

# Maritime Messenger

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## Message From The President



*“...spirit of  
graciousness...”*

**M**aritime Christian College is celebrating fifty years of partnering with supporting churches for training and educating individuals with a heart for the Kingdom. Vida Cass and Merle Zimmerman answered the call to commit their lives to Christian ministry over fifty years ago. Vida and Merle both stressed the importance of having family support which made it possible for them to serve. It was a privilege for MCC to bestow two honorary degrees to servants of the Kingdom.

They offered encouragement to graduates Vincent Arsenault, now serving with Crossroads Christian Church, and Robbie Sevilla, now serving with Churchill Meadows Christian Church. Robbie left MCC with a degree in theology, and with our youngest daughter Valerie as his wife. Grant MacDonald from Keele Street Christian Church was our guest speaker, sharing a message of *“Your Word is Truth”* as our source for inspiration in serving Christ through all challenges.

Serving now for ten years as president, I have seen and experienced many blessings. For example, MCC partnered with the Maritime Christian Fellowship by bringing Ben Merold and Mark Taylor to the Island. They offered workshops on *“Releasing The Power of The Small Church.”*

Dr. Rich Knopp, Dr. David Roadcup along with John and Stefanie Cassetto inspired us during the 2010 K.T. Norris Lectures. We extended our visit with the Cassetto’s by taking a Tour of New England Churches, focusing upon Restoration House Ministries (RHM) in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Lecturers can come to the Maritimes and share about their growth experiences, but to actually see it firsthand solidifies it in our minds. We visited movie theatres, hotels, and warehouses where believers come to worship. I saw a spirit of graciousness among the church leaders. Brother Dan Clymer (RHM) has created a team of experienced individuals who work behind the scenes to aid those church leaders in their thirties and forties who are out front, preaching, worship leading and discipling. We have heard about the growth in New England, and now we have seen it with our own eyes. It is more than paint, more than buildings and more than furniture; it is about being gracious and serving faithfully for fifty years; it is about going beyond our comfort zones and graciously serving with all generations.

**Fred C. Osborne**

Vincent Arsenault, BA (Bible), shares a humorous poem about Kate Turabian, the author of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, a required text for College papers, during his remarks given at the Graduation Banquet held May 1, 2010.



Grant MacDonald regaled the audience with ministry related anecdotes which he experienced over the years. He was the guest speaker for the banquet and the graduation service. He is the Minister at Keele Street Church of Christ where Robbie Sevilla, BA (Bible), is a member.

Robbie presented the valedictorian address during the graduation service, and on cue, he and classmate Vincent shouted their relief at graduating. Mr. and Mrs. Renato Sevilla flew in from Toronto to witness their son's graduation, and stayed over until their son's marriage to Valerie Osborne the following Saturday.

Courtney Saunders received her Biblical Studies Certificate after completing her first year courses.



Abby McCullough received a Perspectives Certificate for completing the Perspectives Study Program taught by Andy Rayner, Valley Christian Church. The Program instructs students about missions and the need for evangelism. Vincent Arsenault, Darrell Haines, Ben Rayner, Ted Rayner, Robbie Sevilla and James Stevenson also received Certificates.

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, two honorary doctorate degrees were granted to Vida Cass and Merle Zimmerman.



Merle has served for thirty-six years on the Maritime Christian College Board and has ministered at Fredericton, Breadalbane and New Glasgow, PE; Southville, Weymouth and South Range, NS; and Fredericton, NB. He was called to be College President in 1996 and served for five years. *"The one thing I may have accomplished (with the Lord) at the College was helping the College bring down its debt."*

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## Grads Celebrate



*"...two honorary doctorate degrees..."*

## Maritimers In New England

President Fred Osborne and Academic Dean Tom Marshall led twenty-six participants on a New England Church Tour April 23-27, 2010. Restoration House Ministries, a church planting mission for New England, hosted the group during the tour. Dan Clymer, Executive Director of Restoration House, organized visits to several different worship experiences around New England from Portland, Maine to Lincoln, Rhode Island. *"We saw churches in warehouses, strip malls, movie theatres, hotel ballrooms, as well as church buildings,"* said Tim Cook, Worship and Arts Director, Halifax Christian Church. *"All of the locations were strategically chosen to match the target audience in each case."*



*"Crossway Church in Nashua made you feel welcome,"* said Greg Nicholson, during his visit to a traditional church setting. *"The highlight of my experience was in getting to talk to Dan Clymer and hearing him speak about the church planting team that they have in place."*



The purpose for the tour was to create positive experiences for College students and Church leaders as they visited diverse ministries begun along the East Coast where the average individual gives more per capita to political causes rather than to the church.

