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The Communications Team

—editor's LETTER

Last summer we were interviewing students and alumni for online videos. What amazed us was when an alumna of OTS '85 and a current student had almost verbatim answers for the very same questions. We had asked them about the core of their experience here. Both answered that it was their growing relationship with God and their deepening relationship with the people around them. It was the combination of both horizontal and vertical relationships, two intersecting lines that form a cross, that happened at the same time. This is how they said they live out their daily life. There were over 26 years between them and yet they had the same answer. This is what Tyndale is all about;

Tyndale is a family with a long history, that at the core is held together by the cross, our formational experience within this community, and how these relationships have impacted our daily lives.

Through every incarnation of Tyndale's history there has always been a focus on its community and the people found within its changing walls. *Connection* served that purpose by connecting back with our Alumni, keeping them up to date on one of the formational places in their lives. In the past year and a half we have interviewed alumni, students, faculty and staff to capture the essence of who we are. With 70 hours of video we discovered that we needed a name for this publication that better reflected the whole community in these pages. This magazine is more than just connecting our alumni back with the school—it is about who we are. We are family.

Welcome to *Tyndale, the Magazine*. Every issue will tell you what's going on in the different parts of our family: alumni, students, faculty, and staff. It will convey all the things we are doing around the world for the glory of God. The communication team welcomes updates, stories, and ideas. *Tyndale, the Magazine*, is more than just a magazine, it's our family. ■

We would love to have your feedback on what you would like to see in coming issues. We welcome all suggestions and insights. Email your comments to: communication@tyndale.ca

CORRECTION: In the "A Letter From the President," we incorrectly listed the address of the London Campus as being on Queen St., instead of Queens Ave. in our last issue of the magazine. We deeply apologize to our London College of Bible & Missions alumni.



The Desire to Engage the Culture Missionally

Not everything is new at Tyndale!

For you who have been alumni from years before 'Tyndale' was the name, you will recognize that the themes which shaped your education here and the life of faith it prepared you for afterwards are still central to all we do today.

To be sure, there are new forms. But the passionate commitment to the formation of a deep faith framed in the desire to engage the culture missionally remains unchanged.

As you read the stories and articles in this magazine, you will see immediately that our mission is to resource the church, its leadership and people to be effective witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. These are just an example of what God is doing here and around the world through our students and alumni.

Strong liberal arts and professional education at the University College forms students who can effectively live and work as people of faith in their marketplaces. Our Seminary is

committed not just to formation of future pastoral leaders for the church but to resource the 'whole people' of God to be people of faith where they live and work.

If you are reading these stories and have never been to Tyndale, we hope you will be challenged to consider Tyndale as a place where you could learn and grow. Coming here may change your life.

Tyndale is growing. We are pushing the capacity of the Ballyconnor campus and are increasing our presence on the new Bayview campus as space becomes available. The move to the new campus is strategic to our on-going mission. We need your prayers and support as we remain faithful to what changed your life when you came to this school.

The forms may be different, but the mission is the same!

*Dr. Gary V. Nelson
President and Vice Chancellor*



The Bayview Campus

Campus Update

For the continued growth and success of its student body, Tyndale University College & Seminary will consolidate its main operations onto the new Bayview Avenue campus, following moves by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to their new locations currently anticipated in 2013. In its 117-year history, Tyndale has consistently based property decisions on its mission to enrich the mind, heart and character of its students. It moved from Queens Avenue in London, and Bloor and Spadina in Toronto, to the present campus on Ballyconnor Court in 1976. The

new Bayview campus will provide room to expand Tyndale's mission to provide quality university and seminary education.

Tyndale's use of the new campus at 3377 Bayview Avenue began two years ago with the Bachelor of Education program and other academic and administrative departments. The Bayview campus has ample room for future growth with more than 35 classrooms, over 200 dorm rooms, multiple sports amenities and 56 acres of land. Tyndale will continue to increase its presence on the new campus as space becomes available. Tyndale's Board of Governors will explore all options for the best use of all of

Tyndale's assets to ensure responsible stewardship of resources and to maximize opportunities for expansion and impact of programs.

Tyndale is continuing toward completion of its \$58 million *Uncommon Ground* capital campaign that was launched on May 31, 2008. On May 25, 2011, Tyndale will celebrate the success thus far of the campaign and reveal future plans. ■



Scott Rough (second from right) has coordinated the initiative with administration and students. Pictured with Scott is the maintenance team (from left) Daniel Mulhern, Brian Bertrim, Nathan Veley, and Andrew Stockley, who has helped implement many of the changes.

Going Green

Tyndale is taking seriously the biblical mandate to rule over and care for the earth. Over the course of two years, Tyndale's Green Initiatives have reduced costs and decreased the environmental impact of the school.

Scott Rough, Manager of Campus Facilities, states that the initiative "has been grass roots" as the campus administration collaborated with Associate Academic Dean Dr. Arnold Neufeldt-Fast and students to decrease their environmental impact.

By providing recycling bins with paper, plastic or waste options in hallways, Tyndale has doubled the amount of waste recycled in

one year. Maintenance teams re-installed all the lights on campus, changing to more energy-efficient bulbs. The lighting throughout the building is now uniform, which reduces headaches and, reports Rough, gives "much brighter light for a lot less money." LED lights were installed in EXIT signs and the windows in the chapel were sealed to reduce heat loss. Lighting changes reduced Tyndale's maintenance costs for lighting by 90% of their annual expenditures. The city of Toronto has certified these changes and reports that Tyndale has reduced their overall energy demand by 17%.

Changes also include selling

fair trade coffee and providing a discount for bringing a reusable mug at the coffee shop. Professors are giving fewer paper handouts and the printers automatically print in black and white. The IT department has installed print accounting software to create paper usage accountability, and the Tyndale letterhead was changed to gain one extra inch per page.

On their own, these items may seem insignificant. But taken as a whole they add up to a meaningful commitment to honouring God's creation and demonstrating respect and appreciation for it. ■

I Shall Not Die

A student's journey from prison to freedom

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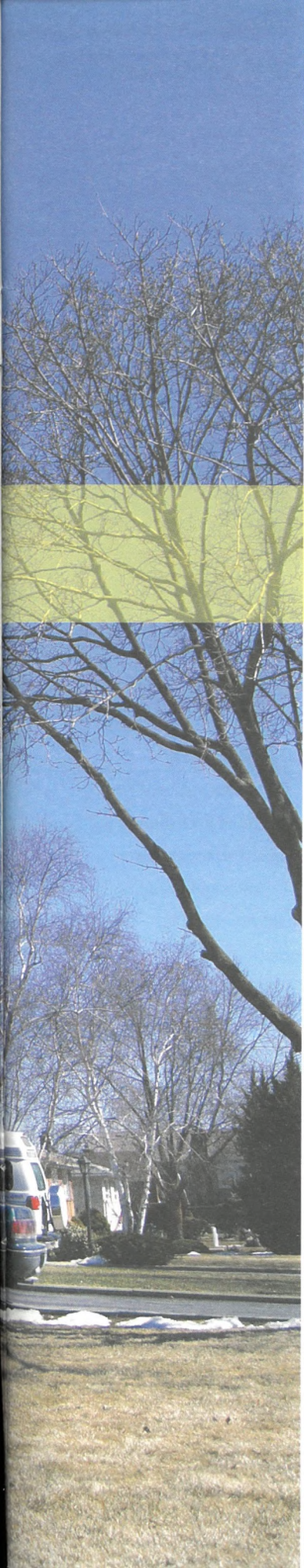
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Kesavan Balasingham was born into a Hindu family in Sri Lanka. After living in Germany and France, Kesavan's family arrived in Canada in 1989 to eventually settle in Toronto.

