

# Maritime Messenger

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## Message From The President



*“...continuing the  
dialogue...”*

**T**raveling to supporting congregations for Maritime Christian College is like visiting family, the roots go deep. Ben Foreman and I visited Ontario in February to participate in Winter Rally, a conference for high school students. I had the privilege to visit Keele Street Christian Church and Churchill Meadows Christian Church, where my son-in-law Robbie Sevilla is Youth Minister. God’s faithfulness and trust in his people are evident in both churches as they reach the community with the Gospel.

It was great to participate in L’Etete’s mens retreat and worship with God’s people at Sherwood Church of Christ and Murray Harbour Church of Christ. It is always an honour to thank them for their support of Maritime Christian College, whether it is through regular giving or special offerings like Murray Harbour’s gift to the College Library.

There has been a positive response from the Lectures this year. Individuals commented about how practical the messages were. Peter has expressed interest in continuing the dialogue about building a powerful life with interested churches and individuals. There was one slight complication during Lectures with Thursday being cancelled due to weather, but people shoveled themselves out and made it to Friday’s Lectures.

As another College year draws to a close, our students will be serving with Christian Camps, traveling on short term missions to Haiti and serving God within the local congregation. We seek your prayers for our students as they find their place of service in His Kingdom.

The College received a website facelift, with the help of Tapesa Media from NB. It is important to have a good web presence as the school regularly receives requests for information from individuals visiting our website.

Another constant for the College is financial support. I recently appealed to our supporters for gifts that will help us as we go into the summer months. Please consider this appeal as we want to reduce the \$80,000 overdraft.

**Fred C. Osborne**

**T**wenty-eight individuals pose atop Masada during the 2011 Maritime Christian College Holy Land Tour lead by Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, and Tom Marshall, Academic Dean, in partnership with Maranatha Tours, Phoenix, Arizona. The political uprisings in Egypt caused immediate difficulties for the Tour due to the mass exodus of foreigners from Cairo. Originally, the MCC Holy Land Tour was scheduled to visit Mt. Sinai and the Great Pyramids in Cairo where the uprisings occurred. Rome was selected as an alternate destination for the remaining three days of the ten day tour. *“Maranatha Tours and Lisa Goodwin of Travel Professionals International were a life saver,”* said Eileen, who spearheaded the hectic rearrangements.

*“As soon as the protestors filled the square in Cairo I knew Egypt was not an option,”* said Tom. *“These types of events take time to settle down. Eileen, Lisa, and Maranatha Tours did all the work. The whole tour industry was in chaos, but they gave us a great trip.”*

The Tour stayed at Tiberias beside the Sea of Galilee, and visited Capernaum, Bethsaida and Nazareth after a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. *“I was really excited to be there where Jesus walked*



*on the water and performed many of his miracles,”* said Ron Henderson, minister at Nauwigewauk Christian Church, NB. *“It did me good to get away. I wanted to do this for a long time, and going with people I knew made it a wonderful experience.”*

Jerusalem and Bethlehem were next on the tour, and three fast paced days flew by visiting the Old City, Caiphus’ house, the Upper Room and Wailing Wall, along with a visit to the Garden Tomb and a shepherds cave. *“There was so much to see. It was hard to keep the mind from going in circles,”* said Gwen Thompson of Montague. The Tour visited the Dead Sea area stopping at Jericho, Qumran, Masada and the Dead Sea. *“I enjoyed being down in Jericho. It was quiet and relaxing with a slower pace,”* said Gwen. After a night’s stay at the Dead Sea they traveled back to Tel Aviv and caught a flight to Rome.

Besides Brad Laidlaw having his luggage misplaced by the airline, the weather, with its down pouring conditions, made visiting the Colosseum and Roman Forum a water logged and shoe drying experience. The group toured the Vatican Museum, and the Sistine Chapel, in addition to shopping and enjoying Italian cuisine, especially gelato.

