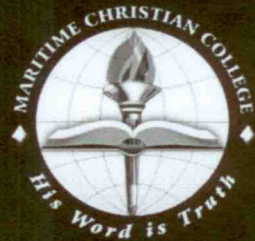


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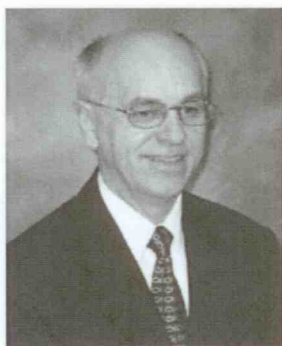
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Message From The President



*“...willing to move
beyond the familiar...”*

Jesus taught His disciples while traveling throughout Galilee and Judea, thereby, challenging the disciples' comfort level. Maritime Christian College follows Christ's example by offering academic training in the classroom and practical training on the field. Four students traveled to Poland earlier this spring with Eileen Tanner. The field experience opened their eyes to opportunities that are available and the determination needed to serve in the mission field. Jay Bowyer and Colette Ladan direct Graceland Ministries in Poland and find the partnership with MCC a valuable asset to their ministry and an excellent training opportunity for the College students.

Our most recent graduates have moved into new adventures, and I am excited to see what God has in store for them. All of the graduates are busy in ministry: Darrell Haines joined Burt's Corner Church of Christ for the summer, Jason McVicar now serves as Director of Admissions with MCC and James Stevenson serves as Camp Manager of Canoe Cove Christian Camp.

I was pleased with the reception our students received during the 2009 Spring Tour. The positive church response to the Spring Tour is an endorsement for how much it is needed. The students are able to make connections while visiting each of the congregations and it helps knit student and supporter together. The great thing about the Tour is it allows students to do things they wouldn't normally do. It challenges their comfort level, but once trained, they excel at the task before them.

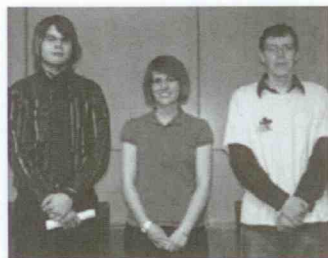
Our graduation speaker, Graham Crandall, had an excellent talk about the positive aspects of ministry. His message touched on some key issues and responsibilities that graduating students should consider when entering ministry. It was nice to hear the local church portrayed in an encouraging way.

MCC is rapidly moving toward a milestone anniversary in January 2010. The College will commence a yearlong celebration for 50 years of higher Christian education in the Maritimes in partnership with supporting congregations. MCC is able to celebrate this noteworthy occasion because of the faith shown by our founders who were willing to move beyond the familiar and dream the grand idea of having a Bible College in the Maritimes.

Fred C. Osborne

Seven Maritime Christian College board members enjoyed a fine meal with the graduates and their families on Saturday, May 2, 2009 during the graduation banquet. MCC board members met with President Fred Osborne on the Saturday before Graduation; they also meet before Commencement and after KT Norris Lectures. Board member Richard Jones (Quispamsis, NB) said, *"This was my first grad dinner and I felt it was very appropriate to celebrate with the graduates and their families."*

When asked how he enjoyed the banquet, adjunct professor Mike Burns ('99) said, *"... The Grad Banquet was Fantastic! ... I believe that anything we can do to encourage our grads, faculty and board is worth doing and this event was encouraging all around."*



On Sunday, John MacDonald, Valerie Osborne and Ben Rayner walked across the stage to receive their Biblical Studies Certificates. John MacDonald is the son of former adjunct professor (1993) Grant MacDonald and his wife Sheila. Grant ministers with

Keele Street Church of Christ in Toronto, ON. President Osborne ('77) greeted his daughter, Valerie, with a large hug after handing her the certificate. Ben Rayner is the son of former board member (2000-2009) Andy Rayner ('90) and his wife Lynn ('86) who both serve with Valley Christian Church, a new church plant in Tyne Valley, PEI.

Darrell Haines (BA Bible), Jason McVicar (Bachelor of Bible & Ministry) and James Stevenson (BA Bible) took center stage during Graduation as they each walked across the platform to receive their degrees. Darrell Haines pulled out a big red button after receiving his degree and punched it. A mechanical voice said, *"That was easy."*

Graham Crandall, Minister with Burt's Corner Church of Christ, NB shared a message titled, *"Embracing a Strategy for Life."* He encouraged the graduates to remember the congregations with whom they will work. President Osborne said, *"It was a powerful message these graduates need to hear."*



That Was Easy ~ Graduation



*"...very appropriate
to celebrate..."*

Poland Captures Student Imagination

Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, led her second mission group to Krakow, Poland May 4-15, 2009 to assist Graceland Ministries. Four Maritime Christian College students, John MacDonald, Valerie Osborne, Courtney Saunders and Robbie Sevilla, participated in the mission trip with Eileen. Evangeline Inness, a nurse from Charlottetown and attendee of Central Christian Church, joined the team. She said, "I wanted to go to Poland because I felt it would be a good experience." This was Evangeline's first trip to Poland and her first trip with Maritime Christian College students.