*"The churches in the Maritimes face a similar challenge,"* said Tom Marshall. *"The un-churched view organized religion as irrelevant to their lives except for weddings, funerals and christenings."*



*"Reunion Christian Church meets in downtown Boston at a hotel,"* said James Stevenson. *"The highlight of my Sunday experience was speaking with the lead*

*planter of the church in which he gave me advice that works for any church."*

The tour visited Rockingham Christian Church in Salem, New Hampshire where the Church spent \$70,000 on renovations to their industrial park location in order to reach more people. The staff sacrificed office space in exchange for more room for an additional one hundred seats. They recently prepared ten thousand Easter eggs for their community sponsored Easter Egg hunt. *"Four times a year the church holds community events designed specifically for outreach,"* said Dan Clymer. *"They follow up these major events with smaller events to let the community know they care. Right now they are one of two churches reaching the community with the gospel."*

When asked about the trip to Restoration House Ministries, Fred Osborne commented, *"Working relationships between the generations impressed me. The younger generation were the arrows, the ones making things happen in the churches, while the older generation were like the bows, behind the scenes giving support; each complementing the other. It was a refreshing combination to see Dan Clymer and Mike Shryock work behind the scenes on behalf of the younger generation."*

*"I was overwhelmed by Manchester Christian Church, and I said to myself, 'We could never do this,'"* commented Jana Burns. *"But I saw Rockingham Christian Church, and I said to myself, 'We could do this.'"*



*"I appreciated the clarity that Dan Clymer had to share...between the missional church and the attractational church,"* said Mike Burns. *"...Balance is needed if we are to fully appreciate our part in growing Christ's church."*

# Multi-National Fun Night

Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, called out names as President Fred Osborne hands certificates to participants in Maritime Christian College's English Language Pilate Project on Thursday, May 6, 2010.



*"I felt like family getting together to share food and laughing," said Vanessa Lee. "...the party combined with the graduation ...reviewed what we learned through playing games. How fantastic it was!"*

There were two classes with sixteen students from five different countries: South Korea, China, Taiwan, Singapore and Iran. Students learned about Jacob's son Joseph while practicing their English skills in class and during coffee time. MCC acquired the bible based curriculum from Graceland Ministries and modeled methods and classes after them.

## New FRIENDS Speak Out

Eighteen individuals became FRIENDS of the College since January. Two individuals share their reason for supporting MCC on a monthly basis.



*"As part of the Maritime Christian family it is our responsibility to support MCC," said Susan Ingalls, L'Etete, NB. "The College is a good place for our children to go and get a solid start in their new life. I believe if a person is able to attend the college for even one year it is a year well spent."*

*"When I saw the appeal in print I just had to respond and become a Friend," said Vida Cass, Charlottetown, PE.*



The FRIENDS Program has supporters in six provinces and two states. *"The monthly support for the College is critical,"* said Fred Osborne. *"Small commitments make a big difference toward the College's stability."*

A FRIEND is a monthly supporter of the College with at least a \$5 donation. Monies raised go toward the general fund to cover operating expenses, salaries, library acquisitions and special speakers.

MCC's English Language Pilate Project made use of many volunteers, on average two per night on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. College students earned credit for their work while Linda Nicholson and Jeremy Outhouse should be recognized for their help from the community.