In high school Kesavan was exposed to the issues of racism surfacing in the early '90s in Toronto. "Our school was very multicultural, but the racism wasn't just between white and coloured but between black and brown," says Kesavan. "At that time there were a lot of young men moving into the country with their families. They were struggling with their identity—there's a culture at home and a new culture at school and they didn't know how to deal with all that."

One of the results of the violence at Kesavan's school was that he and his friends, along with some older males in the community, decided to protect themselves by forming a group: a brotherhood that eventually became affiliated with a local gang. "We had access to weapons and guns," says Kesavan. "It wasn't a good thing. We never thought of what that would lead to down the road."

In June 1999, Kesavan had finished high school and was fast tracking through an IT program that he hoped to finish while he was still 19 years old. Then Kesavan's best friend was beaten up by another gang. "This was right



in the Tamil community,” says Kesavan. “That was really difficult for me to deal with. I had no mentor, nobody I really looked up to to say, ‘Look, I’m really struggling with this. I’m full of anger.’”

Soon a few members of his gang came to speak to Kesavan, expecting him to lead retaliation. Though he agreed, he took a backseat in the planning. He was however in the car, armed, when the retaliation took place. “It was brutal,” says Kesavan. “There were multiple guns used, it was between vehicles.” About twelve people were involved in the shootings.

Kesavan was shot in the hand, other people were wounded and one young man didn’t survive.

Kesavan and two other men were arrested within two weeks of the incident. “That’s where everything stopped for me,” says Kesavan. “I

was going a hundred miles an hour and then I found myself in provincial prison. I was charged with this violent crime and I was hopeless. I pretty much was about to lose my mind just thinking about everything that had taken place in one week.”

To distract himself he asked another inmate to find him something to read. “By God’s grace I was handed a Gideon-placed Bible and I opened it and started reading it, not knowing anything about where Jesus was mentioned or what Genesis even meant,” says Kesavan. “The moment I started reading it my emotions started to settle down and something started to happen from within. I couldn’t explain it, couldn’t put my finger on it.”

At that same time Kesavan met some people from local churches who would come in to the prison to visit and minister to the inmates. “I

“God reminded me that he didn’t call me to waste my life away but to declare his works.”

became a sponge—literally. I was sick and tired of my life—tired of just wasting it away,” says Kesavan. “That was probably the lowest point for me. Then I read in Matthew where Christ says to forgive your enemy. That was the challenge, my convicting point.”

In September 1999, after being in prison for almost four months, Kesavan became a Christian. He had to struggle through what it meant to have been born a Hindu and if he was going to lose his identity if he became a Christian. As he talked this through with one of the prison ministry volunteers, he realized he still wanted a relationship with Christ.

He received his sentence and went into the federal penitentiary system. “The consequences of my actions didn’t just go away,” says Kesavan. He’d already been incarcerated for two years. This was another low point. One Bible verse stood out though—Psalm 118:17: “I shall not die but live to declare the words of the Lord.”

“God reminded me that he didn’t call me to waste my life away but to declare his works. He started using me right in the prison, opening doors, showing me a lot of favour,” says Kesavan. He became a certified peer counsellor working in suicide prevention and teaching health.

Kesavan was incarcerated for over nine years—for most of his twenties—in a number

of prisons. While in a re-integration program, Kesavan was allowed to work and attend certain functions in the community where the prison was located. Kesavan was asked to speak at a men’s breakfast at one of the local churches. After he told his story, one of the men told him that if he ever sensed God calling him into ministry and study, he would like to help.

“Initially I thought, ‘That’s crazy! I could never go through [study for ministry]. That’s not me,’” says Kesavan. But he started thinking and praying about it and found that this calling was for him. The men from that church, some who are Tyndale alumni, and others raised over \$20,000 to pay for Kesavan’s tuition at Tyndale.

Kesavan was released from prison on September 10, 2008. The next day he was in his first University College class. He finished his classes in October 2010, just a few months after getting married. “Coming here, sitting in a small group, being trained... for me it was like I felt I was born for this,” says Kesavan. “It’s not just a degree on the wall—it’s a



real life experience integrated with some theology, ministry and various teachers bringing in their own experiences.” Kesavan graduates May 2011 with a BRE.

Kesevan is presently working for a software company in Markham that serves non-profit organizations in the areas of fundraising and

marketing. Kesavan has lived to declare the words of the Lord. “The past doesn’t have to be a waste no matter how bad it is. He can use it for our good, for His glory,” says Kesavan. “That’s where I’m at: As long as I surrender I find that God can use my past in small and big ways.” ■

Tyndale University College & Seminary establishes a new Chair of Pentecostal Studies

In March 2011, Tyndale Seminary received an endowment for the Kimmerle Chair of Pentecostal Studies. Given by Walter Kimmerle, a long-time supporter of Tyndale, the chair will provide direction, oversight and leadership in the area of Pentecostal studies. Kimmerle’s desire is that Canadian Pentecostals—as well as those in the Pentecostal movement around the globe—are prepared for congregational and public ministry with an understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in their life and ministry.

Dr. Janet Clark, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs and Academic Dean of the Seminary is excited about the new opportunities afforded by the Chair: “We feel it is an enormous privilege to participate in educating

and equipping Pentecostal students from every background and tradition, from all over the globe. We want to ensure that at Tyndale, all of our students will benefit by having an exposure to the rich contributions of the Pentecostal movement.”

The Kimmerle Chair of Pentecostal Studies’ concentration will be to provide a specialized focus on Pentecostal theology, history, spirituality, ministry, and the global Pentecostal movement. In addition to teaching, research, and service, the Chair also will offer in-depth instruction and mentoring to students preparing for Pentecostal ministry and service. The establishment of this Chair further contributes to the diversity and richness of Tyndale’s transdenominational tradition.

Reaching Out to Toronto



Four Alumni talk about their work in Toronto's communities

Tyndale grads are everywhere and doing everything. Here are four grads who are serving God in Toronto. Their ministries are as unique as they are and give us an incredible insight into how God uses the whole body of Christ to bring His truth and light to the world.



Abby Scott

'09 BA Psychology

Ministry:

Assistant Director, Pregnancy Care Centre, North York, 1 year

Ministry Description:

We provide many services free of charge such as pregnancy tests, options information, counselling about abortion and adoption, a post-abortion support program, and sexual integrity presentations to high schools and youth groups. The majority of our clients are between the ages of 21 and 29. We also help a number of immigrants who don't have any healthcare by connecting them with midwives who offer their services for free.

What's the biggest issue impacting people in your work?

What is a good relationship? What does that mean? We get a lot of young girls here who are pregnant and often the father doesn't necessarily care about them as much as they would want. I enjoy talking with young women about sex and the fact that they don't have to have sex in order to get love. Girls don't understand their value and their own worth and don't understand what it means to be created by God at all.