*“I appreciated the wonderful trip,”* said Anna Buchanan, O’Leary, PEI. *“Israel was not how I pictured it at all. It was wonderful to see all the places we have heard about since childhood. If I remember a quarter of what I heard and saw I will do well.”*

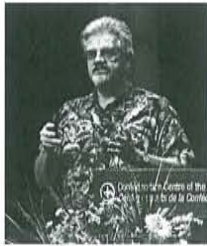
## Where Jesus Walked



*“It did me good to get away.”*

## Braced and Practical

Peter Bowyer donned a Hawaiian shirt and bare feet while recounting Hurricane Juan during the Wednesday evening session at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. *"God has given tools to train us...Isaiah 61:10 and Ephesians 6,"* said Peter. *"We've been given the protective gear to deal effectively with these hijacking forces, to deal with hazards of incongruent behavior. We need our own emergency management cycle (to build a powerful life): 1 Timothy 4 speaks about training in righteousness."*



Peter explained his Omega program each morning by revealing the four dimensions of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual growth. He charted out for the audience their need for a deep spiritual perspective based upon the Son.



*"This year's Lectures were very different than the few years I have been able to attend,"* said Randy Thurlow, minister at O'Leary and Geenmount Churches of Christ. *"The Lectures were very practical and a change of pace that resonated with a lot of people."*

John Macdonald, Montague, PE commented, *"This series of Lectures was extremely practical; different than anything we've had, I thought it was a good thing."*



For the first time in living memory, the KT Norris Lectures were cancelled Thursday morning and evening due to a winter storm.

*"In 1992 we relocated one morning to Zion Presbyterian Church,"* said Fred Osborne, *"because of a heating problem at Central Christian Church. Ben Alexander was speaking about Hell, but the heat was out."*

## Nor'easter in Ontario

President Fred Osborne and Ben Foreman, Director of Admissions, cooled off at Winter Rally in February. Ben spoke to high school students at Ontario Christian Assembly, Shelburne, Ontario. *"A great time was had by everyone who attended as we engaged in bible study, food, worship, mini-stick hockey (my team won!) and fellowship,"* said Ben. *"It was great to meet so many of the youth and I am encouraged by their work."*



Fred said, *"As well as attending Winter Rally we had a tour of the new Churchill Meadows Building in Mississauga. We also sat in on a planning meeting with staff from Churchill Meadows, where Robbie Sevilla ('10) is the youth minister."* Churchill



Meadows recently had a grand opening of their new facilities. *"I had the privilege of preaching at both morning services at Keele Street Christian Church on Sunday,"* Fred said. *"Keele is a faithful supporter of MCC and it is a blessing to hear how they are doing."*

## Graduation 2011

Watching How We Live  
I Timothy 4:11-16

**Dan Foreman**  
Associate Minister  
Burt's Corner Church of Christ, NB



**Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 am**  
MCC Chapel

## New Board Member



Graham Crandall, Minister at Burt's Corner Church of Christ, NB joined the College Board in January 2011.

# Alumni Aid Bankagooma People



January 4, 2011, Andy ('90) and Lynn ('86) Rayner, Man of Peace Development (formerly Rayner Christian Mission), traveled to Eastern Mali to

begin work with the Bankagooma People in West Africa. The trip to Mali began in 2006 with four years preparation and research, including an assessment visit, irrigation procurement and travel permits. The goal is to reach a people group who ten years earlier would have thrown rocks at African Christians or non-governmental organizations coming into the area.

*"The Mayor Mr. Traoure was flabbergasted that a couple Canadians found them,"* said Andy Rayner. *"He gave all the statistics on the region and welcomed us to the area."*



The Rayners set up a base in Sikasso to learn the Bambara language and make preparations for working with the Bankagooma



people. *"The chief gave permission for us to have property on the East side of the village. Traditionally, villages only grow to the West, and this is a sign Man of Peace Development has been accepted by the leaders."*



Like the Apostle Paul on his second missionary trip, the Rayners will return for a follow up visit to Mali. *"When I come back in the Fall I will give one irrigation system for each family in the village who has completed the following: (1) buy their own bucket; (2) prepare the land; (3) buy seeds; (4) protect their garden."* Meeting a need is the first step in presenting Christ to an unreached people group. *"These are people at the bottom. They literally have nothing."*



[www.ManofPeaceDevelopment.org](http://www.ManofPeaceDevelopment.org)

## L'Etete Mens' Retreat

L'Etete Church of Christ hosted their annual men's retreat in L'Etete, NB in February.

