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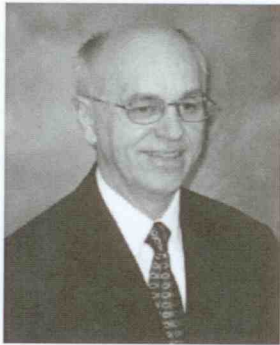
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Message From The President



*“...see God
working...”*

This coming May Eileen Tanner will lead another team to Poland. This group will have four students from MCC: John MacDonald, Valerie Osborne, Courtney Saunders and Robbie Sevilla. They will visit Graceland Ministries, a mission that teaches English as a second language using the Bible as a major teaching tool. MCC students will learn first-hand how missions impact the world for Christ.

Andy Rayner ('90) an MCC alumnus, along with his son Ted, revisited congregations in Ivory Coast established by Andy on previous mission trips. It is a joy to have a graduate faithfully take their MCC training onto the mission field.

Abby McCullough, a student at MCC, joined a mission team serving in Haiti at the beginning of the semester. When one is willing to learn and share their faith, God will lead them on amazing adventures in world missions.

In February I had the privilege to visit Westway Christian Church in Toronto to share with them some news and events about the College. It was great to get reacquainted with **Donald Stevenson ('65)** who serves there as an elder.

While in Ontario, I met with Jim (Senior Pastor) and Claudia (Business Manager) Tune from Churchill Meadows Christian Church. I also met with **Jamie MacKay ('88)** their Worship Leader. The church will begin construction of their new building this spring. I was excited to see God working in Mississauga.

Robbie Sevilla and John MacDonald traveled to Ontario for Winter Rally, a senior high youth conference. Robbie and John encouraged the youth to attend Bible College as a way to broaden their knowledge of Scripture.

The College will go on Tour again this spring with, “Jail Break, The Final Solution.” The annual road trip is a highlight for our students because it gives them an opportunity to visit local congregations.

Each time I hear about MCC alumni or students participating in Kingdom building I am encouraged that your prayers and support for the College are paying rich dividends.

Fred C. Osborne

Dr. Gary Johnson captured the audiences' attention during the KT Norris Lectures. *"I thought the lectures were great this year! Gary Johnson was incredibly informative and amazingly challenging..."* commented David Marshall, Associate Minister of Central Christian Church.

Gary explored leadership principles found within the Scriptures that have been the basis for Indian Creek's ministry in Indianapolis, Indiana. He encouraged the attendees to examine their own church leadership culture. Indian Creek specializes in leadership training, and Gary appreciated the opportunity to visit.

"I enjoyed Gary's comments about elder directed churches," said Garth Linkletter, Central Street Christian Church. *"It was pretty interesting how they run church in Indianapolis. It gave me new ideas on how churches can operate."*

When asked about Gary's messages, President Osborne said, *"He described their leadership's ability to move forward. For example, the elders sign a Covenant Agreement, holding themselves accountable to each other and the church."*

Likewise, Gary challenged the evening audiences with relevant messages. A different worship team opened the evening service throughout the week. The Lectureship Choir, lead by Wilma Hanscome, sang on two of the evenings. The David Marshall Band led music during the youth night on Wednesday evening.

Two other events during the week were the Alumni Dinner Thursday evening and lunch with the speaker on Friday. In both instances Gary and his wife Leah actively participated and felt quite at home with the attendees. The question and answer period on Friday proved to be of great interest. Quite a few people eagerly wanted to know Gary's opinion on leadership matters. One particular question highlighted Gary's covenant relationship with an elder within the church and how they work together as a team.

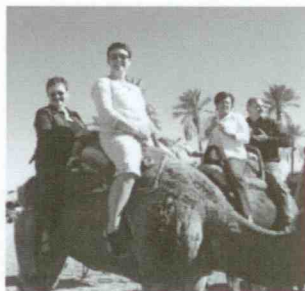
"Gary hit a nerve among the leaders," said Tom Marshall, Academic Professor at MCC. *"Many commented to me about questions they have concerning their own church leadership. It's important to get a fresh perspective sometimes to see how we can improve."*

Elder Directed Churches



"...hit a nerve..."

