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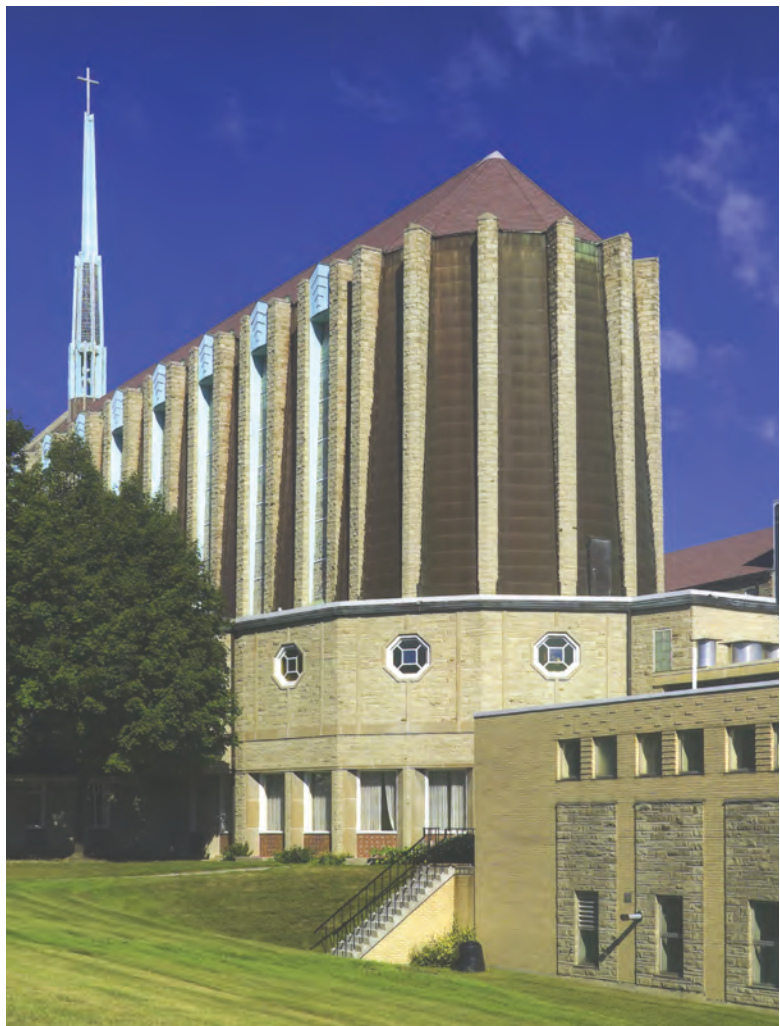
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FREEDOM is a complex word

DR. VICTOR SHEPHERD says that from a theological perspective “you are free only when you are freed...when you are freed from impediments to be acting in accord with your true nature, which by God’s grace is to be a child of God.” Dr. Paul Franks responds that a Christian philosophical view of freedom is “the ability to in some way be in control of having the desire that you have. It is not just freedom from having someone forcing you to do something; it’s also having alternatives available to you so that for any action that you take, it is a free action.” Dive deeper into their discussion in the article, ‘What is Freedom?’

In the fall of 2012 Tyndale University College & Seminary sent out a survey to find out how Tyndale students and church staff (primarily in Ontario) defined freedom, how freedom was lived out in their lives and how they made decisions. The answers from the survey found in the article “What Does Freedom Mean to You?” were varied, depending on the perspective of the respondents and what part of their life they were focused on at the time of the survey. One person found that after they honoured their commitments to family, church and work, they did not feel free. There was even one person who thought you should not define freedom—it is what it is.

We have freedom of choice, thus a person’s definition

of freedom affects their daily choices. How do you make decisions? If we as Christians find our freedom by becoming a follower of Christ, how often do we consciously make choices from Christ’s perspective? In this magazine, Marie, a real estate agent, daily works through how she makes decisions and what the motivation is behind the choices she makes. Adam shares how he made choices in life after losing his father at the age of 12. Matthew found the move from private sector to pastoring happened instinctively and naturally while Daniel struggled with following God’s call to leave his pastoral role in a large church to work in the private sector and start a small group. For each person, different life circumstances affect their choices and their choices are made differently.

I believe with each thought, each choice and each action we either draw closer to or move further away from God. To make every choice, the smallest to the largest, from the perspective of being God’s child is daunting. Yet, each time I make decisions from the perspective of life’s busyness, the pain of loss, anger or frustration, I can look back and see what decisions I made without God and their repercussions. Freedom is complex and becomes even more so when lived out in daily life in the choices we make. **T**



Transition to the Bayview Campus is Here

We have begun our eighteen-month journey to the Bayview campus. This is a time of great excitement and overwhelming appreciation of the knowledge that it is only by the grace and power of God that all the pieces will fall into place.

The generosity of our donors enabled Tyndale to acquire the Bayview property with the belief that God was leading us to prepare more students to be ‘salt and light’ wherever they live and work. Tyndale’s impact will live on and multiply as our graduates obey God’s call in communities near and around the world. We will begin to see opportunities of preparing students in ways we never were able to dream of before. The Bayview campus provides a beautiful, highly visible, and highly accessible testament to God’s grace from which our communities will be impacted. Already the number of opportunities and partnerships that have been brought our way to use the property for important educational and ministry activities is amazing.

These magnificent facilities are more than 50 years old and were built for a different purpose in a different time,

thus renovations will be needed to adapt them for modern post-secondary use. The initial renovations will begin this spring, focusing first on the construction of a new library, food services areas, classroom renovations, student spaces, faculty and staff offices, dorm rooms and upgraded power capacity. Imagine how excited our students will be when this work is completed and we move in the summer of 2014!

We are truly excited about what we anticipate God has in store for Tyndale on the Bayview campus. For almost 120 years we have witnessed our graduates transforming communities as they follow God’s call. We know that God has led us to this point and that He will lead us through the transition to prepare even more students to impact our world for Him. In line with the principles set out by Tyndale’s founders, we are committed to being as financially responsible as possible in our renovations. We need your help to accomplish this. Please partner with us in equipping students to engage our culture with our loving God by making a donation. Details of how this can be done are below. Thank you. 🙏

Please prayerfully consider supporting Tyndale financially on a regular basis. Your gifts will enable us to continue more than a century of Kingdom work as we move into an exciting new era of engagement on the Bayview campus. For more information visit www.tyndale.ca/giving or contact Kevin Kirk at kkirk@tyndale.ca or **416.218.6776**.

It is Really An Amazing Story

FOUR CHURCH LEADERS, a Presbyterian, Baptist, Anglican and a Methodist, energized by a visit from Hudson Taylor to Toronto in the late 1800's, made a bold decision. They envisioned a Christian post-secondary institution that would form a people of faith to be Christ's witnesses in the society and world.

The dream continues after almost 120 years of courageous leadership and faithful navigation

through societal change, political shifts, economic white water and educational challenges. Through it all has been a deep sense of the faithfulness of God.

More recently, the shifting changes of educational needs were recognized. Decisions were made to continue and expand the significant role of the seminary in pastoral and lay formation, while transitioning the Bible College to an undergraduate Christian University. Both these schools would continue to take faith seriously while providing quality foundational undergraduate and professional degrees recognized in the province and by other post-graduate institutions.

Some people wondered if we were moving from our roots. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Psalmist in Psalm 137 who struggled with the world of Babylon that was so different than the one that he grew up in, asked the question, "how can we sing the songs of Zion in this foreign land?" He was struggling with the unfamiliarity of this new world he was inhabiting, wondering what it meant to be a people of faith. Our leaders were wondering the same things but rather than clinging to the familiar they made the bold decision to become Tyndale University College.



Writing the Next Chapter

We are in exciting times. This passionate commitment to build a Christian University in the heart of one of the most unique and exciting cities in the world is an enormous challenge. We envision a university that unapologetically holds a faith perspective but is not afraid to engage the questions and cultural times we are in. We seek to shape a movement of people who are being challenged to Think Critically, Live Faith Passionately and be Transformed in their Character. And it is happening.

Students can now come to Tyndale University College and receive Bachelor of Arts degrees in a variety of traditional and professional disciplines, with more majors being developed. Students can still receive quality training and education in Christian Ministries with five minors ranging from Worship to Youth and Family. Our BEd has been recognized as an innovative degree program in teacher education. Our ability to develop majors in Biology and Math have been strengthened with a new memorandum of agreement with Nipissing University.

We are committed to making the student experience at Tyndale the best possible—a stretching and enriching experience that provides academic support, social interaction and the challenge of community service. I was surprised to hear that 60% of our students are involved in athletics in our tiny gym! We want to encourage them and are investing in this area on our Bayview campus. I am heartened by how our Athletics Director desires to build a collegiate athletics program that will “inspire the student athlete to glorify God through their athletic abilities and, in so doing, be an example, encouragement and a leader to others.”