What's challenging about your work?

It definitely is emotionally exhausting, even spiritually exhausting sometimes.

What's rewarding about your work?

My joy is in providing support to young women that aren't getting any from their families or boyfriends—it can make the difference between them having and not having an abortion.

How do you keep refreshed?

Daily prayer at the centre and sending out emails to a prayer network.

www.pregnancycarecentre.org

Scott Bulloch

'09 BA Psychology

**Ministry:**

Frontline worker, Gateway, Salvation Army shelter for men, 2.5 years

Ministry Description:

Gateway houses 108 men in downtown Toronto. Dion Oxford, the director of Gateway and also a Tyndale Grad (BRE '96), describes the ministry as providing the men with a friend, a job, and shelter. The majority of the men are between 40 and 70 years old, many of them dealing with addictions and mental health disorders. My responsibilities include security, administration and building relationships with the men.

What's the biggest issue impacting people in your work?

Welfare payments are low, especially for Toronto, and lack of enough appropriate housing. The guys go in [to housing], there's not a lot of monitoring and they just see the same habits they are trying to get away from and slip up again, ending up in the same cycle.

What's challenging about your work?

Watching the men who have been making headway slip up. To see that crushed, before your eyes, is a really hard thing when you've been encouraging the person and uplifting them even outside of work through prayer but you take it one step at a time. When you look at the Gospels, God used so many broken people...God's going to try and reach them so much more because you know they are in need of that.

What's rewarding about your work?

Simply building up relationships where you are able to say something to somebody that nobody else could say. Experiences like that make it all worth it.

How do you keep refreshed?

Hang out with friends, delve into Scripture, do Bible studies with friends and rely on the hope of the Lord because that is really all we have.

www.thegateway.ca

Karen Robinson

'00 MDiv Youth
and Family



Ministry:

Youth Unlimited Worker, presently in the Jane-Finch area,
7 years

Ministry Description:

I run an art program for middle and high school girls called *Sketch and Believe*. The girls get a snack, participate in a devotion and work on various projects. There were lots of programs for boys in the area but few for girls. I am also part of the Community Development team that works in partnership with World Vision and a Toronto Community Housing neighbourhood. We're working with some leaders who have been identified in the community and they have amazing dreams for the community. We're walking with them to figure out how to make them happen.

What's the biggest issue impacting people in your work?

For the youth, it's knowing that someone cares. For the Jane-Finch community it's having others recognize what an amazing community it is and that the community is not defined by the way it has been reported in the media.

What's challenging about your work?

There are so many things that you could do, so many opportunities and never enough people to do everything. I moved into the community over a year ago and find it can be all-consuming so I'm constantly trying to figure out where the boundaries are and where to focus my energy.

What's rewarding about your work?

Seeing the girls build community and deepen their relationship with God, seeing leaders rise up within the community who want to make positive changes and include us in the process, and the way we have been embraced as part of the community has been a wonderful experience.

How do you keep refreshed?

Find the places of fun and rest, making sure you're still doing things you really enjoy and listen to the people around me when they start to see things taking a toll on me.

www.youthunlimitedgta.ca/programs/north-york

**Ministry:**

Executive Director, Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care,
16 years (including chaplaincy work with the Centre)

Ministry Description:

The centre supports people who are dying at home, through the care of a chaplain and 150 trained and supported volunteers. We provide up to four hours a week in emotional, practical, physical and spiritual support in clients' homes and usually journey with them right through to bereavement. Most of the people we support are under 50 years old.

What's the biggest issue impacting people in your work?

There needs to be more hospice support for families, more education about hospice support, and a de-stigmatizing of HIV.

What's challenging about your work?

As most small organizations would say, we have great demand and a lack of resources to meet that demand. We can only support as many people as we have capacity. Constant fundraising is another challenge. Also, keeping people emotionally and spiritually healthy while dealing with death and dying.

What's rewarding about your work?

It's an incredible privilege to be invited into someone's life and death—making the journey more meaningful and less chaotic.

How do you keep refreshed?

I play the harp and ride my Harley!

www.philipazizcentre.ca

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'94 BRE, '08 MTS

Minding the

Navigating the multicultural, multilingual, and multigenerational issues surrounding the Chinese Christian community.

“In my culture, I see things a certain way and young people see things a certain way,” says Rev. Dr. Samuel Chan. Dr. Chan is the Senior Pastor of Richmond Hill Christian Community Church. He also teaches in the Pastoral Chinese Ministry program at Tyndale.

“We call ourselves a 3M church,” says Dr. Chan. “We are multicultural, multilingual and multigenerational.” He was able to understand the nature of his church more clearly through

studying the Word of God, engaging in dialogue with other people and, most of all, through Tyndale. “Tyndale itself is already a 3M environment.”

As Dr. Chan pastors and teaches the next generation he wants to share more than what he knows—he wants to share what he lives. “I think this is what Tyndale is all about...to share fruitful experiences and difficult experiences so that ministry will become real and by faith



Gap

we understand ministry can grow and become strong.”

In looking to the future, Dr. Chan sees three main challenges for the Chinese church in Canada. First, “It’s time all churches need to think about the concept of being missional. The church does not exist for itself but it’s a place where the gospel is going to be preached both locally and globally,” says Dr. Chan. “It’s not projects or programs but who we are and the kind of people God wants us to be.”

The second challenge: “We need to not just minister to the older generation, the immigrant generation, we need to look to the young adult generation,” says Dr. Chan. “The thinking is

serves the congregation as a post-graduate intern in the area of children’s ministry. While studying in the Pastoral Chinese Ministry program at Tyndale, Anthony wanted to explore his ethnicity. “I’m living in Canada but I’m Chinese. Kind of like Paul being a Roman citizen in his time,” says Anthony.

Anthony’s most valuable lesson at Tyndale was to understand that being a servant of God is not being a superman. When he thinks of bridging the gaps between generations and cultures he simply says: “I don’t think I can do it. Christ can do it. He uses each and every one of us.”

He sees the immigrant experience as being

“We’re between two generations... slowly learning about the uniqueness of each group, and Christ is the one thing everyone has in common.”

different to us and the way they do things is different. We need to talk to them, understand them, and pray together. The future is the young adult generation.” And that leads right to the third challenge: “A succession plan is very important for Chinese churches,” says Dr. Chan. He wants to see a plan in place so that there will be no big roadblocks for the next generation of leaders.

Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church caters to three language groups across three generations—another 3M church. Anthony Cheung

good preparation for his task. In his own experience learning English has prepared him to cross generations and cultures. “We’re between two generations. We’re slowly learning about the uniqueness of each group,” says Anthony. And Christ is the one thing everyone has in common.

Jaisy Tam is an intern pastor at Onnuri All Nations Community Church (OANC) while studying in the MDiv program at Tyndale. When Jaisy describes her church she refers to it as “pan-Asian.” The congregation is predominantly

Canadian-born Koreans with a large group of Chinese and a few people from other South Asian countries. Jaisy herself is Chinese. She became a Christian four years ago.