Faculty Member Tours the Holy Land



Thirty six Christians traveled with Dr. Paul Boatman and Dr. Robert Lowery, from Lincoln Christian Seminary, to Israel. Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, joined the tour group

over the Christmas break.

Eileen visited the Sea of Galilee in Tiberias. "We had the privilege to experience being on the Sea in a wooden boat," she said, "To have devotions there with the sun reflecting off the water, to quietly consider Jesus' Sermon on the Mount at the gently sloping land leading to the Galilee shore."



The tour followed the Jordan River down to the Dead Sea; they saw Mt. Gilboa where Saul and his sons died and Beth-Shan where the Philistines displayed their bodies. They passed through the valley of Elah where David slew the giant Goliath, floated on the Dead Sea, drove through the Wilderness and visited Masada.

Tom Wright wrote in his book *The Way of the Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today*, "It is the place where we are to learn new things about ourselves and about God...to be more in tune with our whole selves. One of the reasons God brings us into the wilderness is that He longs for us to be more integrated, more in tune with our whole selves...and in discovering the depths within our own hearts we would discover the depths of the heart of God."

The group ascended to Jerusalem, "We walked on the first century street right next to the Temple Mount, where Jesus would have walked," Eileen said. They visited the Mount of Olives and stood among the ancient olive trees where Jesus prayed. "It was such an experience to be where Jesus wrestled in prayer with His Father over what was still to come."



"This opportunity to walk in the Holy Land, and to share with wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, is forever embedded within my heart," said Eileen. "When I read the Scriptures, I see clearly the landscape where the events happened and the words, stories and commands become even more real and resonate within me. Jesus walked and talked, suffered and died and rose again, in that place, **for me and for you!**"

Alan M. Smith Summer Session



The Use of Humor In Preaching

July 6-10, 2009

By Dr. Jeff Snell
Lincoln Christian Seminary

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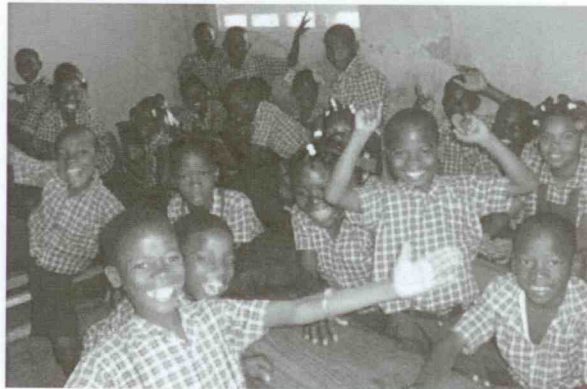
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"Humor, like any powerful tool, must be handled carefully and employed strategically. When it is, preachers can help hearers better understand biblical texts, and the purposes of those texts can be more effectively achieved. I look forward to studying this subject with an always delightful group of people. I hope you'll join us," said Dr. Snell.

Student Visits Haiti

Abby McCullough, a second year student, travelled to Haiti in January. She joined the Haiti Mission Team which included Jim and Kim Dewar, Dr. Anita McElroy and Travis Patterson. The team provided help and medical attention at TLC Barefoot School, area villages and orphanages.

"One highlight for me was meeting a little four year old named Patrick," said Abby. "He was from a village...wiped out by two hurricanes... leaving himself and twenty other children on the (orphanage) roof for ten days...I went over and picked him up. He smiled. Until that moment I had no idea why God had taken me to such a place as Haiti."



After returning home, Abby shared with Murray Harbour Church of Christ the many needs in Haiti. The church has raised funds to purchase dictionaries for TLC Barefoot School.

Position Available

Director of Admissions

Contact the College Office for job summary and details.

Closing Date: April 24, 2009

Submit resume to:

Board Executive, Maritime Christian College
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Winter Rally

Two students, John MacDonald and Robbie Sevilla, traveled to Shelburne, Ontario for the Winter Rally for high school students.

"Robbie and I went during the first week of February... and talked about what we are learning at the College," said John, a first year student.



Each year Maritime Christian College sends representatives to Winter Rally in Ontario. John MacDonald is the son of Grant MacDonald who preaches at Keele Street in Toronto. Robbie Sevilla, a third year student, is a member of Keele Street congregation and is studying Ministry at the College.