Three students, John, Valerie and Robbie, went to Poland for the first time while Courtney enjoyed her second mission trip, having gone in 2008. When asked why he wanted to go, John said, "I wanted to experience a culture other than my own and see first hand how one would teach English in a Christian setting."

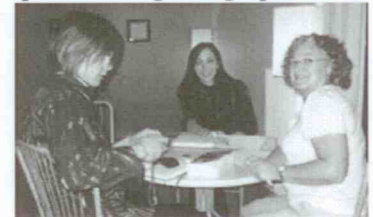
Each day the students helped teach English from 4:30-9:00 pm. Following each class they enjoyed a late supper. They also handed out leaflets for a mini-

semester and VBS in residential areas. One night the group visited separate Polish homes where they ate dinner with a Polish couple. Evangeline commented on her experience, "I spent an evening with Angelika and Artur in their home. They were so hospitable and made me, a stranger, feel very much at home."



Jay Bowyer and Colette Ladan scheduled some opportunities for the team to discover Polish culture during down time from teaching. The team toured Krakow's Old Town; Wawel Castle, Cathedral and Royal Crypt; Wieliczka salt mines and the concentration camp Auschwitz. While sharing about the trip to the thousand year old salt mine, Eileen said, "Salt used to be the method of paying wages; therefore we get the word 'sal'ary."

When asked about his experience of traveling to Poland and working with Graceland Ministries, John said, "This really changed how I viewed mission work. Whenever I usually thought of that kind of thing I thought of people teaching the gospel to an impoverished third world nation. I guess it doesn't hit you until you're there that these people need the gospel."



Mugged in the Chapel



Jay Bowyer and Colette Ladan, from Graceland Ministries, visited MCC on Saturday, June 13, 2009 for a fundraising event titled, "Mugged by Jay and Colette." Participants chose their own Polish mug for the coffee party. Jay & Colette shared stories about Graceland Ministries as selected from the story wheel made by Roger May and Donald Hickox.

Jay presented a book titled, *Poland UNESCO World Heritage Sites* to Meda Osborne for the MCC Library. Meda said, "Their presentation had an interesting format.

Their stories were informative and humorous. It made you feel like it might be neat to go and be a part of their school."



Jail Break Tour

Maritime Christian College students wore their thespian faces for the 2009 Spring Tour, April 25-30. They performed in a production titled *Jail Break: the Final Solution* written and directed by Tom Marshall, Academic Professor. He also wrote and directed *Ruth: A Modern Day Version* in 2008.



R. Sevilla and V. Arsenault

Jail Break explored what it would be like to live in a politically correct society where Christianity was censured by the government. The script was based upon events recorded in Acts of the Apostles, specifically the Apostle Paul's conversion account, played by Robbie Sevilla. Vincent Arsenault played the lead, Jude Aphileo, who is a Premier trying to



V. Osborne, M.L. Darrach, C. Saunders, J. Stevenson, V. Arsenault, R. Sevilla, D. Haines, J. MacDonald, B. Rayner and T. Marshall

keep the crazy Christians quiet. John MacDonald grabbed the audience's attention with his character Francis' zany comments. Darrell Haines, Valerie Osborne, Ben Rayner, Courtney Saunders and James Stevenson rounded out the cast of characters for the Tour. Mari Lynn Darrach organized props and costumes for the production.

"I can remember people telling me that I was loud and that I scared them when I came on the first time because I looked evil," said Robbie Sevilla, who played Saul/Paul. "I was happy to hear that from them because that was the type of person I had to play in the beginning."



B. Rayner and R. Sevilla

The Spring Tour visited Christian Churches and Churches of Christ in Burr's Corner and Garnett Settlement in New Brunswick, Halifax and South Range in Nova Scotia and Montague and Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island.

New Director Joins Staff

Jason McVicar ('09) joined the Maritime Christian College staff as Director of Admissions in June. He filled in part-time during the school year after Kevin MacKay left to pursue his Masters Degree at Wilfrid Laurier University. Jason is from L'Etete, NB and has volunteered at Back Bay Christian Camp for years and served as a paid intern at Fredericton Church of Christ. He also was a Content Specialist for canadaeast.com. He is a non-traditional student with a BA Degree from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB. He earned his Bachelor of Bible and Ministry Degree from MCC in May.