OANC is made up of young adults. In many ways it is a 1M church—it's multicultural but not really multilingual or multigenerational. The spoken language is English. OANC shares a building with the Korean Onnuri United Church. "It was planted with the understanding it was going to be separate," says Jaisy. "We're trying to fill the gap, that often happens in Chinese and Korean churches, between leaving and growing up." Jaisy describes OANC as the middle solution between listening completely to the established leadership and severing ties with them.

Being that OANC is made up primarily of young adults, with some young families also attending, most everyone is career oriented and it is culturally ingrained in them to be successful. "The drive has been driven into them," says Jaisy. "This time in life is very self-consuming." The pressure from parents is that church is something to be done later in life, once a career has been established. "Equipping and empowering them is hard. They expect us [the pastors] to do everything," says Jaisy.

The OANC pastoral team has been inspired by David Gibbon's idea of a third culture



church: "The mindset and will to love, learn, and serve in any culture even in the midst of pain and discomfort." To that end, OANC has partnered with many different organizations locally and globally to create opportunities to step into the pain and discomfort of others.

"We're partaking in a journey," says Jaisy, "We're not walking into something that's already established." Sometimes the journey can be discouraging and lonely but Jaisy's time at Tyndale has given her the opportunity to cross generations and denominations and to know that she is not alone.

Dr. Chan's accurate description of Tyndale being a 3M environment is borne out in his, Anthony's and Jaisy's experiences, which illustrate just how important sharing life, and not just knowledge, can be. ■



Sam Chan (left) prays with Joel Tang and Theresa Tong.

Tyndale Ranked #1 in Maclean's Magazine

Echoing its results from the 2008 CUSC survey, Tyndale University College was ranked #1 in Maclean's for having the most satisfied students when it comes to the quality of teaching for first-year students.

The results were from the Canadian University Survey Consortium's (CUSC) annual survey of first-year students, published in the March 7, 2011 issue of the magazine.

The survey showed that 61% of students strongly agreed that they were "satisfied with the quality of teaching I have received," with 98% of students agreeing overall.

Furthermore, 98% of students were satisfied with their decision to attend Tyndale, with 63% of students agreeing strongly with the statement. When looking further into the results of the survey, it is clear why students are so satisfied with their choice of university. Along with the quality of teaching, Tyndale students felt their professors were reasonably accessible outside of class, that professors encourage their students to

participate, and that Tyndale's professors treat their students as individuals, not just numbers.

100% of students surveyed were satisfied with the average size of classes at Tyndale.

Outside of the classroom, 94% of students were satisfied with the university-based social activities offered by the student body, with similarly high scores for the various support services offered by the university.

Overall, 94% of first-year university college students surveyed felt that Tyndale met or exceeded their expectations for their university experience. When presented with the results of the survey, Tyndale's President, Dr. Gary Nelson said, "We believe as a small university, we can offer students a quality of education that is challenging and transformational. It is great to see that students recognize what we are deeply committed to providing. It is even better when they confirm it in surveys such as this."

Reaching the Nations in Our Neighbourhoods

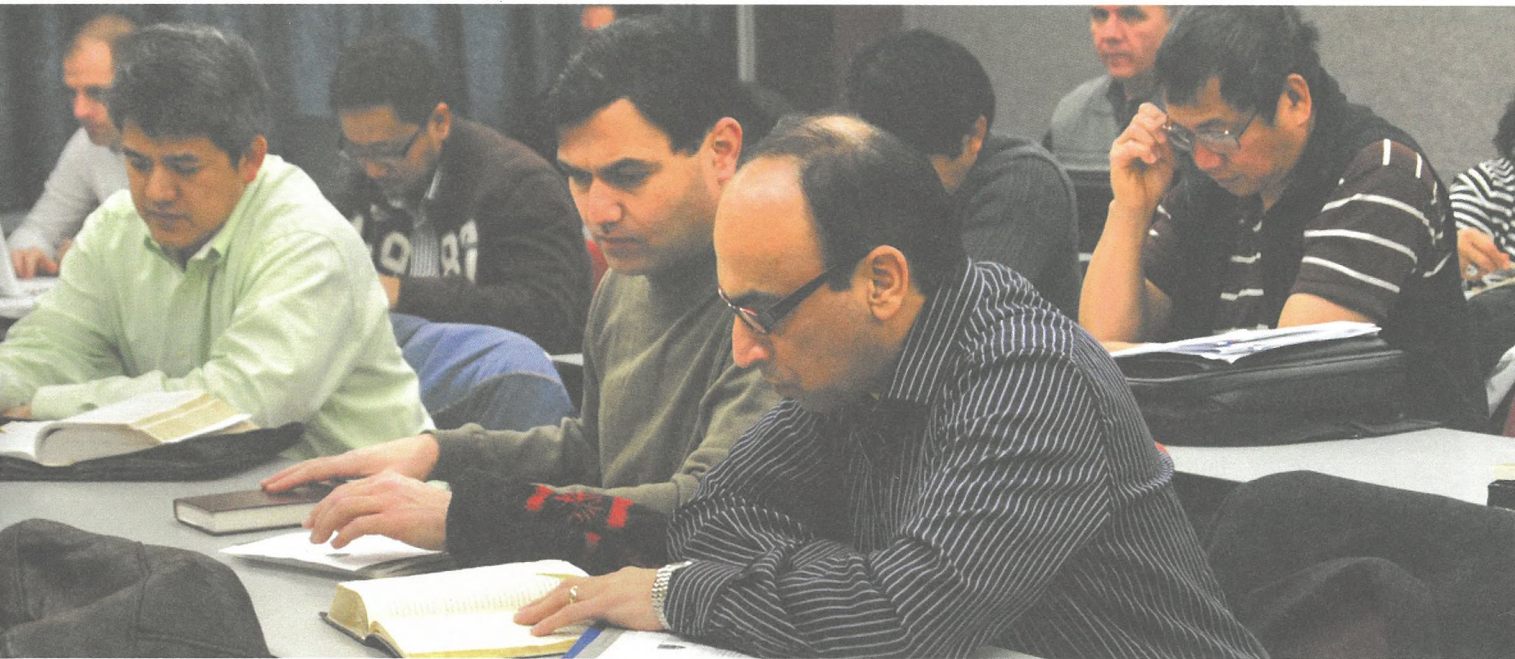
*TIM Centre launches new Diaspora program
for immigrant church leaders*

“After thirteen years in the Philippines I knew how to pastor amongst Filipinos but I cannot use that same kind of approach here in Canada,” says Narry Santos. Narry is pastor of Greenhills Christian Fellowship and a number of people in his church have enrolled in the Tyndale Intercultural Ministries (TIM) Centre’s program, Foundations in Missional Ministry & Church Leadership.

Four years ago, Narry was sent by his church in the Philippines to plant churches in Canada. Greenhills Christian Fellowship presently has three churches in the GTA and more are planned for Western Canada. “We hit a problem because we don’t have the leaders to plant

those churches. So we saw the need to home grow our leaders. That’s why I’m very attracted to this program,” says Narry. “It helps our people be connected to a seminary and they can also be a part of helping the church while they are studying.”

The Foundations program provides training for Diaspora church leaders to be certified by the denominations partnering with the TIM Centre. Their training includes courses in Bible interpretation, Old and New Testament, basic doctrine, introduction to pastoral ministry and the missional paradigm. The program is spearheaded by Robert Cousins, TIM Centre Director, who worked with a number of people to



create a credentialed program that would meet the specific needs of the many Diaspora church leaders, especially in Toronto.

