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Message from the President

We're growing

There are two expectations our community has of Tyndale. The first is that we provide first-class education within a Christian worldview, bringing students into a loving relationship with Christ and giving them the credentials needed for their life choices. The newly designated university college gives students an opportunity to complete their university degree in a Christian environment.

The second expectation is that we prepare leadership for congregational life and missional enterprise. The church of Jesus Christ is calling for strong leaders who can analyze the culture, exegete the Word of God, and lead in Holy-Spirit boldness and humility. Here at Tyndale, we are providing this kind of training for one quarter of all evangelical seminary students in Canada.

There is hardly a day that goes by when I don't think about these expectations. I have often asked, 'How well are we doing?' I can honestly say that God is at work in our community. The Lord has given us marvelously gifted and committed people to lead and serve. While we depend on God daily for strength and provision, we admit that we are challenged yet energized by this great opportunity.

For 110 years, there has been a



Dr. Brian C. Stiller

continuous drive within Tyndale to meet the needs of our community, so that the Gospel will advance here in Canada and worldwide. In the past nine years, we have – for the most part – been about survival and reconstruction. As we have rebuilt foundations, we knew the day would come when we would move from survival mode to growth mode. That day is here.

We are launching an exciting expansion plan for our future. This special edition of *Connection* presents details of this plan. We have designated February as Tyndale Month, and we invite you to join in a variety of scheduled activities as we are **Claiming New Ground for the Kingdom!**

Calling all alumni and donors

Staying connected to the Tyndale community is important for our alumni and donors. So Tyndale students will be placing calls to this group throughout February. It's our way to stay in touch and share details about Tyndale Month and Claiming New Ground.

Tyndale launches TV special

Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller and TV personality Lorna Dueck will co-host Tyndale's first television special. The half-hour program, called **Claiming New Ground**, will include **Michael Coren, Ravi Zacharias, David Mainse, Dave Toyen** and other guests. **Claiming New Ground** will air on the CTS Network throughout February as part of **Tyndale Month**. The TV special kicks off Tyndale's \$20 million campaign to raise funds needed to expand and enhance

campus facilities and programs.

Tyndale's vision is to provide a great centre of Christian higher education that will strengthen the church, impact the culture, and provide the evangelical community with Christ-centred, well-trained leaders. That will require expanding and upgrading the library and chapel, constructing new classrooms, and introducing technology improvements. Tyndale is also committed to expanding academic programs, endowing professorships, and establishing scholarships.

Viewers should tune in to **Claiming New Ground** to get a glimpse of this dynamic ministry. The program will also feature students, faculty, and alumni whose lives have been



▲ Lorna Dueck and Dr. Brian C. Stiller in an interview in 1993.

challenged, changed, and empowered by their educational experience at Tyndale. See over for a complete broadcast schedule.

Information on the TV special, or Tyndale Month activities, is available by calling Shauna Crawford at (416) 218-6762, or visiting Tyndale's website: www.tyndale.ca/29days.



Claiming New Ground "Brick by Brick"

Worldwide events and stresses in our culture call out for the immediate need for strong Christian leadership. With this comes the need for strong centres of Christian training to provide a biblical foundation for the Christian community in North America and the world. Tyndale is becoming one of those strategic centres building a foundation on which the Lord will grow His church.



That is why we are Claiming New Ground so that we can expand our resources to provide the very finest of Christian university college and seminary education that will prepare men and women well for leadership in the church and marketplace.

The total need is \$20 million, and we are already over half way there thanks to some very generous gifts! The immediate goal is \$3.6 million for the expansion of

the library and student services centre.

During Tyndale Month, we are asking friends and alumni throughout February to be part of our Brick by Brick initiative. A "brick" is an investment of \$300. Our goal is 12,000 bricks to meet the \$3.6 million objective. Please consider prayerfully the number of bricks in which you can invest over five years. For as little as \$25 per month you can make a lasting investment in the lives of tomorrow's leaders.

Reaching around the world

Tyndale's first television special, *Claiming New Ground*, will feature leading Christian speakers and personalities along with Tyndale students, faculty, and alumni. It will include stories of individuals – like Nouhoum Coulibaly below – who have benefited from the faithful support of many.



Nouhoum Coulibaly was born in Mali, West Africa. Although Mali is predominantly Muslim, Nouhoum's parents are Christians and active in ministry. In 1985, at a summer youth camp, Nouhoum, which means Noah, felt the Lord calling him to "be a missionary someday and somewhere."

Canadian missionaries in Africa told Nouhoum about Tyndale, and after much communication he decided to apply to the Master of Divinity program in Mississauga. His journey here, however, was filled with obstacles that could have defeated even the most faithful of believers: money, visa, travel arrangements, etc.

While serving as a tour guide for U.S. visitors in Senegal, Nouhoum met a Christian businessman – God's answer to Nouhoum's financial barriers. This man has shared God's blessings in his life, permitting Nouhoum to study at Tyndale. It is Nouhoum's desire "to finish my studies here in Canada before I go back to Africa to give to many people the spiritual and theological blessings I am receiving now." He is excited about the proposed expansion at Tyndale "because it is a way to meet the needs of students and helping people in their studies is a good thing."

Tyndale is enabling Nouhoum and others to acquire the tools they need to reach around the world and claim new ground for the Kingdom!

Claiming New Ground broadcast schedule

Watch *Claiming New Ground* throughout February on the CTS Network.

Weekly:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m.
Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Special dates:

February 7, 14, 21, March 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 7 at 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 29 at 7:00 a.m.

Enter the alumni challenge for a chance to win a DVD player

As a Tyndale graduate, you will have a unique opportunity to participate in the Claiming New Ground campaign. Watch for information arriving by email, including details about how you could win a DVD player. To register or update your email address, visit www.tyndale.ca/alumni/. So keep your eye on your email inbox to learn how you can support Tyndale's expansion plans!



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