President Fred Osborne joined the retreat to hear Avery Mullen, Southville, NS, speak. *"Avery and Giles shared from Scripture and personal experience what it means to be a Christian in our time,"* said Fred. *"I was struck by Avery's account about how somebody ministering to his grandson, and the message spoken to the grandson, made an impact on him. The gospel goes out broadly like an echo and not like a beam in the way it reaches people."*

Giles Mullen ('00), minister at L'Etete Church of Christ, commented, *"I invited my uncle, Avery, to speak because he is no stranger to difficulty, since being diagnosed with cancer. He definitely has a heart for the church and the growth of the church."*

## Teaching from Exodus

**Dr. Jeff Snell**

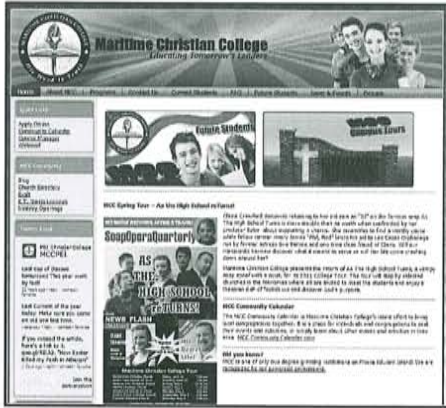
Doctor of Ministry Director  
Associate Dean  
Associate Professor of Preaching  
Lincoln Christian Seminary



July 11-15, 2011 the Alan M. Smith Summer Session will explore the book of Exodus. Dr. Jeff Snell returns for another informative week long study. *"Join us for an exploration of how to preach effectively from Exodus, and discover its historic and contemporary significance for Christian spiritual growth,"* said Dr. Snell.

Contact us at [registrar@mccpei.com](mailto:registrar@mccpei.com) or 902-628-8887 for more information or to register by May 13, 2011.

## Website Facelift



Maritime Christian College received a new website facelift by Tapesa Media, Fredericton, NB. “Derek McLaughlin brought in his expertise to make our website succinct and easier to navigate,” said Ben Foreman, Director of Admissions. “Derek has installed and trained

us on Moodle, an Education software, that will enable our professors and students to submit and receive assignments, notes and tests via the website.”

The new website includes a Community Calendar where Maritime churches can post announcements about events within their community. Contact the College with all the essential information about the event or happening.

In addition, PayPal, an online payment tool, has been added to help online visitors donate to the College. Each donation receives a tax receipt for Revenue Canada.

“We find PayPal very convenient so that when we feel lead to give, we can do it instantly,” said Penny Carew, North Wiltshire, PE. “We hardly ever use cash...having PayPal as an option gives us the ability to give the easiest way possible for us.”



The College is also on Facebook and twitter social media. “We’ve had several responses to our presence on Facebook and twitter,” said Ben. “These encounters are prospective students...and our College benefits from the new facelift.”

## Dean’s List

1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2010-2011



Josh Stevenson  
Lily Gilbert  
Brad Cameron  
Tayte Willows  
Katelyn Richardson  
Mark Richards

Students completing a minimum of 15 semester hours with an average of 3.00 G.P.A. or above.

## Harbour Hosts Talks



Attendees from Murray Harbour and Montague pose for a photograph during the spring sessions at Murray Harbour Church of Christ, April 10-13, 2011. Murray Harbour invited Ben Foreman, Director of Admissions and Tom Marshall, Academic Dean to lead the evening and morning sessions.

“My messages were on social conflict,” said Ben. “Forgiveness was the big one, whether it is misunderstanding, gossip or confrontation, if there is no forgiveness at the end of the others then none of it really mattered.”

## FRIENDS Giving

The general fund was given a slight boost through increased FRIENDS giving of 7% last year. It was reported in the June 2010 Maritime Messenger that eighteen new FRIENDS signed up for monthly giving. “New FRIENDS supporters sign up and others have to stop for various reasons,” said Penny Ching, Administrative Assistant, “the gist of it is we had one less FRIENDS supporter in 2010 than 2009, but FRIENDS giving has increased monthly by \$495.”

The College still needs \$7,000 per month more to meet expenses.

## Strategic Plan

As part of the School’s strategic planning process consultants are brought in to refine and advance the College mission. Art Maxwell, retired Academic Dean at Bethany Bible College, will visit the campus May 9-10, 2011. “Art brings fresh eyes and experience to issues like student enrolment, finances, and management,” said Fred Osborne.