The students enrolled in the courses truly represent the world. Cyriaque Njejmama is from Burundi. “The courses help us have a new perspective in the way we see the ministry and the way we respond to the needs of the communities we are living in, especially here in Toronto,” says Cyriaque, who is open to going back to Burundi to minister there.

There were two hard things for Dorothy Thiagorajan to get used to in Canada—the weather and starting from scratch. But it seems that experience has shaped her ministry as she and her husband, Suresh Babu, have started a MoveIn ministry in their neighbourhood.

“In India we only read the

Bible and listen to many sermons,” says Dorothy. “After coming to TIM Centre, when teachers ask you to read some of the books, and textbooks, it gives you more knowledge about the practical experience—it’s really clear about what we should do and how we read the Bible and say the gospel to other people.”

What Suresh appreciates most about the courses are the teachers. “We have veterans, Christian leaders teaching the course who are really involved practically in building ministries,” he says. “We come from different contexts, different cultures. Coming here, we cannot start right away. We need to know what is going on here, to understand the worldview and belief.” The most valuable lesson for Suresh so far is how to reach out to the people around him and

that lesson has been undergirded with the knowledge he received through his first course, Bible interpretation. “That was a good one to start with because we understand how to interpret the Bible formally before preaching or teaching.”

One of the teachers, Michael Krause, has planted a church in Thornhill, Ontario. He taught the first course, Bible interpretation, and realizes it was a challenge for some of the 24 students in the class. “Bible interpretation is about getting into the Scriptures, which really means looking at history and context,” says Michael. “This type of in-depth scholarly work was foreign to a lot of them. Some of the concepts were hard but the courses are set up to help people succeed. If you do the work, even if you don’t do it very well, we work in such a way so it can

be handed back and worked on again.”

“This program is the right thing at the right time,” says Michael. “Most of the vitality in the Church in the city of Toronto is from the immigrant churches, the churches from other countries. We see that they are the churches that are growing, that need training for their pastors.”

Odi Bondou is an elder in Greenhills Christian Fellowship. His excitement about what he has learned and is learning virtually bursts out of him. “It’s a paradigm shift I’m seeing here because you’re being exposed to the traditional concept of ‘build a church structure and people will come’ but this is more outward bound in that you go out there and see what God is doing and then join God,” says Odi.

It seems Odi knows that he is also joining with God through the program. “This program is so available. The design is such that it allows people to have access to it. There’s financial support made available to participants, and it’s undertaken jointly with churches and other like-minded organizations. This will move forward, and it will grow and there will be more churches participating in the program.” 📧

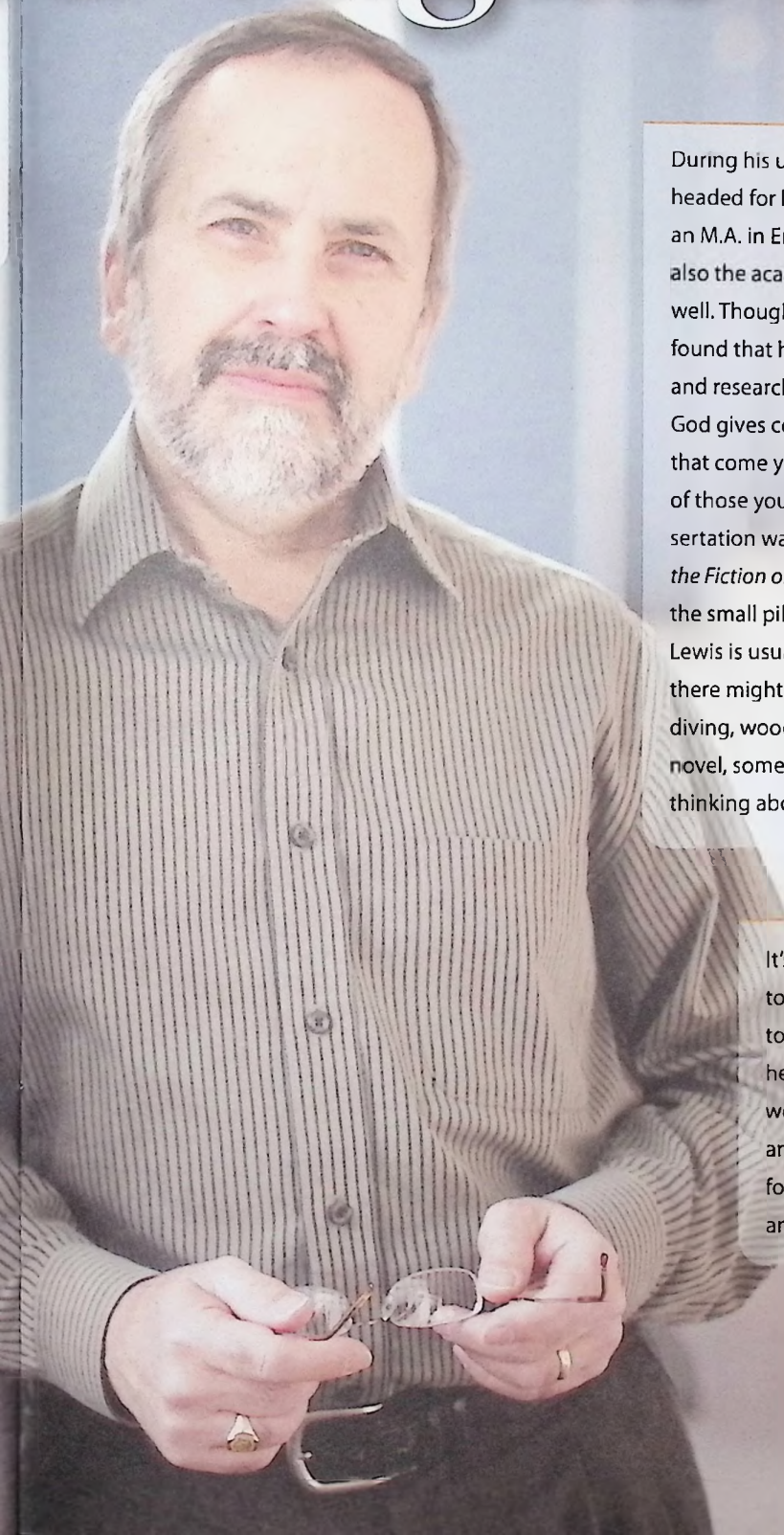
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A Spotlight on the New Vice President Academic and Dean of the University College

Doug was Professor of English and served in many administrative roles at Redeemer University College over 26 years, including Dean of Arts and Sciences. He enjoys bringing what we think and believe together. “I grew up in a home where we took seriously the idea that faith in Christ should be our motive for everything in life, including the ground of what we thought and felt about the world. But in the church context we were part of made a sharp distinction between ‘Christian service’ and the life of the mind—they didn’t acknowledge that Christ’s claim over each of us includes what we think and even how we think. I have tried ever since to bring those two things together, and serving in a place like Tyndale is the perfect fit,” says Loney.