Tyndale Seminary continues to offer uniquely innovative programs that provide accessible graduate theological education. It has grown to be the largest seminary in Canada with over 950 people enrolled in studies, approximately 320 as full time students. We continue to expand and shape the content of the curriculum taking seriously our desire to see God’s people equipped to live out their call as people of faith within the context of Canada. Recently we introduced an MTS course of studies in Newfoundland and an MTS in Indigenous Studies which will be formed and taught by Aboriginal theologians and ministry practitioners.


Over 450 people take online courses at Tyndale, some from as far away as Dubai. We are building on that momentum and expressed need. In the Fall of 2013 we will be unrolling a fully online Master of Theological Studies which will extend our educational and formational influence well beyond the GTA and Canada.

We believe that Tyndale has been uniquely placed in the diverse context of Toronto. Fifty denominations and almost as many cultural groups make for an amazing and rich learning environment. We now have a thriving Master’s degree taught in Mandarin, and the Hudson Taylor Centre and our Pastoral Chinese Ministry program celebrate their 20th anniversary this year.

The Tyndale Opening Learning Centre (TOLC) was added over a year ago to provide resources to the church and community that has supported us so generously. We have a clear ability to gather diverse peoples together. The result has been creative initiatives such as the Tyndale Intercultural Mission Centre, where sixty people are enrolled in the new two year diploma program for diaspora church planters in the GTA. The Tyndale Centre for Leadership is providing resources for not-for-profit NGOs and church leaders focused on best practices. The Centre for Spiritual Formation is already making a difference as it looks out into the community and its needs.

Continuing the Journey

This is our vision of a university college that takes seriously the foundational formation of students. The privilege is ours to help launch them into the marketplace, graduate studies at other universities, the school system or ministry. We envision a cohort of young adults moving into places of work for which they have the critical thinking, character and faithfulness to thrive no matter what. This, combined with our vision of a seminary that takes vocational formation for ministry ‘where you are’ seriously, is what we feel called to and called to be. I can see it—Christian philosophers, business people, professors and international development workers, all with the same passionate faith to make a difference.

I wonder if our forbearers in 1894 would have envisioned a fully accredited university that would produce graduates armed with a call to effectively shape every sphere of society. Without a doubt, the continued building of this Christian university will require the same bold faith they exhibited. We seek to step out and build what we believe is God’s vision for today. Everything old is new again—and, as we transition completely to the new Bayview campus over the next 18 months, we walk in the faithful footsteps of those who have gone before us. 

MAKING CHOICES

Used car salespeople? Real estate agents?
Lawyers? Tradespeople?
WHO CAN WE TRUST?

The world of sales is an ethically challenging job and every day **Marie Fullerton** (BRE 1985) makes complicated daily choices to be a professional, ethical realtor.

DURING HIGH SCHOOL Marie's English teacher told her that if she read about all the terrible things that have been done in the name of Christianity she wouldn't believe anymore. She read all his books but she also knew that there were many good things that Christians had done that were not noted in those books. Marie handed the books back saying, "Some terrible things have happened and that's awful but God is good."

Despite her innate assurance of God's goodness, Marie did have questions and came to Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale) to answer some of them. She then got her BA in Psychology from York University while working full time. After that came marriage, other jobs, four children and two major house renovations.

Then Marie was reminded of the results of a university career test. Real Estate was at the top of the list, "But I didn't have the confidence at the time," says Marie. The confidence came with time and learning more about herself;



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two of her spiritual gifts are hospitality and mercy, and she knows she is wired for service. “I connect with people because I care,” says Marie. But once she became a realtor she entered the world of sales and all the suspicion that comes with that. Marie understands the suspicions and urges people to be cautious. However, when someone accused Marie of being nice just because she’s a realtor, Marie remembers being shocked, “I’ve never been told that before. I’d always been told that’s my personality [being nice] and who I am. So I had to get thicker skin fast.”

Marie is tough on behalf of others—her clients. During one of her first negotiations, after having done a lot of research, she and her client met with the seller and her realtor and Marie was able to bring the seller’s price down considerably due to many issues with the home (no basement, old windows and furnace). Marie felt that the other realtor had priced the house based on the seller’s financial situation and not its actual worth. After the negotiations Marie received

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a call from the other realtor accusing her of being heartless. “It wasn’t that I didn’t care about the seller but I was there to represent my client’s interest,” says Marie.

Marie has to review her motives every day. “Did I do it because I’m a realtor or because I’m a Christian? I don’t separate who I am as a Christian from who I am in the work that I do.”

Today becoming a realtor involves challenging courses and continuous upgrading every year. Marie did very well in her courses but the training was focused on the law, not how to sell in a very competitive field. So Marie has to choose how to do the job every day.

Marie believes, “Freedom is living in the present, in the grace of God, according to His Word and as my conscience dictates. Freedom is enjoying the security of living the purpose and direction my God and Father guides me in. In my job I help others obtain the freedom of finding a home, or selling an investment.”

Living in the present begins with Marie’s daily choices which help her

make the bigger choices in her job. She wakes up and either goes to the gym or for a run. “This means I am clearheaded for the day,” says Marie. When she goes for a run or a walk she listens to the Bible on her phone. Her family also take food very seriously, living out the maxim, “Good stuff in, good stuff out.” And Marie does her homework—diligently. These regular choices provide the foundation for making sound choices in a negotiation or a bidding war or in deciding the

IT IS IN THESE CHOICES THAT MARIE’S JOB HAS BECOME A PROFESSION.



best way to spend her time and money as a self-employed person in a service industry.

Recently Marie made a choice that illustrates the line she walks. A prospective client had a neighbour who was alone, ill and neglected. It was known that this person’s living conditions were not healthy. The state of this person’s home was going to make it difficult for Marie’s prospective client to sell their own home, but this person also obviously needed care and attention. Marie’s prospective client didn’t feel comfortable trying to find help for this neighbour, so she decided that the best outcome for everyone was to become involved. Marie spent six hours on the phone one day trying to find help for the neighbour.

After phoning multiple agencies Marie was finally able to speak to someone that specializes in these kinds of cases. The person became involved and the neighbour is now receiving much-needed medical care.

Marie chose to give up her time that day which meant giving up the opportunity of other business that same day.

It is in these choices that Marie’s job has become a profession. “I didn’t really think of this job as a ministry when I took it on. I definitely didn’t think of it as a calling. I was choosing a job. Yet as I do the job, every week there is something that comes up where I see that God uses me...[it] took being in this kind of position to have the opportunity to see where the needs were so I could reach out and do what I needed to do as a Christian. So, it wasn’t that I thought of selling Real Estate as a ministry, it just is a ministry while I am doing the job.”

The challenge of selling one’s home can be a vulnerable experience—financial decisions, divorce, or death. Yet Marie is able to face the tension in these challenges because she has seen how God has used her past training and experiences to prepare her for the world of selling Real Estate. Just as she chose to face and answer the questions posed by her high school teacher, Marie continually questions her motives in making choices of how to serve God and make a living. **T**

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*Questions
Never
Answered*



Adam Hoskins



[Degree Completion Program] is a twenty-five-year-old part-time student at Tyndale. His life has taken many turns and been marked by deep questions that he felt were always unanswered.

“I believed in God...when I saw the way my parents believed I thought, ‘well it has to be real...if they are every day devoting their lives to praying together and to studying the Scriptures...then what this is has to be real,’ even though I didn’t know what the reality of God was for myself.”

When Adam was twelve, his father died due to a blood clot after falling off a ladder. Being the youngest of three children at the time, Adam felt very conflicted. “Death is something that happens to older people. I was definitely very confused.” The way he saw life started to change.

Many people, trying to offer words of comfort, told him he was now the man of the house. “I had a lot of questions. That was probably the biggest thing that marked my life at the time...I was dealing with them silently because I think part of me felt like there was a subconscious pressure of ‘you have to be strong...for your mom...you [and your brother] are the men in the house.’” Living up to these indirect social and cultural expectations was something he had not encountered before, yet he was beginning to understand this was how life was going to be. Adam felt it was not an option to express his pain and verbalize the questions he had. “I felt like I couldn’t really ask or didn’t really understand that I could delve into...



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the questions that I had.” While the questions remained unasked he felt anger starting to build inside of him.

At fifteen, going into grade eleven, Adam believed that if he was not going to get answers he would do what made him feel good. Adam began rebelling by getting into petty trouble at school. Eventually he chose to hang out with the wrong crowds, which were able to influence him because he felt these people understood him in his life struggles. He found “the crowd that a lot of people really dislike and see as a bad crowd are much more welcoming than the people who have it all together.”

“At that point I was fed up with people choosing for me what I had to believe, or at least influencing me like ‘believe this about God, believe this about your life’...It wasn’t that people were directly telling me, but it was that...I wasn’t asking questions and I wasn’t getting answers for the questions I had.” Adam made friends with someone whom he identified with in these life struggles. Together they would drink and do drugs. He began lying more and more to keep his lifestyle a secret from his mom. “She eventually found out,” Adam said. “She confronted me about it and I would always deny it.”