"It was good to talk with the kids and learn about what they want to do in the future," said Robbie. *"I personally expressed that having a good foundation in what they believe and their faith in God will play a great deal in their lives wherever they choose to go."*

Men's Retreat

The L'Etete Church of Christ held its 4th Annual Men's Retreat on February 7, 2009. The speakers for the retreat were Paul Stewart, Garnett Settlement Christian Church and Jason McVicar, MCC student.

Jason opened the retreat with a message titled "Foundations of Prayer"; Paul closed the day with a message titled



exploring the "Untapped Power of Prayer." It was a great day of encouragement and growth for the fifty-two men who came from the three Maritime Provinces to be part of the one day event. An attendee said, "What a true blessing it is to have men getting together to worship God in this way." The men raised \$1,000 for Bayview Christian Camp.

Alumnus Visits Africa



Andy Rayner, Rayner Christian Mission, and his son Ted, traveled to Ivory Coast in West Africa on a short mission trip in January and February.

This is Andy's fourth mission trip since the Rayners left in 2000 after serving five years among the Agni. The goals for the 2009 trip were to revisit church plants, teach a course on church planting, install irrigation systems and research the Marka People Group in Burkina Faso.

They arrived in Abidjan on January 11 and traveled north to Abengourou. Once there, Andy visited with church leaders. *"They truly have launched out and really started to take simple church planting to heart,"* commented Andy, on his blog. *"These men are normal people like you and I who work for a living and serve on the side."*

While there, Ted Rayner installed irrigation systems for farmers. *"We wish to encourage them with simple solutions to their physical problems as well,"* wrote Andy. *"The men were impressed that we had come to help them as poor people. I told them it was not Ted and I alone, that behind us are many other Christians who have sent us here, and that it was because of Jesus we are pushed to love others this way. Consider that they are all Muslim people."*



"We are literally fighting the blindness, and spiritual 'blockers' that prevent people having hope of any kind," said Andy.

Andy and Ted returned home early after completing all their objectives in five weeks instead of the planned six. *"We are literally fighting the blindness, and*

Lucky Seven Victory



After six years of crushing defeats, the MCC Hammers attained a lucky seven victory (58-51) over the Alumni in the annual Spencer Cup. Both teams met on the basketball court at the UPEI gym during the KT Norris Lectures.

"It was destiny," said James Stevenson, when asked about their victory.

"Luck...all luck! After six straight years of alumni sports domination the alumni had an off-day," said Greg Nicholson. *"The student's team also had some pretty good players."*

John MacDonald, coach of the winning team, said, *"My coaching ability played its part."*

"The students really played hard this year," said David Marshall. *"It was really great to see new student Ian Cameron (not currently enrolled) out there scoring all their points."*

President Osborne's response, *"finally!"*

Alumni Get Rowdy



Things get a bit dicey for Joel Bridges ('07) during the Alumni Dinner when Matt McGonnell ('02) greets him before the game.

Brenton Dickieson ('97) led the alumni in a game of *Music Mania* written by **Chris Darrach ('95)**. **Mari Lynn Darrach ('93)** catered the event.

Alumni Updates



Ben ('06) & Jacquelyn Foreman are pleased to announce the birth of Jovie Grace Foreman (6lbs, 10oz, 19") born February 19, 2009.



Andy Rayner ('90) became the PEI Coordinator for the World Class Mission Training Program "Perspectives On the World Christian Movement" developed by the US Center for World Mission.



Greg Nicholson ('83) celebrated 20 years of ministry at Halifax Christian Church, NS on December 1, 2008.



Dave & Teri (Hollis) ('81) Wilson celebrated 10 years of ministry at First Christian Church of Jonesboro, GA in July 2008.

In Loving Memory December 16, 2008 – March 13, 2009

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Heather Jones

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Al & Sheila DeCoste

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Al & Sheila DeCoste

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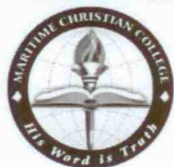
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APRIL 26	7:00PM	HALIFAX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NS
APRIL 27	7:00PM	SOUTH RANGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NS
APRIL 29	7:00PM	MONTAGUE CHURCH OF CHRIST, PE
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