

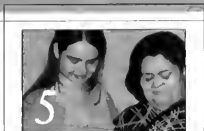
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Van Norman Centre Dedicated

The heartbeat and very lifeline of Tyndale is the school's chapel. That lifeline was recently revitalized as the chapel was transformed into a multifunctional space to better meet the needs of students. On November 23, 2004 the Tyndale community celebrated the dedication of The Van Norman Worship and Study Centre with a special service.

Growth experienced at the University College and Seminary made it evident that a more varied use of the chapel was required. Through the generous financial support of Ian and Alice-Marie Van Norman, Tyndale embarked on three months of renovation.

The redesigned space includes many new features such as theatre-style seating with tablet arms for note taking, pull-out projector screens, a state-of-the-art sound system, an A/V control booth, air conditioning, and sound absorption panels. The centre now supports the needs of students to both study and worship.

The Van Normans, their family and friends, Tyndale staff, students, and faculty were present at the



▲ Dr. Brian C. Stiller (left) with Alice-Marie and Ian Van Norman

commemorative service. Dr. Gary Walsh, President of Opportunity International and friend of the Van Normans, delivered the address titled "Reasonable Worship." He reminded the audience that all of life is worship: "At this very institution, you have the occasion to learn to worship. Authentic worship

focuses on God. We need to make sure that when we worship, we bring all of life to worship. Every dimension of life is of concern to God."

The Van Normans, who reside in Calgary, Alta. and Kelowna, B.C., epitomize a missional vision coupled with entrepreneurial spirit. Their business endeavours were launched in 1963 with the opening of their first Canadian Tire store in Smith Falls, Ont. A few years later, they moved to Saskatoon, Sask. where they continued their commercial pursuits and in the process,



▲ The Van Norman Worship and Study Centre

gained a solid reputation for being Christian business leaders.

The Van Normans have been at the heart of numerous ministry initiatives

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Tyndale Appoints New University College Dean

The search for a new academic dean for Tyndale University College ended where it started. After reviewing a field of many strong candidates, the search committee recommended that Interim Academic Dean, Dr. Daniel Scott, be appointed to the position.

Dr. Daniel Scott served as Interim Academic Dean for the 2004-05 academic year. He has taught Intercultural Studies courses at Tyndale since 1995 and served as Associate Dean of Professional Studies at the

University College from 2000 to 2004

Dr. Scott's academic background includes a BA in Religious Studies (Christianity and Culture) from Trinity Western University; MGS in Old Testament (Thesis: "The Suffering of God in the Book of Jeremiah--A Critique of the Japanese Theologian Kazoh Kitamor") from Regent College; MDiv from Regent College; DMin in Urban Mission from Westminster Theological Seminary. He also has TESOL certification from Seattle Pacific University and a



General Assembly Diploma from Knox College, Toronto School of Theology.

Dr. Scott is an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and currently serves as teaching elder at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

He and his wife Kelly have three children: Jonathan, Danielle and Taylor. Watch the Tyndale website for information on the Dean's Installation Service.

Tragedy and Mystery

—Brian C. Stiller



Lily and I spent a week last October with Youth for Christ staff in Galle, Sri Lanka, at the very conference centre where the tsunami crashed ashore. When we awoke Boxing Day to the news of devastation and suffering, we couldn't help but think of the wonderful conference staff that looked after us so well. "Where are they now?" I wondered.

It also occurred to us that had the conference been later or the earthquake earlier, we too would have been washed out into the Indian Ocean. That quickly passing thought prompted me to wonder, "Was it God's plan that the earthquake hit weeks after our time there?" But that begs the question: "Was it his will that others perish?" So often we cover a multitude of questions with the phrase, "God's will." However, that is not to undermine that God has his own will, and that his will rules. To admit that finally he operates within his will is not an intellectual cop-out.