The inner conflict Adam was experiencing only became worse. “It started to clash with my innate sense of right and wrong because now... this is starting to affect other people.” He would watch while people were being beaten up and robbed. In the midst of that chaos the questions were still echoing in his mind. “I’d be thinking to myself ‘Why? What am I doing?’”

“Freedom for Adam at fifteen would have been...I want to figure this out for myself without people talking to me or telling me that what I was doing was wrong’... But there was a deeper sense of freedom, ‘I don’t want to be tied to the things that I do to make me feel happy or to make me feel like I’m okay.’”

Adam said that at one point his mom had had enough and gave him an ultimatum. “She said, ‘Listen, you can either stay here in this house and go to Freedom Village [a home for troubled


teens in the US] in January or I will pack your things this very minute, you will sleep outside and you will not come back into this house.”

Having lost his job and burnt bridges with many of his friends, going to a youth shelter was not an option for Adam. He had been kicked out before and knew the harsh reality of sleeping on a park bench. Adam felt the US was his only option. “There was something about the school that was enticing,...at that point I [thought]...‘you know you need to clean up...I needed help.’”

The first three weeks of the program were some of the hardest weeks of Adam’s life. “I really broke down.” He chose to stay because he knew that the life he was living back in Toronto was unfulfilled and he wanted a fulfilled life. He had questions that he knew could not be answered by going down the path he had been on since his father died. It was during this time that Adam accepted Christ into his life.

While he was in his second year in the US, his sister died at age twenty-two after battling cancer. Adam, whose life had dramatically changed, decided to come home. “When my sister passed I began to just seek the Lord. That was something I didn’t know how to do when I was twelve...I did not want it to be like last time because last time ruined my life. I was basically hearing from the Lord [to] just trust in Him, rely on Him and that He is sovereign.”

Freedom for Adam today is knowing and relying on a source that covers all his bases. “You don’t need material things or a career or status or power to be fulfilled...Freedom is knowing and trusting that your Heavenly Father has taken care of everything for you and being able to live out your life in light of that.”

“I don’t have it all together. I still have questions but even still I know that God is sovereign and there will come a day when I will find out.” 

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Natural Next Steps

“**H**ONESTLY, I DON'T THINK that I really mapped it all out or made many considerations—I simply resigned from my position with nothing to go to. There was simply this deep internal 'gut reaction' to move on. It had been with me for over a year to the point that I could no longer ignore it,” comments Matthew Eckert [MTS 2006, DMin 2012] when asked why he left his career in banking after eleven years.

The career had offered him fulfilling challenges and allowed him to have a “frontline ministry.” Matthew would arrive early at work. “I would spend twenty minutes in Scripture and

walk the hallways and pray for people I knew at work.” Despite the professional and spiritual fulfillment, he just felt “a sense that this season of life was over and that there was something new for me to take on.”

Holding a bachelor's degree in science and a master's in business, Matthew truly enjoys education. Since he was very involved with his church, Matthew saw a theological degree as a natural next step. He “felt a deep sense to just go to seminary” and in December 2003 he began driving from his home in Guelph to study in the MTS program at Tyndale.

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At this time Matthew worked in the consulting industry, he “wasn't even thinking of being a pastor.” It was in February 2004 that his career path started to look a little different. A friend heard about a pastoral position at North Park Community Church in London and told Matthew he should apply for the position. “I was intrigued

that he would do this and that he believed in me to take on this role.”

“He calls them, tells them that a friend of his will be applying and they should take me. Then he told me that he actually applied for me. I remember driving to the church and having a conversation with the one pastor who was doing the hiring...we talked for two hours and at the end of the conversation almost like a light bulb went on saying ‘that's your next step, that's why you began your master's degree’ and the rest is history. I started in May that year.”

Once again, for Matthew, “it just seemed like the next thing to do and it was validated by many family and friends. The transition to being a pastor and the physical move to a new city all felt natural and good; there were never any doubts for both me and my family.”

More than eight years later Matthew is still at North Park, currently serving as the Pastor of Adult Discipleship. **T**





I want to help people and I have a passion for spiritual formation.” This realization led him to Tyndale’s MDiv program and to pastoring at Toronto Chinese Community Church (T3C). The church was a place he felt comfortable and where he could grow.

It was during a course that he read *Holy Conversations*, a book that focused on having intentional conversations with people about beliefs. This inspired Daniel and his wife to begin a small discussion group with a mixture of church people and non-church people. Daniel felt a strong pull. “This group here really challenged me...In my heart I was thinking, ‘church can be simple, church can be small’...and I was really asking the question, ‘what am I supposed to do here?’ I felt like I was supposed to leave [T3C].”

The decision to leave was difficult. “Everything is really comfortable here. Things are growing and we are seeing fruit. People know me. I love them, they love me.” To seek more direction, Daniel went on a silent retreat and prayed. “I got a very clear statement of what I should be doing and it was to start a small, simple church for the unchurched that focuses on discipleship through word, deed and community and I knew at that point ‘that’s not me, I don’t think of these things by myself’...it was really hard for me.”

Shortly after this Daniel found an opportunity to work with his father-in-law in business, a prospect he had previously turned down. He knew God was calling him to work in the community and with small groups. Daniel met with his church’s leadership who already knew something was stirring in him. “I had to explain

KICKING AND SCREAMING

DANIEL LEUNG’S [MDiv 2002] concept of freedom is all about God’s leading. “We open ourselves to where God leads us and you can choose to follow it or not...but sometimes as you make those hard choices, you’re kicking and screaming because you don’t want to...but you find out that’s really where your heart is,” observes Daniel Leung.

After completing his Bachelor of Science Daniel felt doors were not opening. “As I began to pray about it...there were three things that came quite clearly to me: I want to work with people,

“...but you find out that’s really where your heart is”

what God was doing in my heart and the opportunity that was before me.” He felt the battle was in the transition.

“These discussion groups that we’re having are really just the first step of helping people understand that they do have a spiritual appetite.” Within two years, while continuing to work in the family business, Daniel hopes to begin a ‘small, simple’ house church. **T**



What is **FREEDOM?**

The editor of *Tyndale Magazine* sat down with Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Theology and Dr. Paul Franks, Assistant Professor of Philosophy to discuss the meaning of freedom from theological and philosophical perspectives.

Q What does freedom mean from a philosophical and a theological viewpoint?

DR. FRANKS: As a whole, philosophers would say that freedom is something like freedom from constraint or compulsion. As long as what you are doing comes from you, that you desired it, that you had an intention that was formed, then you are free.

The bulk of Christian philosophers, however, say something different. Freedom is also the ability to be in control of the desire that you have. It's not just freedom from having someone forcing you to do something, it's also having alternatives available to you so that for any action that you take, it's a free action: nothing determined that you should do what you did.

The bulk of the philosophical community are typically compatibilists. Determinism is still compatible with saying that it was a free action. Most Christian philosophers, though, tend to say that compatibilism isn't the most robust notion of freedom. Many Christian philosophers would say it's not only freedom from constraint but also a genuine ability to have done otherwise.

DR. SHEPHERD: At street level, freedom is the capacity to choose among alternatives. If I go to an ice cream counter may I choose vanilla, strawberry or chocolate? From a theological perspective we would just call that indeterminism. There's no outer coercion, nobody is twisting my arm, but there's no intrapsychic coercion, there's no inner determination. To contrast that, as we must with theological freedom, when Paul says in Galatians 5:1, "for freedom Christ has set you free, therefore do not return to this [i.e., slavery]," he would never mean that Christ has set us free to choose between obeying Christ and not disobeying. He would never say Christ has set us free to believe in Him or not to believe in Him. He means that we have been set free by Christ for obedience and love only.

It isn't a case of freedom of choice, it's freedom from choice in this respect. Theologically you are free only when you are freed...when you are freed from impediments to be acting in accord with your true nature, which by God's grace is to be a child of God.

DR. FRANKS: The freedom we read about in Galatians is just a different type of freedom than the freedom to choose from among alternatives. There are different notions. It's the same term being used in a different way.

We call it freedom because it issues from my desires but it's not that I have control over my own desires. That's where you get into what could be in one way the debate between the Calvinist perspective and a Wesleyan or Arminian perspective.

Q Can you explain the perspectives on freedom of the different denominations?

DR. SHEPHERD: Arminius said it is only by grace we can decide for grace. And the Calvinists would say the same thing, only in terms of election. Whereas the Arminians would speak of preventive grace and the Calvinists would speak of election, both are saying that only by grace can we choose for grace. The difference is the Arminians would say that by the grace of God we may choose for grace. Calvinists would say by the grace of election we must choose grace—there's no possibility of not choosing grace.

Freedom is always related to what we believe to be the nature of the human being. What we mean by freedom always presupposes your understanding of the human.

DR. FRANKS: Freedom to act according to our nature, the freedom to love God, choose God. It seems like we might be able to think of the distinction between the freedom to do what one ought to do versus the freedom to do what one wants to do. That wanting to do, it's a simpler notion. Ideally you become the type of person where what you want to do is what you ought to do. But that's not always the case.