Douglas Loney



During his university years Doug thought he was headed for law school. While in graduate school, doing an M.A. in English Literature, Doug's supervisor was also the academic dean, whom he came to know very well. Though he never set out to be an academic he found that he was being drawn to university teaching and research. "After that, it's a matter of whatever gifts God gives coming together with the opportunities that come your way, and of course the encouragement of those you work with," says Doug. Doug's PhD dissertation was entitled *Reality, Truth and Perspective in the Fiction of C.S. Lewis* so it's no surprise that among the small pile of books he is constantly dipping into, Lewis is usually represented. However, in that pile there might also be something on travel, sailing, scuba diving, woodworking, building/renovating, a detective novel, something about a subject he is teaching or is thinking about teaching, as well as theology.

It's as if that pile of books represents his desire to bring the life of his mind and a life of service together. Doug is excited about the people he's met at Tyndale and is looking forward to working with them through this interesting and exciting time in Tyndale's history. We look forward to his efforts to help us bring our minds and our service together.

Ashley Baker



From the UC Council

The Tyndale University College Student Association Student Council is celebrating another year of faithfully serving students in 2010-2011. The vision of the Council this year was to empower and equip the undergraduate student body at Tyndale.

As their first course of action, the Council created an information kiosk in the Katimavik Student Lounge to make visible the Council's presence on campus. Throughout the year, the council worked diligently to offer a wide variety of events which fostered community involvement while being purposeful: the Fall festival, Bands for Cans Benefit Concert, the second installment of "Frosh: The Musical," the annual Talent Show, continued partnership with Canadian Blood Services, as well as the Missions Coffee House. In an effort to come before God as a unified body, the Council invited students to pray together through See You at the Pole and All Night Prayer.

To date, the Council has raised \$2500, which will support local and global missions efforts. These include local homeless shelters and food banks, Habitat for Humanity Toronto, and mission organizations in India, Kenya, Japan and the Dominican Republic. The Council is thankful for the opportunity to serve and experience God's faithfulness this year.

The TUCSA Student Council

Ashley Baker is finishing her BA in Religious Studies with a focus on Pentecostal Intercultural Studies in 2011. During her time at Tyndale, Ashley has been heavily involved on the student council, serving as a local missions sphere leader (08-09), VP Ministry (09-10), and President this past year. Ashley believes that her time at Tyndale has challenged and equipped her to answer questions about her beliefs—questions she had never thought to ask herself—both as a Pentecostal and as a Christian. As a result, her Tyndale education has helped shape and change Ashley's own walk with God. "I'm thankful to Tyndale for teaching me what it means to be the body of Christ in the church and in the world."

While at Tyndale, Ashley lived in residence and was blessed to experience such strong community. Ashley has made many lasting friendships at Tyndale, including meeting her fiancé, whom she will marry this summer.

Ashley will be moving back to Newfoundland-Labrador as she finishes her degree. She and her fiancé intend to remain there working with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador as they have a heart for the people there.

Mark Groleau

Seminary Student Council President Mark Groleau will be completing his MDiv in Pastoral Studies and Biblical Languages this spring. For two years, Groleau has led the Seminary Student Council while he pursued his MDiv. In reflecting on his experience at Tyndale, Groleau states, "The whole experience was so shaping, I'm not the person I was 4 years ago." Groleau cites the transdenominational aspect of Tyndale as crucial to his development as a Christian leader and in teaching him to engage in thoughtful dialogue.

In the classroom Groleau learned theology and ministry skills, and on the council, he was given the opportunity to put these lessons into practice. Groleau is grateful to his fellow council members for giving him grace and patience in his development as a leader.

During his time on Council, Groleau and his team played an integral role in Tyndale's Green Initiative, educating students on environmental issues and encouraging them to participate in the school's efforts in caring for God's creation.

After graduating from Tyndale, Groleau hopes to work for the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec as a pastor. Groleau has a heart for urban missions and feels his Tyndale education and experience on Council have prepared him to make a lasting impact.



From the SEM Council

This year, through the Student Council theme of "The Dance," the seminary student body explored what it means for the church to live as persons: individuals in perfect mutuality.

At September's orientation, the council, faculty, and staff welcomed new students, and the week following almost one hundred members of the Tyndale community enjoyed a weekend of recreation, teaching, prayer, and song at Fair Havens Retreat Centre. Throughout the busy school year, afternoons of food and discussion in the seminary lounge capped each passing month. Highlights included discussing "Tyndale as perichoresis" with a panel of representatives over a feast of chicken wings. Later in the year, the seminary participated in a solidarity meal, sharing in a typical two-thirds-world dinner and donating to the various non-profit organizations active in our Tyndale community.

As always, Christmas saw the celebration of the season together at Sunnybrook Estates, and Spring arrived with lively preparations for the end-of-year banquet. Finally, the student body closed out 2010-11 with an election of the highest number of Student Council candidates in recent memory, promising an exciting new year of fresh energy and ideas to come.

The TSSA Student Council

New Books by Faculty

Peter Au

with Quan Cheng, Jiang Youliang, and Dong Yuanjin
Chinese Literature and Christianity
Jiuzhou Press, March 2011

James Beverley

Islam: An Introduction to Religion, Culture, and History
Thomas Nelson, April 2011

Brad Faught

The New A-Z of Empire: A Concise Handbook of British Imperial History
I.B. Tauris, April 2011

Barbara Leung Lai

Through the 'I'-Window: The Inner Life of Characters in the Hebrew Bible
Sheffield Phoenix Press, April 2011

Dennis Ngien

Giving Wings to the Soul
Wipf & Stock, December 2010

Elmer Thiessen

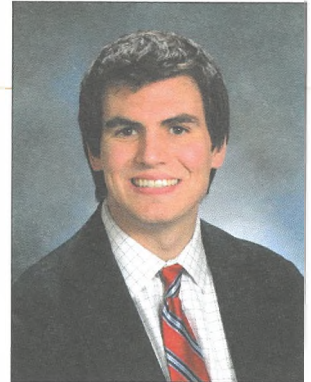
The Ethics of Evangelism
Intervarsity Press, March 2011

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Paul Franks

Paul Franks, Lecturer of Philosophy in the University College, wrote and presented a paper entitled "Freedom in Heaven and Free Will Defenses." The paper was presented in November 2010 at the National Evangelical Philosophical Society in Atlanta, Georgia as well as in March 2011 at the Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Conference at Fordham University in New York.

Franks joined Tyndale from the University of Oklahoma in 2008 and is an active member of the Tyndale community. To further equip students, Franks applied for and won a grant from the Society of Christian Philosophers to bring Professor Paul Copan, Chair of Philosophy and Ethics at Palm Beach Atlantic University, to Tyndale as a guest lecturer. Copan's lectures, given in March 2011, included "Slavery and Genocide? A Fresh Look at Two Old Testament Issues" and "The Naturalists are Declaring the Glory of God: Theistic Arguments from the Unlikeliest Places."



Gary Nelson

In response to a changing world, Tyndale University College & Seminary President Gary Nelson has co-authored (along with Gordon King and Terry Smith) a new book called *Going Global: A Congregation's Introduction to Mission Beyond Our Borders*. Published in April 2011 by Chalice Press, this book challenges and encourages various aspects of North American missions in a globalizing world.