In a world ruled by the scientific method, we are unwilling to leave life to chance. Not surprisingly, we work to predict and plan our lives. What leaves us with discomfort is when a question is asked for which there is no apparent answer.

On a previous visit to Sri Lanka, while

in Kandy - the city of the famous Temple of the Buddha's Tooth - a student asked me, "How can you say to a person of another faith that 'Jesus is the only way,' when they too believe and do the best they can?"

"On that day," I responded, "when I see his justice, I will know that beyond what I think is just, his justice will make sense. I admit it seems unfair that one may be eternally lost without having heard of Jesus. You ask a good question, 'Why should people be judged by what they have never known?' My Heavenly Father, who is perfectly just, is just beyond the best of what I know of justice. On that day, within the mystery of his love, we will receive what we are justly due."

Mystery is something we don't handle well. Yet Christians are called to believe on bent knees. As much as he has told us of himself, he is still God. Beyond the reaches of our many searches, there is so

much more: we will probe further into outer space; we will search the inner spaces of our minds; we will repair our DNA; we will apply our genius to healing diseases. But in the end, our knowledge is but a fraction of what is known by him.

The curtain of his mystery has been pulled back slightly, enough to know. Jesus, God's incarnation, gives us enough. We study about God and exegete biblical texts. We ask for wisdom and pray for Spirit empowerment. He is accessible enough so a child can understand, and yet he is so vast that the most brilliant among us give their lives to scratch the surface.

What we see today - through the opaque glass - is his glory, far beyond our ability to describe. His being, mysterious to our understanding, is the ground of our walking, the gravity of our living, the joy of our wonderment, and the hope of our calling.

We live in joy and sorrow, happiness and tragedy, prosperity and starvation. Living within the tension of his mystery and our unanswered questions, "God is there, and he is not silent."

Van Norman Centre Dedicated

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in Canada and overseas, including a church plant in Saskatoon, and building and maintaining medical and mission facilities in Haiti. They serve on the boards of the General Council of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Compassion Canada, the Free Methodist Church in Canada, and Greenville College in the U.S.A.

"Transforming the previous chapel into a centre of worship and study is fitting for the vision the Van Normans have for the work of the Lord,"

commented Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller. "Central to their lives is worship and celebration. Their heart for equipped pastoral leadership has been evident throughout their lives. The Van Norman Worship and Study Centre is a place where students will learn how important heart-worship is to our witness and learning of God. It beautifully synthesizes with the development of mind-worship to our living God."

In Memoriam – Dr. John Gladstone

Dr. John N. Gladstone, former Chancellor of Tyndale University College & Seminary, died on January 4, 2005 at the age of 83. Dr. Gladstone served as Chancellor of Tyndale from May 2000 through December 2003. He was predeceased by Joyce, his wife of 47 years. He is survived by two children and three grandchildren.



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New Scholarships Double for 2005-2006

Dr. Earl Davey, Provost of Tyndale University College & Seminary, announced several new scholarships totalling \$130,000 in additional awards for students for the 2005-2006 academic year. "We are very pleased to be able to make such a significant increase to our scholarship program this coming year," he announced, "and we plan to make a similar investment for returning students in 2006-2007."

The announcement included changes to some existing scholarships and the introduction of several new ones. *The President's Scholarship of Distinction is an annual award of \$5,000 granted to every new University College student with an average of 90% or more in their top 6 grade 12 U or M courses. No application is required, as the scholarship will be awarded automatically based on a student's admission average, and is renewable yearly as long as students maintain their 4.0 grade point average.*

The President's Scholarship of Excellence is an annual award of \$2,000 granted to every new University College student with an average of 80-89.9% in their top 6 grade 12 U or M courses. The scholarship is awarded automatically based on a student's admission average, and is renewable each year as long as a GPA of 3.7 is maintained.