“We call it **FREEDOM** because it issues from my desires but it’s not that I have control over my own desires.”



DR. SHEPHERD: In that sense, once you say what I want to do versus what I ought to do—freedom—am I free to sin? Absolutely. Am I free not to sin? Only by God’s grace am I freed not to sin. Is there any impediment to the fallen will willing sin? No. Then the fallen will is free to will sin. Is the fallen will free to will righteousness? No. Then it has to be freed. In that sense then we are freed by Jesus Christ for conformity to him.

DR. FRANKS: That is, I think, going to be a more comprehensive, universal understanding no matter what theological tradition you come from. The difference is going to be in the distinctions between what people of different traditions mean by grace. One way of understanding the difference between prevenient grace and a more Calvinistic understanding is that prevenient grace is given to everyone. Are we free to choose God, to walk in righteousness? Well, yes, but the distinction is going to be, what do we mean by grace? Who does it apply to? What results from it? It’s going to be a difference of who has been given that grace and whether or not you can resist it.



CONCEPTS OF GRACE

ARMINIAN

God’s mercy calls us to himself and enables us to respond but doesn’t guarantee a positive response; i.e., we may be called and repudiate the call.

CALVINIST

Same as the Arminian definition, but with the difference that God’s call guarantees our positive response; we shall invariably respond positively.

DEFINITIONS

COMPATIBILISM

The view that even though determinism is true, free will can exist within such a world.

DETERMINISM

The view that every event is brought about by the conjunction of past states of affairs with the laws of nature; given the same past states of affairs and the same laws of nature, you’ll always get the same future.

DR. SHEPHERD: In the Arminian tradition, prevenient grace guarantees the possibility of embracing Jesus Christ who has first embraced me. In the Calvinist tradition, the grace of election guarantees the inevitability of my embracing him who has first embraced me.

DR. FRANKS: The minority view among Christian philosophers is of compatibilism, that our freedom is consistent with being determined to act in some particular way. Of those compatibilists though, there's almost a one-to-one correlation with being a compatibilist and being a Calvinist.

Q What do all the denominations share when it comes to the word "freedom?"

DR. SHEPHERD: If they are theologically informed, it would be Galatians 6—to be freed by Christ, is to be freed by Christ for Christ.

But most people are not theologically informed. We are only free in so far in some way, at some level, we have beheld our blessed Lord who therein frees us. Most church people, in all denominations, understand freedom in terms of "Am I free for self-determination in some way?" Nobody has ever disputed this. It's not an issue.

Q How do these concepts of freedom play out in everyday life?

DR. SHEPHERD: In World War II all allied flyers in the Pacific were given, along with their parachutes and life rafts, shark repellent. If a flyer's plane was shot down in the water he squeezed his shark repellent and a little yellow sphere formed around him. Is he free to swim outside the range of the shark repellent? Sure, he's free. He is also free to be eaten alive. If he wants to

live, he's freed to live only as he remains within the orbit of the shark repellent. Now the righteousness of Christ is the orbit of shark repellent. In the secular understanding of freedom, freedom's our capacity to swim wherever we want. From the theological perspective our freedom is to remain in the orbit of Jesus Christ's righteousness and find our life thriving because outside the orbit of Christ and his righteousness there is only deadliness.

Q How do you bring the philosophical concepts of freedom into daily life?

DR. FRANKS: I want to help students to think about the concept of freedom that they are actually using then, to try and help them make a philosophical understanding of that. Some students recognize that whenever the rubber hits the road in their daily living, they behave as if libertarianism is true. They realize that they behave as if they really do have this ability to choose otherwise. Well, if that's right, that means I must have this more general libertarian conception of freedom. **T**

To read the full transcription of this interview go to go.tyndale.ca/freedom-discussion



GRACE OF ELECTION

Grace is God-in-his-love faithfully keeping his covenant with us, keeping his promise ever to be our God. Mercy is God's grace meeting our sin. 'Grace of election' is the faithful God's mercy calling us to himself and enabling us to respond to that call.

LIBERTARIANISM

The view free will is not compatible with determinism and humans do have free will (thus, determinism is false).

PREVENIENT GRACE

Latin: 'pre' = before, 'venire' = to come. Prevenient grace is grace that "comes before" someone's appropriation of saving grace; comes before the sinner is aware that she is a sinner; comes before she understands or has even heard of the gospel.

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FREEDOM TO MAKE CHOICES

IN THE WINTER OF 2012, Tyndale University College & Seminary communications department surveyed 182 Tyndale students and 124 church staff primarily from Ontario to explore what their understanding of freedom was and how they are making decisions. Randomly chosen anonymous qualitative responses are found in the following pages, while quantitative results are depicted in the infographic.



PASTOR

- 40% 55+ years old
- 37% Church located in urban areas
- 33% Church located in rural areas



STUDENT

- 22% Baptist
- 14% Non-denominational
- 25% 19-24 years old
- 24% 45-55 years old



Freedom means the ability to make decisions and perform tasks without the restraints imposed by myself, others and my responsibilities.

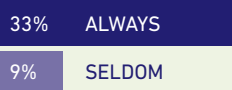
To choose and to know right and wrong. To be able to stand firm and say 'no'.



I FEEL I HAVE THE TIME TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS

I HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS

I FEEL I AM EMPOWERED TO DO WHAT GOD ASKS





PASTOR



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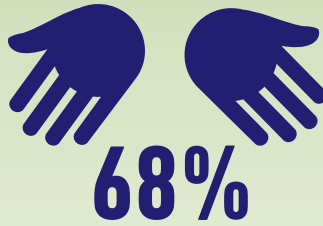
Freedom is being able to respond to God's call. It is not the absence of constraints, they exist for everyone. It is about being able to hear, obey and follow through on promptings from God beyond my imagination, limitations or situation.

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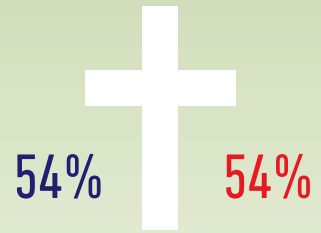
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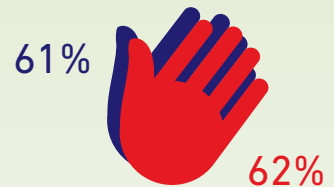
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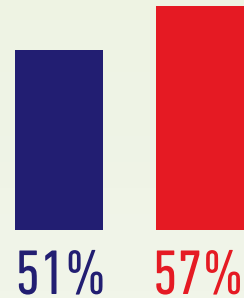


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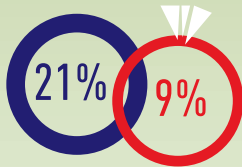


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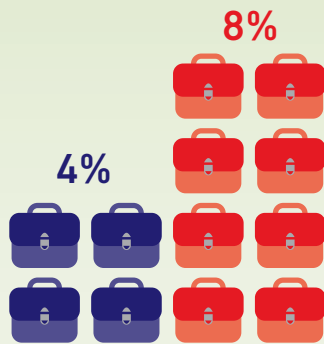


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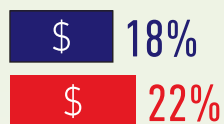
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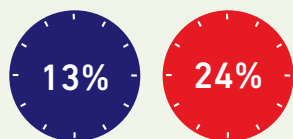
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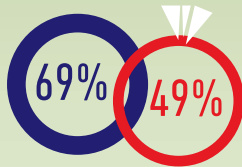
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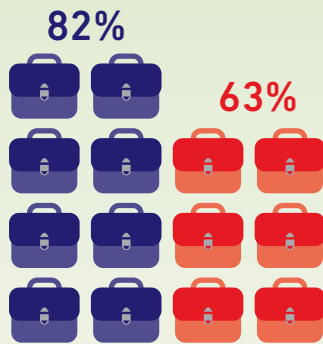
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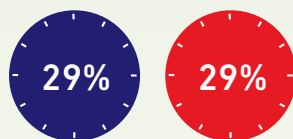
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MANAGE MY TIME



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Freedom to me, means the ability to work in my own time frame, doing what I feel needs to be done such as, quality prayer time, playing with the kids, taking time for a hobby...However, being a working mom, it seems that everything else needs to be done (cooking, cleaning, scheduling and planning, homework and projects, extracurricular activities...) and I get discouraged and suddenly feel like I have no freedom.

DO WHAT I FEEL CALLED TO DO AND NOT FORCED TO DO WHAT I DON'T WANT TO DO

Freedom is being true in thought, word, and deed to God and yourself. There are psychological, political, moral, social, academic, etc. dimensions to freedom.

It is the capacity in which I may choose all things according to what I believe is best for my family, my communities, and myself at the discretion and leading of the Holy Spirit. Freedom is not doing whatever you want. That is anarchy. Freedom is doing whatever you know you should be doing at any given time. The silent "R" of freedom is responsibility.

