with rheumatic fever that caused one Christian woman to say to her, "You have been laid aside for a purpose." What purpose could that be?

The purpose of her life soon became apparent. After many confirmations, alumna Helen Telford (1923) sponsored Jessie to attend Toronto Bible College. Though painfully shy, Jessie ended up being nominated as head girl for her graduating class. Dr. McNicol, then TBC Principal, and his wife, encouraged her and she moved past her shyness to represent her class. She later went on to work for two years in Vancouver among the women of the streets, and in the Ocala prison.



Jessie returned to Toronto to marry her sweetheart Frank Keyes (1936). They settled down to life in the pastorate. She was involved with youth and women's work, visitation, and often preaching.

"Frank was kind, caring, and generous," Jessie says as she recalls her husband. "He was a wonderful preacher and student of the Bible."

It was early on in their marriage that Frank began to show evidence of depression. He moved from pastoral ministry to eventually working for the Presbyterian Minister's Fund, where she worked with him as his secretary. Frank's depression continued to deepen, and in her faithfulness she could not leave him when he needed her the most. God spoke to her fears through scripture and through the worlds of a poem by Edwin Markham, which she carries with her to this day:

*He drew a circle that shut me out –
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win.
We drew a circle that took him in!*

After many years of struggle with depression, Frank took his own life. Jessie is not bitter about this experience and expresses that however much she suffered, he suffered more. The stigma and misunderstandings attached to mental illness were intense in the 1960's and Jessie made a courageous choice to be open about her life. Jessie began to counsel families and individuals who were struggling and now counts among her dearest friends some of those she has had the privilege to help.

Throughout the years Jessie has clung to the truth found in 2 Corinthians 12:8 where it says: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." What a reality this verse is for many of us as well! Jessie's words of encouragement are simple: whether an alumni, friend, or student of Tyndale, the grace poured out by God through His son Jesus Christ is sufficient. You will experience His grace as you exercise your faith and live for His purposes. Jessie had the privilege of leading the Purpose Driven Life bible study among her friends and residents in her early 90's. Now about to turn 96, she can say, without a shadow of doubt, that God is faithful.

We Remember Alumni & Donor Memorial

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,
"Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"
– Revelation 14:13 (NLT)



Tyndale would like to take the time to remember those from our alumni and donor family who passed away in last year.

Reginald Barnicutt, Scarborough, ON

Ella C. Bone, Saskatoon, SK

Bill Bush, Toronto, ON

Muriel Chote, Mississauga, ON

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Alumni Updates

Nancy (Clouston) Bradley BRE 1986 received her BEd in 2005 from Atlantic Baptist University and her MEd in Educational Psychology in May 2008 from Mount Saint Vincent University. Nancy is currently employed with APSEA (Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority) as a teacher for students who are visually impaired. Nancy's students, many of whom have multiple disabilities, range in age from preschoolers through to age 21. Prior to this, Nancy taught in the Business Department of New Brunswick Community College and worked as Executive Assistant to the President of Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton, NB.

Raymond Cheng MDiv 2001 and wife Grace Cheng MTS 2001 recently became parents to an 11 month-old child named Renee from China. They returned from China in March 2009 and are now settling at home in Toronto with their newest family member. They will be celebrating their marriage's 15th anniversary this summer. You can visit their website www.meetingreneeinchina.shutterfly.com for pictures, video, and journal entries.

Yolanda Chiu MDiv 2006 currently resides in Hong Kong. She is working as a part-time seminary lecturer, teaching counselling related courses such as grief counselling and women's issues. She has been involved in the development of corporate and community chaplaincy in her area and she also has a small private practice as a counselor and spiritual director.

Evelyn Macher BRE 2004 and husband Craig Macher are expecting their first child in August of this year. They live in Kitchener, Ontario where Craig is looking for a full-time position in ministry within a church.

Anne Kristina Marshall MDiv 2008 is currently living in Phnom Penh and working at the Phnom Penh Counselling Centre. She sees a variety of clients at the centre including missionaries, UN workers, human rights workers and business workers. She is also studying Khmer (the Cambodian language) and hopes to one day use that in her work as well. For now however, she counsels mainly in English and a little bit in Finnish. Both Kristina and her husband Darren finished their studies in 1993. Darren is now working as the Operations Manager at Yejj. Yejj



trains underprivileged youth in IT and hospitality. They also run Yejj Café which brings in income and provides job opportunities to underprivileged youth.