*"It was immediately evident that the students were very appreciative of the help offered by MCC, the teachers and volunteers. Meeting these dedicated and enthusiastic new Canadians from all over the globe was a real blessing and a whole lot of fun,"* said Linda Nicholson. *"I really admire their courage and determination to start over in Canada and tackle the, often perplexing, English language. Being part of the class also challenged me to brush up on my own grammar too, eh."*

## A Moment In Time

Eileen Tanner points out a secretary photo to Mary Hickox and Meda Osborne in the College Heritage Room. Mary served as Secretary from 1964-1976. The room contains furniture from Kenneth T. Norris' office, and an array of church photos, College memorabilia and early pictures of students at MCC. *"We tried to include all the decades,"* said Eileen Tanner. *"Others need to remember the impact Christians made during the College's fifty years."*



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### Director of Admissions

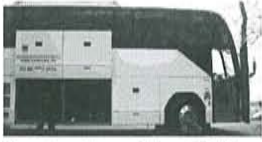
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## President to Cruise Island



President Fred Osborne and Victor McCullough, Murray Harbour Church of Christ, will lead a bus tour of historic Island Churches on Saturday September 11, 2010 as part of Maritime Christian College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The itinerary will include visits to:

- Crossroads Church of Christ in Stratford
- New Glasgow Church of Christ in New Glasgow
- Central Street Christian Church in Summerside

The tour will conclude with a lobster supper. Please contact the College Office for pricing and to reserve your seat.

## Alumni Updates

**Dan ('06) & Janelle Foreman** are pleased to announce the birth of Kyla Marie Dawn Foreman (9 lbs, 13 oz, 20.75") who was born May 30, 2010.



**Darrell ('09) & Amanda (Brooks) Haines** were married May 29, 2010 in Digby, NS where they are currently living and participating in ministry.

**Jim & Samara (Stockton) ('07) Midgett** were married July 15, 2009 in Halifax, NS. They reside in Halifax where Jim is Associate Pastor at Halifax Christian Church and Samara is studying at Dalhousie University for a BA in French and Spanish.



**Robbie ('10) & Valerie (Osborne) ('09) Sevilla** were married May 8, 2010 in Cornwall, PE. Robbie began as Youth Minister at Churchill Meadows Christian Church, Mississauga, ON in June.

**Kevin ('06) & Stephanie (Connelly) ('08) Weare** were married June 21, 2008 in Saint John, NB where they now reside.



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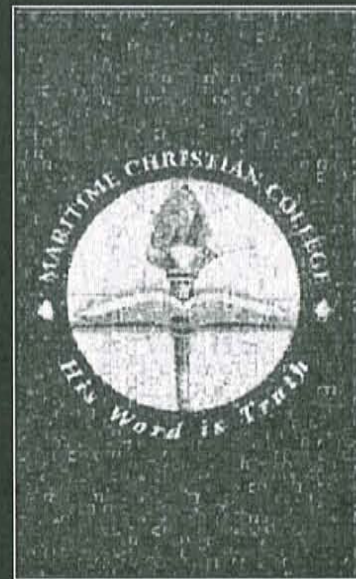


(Cont. from page 3) Vida has served forty years on the mission field in six different countries. She served in India, Brazil, Indonesia, Portugal, Bangladesh and Ivory Coast.

At fifteen she accepted the challenge to become a missionary and began nurse's training at eighteen. She completed her RN Degree from Alberta Bible College.

*"I was totally overwhelmed in my spirit," said Vida. "I just want to thank you and all the staff for giving me the privilege and honour of sharing during graduation exercises."*

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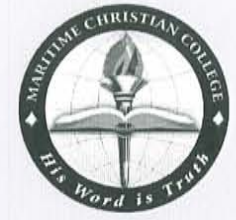
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## Founding President Reminisces

Dr. Charles Presely was the founding President of Lexington Christian Bible College (Kentucky), Maritime Christian College and Christian Heritage School of Ministry (Texas). "I was only 34 or 35 when we served among you," said Charles Herndon. "If I had it in me I would still tackle another presidency today."

"My father faithfully preached the Word of God," said Joseph M. Herndon. "Among his memories held most precious is the time our family spent in Canada while he was helping to establish Maritime Christian College."



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**Day 9**

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**Day 10**

Pyramids/Sphinx/Egyptian Museum/Coptic Cairo

**Day 11**

Cairo/New York

*"...when I read my Bible, I  
am there watching it unfold,  
with all the colours and  
backgrounds."*



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