For more results, visit
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Master of Theological Studies – Indigenous Studies now at Tyndale

ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2012, Tyndale University College & Seminary and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies (NAIITS) signed a Memorandum of Agreement to offer a Master of Theological Studies—Indigenous Studies. This development was created in order to provide a culturally and pedagogically relevant opportunity for the program's participants who are likely to live and work in remote locations, contributing to the Indigenous world in their own ministry context. The eighteen required courses are offered in a variety of formats: intensive summer classes, online hybrid formation and wrap-around courses relating to an annual symposium. NAIITS co-founder and chair, Dr. Terry LeBlanc said about the development, "The NAIITS and Tyndale program is quite unique—it has been designed by the faculty of NAIITS—Indigenous people using Indigenous methodologies within a contemporary context. Eleven of the thirteen professors are Native North American men and women and nine of those have earned doctorates. Tyndale and NAIITS have designed the program to be delivered in a very flexible format so it can accommodate some of the unique situations and needs of Native North American and other indigenous people."



Dr. Terry LeBlanc and Dr. Gary Nelson

Introducing Christian Ministry Minors

BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2013, Tyndale is excited to introduce five new Christian Ministry minors within the Bachelor of Arts programs. These include youth ministry, children's ministry, pastoral ministry, music & worship ministry or intercultural ministry, to accompany any chosen major. These new minors will provide a deeper study of the theory and practice of these five areas of ministry so that the student can gain expertise in specific ministerial areas of interest. "All of Christian life is ministry in some sense or the other. This gives the student in [for example] the Business program, the opportunity to focus in on one of five areas where they see themselves volunteering in the local church," says Dr. Bradley Noel, Tyndale's Director of Pentecostal Studies and Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries. This development is a step forward in the already high academic standards of Tyndale.


Oxford Studies Program

TYNDALE IS PROUD to announce the introduction of a new study abroad program offered by arrangement with Crandall University. Allowing qualified students to engage and become involved with the academics and lifestyle of England, the Oxford studies program will expose the student to a variety of the most prestigious museums, theatres, concert halls, galleries and cathedrals in the world. The semester will be spent attending lectures and seminars in Charlbury and Oxford, taught by current or retired Oxford professors, doctoral students and other experts in their fields. By registering with Crandall University and becoming associate students of Regent's Park College, Oxford University, students will gain a valuable educational and personal experience through this program.

German Students Coming To Tyndale

TYNDALE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & SEMINARY signed an exchange agreement with Internationale Hochschule Liebenzell, a Christian university in Germany in November 2012. This will allow undergraduate students from Liebenzell to join the Tyndale community and experience the ethnically and culturally diverse city of Toronto. As Tyndale has committed to help provide housing for these students, it is expected that there will be a number of Liebenzell students studying at Tyndale as early as 2013.

Tyndale's New E-Recycling Program

A NEW ECO-FRIENDLY, e-recycling program is being introduced that will allow for the proper disposal of potentially harmful electronics at Tyndale. Shift Recycling is certified by the government to dispose of e-waste in an environmentally friendly way. By supplying bins that will be accessible for all students, staff and faculty on both campuses, Shift Recycling will properly recycle electronic products such as cellphones, laptops and batteries that contain toxic substances that pollute the environment. If Tyndale is able to collect over five hundred pounds of recyclable electronics, the company will start paying the school for parts. 

Led by PASSION

JAMES BROOKS' [BA 2007] viewpoint on freedom is "one of discipline...when I was younger I was very much a believer that freedom meant doing whatever I wanted...But the freedom to be what you want...comes at a cost of discipline and hard work," says James.

After graduating from Tyndale, James didn't know what to do with his life. He went on a mission trip to India because it was something he had always wanted to do. James, who notes that he never really thought about how he made decisions, says, "I've always told people I don't know what prompted me to go."

When he returned he decided he needed to focus on making a living so he started to work for a car dealership and then cleaning pools. He felt he "could make lots of money and then go back to India."

Later, he realized that he needed to do more than just make money. He loved his time at Tyndale so when a job in the Admissions department came up, he applied. James felt the job was a way to contribute value and meaning into people's lives.

"Coming back to Tyndale on staff really made me appreciate the school a whole lot more," he says. James went on more mission trips and felt he was starting to move towards where his passions were leading him. "Admissions was great and I loved it, but I still needed to be doing something more in-line with my passions." Something was beginning to change in him.


James was faced with the decision to leave his job in admissions and explore his options with mission organizations. He met with two of his pastors. "They both have known me for quite some time and I really valued their input into my life. I wanted to get their perspective, but also I wanted affirmation." James realized he wanted to facilitate and run mission trips for young people.

The day that he met Barry Smith, Vice President of Student Services, was the day he saw the Intercultural Initiatives Coordinator position posting. The recruitment process was lengthy, but James felt God's provision over his life and



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knew things would work out either way. He states, "I'm not a firm believer that there's only one path. Especially when you're faced with a fork in the road...I don't think God would have been disappointed with either."

James came to realize that God spoke to him through his passions. Speaking with his pastors and walking through open doors were the affirmation of God that he was making a decision in His will. 



The Influence of Love

WHEN SYLVIA REMIZ [BA 2016] was eleven years old her mother passed away from cancer. “I prayed for mom that year while she was sick, my family is Catholic so I was saying my rosaries. I was let down and made a decision to not believe in God after that. If it didn’t work He is obviously not real.”

Sylvia took her new beliefs to religion teachers and friends but “no one was ever proving me wrong, so [I thought] ‘obviously I’m right.’”

Siblings, cousins and peers influenced her to turn to alcohol and drugs. She felt free to choose what seemed “cool” and led friends into making similar choices. Sylvia describes this time as “being able to do whatever I


wanted socially, and getting to do all these new things that satisfied worldly desires. I was able to break the rules.”

In grade eleven she met Curtis Hartshorn [BA 2015] at a party. After they began to date Curtis experienced a sudden spiritual awakening and once again Sylvia was faced with the idea of God. “His life was genuinely changing and in such a powerful way it freaked me out...I had never seen that and...it terrified me.” Sylvia loved Curtis but she did not want to give up her current lifestyle.

“HIS LIFE WAS GENUINELY CHANGING AND IN SUCH A POWERFUL WAY IT FREAKED ME OUT.”

Due to the relationship strain Curtis suggested counselling. The pastor asked Sylvia to make a list of every problem she ever had with God and the church. Sylvia recalls how the next week “he went through every single thing on my list. He basically proved me wrong...Everything I believed and thought for the last six years was completely gone. I was confused.”

Later that week she and Curtis had another argument. During this argument they prayed together and a few hours later Curtis helped Sylvia pray “to ask Jesus into my heart.”

After her conversion, she began to seek the things of God intentionally, becoming involved at church and participating in a six-month-long Youth With a Mission trip. Sylvia sees the difference in her life. “Now that I’m able to bring anything to God, it brings freedom, because it leads me to having more fulfilment even in small things. If I’m going to God and He knows the best things for me, I can trust that the best will come out of the situation.” 

A Year of Living Differently


ARLEEN GOMEZ [MDiv 2015] has always loved serving people and being in atmospheres where she can take an active involvement in contributing value. “I think I’ve always been passionate about serving the community,” she said. Last year when she first came from Kitchener to study at Tyndale, she was faced with the dilemma of putting her passions on hold in order to fully surrender in obedience to God.

“I am the type of person who has to be involved...I hate apathy.” Before coming to Tyndale, Arleen was heavily involved in ministry at her church, as well as teaching students English and running local outreach programs in her undergraduate years. Arleen began to feel the effects of burn out. She felt God tell her that coming to Tyndale would mean focusing on studying for a while without working or volunteering.

When she felt God say take a step back she felt torn and didn’t know how to deal with not doing anything. “Within a few weeks I had two jobs. I felt the tension of wanting to get back involved in things but I kept hearing God saying don’t get involved. I did try to fight it but eventually the conviction got to me and I did step back.”

She felt that God was teaching her about how

to look after herself and how to do ministry differently. “Something I learned [during the first year] was...doing organic versus formal ministry...I felt freedom throughout that season because in that rest I felt freedom to learn about organic ministry. Just because you’re not in a formal position doesn’t mean you’re not doing ministry; it doesn’t mean you’re not serving people.”

At the end of that year Arleen prayed about being involved in the Tyndale community. “I said, ‘Okay God, can I please run for Student Council.’ I thought that if it was going to be His will then He would leave the door open.” The door opened and Arleen is enjoying being one of the Student Life Coordinators of the Seminary Student Council. 



*“I KEPT HEARING GOD SAYING
DON’T GET INVOLVED.”*



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai

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Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Leung Lai was in China with a teaching team, which included President Dr. Gary Nelson and Professor Warren Lai. From October 30-November 3 she taught “Book of Daniel” in the In-Ministry MDiv program at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, the only federal-run seminary in China. During her stay in Nanjing, she also gave three lectures: a public lecture to the student body at the seminary; a lecture in the Department of Philosophy, South East University; and a lecture on “Hebrew Literature” at the Kao-Fung Bookstore, one of the largest humanities bookstores in China.