Bonnie Moeckel BTh 1976 and husband Barry have recently moved from Ukarumpa in the Eastern Highlands Province to the training center on the island of Buka in The Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. They have been helping with logistical support of the courses and translators here. They have also been helping the Regional Assistant Directors in planning what courses will be offered in the coming year. They request your prayers as they travel back and forth between Ukarumpa and Buka, offering various Translator Training courses and working with Wycliffe.

Trudy (Strauss) Morrow (1959 TBC graduate) is the widow of the Reverend Denis Morrow of Australia. He was an Episcopal Priest and served three churches before becoming ill in 1980. He died in 1982 at the age of 52. She worked as an Office Manager, Executive Secretary and as Medical Translator for 11 years at Miles Pharmaceuticals (which was owned by Bayer USA). She also worked in the Yale Hospital, for 18 years. Since retiring three years ago her main goal has been to finish her manuscripts for publishing, wrap up a couple of history and apologetics games and develop teaching material. She still operates her company "Otaspeed Writing" (TM), which offers an efficient note taking system that excels even EasyScript.com. Her focus is on giving presentations to local colleges and high schools with her system.

Pauline (Clarke) Nelson BRE 1988 and her husband Ron Nelson are still working with Serving in Mission (SIM) – BC. Pauline is helping to develop more AIDS-related mission potential for SIM-BC while working with the SIM-BC regional team. Ron has begun training in "Stephen Ministry" through their local church; it is a ministry of coming alongside those who need some pastoral support and requires 50 hours of class as well as studies at home. They both recently attended the wedding of their eldest grandson John, to his bride Allyson.

David D. Plain BRS 1996, MTS 1999 was the winner of Trafford Publishing's first annual Golden Scribe Award for writing excellence in the category of non-fiction. He received the award in March 2009 for his book *The Plains of Aamjiwnaang*, which gives the history of the Chippewa of Aamjiwnaang territory

and their interactions with Europeans focusing on four successive chiefs from 1685 to 1850. In 2008 David was named to the Mayor's Honour List in Sarnia "for outstanding service to the people of Sarnia." His book *Ways of our Grandfathers: Our Traditions and Culture* was published after Plains and describes Ahnishinahbek culture and traditions from the pre and early contact period with Europeans.

Rob Reardon BA 2004 after five great years in Seattle is now living in Alexandria, Virginia. He is still working with The Salvation Army, however he is now in the Business department at the USA National Headquarters of The Salvation Army.

Rev. Perley Tidd 1956 is serving as part-time pastor at Port Mouton Baptist Church where Paul Blakeney 1958 served for a number of years. Perley and his wife Marlene are reasonably healthy and are excited about this new opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus. They pray that God blesses Tyndale as they continue to serve the Lord.



Ian Vaillancourt BTh 2001, MTS 2004 and wife, Natalie (nee Heidebrecht) MDiv 2005 have been living in Binbrook Ontario (a bedroom community that is part of the city of Hamilton) for the past four years, where Ian serves as pastor of Binbrook Baptist Church. In December 2005 they welcomed Caleb James into their lives, and in March 2007 they welcomed Emily Karis into their family. Ian and Natalie love being parents of two, and love serving Christ at Binbrook Baptist Church. Please visit them at www.binbrookbaptist.org or contact them at ian@binbrookbaptist.org

Ted Wu MTS 2003, Nora Wu MDiv 1992 and their family are excited about their work with the organization TEAM among migrant workers in the Middle East that they have been doing since the spring of this year. Ted was called to serve overseas while working towards his BRE at Tyndale, even before he met Nora. The Lord confirmed their calling after years of preparation and waiting. They are now sharing their vision among churches during their deputation process. You can contact them at operations@live.com for details.

Golden Memories

On April 14, 2009, graduates from the Toronto Bible College and London Bible Institute's class of 1959 met at Tyndale to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Here are a few of the memories they chose to share about their lives since their graduation.



▲ Toronto Bible College and London Bible Institute's class of 1959

Greetings to the many cherished friends from my early days of spiritual training at Toronto Bible College. Although the leading of the Holy Spirit has taken us in many different directions and ministry opportunities, the warm memories and intimate fellowship with friends and fellow students remain in our hearts.