In the Seminary the *Leadership Award Matching Church Gift* program will be awarded annually to 30 MDiv Seminary full-time students. When a student's church



gives a financial gift toward the student's education, Tyndale matches the gift up to \$100 per course. Provost Dr. Earl Davey also announced that significant focus will be given to find new and creative ways to increase the number of scholarships available to help students cope with the high costs of tuition.

More information is available on the website www.tyndale.ca/finaid or at the Financial Aid Office.

Tyndale Month 2005: A time for thanksgiving

"Just wanted to write this personal note of thanks for giving to God's work. Tyndale exists to equip men and women to serve the world with passion for Christ, and you are making that possible through your giving. It has helped in keeping tuition at a minimum. May God continue to bless you and your efforts."

—Letter from a Tyndale student to a donor as part of Tyndale Month, February 2005.

The Tyndale Foundation once again designated February as **Tyndale Month**. This year's theme was **Twenty-Eight Days of Thanksgiving** in recognition of God's gracious enabling through faithful and compassionate donors. Over the past several years, the school has been blessed by:

- Construction of the Student Life Centre
- Redesign of the chapel into The Van Norman Worship and Study Centre
- Financial provision: the school is now debt free.

The month was marked by a number of activities that were designed to express gratitude to Tyndale's family of friends in concrete ways and to encourage new friends to partner in the school's call to raise up a generation of Christian leaders. These included:

- Telephone campaign by Tyndale students to pray for, thank and seek continued support from donors.
- Discounted ticket prices for a one-night only performance of the Soweto Gospel Choir in Toronto.
- Launch of two, 60-second TV commercials that aired daily on the CTS network.
- Speaking engagements by President Brian C. Stiller at several churches in the Greater Toronto area.
- Tour and coffee events to see the new and renovated facilities.

During **Tyndale Month**, the focus to support Tyndale's Annual Fund was highlighted since 21% of the cost of underwriting the annual operation comes from donations. These gifts are used to cover everything from salaries to heating and electricity bills.

The month closed with the request that Tyndale friends would continue to remember the school in their prayers and that our Father, the God of provision and abundance, would continue to meet the school's needs, and provide it with favour.



▲ Ira Carty, student in the BA program was part of the Tyndale Month telephone campaign.



Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

President's Dinner 2005

Monday, April 4, 2005. Reception: 6:00 pm. Dinner: 6:30 pm.
Sheraton Parkway Hotel, 600 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

Colman M. Mockler Distinguished Professor of Old Testament and President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Known as a teacher of Scripture with great insight, Dr. Kaiser is the author of over 30 books and is a member of the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society.

For tickets and more information contact: Mana Schindel, The Tyndale Foundation
416.226.6620 ext. 6731 or 1 877.TYNDALE mschindel@tyndale.ca



Staff and faculty long service awards

— Lynthia Tang, HR Assistant

Laughter and worship, fellowship and celebration were the hallmarks of the annual Employee Christmas Party and Service Award Night in December. Approximately 150 Tyndale employees attended the event held at the Black Creek Pioneer Village.

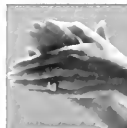
Awards were presented to employees who reached significant milestones in their career at Tyndale. Recipients shared their stories, expressing appreciation for the community of believers at Tyndale and their rewarding working experiences. Excitement rose as Director of Human Resources, Deepa

Varki, and Enrollment Counsellor, Steve Boctor, led the group into a time of games and prizes. With live musical entertainment by award-winning Christian artist, I Hiram Joseph, and a Victorian atmosphere, one could not help but have fun and enjoy the friendship of those around.

President Brian C. Stiller gave the closing remarks and then led the group in singing "Silent Night." It was a wonderful night celebrating both community and Christ.