Dr. Leung Lai presented a paper at the Contextual Biblical Interpretation Consultation and gave a response to the three-member review panel of her last book, *Through the “I”-Window: The Inner Life of Characters in the Hebrew Bible* at the Psychology and Biblical Studies Section at the 2012 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Chicago, November 17–20, 2012.



Dr. Paul Arsenault

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Assistant Professor of Linguistics

Dr. Arsenault graduated from the doctoral program at the University of Toronto on November 16, 2012. The title of his doctoral thesis was “Retroflex Consonant Harmony in South Asia.” The thesis is available in electronic format at: <http://hdl.handle.net/1807/33911>.

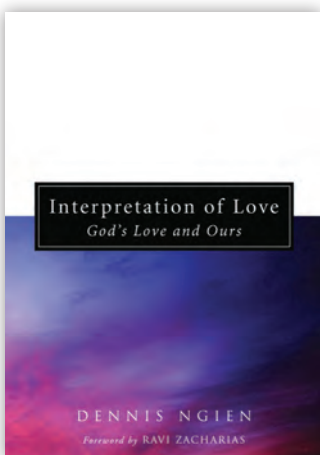


Dr. Leah McMillan

Dr. Paul Bramer

Director of Doctor of Ministry

Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership
On October 20, 2012, Dr. Bramer gave a paper on “Doctor of Ministry Education” at the North American Professors of Christian Education conference in Dallas, Texas.



Dr. Dennis Ngien

Director, ThM Program, Professor of Systematic Theology

On November 25, 2012 Dr. Ngien was the keynote speaker for the Ambassadors for Christ fortieth anniversary celebration held in Toronto. His latest book, *Interpretation of Love: God's and Ours*, with a foreword by Dr. Ravi Zacharias, was published by Wipf and Stock.

Blackfiars Hall, Oxford University, has renewed Dr. Ngien's status as Research Scholar in Theology for one more year, thus he will be on residence again at some points in the winter of 2013.

This year, the Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection (of which Dr. Ngien is founder) will host its fifteenth anniversary celebration in June 2013. The theme is Apologetic and Evangelistic Preaching: Making Sense of Our Faith. The speakers will be Alister McGrath, who will lecture on “Learning from C.S. Lewis on how to Make Sense of the Christian Faith,” Rev. Joe Boot and Dr. Ngien, who will both model apologetic and evangelistic preaching.

Dr. Richard Davis

Associate Professor
of Philosophy

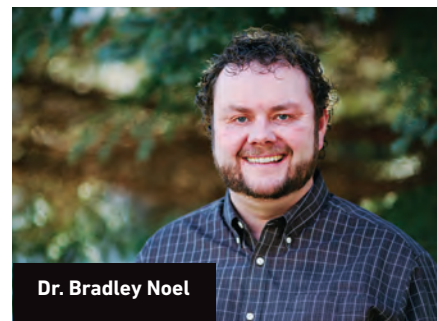
Dr. Davis presented “Setting Your Mind on Things Above: Avoiding the Evils of Earthly Mindedness,” a two-part series at Cedarview Community Church on November 7 and 14, 2012. He published “How to Individuate Universals—Or Not” in *Axiomathes*, “Are Bare Particulars Constituents?” in *Acta Analytica* and “Adam, Eve, and the Gospel,” with Paul Franks in the Summer 2013 issue of *Enrichment Journal*.



Dr. Richard Davis

Dr. Bradley Noel

Director of Pentecostal Studies
Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries
Dr. Noel presented a paper entitled, “Aimee Semple McPherson: Ministry Lessons for Pentecostalism in 2012,” at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California, on October 26, 2012.



Dr. Bradley Noel

Dr. Leah McMillan

Assistant Professor of International Development

Dr. McMillan is presenting her paper, “HRBAD to HRBANRG: the Case of Ghana” and another paper, “Natural Resource Management in Ghana: Lesson for Global Policy Governance,” at the International Ghana Studies Association conference in Kumasi, Ghana, in May. She will be staying in the country after the conference to conduct primary data collection on a larger project that investigates governance mechanisms in Ghana’s emerging mining sector. She is especially interested in the opportunities that exist, if any, for community members to engage in dialogue pertaining to the human rights and environmental standards of natural resource extraction in their locales.

Dr. McMillan is co-editor of two volumes set to be published in 2013 and 2014. *Innovating South-South Cooperation: Challenges, Modalities, and Policies* will be published by the University of Ottawa Press as part of their Global Governance book series. The editors are currently in consultation with publishers for their volume, *MDGs: Achievement, Economic Growth and Social Activism*. She was published twice for *Cardus* in November, including her featured article for the *Cardus Comment* magazine, “The Canada-Tanzania FIPA: Bilateral Relationship or Unilateral Advantage?” Dr. McMillan’s book review for the *Canadian Journal of African Studies* was published in the January 2013 volume. In May 2012 she presented “Governance Challenges in Education: A Study of Education for All in Southeastern Africa” at the Comparative and International Education Society annual conference in San Juan. Dr. McMillan presented “Public-Private Partnerships: Poor English, Poor Policy, or Poor Opportunity?” at the Zylstra Symposium hosted by Redeemer University College in October 2012.



Dr. Arthur Boers

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Associate Professor

RJ Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership

Dr. Arthur Boers spoke to the University of Toronto Graduate Christian Fellowship in November 2012 and in December 2012 at Wordsworth Books in Kitchener about his latest book, *Living into Focus: Choosing What Matters in an Age of Distractions*. Dr. Boers was also interviewed in December 2012 on Context with Lorna Dueck and in January 2013 on 100 Huntley Street.

In January 2013, Dr. Boers led a retreat for Toronto Jaffray Chinese Alliance Church and preached at the same church in February 2013. He will be speaking to pastors of Toronto Fellowship Baptist churches in March 2013 and leading a retreat for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Seniors in May 2013. Dr. Boers recorded “Fully Present” Advent podcasts for Anglican Church of Canada and published the Advent devotional booklet, *Our Work, God’s World*, with the Church Health Center.

Dr. John Kessler

Professor of Old Testament

From November 16-20, 2012 Dr. Kessler presented a paper entitled, “Haggai 2:5a: Text, Translation, Significance and Purpose,” in the History and Literature of the Persian Period Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago.

Dr. Kessler has an entry on the Book of Haggai in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophetic Books*, edited by M.J. Boda and G. McConville and published by InterVarsity Press in the fall of 2012.



Dr. John Kessler

Dr. Doug Hayhoe

Associate Professor of Education

Dr. Hayhoe presented a research paper, “Preservice teachers, Environmental concerns, and a Christian perspective,” at the International Christian Community for Teacher Education conference, on May 25, 2012 in Azusa, California. He co-presented a teacher workshop, “An Integrated Grade 3 Soils Unit: Hands-On Science with a Strong Literacy Development,” at the Science Teachers of Ontario conference on November 12, 2012 in Toronto and co-presented a research poster, “Exploring the Effects of Specific, Hands-On Interventions, on Environmental Science Topics in Teacher Education Programs” at the American Geophysical Union fall conference on December 4, 2012 in San Francisco.

He authored the book review of *Religion in Environmental and Climate Change: Suffering, Values, and Lifestyles*, edited by Dieter Gerten and Sigurd Bergmann, which was published in *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* journal, Volume 16, Number 3, 2012. Dr. Hayhoe authored a review paper, “Surprising facts about soils, students, and teachers: a survey of education research and resources,” published in *Sustainable Education Reviews* in February 2013.

Dr. Benjamin Reynolds

Assistant Professor of New Testament

In November 2012 Dr. Reynolds spoke on “The Johannine Jesus and Angelic Mediators in Jewish Apocalypses” at The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Reynolds published “Apocalypticism in the Gospel of John’s Written Revelation of Heavenly Things” in the *Early Christianity Journal* of March 2013.

Dr. Brad Faught

Professor of History

Dr. Faught had his book, *Clive: Founder of British India* published by Potomac Books in January 2013.



Dr. Benjamin Reynolds




Dr. David Sherbino

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Professor of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministry

Dr. David Sherbino taught a course from January 10-30, 2013 at the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS) in Bangalore, India, on Spiritual Formation. He was accompanied by five graduates of the spiritual formation program who led a community wide Retreat in Daily Life for the community at SAIACS.

From February–May 2013, Dr. Sherbino is researching and writing a new book with the working title *Living, Dying, Living Forever*. This book will be available later in 2013 as part of his sabbatical project.

May 20–30, 2013, Dr. Sherbino will be teaching and leading the Seminar / Trip to Israel on the theme “Following Jesus...Hearing His Voice.” 