2010 KT Norris Lectures

January 26-29

Maritime Christian College will celebrate fifty years during the 2010 KT Norris Lectures. Three guest speakers have been invited for the special event. The 2010 theme is: **Into God?**



John & Stefanie Cassetto

Manchester Christian Church
Manchester, New Hampshire

Worship



Dr. Richard Knopp

Lincoln Christian Seminary
Lincoln, Illinois

Christian Worldview



Dr. David Roadcup

Cincinnati Christian University
Cincinnati, Ohio

Spiritual Formation

Alumni Updates



Chris ('95) and Mari Lynn (Lewis) ('93) Darrach are pleased to announce the birth of Gideon Christopher (8lbs, 2oz, 19") who was born May 7, 2009. Canaan and Hunter are pictured with their new brother.

Dave and Lisa (Rancourt) ('00) Ellsworth are pleased to announce the birth of Jacob David (8lbs, 14oz, 19") who was born May 29, 2009.



Jason ('09) & Laura (Osborne) McVicar were married on March 14, 2009 in Cornwall, PEI. They reside in Alexandra, PEI.

Trevor ('01) & Tina (Thurlow) ('01) Sansom are pleased to announce the birth of William (Will) John David (7lbs, 14oz, 19.75") who was born June 1, 2009.



James ('09) & Shannon (Nicholson) ('07) Stevenson were married on May 23, 2009 in Halifax, NS. They reside in Canoe Cove, PEI.

Randy ('06) & Sara (Garnett) ('05) Thurlow graduated from Lincoln Christian College on May 16, 2009. Randy received a BA Degree in Preaching and Sara received a BA Degree in Spiritual Formation.



Awards & Recipients



Front Row: Valerie Osborne, Robbie Sevilla, Vincent Arsenault, Abby McCullough, Tom Marshall

Back Row: Fred Osborne, Jason McVicar, Ben Rayner, James Stevenson, Darrell Haines, John MacDonald

The Preston & Jessie Beck Memorial Award
Robbie Sevilla \$100

The John & Blanche Cameron Memorial Award
Vincent Arsenault \$100

The Burtis M. Crouse Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jason McVicar \$400 & Robbie Sevilla \$400

The Elocution Award
James Stevenson \$250

The Faculty Award
James Stevenson \$100

The Blair & Erma Hackett Award
Robbie Sevilla \$250

The R. Eldon Hickox Memorial Award
Darrell Haines \$350

The Kingdom Building Award
James Stevenson \$150

The L'Etete Church of Christ Timothy Award
Jason McVicar \$1,000

The Mary & Martha Auxiliary Award
Abby McCullough \$150

The Memorial Award for Scholastic Excellence
James Stevenson \$200

Full Tuition Scholarship Award
Vincent Arsenault \$4,160 (tuition credit)

Ladies Retreat



Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, spoke on prayer at the spring Ladies Retreat in L'Etete, NB, on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Over fifty ladies participated in the event.

Laundry Room Facelift



Les Farewell and Harold Nicholson admire their handiwork as they have completed installing cabinets in the laundry room. They began renovations at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The laundry room received a new tile floor, new cabinets and refinished sinks for a new facelift.

Many volunteers provide countless hours of their time to improve the College facilities. Maritime Christian College staff would like to thank Harold and Dorothy Nicholson, Mary Hickox, Mary Johnston and other volunteers for their valuable time in making MCC a great place to work and live for the students and staff.



In Loving Memory March 14, 2009 – June 10, 2009

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Garnet & Mary Jones; Heather Jones

BURT, NEIL – Charlottetown, PE
Ruth Burt

CALHOUN, ARDEAN – Burt's Corner, NB
Isabell Calhoun

**CRAIG, JAMES & KATHERINE –
Charlottetown, PE**

Bill & Grace Wood

DUNPHY, MARLENE – Nanaimo, BC
Garnet & Mary Jones; Heather Jones

ESTEY, DAVID – Duncan, BC
Garnet & Mary Jones; Heather Jones

FERRIS, ERMA – Hunter River, PE
Merle & Audrey Zimmerman

HERRING, LOUIS F. – Murray Harbour, PE
Carrie Herring; Elaine Herring

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Allison MacMillan

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Murray Harbour, PE**

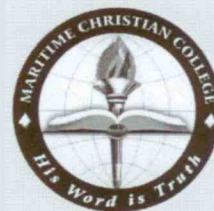
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In Honor of Graduation

STEVENSON, JAMES – Stratford, PE
Susan Strickland



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