◀ L-R: Peter Wu, Sandra Eng, Nelly Chau, Janice Lam fashionably decked out at the recent Employee Christmas party and Service Award Night



Congratulations Tyndale Service Award recipients

5 Years

Dr. Keith Bodner – Religious Studies, UC
Nelly Chau – Hudson Taylor Centre
Dr. Richard Davis – Philosophy, UC
Sandra Eng – Business Office
Brenda Ho – Registration
Janice Lam – Library
George Sweetman – Student Life
Peter Wu – Business Office

15 Years

Stephen Thomson - Religious Studies, UC

25 Years

George Whitmore – Campus Operations



A Midsummer Night's Dream Staged at Tyndale

◀ The Tyndale Players presented 5 performances of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, November 23-27, 2004. Pictured here, Uriel Campbell (Demetrius), Anya Heimbecker (Hermia), and Vernon Redwood (Lysander), were part of the 18-member cast. Directed by Richard Peters, the Players performed for over 500 people.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas Banquet

▼ The annual Christmas celebration proved to be another memorable occasion for University College students. The event was held on December 3, 2004 in the University College cafeteria, which was transformed by candlelight to reflect the "night before Christmas" theme. The festivities began as students gathered to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner, followed by a slide show, games and reflections given by Human Services/ECE student Sharon Kamau and Transitions student Matthew Steingard. The highlight of the evening proved to be an enthusiastic search for an m125 palm pilot, a Canon digital camera, and an MP3 player, which were purchased and hidden around the school property by the student council. The banquet was attended by approximately 150 students, who welcomed the opportunity to celebrate the completion of another successful semester.



▲ Tyndale's New Year's Banquet, "An International Evening of Elegance," was held at Fantasy Farm in Toronto on January 21, 2005. Seminary Student Council's theme verse for the 2004-2005 school year, Revelation 7:9, inspired this international celebration of salvation to every nation, with guests donning cultural and ethnic wear from around the world. Here, from left to right, Professor James Beverley (sporting the traditional Canadian business suit), Student Council Worship Coordinator Choo Yee Yao (Indian sari), and Tyndale student and game winner, Ira Carty, (national dress of Antigua and Barbuda), review the winning results in the Council's game show rendition of "Whose Outfit is it, Anyway?"

Kings of the Court

— Kyle Pitman, Sports Coordinator

Recently, after facing off with the host team, Heritage College and Seminary at the Ontario Christian Colleges Athletic Association (OCCAA) Championships, the Tyndale men's varsity volleyball team claimed the coveted title.

In the lead-up to the finals, the men brought home their second straight gold medal in convincing fashion. They reigned victorious in a 5-set victory against 4th seeded Master's College and Seminary. The very next night, charged and ready, they demonstrated that the Championship's outcome was never in question - the men dominated play from the outset with a memorable performance, winning 3 sets to

1 in a very hospitable fashion on Heritage's turf.

The team has enjoyed many successes this season and so it is no surprise that the guys have made a name for themselves outside of the OCCAA.

Having dominated competition within its own league, Tyndale looked to their more elite Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association in search of additional competition. Through a connection of Coach Phil Kingswood, the team was able to secure away matches against George Brown College, Sheridan College, and provincially ranked #1 Humber College.

The results have been more than favourable for Tyndale. In the match against George Brown, Tyndale was once again victorious, winning 2 sets to 1. The men then travelled to Sheridan, again winning against a more challenging



competitor. Their last exhibition match of the season was against the powerful Humber squad. While the results were not in Tyndale's favour, the men fought hard and showed that they are worthy opponents for more elite competition.

Many thanks go out to Coach Phil Kingswood for putting in such a large amount of time to work with our guys. Congratulations men!

Visit the Tyndale's Athletics webpage located at www.tyndale.ca/athletics for an update on the glorious rise of the Tyndale's Men's Volleyball team.

New mission exposure program launched


The first two Tyndale students to participate in the new Mission Exposure Semester program left for Bolivia, South America on Sunday, January 16. University College students Adele Marie Diffey and Pamela Schmidt will spend the winter semester studying and working in Cochabamba, Bolivia. While taking courses in Spanish and Cross-Cultural Communication, they will also complete a directed study in Christian Ministry and an intercultural or youth internship under the supervision of Canadian Baptist missionaries. Adele and Pamela are enrolled in the Bachelor of Religious Education: Youth and Pastoral programs, respectively.