Using Scripture as a guide, Nelson and the other two authors have outlined several practices and guidelines to equip churches to participate in mission on a global scale. In its discussion of global ministry, the book also addresses issues such as compassion ministry and evangelism, the church at home and the church abroad, and short and long-term mission projects.





Barbara Leung Lai

Associate Professor of Old Testament & Chinese Ministry, Dr. Barbara Leung Lai has just published her groundbreaking research on key biblical characters with the release of her monograph, *Through the 'I' Window: The Inner Life of Characters in the Hebrew Bible*, by Sheffield Phoenix Press. In the book, Dr. Leung Lai develops an integrated methodology of psychological and biblical exegesis to explore the inner life of Old Testament characters, focusing on texts that use the first person 'I' voice as a unique point of entry into the inner lives of her subjects.

Dr. Leung Lai came to Tyndale in 1997 after over 20 years of teaching and equipping ministries in the East and West. During her last sabbatical, she served as Visiting Scholar at Fuller (2003) and Princeton (2004).

Coming Events

May 7 Graduation

May 29-31 "Come Away and Rest a While: A Retreat Oasis for Pastors," presented by the Tyndale Centre for Leadership

June 9 "Hearing God's Voice In the Age of Idols," organized by the Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection

June 17-18 "Where is the Church Heading?" sponsored by the Pastoral & Chinese Ministry Program and the Hudson Taylor Centre

September 28 The 2011 W. Stanford Reid Lectures, presented by the History Departments of Tyndale University College & Seminary

October 23 Revitalization of the Church Conference, facilitated by Tyndale Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary

For more information about these and other events at Tyndale, visit: www.tyndale.ca/events

Since last fall, Tyndale has had a number of exciting additions to its staff including Maintenance, External Relations, Information Technology Services, and the UC Dean's office. Here are the new faces around Tyndale, with some interesting facts to help everyone get to know them a little better.



1 Brian Bertrim

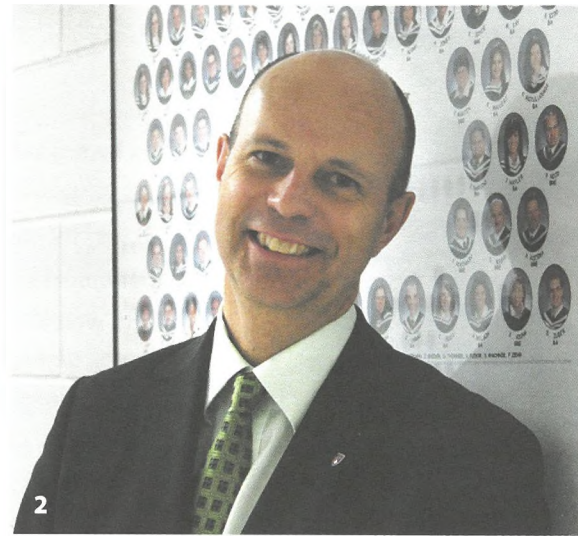
Maintenance Staff Associate, September 2010

Interesting Fact: "My wife (Marilyn) and I will be celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary this June and we will be renewing our vows while on a trip to Africa this summer. Believe me, if we can do it, anybody can!"

2 Noel Draper

Director, Development, December 2010

Interesting Fact: "I have been part of 4 church plants."



3 Denita Dyck

Administrative Assistant, March 2011

Part-Time Athletics Director, June 2011

Interesting Fact: "I love food and am always looking for restaurant and recipe recommendations. Check out the steak tartare at Local Kitchen on Queen West, or go to Cambridge's Langdon Hall which was recently named one of the Top 100 Restaurants in the World!"



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4 Daniel Mulhern

Maintenance Staff Associate, January 2011

Interesting Fact: "I am a three-time OFSAA Swimming Champion."

5 Rob Patterson

Director, Church Relations, January 2011

Interesting Fact: "While in East Africa, I was taken hostage while researching food insecurity and was thankfully released safely."

6 Younan Younan

Director, ITS, December 2011

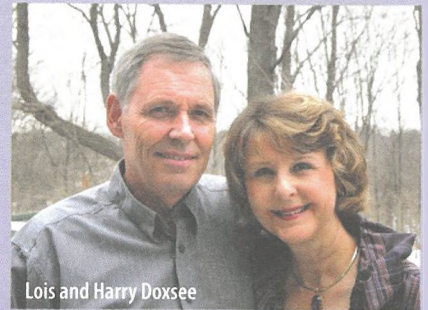
Interesting Fact: "While working in Malaysia, I accidentally dropped two access cards into a public drainage ditch. In order to retrieve them, I had to take them out...with my hands."

Linda Bond (MTS '07)

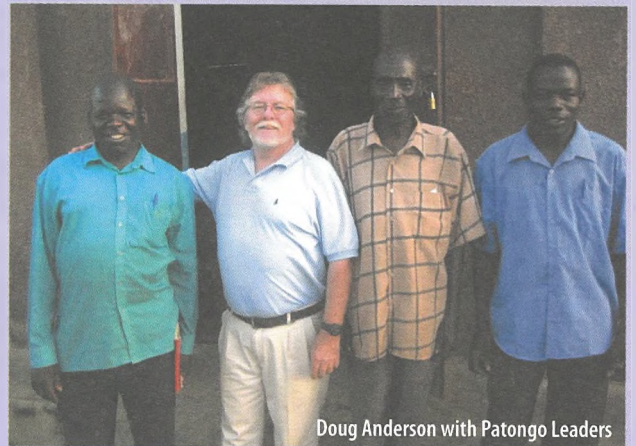
Linda has become the third woman and the fourth Canadian to hold the post of General of The Salvation Army since the international church and charity organization was founded 146 years ago. Linda Bond earned two degrees from Tyndale; she graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education in 1987 and a Master of Theological Studies in 2007. In June of 2011 she will become the head of more than one million Salvationists in 123 countries.

Lynne Fenton (MDiv '01)

Since graduating, Lynne has been working as an Adolescent and Individual Therapist at Bayridge Family Centre in Burlington, as well as in private practice in Cambridge, Ontario. She is currently teaching a course entitled "Behavior Disorders" at Heritage College in Cambridge. Her areas of specialization include treating abuse, anger, eating disorders, mood disorders, as well as self-esteem and self-harm issues.



Lois and Harry Doxsee



Doug Anderson with Patongo Leaders

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...but those who hope in the Lord will renew
their strength. They will soar on wings
like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

—Isaiah 40:31

Lois Doxsee (MDiv '05)

Lois has been working with Shalem Mental Health Network as well as in private practice. Lois and her husband Harry are leaders with Chartwell Marriage Enrichment and also serve as mentors for couples in premarital counselling and provide ongoing marital support at their home church, Rexdale Alliance. Together, they have led training sessions in Poland, Lebanon and India. Recently, they have traveled to China, India and South America with Partners International where Harry is the Board Chair.

Doug Anderson (BTh '78)

Doug became the International Director of Emmanuel International (EI) in October 2010. Emmanuel International is an interdenominational mission based in Stouffville, Ontario, with offices and programs in Brazil, Haiti, the Philippines and Africa. EI helps developing world churches serve the poor by meeting spiritual, health and economic needs. As Director, Doug will

coordinate the global EI team and build the infrastructure for continued growth and increased impact in the coming years.