—Joan Gooderham, TBC 1959

Both Anne and I are so grateful for our training at TBC. It was at TBC I learned the Bible, it was in Zambia that I learned of its power to change lives. It was at TBC I learned to pray - not just say prayers, but communicate with God. It was there I learned he was the Master and I a servant. That led us to a life of privilege in service and the joy of seeing God change individuals and communities. For that we are truly grateful.

—Keith Donald, TBC 1959

We have run the race and are still running, as leaders in our churches, encouraging other Christians, raising families and grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbours, by prayer and example. My prayer is that God would strengthen me and teach me to the end. God is not finished with me yet!

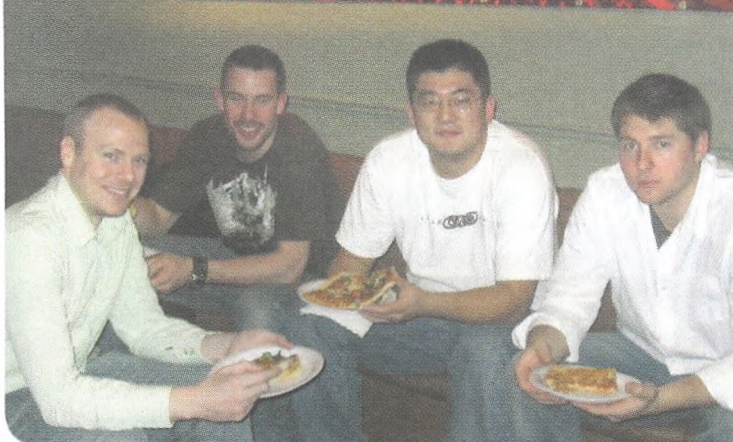
—Beverley Oxman, TBC 1959

I would advise the current students at Tyndale to not lose your sense of humour and not to take yourself too seriously. But strive for excellence in every thing you do. We all have different gifts and skills that are so necessary in the building up on the Body.

—Leonard Ferber, TBC 1959

Varsity Alumni Day 2009

Current varsity athletes and alumni athletes competed against one another in a highly exciting match-up for men's volleyball and basketball on Saturday Feb. 7 here at Tyndale. Our alumni were victorious on the volleyball court, but the young legs of the men's varsity basketball team were too much for our alumni. The saying does hold true that it is not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game. The games played inspired a deep fellowship among alumni and current students, and win or lose they all knew how to tackle a post-game pizza, or two, or three! Many thanks to Sharolyn McLeod (class of 1991) and Alicia Wilson for their efforts in organizing this great event. Keep your February 2010 calendar open for next year's event.





Tyndale Events

June - August

UNIVERSITY ENCOUNTER DAY

Tuesday June 9, 2009. Register at www.tyndale.ca/university/future/visit/

CENTRE FOR MENTORSHIP AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION PRESENTS: THE CROSS, SUFFERING AND SPIRITUAL BEWILDERMENT

Thursday June 18, 2009, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Tyndale University College & Seminary, Van Norman Centre.

Speakers include Dr. Alister McGrath, Dr. Michael Haykin.

For more information contact Dr. Dennis Ngien at dngien@tyndale.ca

TYNDALE INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES (TIM) CENTRE PRESENTS: AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN MULTI-RELIGIOUS SETTINGS

Thursday June 25, 2009, 12 noon – 1:30pm, Tyndale University College and Seminary, Room 1008

Guest speaker: Ajith Fernando. For more information contact Cathy Nguyen at cnguyen@tyndale.ca

ALUMNI BARBEQUE

Monday August 10, 2009, 6pm, Tyndale University College & Seminary

Sponsored by the Tyndale Alumni Association and the Alumni Association Chinese Chapter.

For more information contact alumni@tyndale.ca

September

COMMENCEMENT CHAPEL

Tuesday September 15, 2009, Sisters of St Joseph, Bayview campus

October

TYNDALE SUNDAYS

Sunday October 1, 2009, Sunday October 8, 2009

Locations to be announced

Contact Josiah Warren at jwarren@tyndale.ca for more information on the churches to be visited

LCBM & TBC REUNION: CLASS OF 1964

Staurday October 17, 2009

Tyndale University College & Seminary

All graduates of the London College of Bible and Missions and the Toronto Bible College Class of 1964 are invited to join in this event. For more information contact John Pomeroy at 519-651-2096 or jnpomeroy@golden.net



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