ALUMNI

NEWS



Honorary Doctorate Fall 2012

General Linda Bond (BRE 1987, MTS 2007)

General Linda Bond is the third woman, fourth Canadian and nineteenth General of The Salvation Army. She started with the Salvation Army in 1969 as a Lieutenant and in January 2011 the High Council elected her as the Army's international leader. Her career progressed with positions of increasing leadership in Canada, USA, Australia and the United Kingdom. Throughout her career she lectured regularly at The Salvation Army's International College for Officers in South-East London and was an active member of the Spiritual Life Commission.

At Tyndale's fall graduation General Bond spoke of the importance of having life goals, sharing that her goal throughout her life was to love Jesus Christ. At the Salvation Army she believes the key to the whole organization is to stay close to God and be motivated in all that they do by a love for Him. Keeping God in the centre of your life, goals and work are key throughout your life.

General Bond says, "The call to officership came as a gentle whisper from the Lord and there has never been a day, not even a second, when I doubted this call."



Laurie-Ann Copple

Laurie-Ann (Zachar) Copple (MDiv 1999)

After Tyndale, Laurie-Ann married and settled in Ottawa. She began working for community radio when in search for a hobby. She is a volunteer radio host at CKCU 93.1 FM's Over My Head (Christian music) and Window of Opportunity (folk-ish music). She attended Algonquin College in radio-broadcasting and graduated with honours in June 2012. She believes her strengths have become creative writing, audio production and on-air broadcasting. She now works for Newcap Radio as a board operator, which she hopes is the beginning to a great career in radio. In time, Laurie-Ann hopes radio and missions will be paired up, whether in secular or Christian radio.

Lois Fisk (BRE 1992)

Michael and Lois are parents of Mark, who graduated with his BA from Tyndale, May 2012. Lois works in the English Department at Overseas Radio & Television Inc., a not-for-profit Christian organization in Taipei, Taiwan. English is definitely used as a tool and bridge to share the Good News of Jesus.

Michael, who did an unclassified year at Tyndale in 1982, is an Airline Captain for Korean Air. The couple have been in Asia for almost ten years and are involved with Taipei International Church. Their daughter, Deborah, is attending Conestoga College in Kitchener. Deborah completed a year at Kaleo/Briercrest before attending Conestoga.

Rob Freeman (MTS 2009)

Rob started as the youth pastor of Saalem Church, Thunder Bay, on April 1, 2012. He and his wife, Alissa, have two daughters, Emma (born August 17, 2008) and Ruth (born June 4, 2010).

Rob previously volunteered in his home church and served at Bible camp, then pursued ministry internships and Bible college. In 2004 he was called to ministry while doing technical support for a pastor's conference. Rob met and married his wife while interning at Redwood Park Church in Thunder Bay, then went to Tyndale for his MTS. He then served as a youth pastor for three years in Winnipeg before moving back to Thunder Bay. Rob heard about his current position when a friend mentioned his church was looking for a youth pastor. This position was an answer to prayer.



Clockwise from top left:
Ruth, Alissa, Emma and
Rob Freeman

Photos submitted by the respective alumnus

Ashley (Baker) Kentie (BA 2012)

Ashley graduated in May 2012 with a BA Religious Studies Pentecostal Intercultural Distinctive. Her husband, David, graduated May 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts History and Philosophy and is currently completing the MTS in Pentecostal Studies. In August 2012 they started serving together as the Youth and Christian Education pastors at Springdale Pentecostal Church in Springdale, Newfoundland. They are very excited to be serving together in ministry and thankful for their Tyndale education, which made it possible for them to be where they believe God has placed them.



Ashley and David Kentie

Peter Oulton (BRE 2004, MDiv 2007)

On November 10, 2012 Peter graduated with a PhD in Theology from St Michael's College Toronto and had his doctorate conferred. He published his dissertation entitled, "In Search of a Responsible Freedom in a Post-Christendom World: A Reconsideration of Karl Barth's Social and Political Thought in the Context of His Overall Development."

Connie Smith (BRE 1979)

On October 1, 2013 Connie and her husband, Kavunga, will celebrate seven years of marriage. They had hoped to make a trip to Canada together, but with the M23 rebels within twenty-five kilometres of their home in Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo they changed that plan. She will come alone and he will stay with the children. She will be in Quebec and Ontario for four weeks. If anyone from Class of 1979 or other Ontario Bible College friends want to say hello, she asks them to please get in touch.



Ann Stocker



Peter and Maureen Oulton

Ann Stocker (BRE 2002, MDiv 2010)

For almost a decade Ann has been serving young mothers and children at Youth Unlimited. In 2011 she began a new outreach in downtown Toronto developing strong relationships to facilitate community support to young 'at-risk' families. Ann is an associate of the Institute of Family Living and is working towards clinical membership. She works with families, couples and individuals.

Ann's background includes over twenty years of work in marginalized communities in Toronto and six years in tourism. She facilitates a support group for young teenage mothers and a family group. Ann coordinated the initial national Street Level conference in 1994, and participated on national committees addressing issues of poverty and homelessness. She has also organized church seminars on mental health and women's issues and consults for community agencies, organizations and local churches.



E. Janet Warren (MTS 2007)

Dr. Janet Warren has had her book, *Cleansing the Cosmos*, published just recently as part of a revision of her PhD thesis at the University of Birmingham.

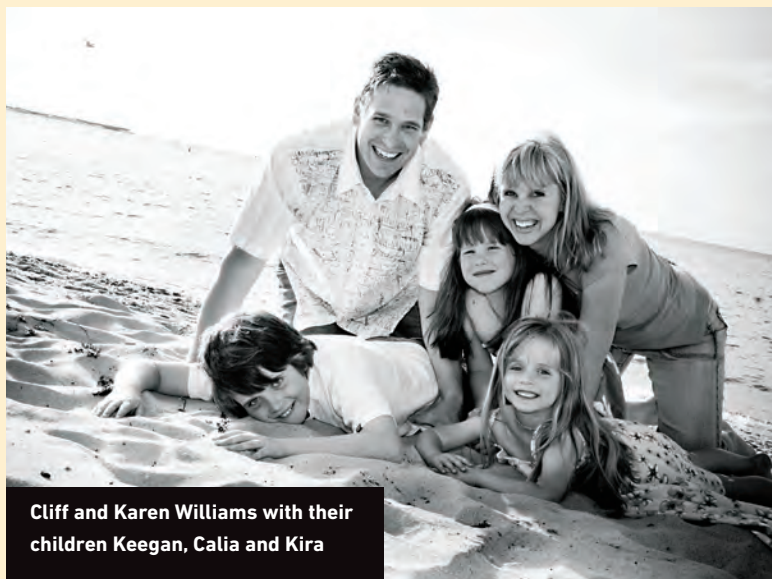
Cliff Williams (BRE 1993)

This summer Cliff accepted a Principal position with the Thames Valley District School Board. He is principal of Harrisfield Public School in Ingersoll. Cliff, Karen (BRE 1993) and their children are excited about this new “Ed” venture.

Ashley Wiens (BA 2011)

Since graduating, Ashley volunteered for two years at a youth group at Trinity Anglican Church in Mississauga. He then got a position as an Alternate Teaching Parent with Closer To Home Community Services based in Calgary. His role is to teach life skills, social skills, educational skills and all around behaviour modification to youth. Ashley believes Tyndale’s Psychology program was able to provide him with the foundation of education and experience to excel at understanding and working with youth.

Ashley knows that he is being guided by God through this challenging position. He encourages others to not give up on God and bring that light to those who need it most.



Cliff and Karen Williams with their children Keegan, Calia and Kira

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

For more information on any of these events or other alumni information keep in touch.



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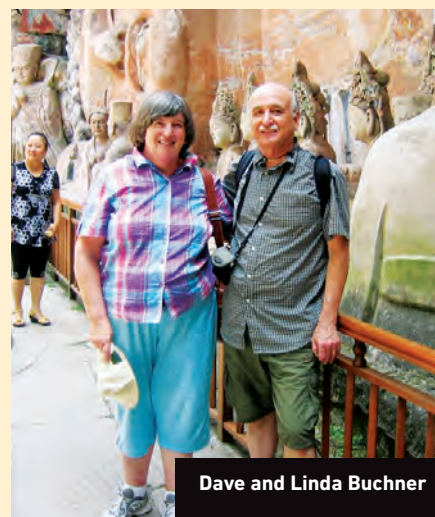
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Widows' Conference in Tanzania



Dave and Linda Buchner



From left to right:
Buyegi, Bukela,
Galanda and
John Sweya

John Sweya (MDiv 2002)

John, his wife Buyegi, and their daughter Bukela returned to Tanzania. Upon their return they welcomed their son Galanda who was born in 2004. The Sweya family ministers to widows and run a widows' conference each year. They are trying to establish the Sweya Conference Center in the Simiyu region which is an hour and a half drive from the Serengeti National Park.

Dave (BRE 1980, MTS 1992) and Linda (Sibley) Buchner (BRE 1982)

Since 1992, Dave and Linda have been serving with International Student Ministries Canada at the University of Guelph among international students and visiting professors, who are mostly from mainland China.