# In Loving Memory

## December 18, 2010 – April 13, 2011

**BELL, GAVIN – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Cynthia Bell; Elva Bell; Gregory & Laurie Bell; David & Sheila MacLeod

**BURT, NEIL – Charlottetown, PE**  
Ruth Burt; Kimble Wood & Elaine Gascon

**CALDER, VERNON – Deer Island, NB**  
Dale & Faye Champion

**COLLICUTT, JEAN M. –**  
Blair & Adrice Collicutt

**CONLEY, FANNIE – Burt's Corner, NB**  
Ida Pugh

**CORNEY, NANCY – Cornwall, PE**  
Vida Cass; Susie MacCallum; Rebecca Matheson

**FIELD, GLORIA – Annapolis County, NS**  
South Range Christian Church

**FOSTER, CHRISTINA – Fredericton, NB**  
Albert & Sheila Decoste

**FOSTER, EUGENE – Fredericton, NB**  
Albert & Sheila Decoste

**FOSTER, RALPH – Burt's Corner, NB**  
Albert & Sheila Decoste

**FOSTER, WILLIAM & VIOLET – Burt's Corner, NB**  
Albert & Sheila Decoste

**HENDERSON, JAMES – Nauwigewauk, NB**  
Ronald Henderson

**HERRING, CARRIE – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Eileen Herring; Victor & Amy McCullough; Frieda Rossol; Susan Strickland; Ralph & Leeta Whitrow

**HERRING, LOUIS & CARRIE – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Elaine Herring; Friend & Florine Herring

**HERRING, MAY & JUNE – Murray River, PE**  
Murray River Church of Christ Ladies

**HICKOX, MARGARET – Charlottetown, PE**  
Donald & Mary Hickox; Rebecca Matheson; Ida Pugh

**KENNY, KATHLEEN – Charlottetown, PE**  
Vida Cass

**MACDOWELL, CELIA – Charlottetown, PE**  
Merle & Audrey Zimmerman

**MACKAY, GORDON M. – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Ruth MacKay

**MACKAY, LAURIE G. – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Ruth MacKay

**MACKAY, SILAS & BERTHA – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Donald & Elizabeth Goudey

**MACLEOD, THOMAS – Fredericton, NB**  
Gordon Weatherby

**MACNEILL, ISABELL – Charlottetown, PE**  
Robert & Sheila Crockett; Erma Hackett; Donald & Mary Hickox; Jeff Khodenhizer; Harold MacDonald; Shirley MacGregor; Norman & Shirly MacKay; Roger & Bonnie May; Betty McCormick; Raye Ready

**MACQUARRIE JR., DONALD – Montauge, PE**  
Donald & Ethel MacQuarrie

**MARSHALL, CHERYL – South Range, NS**  
Murray & Shirley Marshall; Troy & Nancy Rickard

**MARSHALL, GUY – Barton, NS**  
Lorraine Marshall

**MORSE, HELEN – Chiang Mai, Thailand**  
Donald & Mary Hickox; Floyd & Shirley MacKinnon, Lillian MacVicar

**OHL, BRIAN – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Kerrilee Rossignol

**OHL, EARL, GORDIE & BRIAN – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Cynthia Bell; Gregory & Laurie Bell; Shirley Calder

**PATTON, VI –**  
Merle & Audrey Zimmerman

**PRIME, WINNIFRED – Hassett, NS**  
Bruce & Deborah Hankinson

**PUGH, JOSEPH – Sherwood, PE**  
Ida Pugh

**RODGERS, LEONARD & PHYLLIS – Fredericton, NB**  
Albert & Sheila Decoste

**SABEAN, LLOYD – South Range, NS**  
John & Carol James; South Range Christian Church; Merle & Audrey Zimmerman

**SMITH, HOWARD – Deer Island, NB**  
Donald & Mary Hickox

**SPENCER, MURRAY – Burt's Corner, NB**  
Hollis & Donna Grant

**STEVENSON, MILLER – Charlottetown, PE**  
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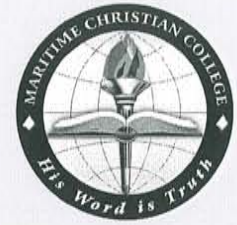
**STRICKLAND, AMBROSE V. – Murray Harbour, PE**  
Susan Strickland

**WOOD, MILTON – Alexandra, PE**  
Kimble Wood & Elaine Gascon

## In Honour Of

**Mildred Pendleton's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Carl & Anne Camick

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