Rob Reardon (BRE '05)

Rob is currently working for The Salvation Army in the USA. His role includes developing strategies and resources to attract and retain young adults to the mission and ministry of The Salvation Army. The Army recognizes the need to focus on the emerging generation of young adults and, as such, has opened the office of Young Adult Initiatives. Rob is working alongside Salvation Army leaders to discern the most effective means to recapture the hearts, souls and minds of the emerging generation.

Tony Baker (MDiv '01)

After graduating and spending several years at Agincourt Pentecostal Church, Tony became a Global Worker with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) in Andhra Pradesh, India. Tony's ministry in India focuses on training

and equipping local Christian leaders as they bring the gospel to their neighbors. Tony teaches Missiology at Trinity Christian College in Hyderabad and gives seminars to Indian pastors. He and his wife also travel throughout Andhra Pradesh to minister alongside rural churches.

Stephen Dueck (BRE '85)

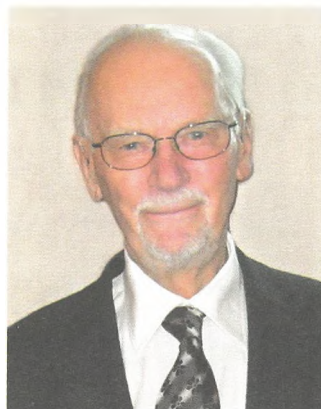
Stephen and his wife live in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. He is currently working as the technology coordinator and teacher at Leo Burke Academy in Bishop's Falls.

8 Jim McBeth (MDiv '83)

Jim and his wife Diane are serving with Canadian Baptist Ministries in Bolivia. Jim is the Latin America Team Leader and Diane is the liaison for the community development projects of their partner church, the Bolivian Baptist Union.

Emo Yango (BTh '82)

Emo has recently had articles published by the Asia Theological



Association. In August 2010, the ATA published a book entitled, *The Church in a Changing World: The Asian Response*. Included in the book are two articles Emo wrote, “Diversity in Unity: Conversations with Religious Pluralism” and “God-Talk with Insiders and Outsiders: A Case Study from Mindanao.”

Boon Chiau Quek (MDiv '02)

Boon Chiau is serving as a pastor in the Kum Yan Methodist Church in his home country, Singapore.

John Harder (BTh '57)

John led a missions trip with Avant Ministries Canada to Cuba in early January 2011. The purpose of the trip was to encourage, visit and support local missionaries and churches in Cuba. John and his team visited 20 churches and 4 ministries and were able to distribute \$13,000 worth of gifts, serving to encourage and edify churches.

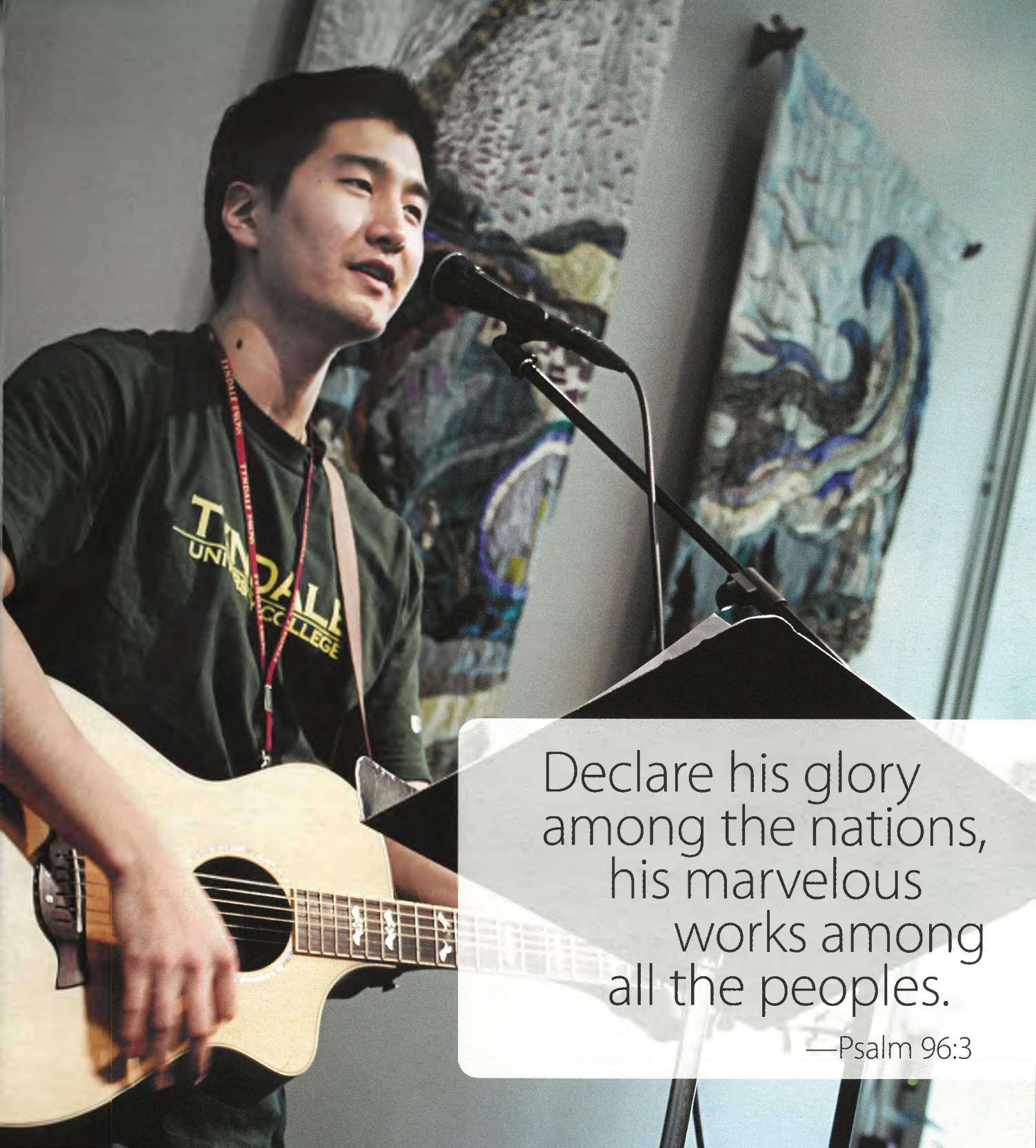
Memorial

Horace K. Braden (BTh '46)

Horace entered into the arms of his Lord and Savior, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, April 05, 2011 in his 93rd year. Horace was predeceased by his beloved wife Connie in 2001. He is survived by his daughters, Lorna (Danny) Snow of Calgary, Linda (Ken) Frey of Rockwood and two grandchildren Timothy and Desta Frey. Horace was a graduate of Toronto Bible College. He held a BA and MA from the University of Toronto. He was ordained to the Ministry of the Word of God in 1950 and served in missionary service in Ethiopia from 1950-1959. He taught at Toronto Bible College from 1959-1962 and at London College of Bible and Missions from 1962-1966. Horace was also a teacher and administrator at Wilfrid Laurier University from 1966 until his retirement in 1987.



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among the nations,
his marvelous
works among
all the peoples.

—Psalm 96:3

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