The picture shown was taken in August 2012 at Chongqing at the Dazu Rock carvings on their second follow-up trip to China, visiting many returning contacts there.

JoAnne Cinanni (BRE 1967)

Three years ago JoAnne was in a car accident and suffered from a serious concussion as well as nerve damage. Recent medical reports show she no longer has nerve damage. JoAnne is utterly grateful to the God we serve and the redemption He shows in our life stories and how He can use her brokenness to speak to those around her.

John Paeng (BSM 1990)

John would like to send greetings to all his classmates. He accepted the position of Senior Minister at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church in downtown Cambridge. His wife Gloria and two beautiful daughters, Naomi and Grace, are excited about the transition and are all settling down nicely. God is good.

Leatrice W. Wilson Chan (MDiv 2012)

Leatrice prepared a forward to the new edition of James Lorimer's *Within the Barbed Wire Fence: A Japanese Man's Account of His Internment in Canada*, first published in 1980 by University of Toronto Press. This book is based on the diaries her father, Takeo Nakano, kept during the 1940s about upheaval, civil disobedience and imprisonment during the forced evacuation of 21,000 Japanese Canadians from B.C. during the Second World War.

Judith (Fraser) Coates (BRE 1976)


Judi is serving at Fair Havens Ministries, a retreat and conference facility in Beaverton, Ontario, as Retreat Coordinator.

Terry (Kuehne) Kloosterman (MDiv 2006)

Terry graduated from Tyndale with an MDiv Counselling in 2006. Terry has been running a retreat lodge on Stony Lake (www.kingfisherbay.ca).



Sky Starr (BRE 2004, MDiv 2007)

Sky would like to say hello to Tyndale Alumni and trusts that they are all basking in the “daily benefits of the Lord.” Tyndale is constantly on her list of priorities. She actively speaks of Tyndale with the hope of recruiting others to attend. Sky is a recipient of the Diamond Jubilee Award for her work in the Jane/Finch community, which revolves around crisis. She believes her training from Tyndale has equipped her for this service. 

In Memoriam



Emma Lane (Musser) (1938)

Emma entered the presence of God whom she loved on April 16, 2012 at Christie Gardens in Toronto, age 99. She was the dear wife of the late Herbert (Bert) Henry Lane (Evening Class 1930); devoted mother of Margaret Miller (BRE, 1970) (Rev. Chris) and Harold (Barbara); loving grandmother of Rev. Melissa Davis (Mac) and Philip Lane (Patricia); and daughter of the late Ada and Martin Musser of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Toronto Bible College in 1938 and was a long-time member of Bethel Baptist Church, Toronto. The funeral service was held on April 21, 2012.

Robert Cooch (1959)

Robert went home to be with his Lord and Saviour at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family on October 26, 2012 in his 82nd year. Robert Cooch of Sebright was a much loved husband of Helen Cooch (nee Sanderson) of 57 years; a loving father of Miriam Rachar (Charles-predeceased) of Orillia and Matthew and his wife Haide of Hamilton; and dear grandfather of Timothy Cooch and Laura Rachar.

Winnifred Wallace (1952)

Winnifred passed away September 24, 2012 at age 93. She was the loving aunt of fifteen nieces and nephews and will be deeply missed by her many great-nieces, nephews and friends. Her favourite scripture verse was Isaiah 41:10.

Margaret Swan (Stevens) (BRE 1967)

Margaret passed away in December 2012. Her favourite scripture verse was John 15:16.

Gerald Scott Jackson (BTh 1960)

Gerald passed away on July 12, 2012 and leaves behind his wife Janet (1959).

Thomas Hughie Sykes (Diploma 1964)

Born on September 22, 1937 in Claresholm, Alberta, Tom moved to Banff in 1956 where he was introduced to Jesus through friends and seeking out the truth from a Bible. While living in Banff he met and married Ruby. They moved to Toronto where Tom went to Toronto Bible College in preparation for missionary work in Haiti. Their missionary career began in 1965 where John wore many hats in the areas of construction, mechanics, preaching, being a father figure to children in orphanages and being a husband and father. He used to say he could fix anything but broken hearts. Tom lived in Haiti for twenty-seven years serving with Unevangelized Fields Missions (now Crossworld). They left Haiti in 1991, returning to Banff where Tom worked as a mechanic for his brother John. Tom and Ruby retired and moved to Calgary in 2003 where he was able to see his daughters and seven grandchildren whom he loved very much. He was involved in the local church, helping with the children's and seniors groups, communion preparation and doing repairs for those in need. Tom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2012 and passed away peacefully on October 05, 2012 with his wife and daughters by his side. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Ruby and daughters Val, Tammy and Cindy, his daughters' families and brothers, nieces and nephews.

COMING EVENTS

Alumni Events

- APRIL 2** Class reunion for classes of 1952, 1963 and Seminary class of 1988
- MAY 3-4** LBI/LCBM Reunion
- MAY 5** Pastoral Chinese Ministry 25th Anniversary
- MAY 11** Spring Graduation
Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon

Lectures, Seminars & Conferences

- MARCH 22** Tyndale Preaching Conference
- APRIL 6** Growing in Leadership Conference
- APRIL 29** 2013 Wesley Ministry Conference
- MAY 3** Prepare/Enrich Training Workshop
- MAY 12** Walk the Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage in Spain
- MAY 13** Israel Study Tour 2013
- MAY 20** Israel Tour—Following Jesus...Hearing His Voice
- JUNE 6** 10th Annual Symposium on Indigenous Mission and Theology: Shaping Faith: How Language Informs the Journey
- JUNE 8** Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection's conference: Apologetic and Evangelistic Preaching

Prospective Students

- MARCH 25** Seminary Preview Evening
- MAY 15** Dinner with the DMin Director
- MAY 25** Tyndale Open House
- JUNE 22** Accepted Students BBQ
- JULY 17** Seminary Preview Evening

For more information go to go.tyndale.ca/news-events

Reunions

SILVER MILER REUNION

As an OTS '88 graduate, and on behalf of Tyndale Seminary, I invite you to attend a Silver Miler Reunion on April 2, 2013 at Tyndale. It has been 25 years, so it would be wonderful to come together to celebrate what God has done through us, and how He has guided each of us, no matter where we are, to glorify Him! God bless.

Rev. Vincent Lee [MDiv '88]

GOLDEN MILER REUNION

The Tyndale Alumni team is inviting the TBC and LCBM class of 1963 to a Golden Miler reunion on April 2, 2013. Join us to reconnect and see what God has been doing in everyone's lives. The reunion will be held at Tyndale's Bayview campus. Hope to see everyone there.

CLASS OF 1952 REUNION

This is Ruth Harrison from the class of 1952. I hope you can join me on April 2, 2013 for our reunion. It would be wonderful to see everyone again and catch up on what has been happening in your lives. Mark your calendars so you don't forget. See you then. God Bless.

Ruth Harrison

LONDON REUNION

My name is Paul Estabrooks and I am the chair for the London Alumni group. If you went to LBI/LCBM I hope you can join us on May 3 and 4 for our reunion at West Park Church in London, ON. Our theme will be "Amazing Grace." Hear Dr. Grand Gordon [1964], President Dr. Gary Nelson, as well as London alumni Gail Tiessen [1964], Mel Cuthbert [1951]...plus OASIS special music and a Country Clem sing-along. Please contact myself or Diane Estabrooks at paule@od.org or phone 519-473-4267.

Paul Estabrooks

COLLEGE CLASS OF '93 REUNION

The Tyndale Alumni team and Brenda Engberts are asking everyone from the College class of 1993 to join us in October for a reunion. This event will coincide with the fall fair; will include a tour of both campuses as well as a lunch and time to fellowship with one another. This will be a family friendly event—it will be great to meet up with everyone and see their families.

BEd REUNION

It's the 5th Anniversary of the BEd department. Keep your eyes open for more information on an upcoming reunion in 2013. It would be great to see everyone.

For more information about your reunion, please contact the Alumni office via email alumni@tyndale.ca or by phone 416.226.6620 x2175.


MEET CURTIS



CURTIS HARTSHORN [BA 2015] grew up having a passionate heart for God. He would encourage his friends to live for Jesus—which meant he became a target for bullies. Feeling hurt and alone, Curtis started high school determined to fit in, whatever it took. For years his life revolved around partying and Curtis wanted a change.

One Sunday he went to church with his mother and begged God to help him. That day God sent help through Pastor Jon Thompson [BRS 1999, MTS 2005]. Pastor Jon prayed with Curtis, cared for him and continues to mentor him today.

Today Curtis is studying Biblical Studies and Theology at Tyndale. He hopes to one day become an evangelist and have an impact on the lives of other people the same way Pastor Jon impacts him.

This is what happens when you give to Tyndale's Annual Fund. You support a student who then goes out into the world ready to engage people with the gospel of Jesus. Because of generous people like you, Pastor Jon was equipped to care for Curtis in his time of crisis. Consider donating to Tyndale's Annual Fund today. Your donation will live on and multiply in the lives of the people our future graduates will meet. 

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