"This is an excellent program for students who are considering a career in missions," said Dan Scott, Academic Dean at the University College. "The cross-cultural context in which the courses are offered provides an ideal opportunity for

students to consider their call to serve the world."

The Mission Exposure Semester program is open to all second and third-year students at Tyndale University College. It allows students to receive credit for four or five courses toward their degrees while being involved in cross-cultural volunteer work. Placements are arranged in partnership with Canadian Baptist Ministries.

Tyndale has been providing mission training since it first opened in 1894 as Toronto Bible College. Its chief aim then was to support the world mission of the Church. Today, this commitment continues as the school equips persons to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ. The BRE or BA programs at the University College and the MDiv and MTS degrees in missions at the Seminary equip students to serve as career missionaries and to engage in cross-cultural work.



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for more information.

All are welcome.



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◀ Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller (left), and Canadian Baptist Missionary Dennis Sherman pray for Pamela Schmidt and Adele Marie Diffey (second left) at chapel service in January.

Tyndale in Print

Each university's reputation is measured in large part by its scholarship and so the zeal of its faculty and the performance of its students are mission-critical. Tyndale's faculty has earned its fair share of bragging rights - not only in Canada, but internationally. The body of knowledge is as diverse as the faculty corps itself.



Some titles clearly target the world of academia where theological ideas are challenged and refined. Others enable the reader to breathe life into theological concepts.

Planning your summer reading? Check out the recent works of Tyndale authors:

Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Apologetics, Tyndale Seminary – *Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions: The Most Up-To-Date and Comprehensive Resource on Religions of the World* (Thomas Nelson, Nashville)

Senior Editor, *The Harper Collins' Encyclopaedia of Religions in Canada* (HarperCollins, Toronto)

Dr. Keith Bodner, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Tyndale University College – *Power Play: A Primer on the Second Book of Samuel* (Clements Publishing, Toronto)

Dr. Eric Crouse, Assistant Professor of History, Tyndale University College – *Revival in the City: The Impact of American Evangelists in Canada, 1884-1914* (McGill-Queens University Press, Montreal & Kingston)

Dr. Brad Faught, Assistant Professor of History, Tyndale University College – *The Oxford Movement: A Thematic History of the Tractarians and Their Times* (Penn State Press)

Contributor, *Encyclopedia of the Victorian Era* (Grolier Academic Reference).

Rev. Donald Goertz, Assistant Professor of Church History, Tyndale Seminary Contributor, *The British Particular Baptists, 1638-1910 Vol III* (Particular Baptist Press, Springfield)



▲ Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed

Dr. Jeffrey Greenman, R. J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership, Tyndale Seminary, Co-author – *Unwearied Praises: Exploring Christian Faith Through Classic Hymns* (Clements Publishing, Toronto)

Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Tyndale Seminary – *Commentary on the Book of Proverbs* (Tien Dao Publishing House, Hong Kong)

Dr. Scott Masson, Assistant Professor of English Literature, Tyndale University College – *Romanticism, Hermeneutics and the Crisis of the Human Sciences* (Ashgate Publishing, UK)

Co-editor and contributor, *Life Conquers Death: Religion and Literature* (St. Alban and St. Sergius, Moscow)

Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology, Tyndale Seminary – *Apologetic For Filioque in Medieval Theology* (Paternoster Press, Carlisle)

Dr. David Overholt, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministries, Tyndale Seminary – *Live What You Believe* (Church on the Rock Publishing, Hamilton)

Dr. Don Posterski, Research Professor of Christianity and Culture, Tyndale Seminary – *Enemies with Smiling Faces: Defeating the Subtle Threats That Endanger Christians* (InterVarsity Press, Illinois)

Dr. Diana R. Rice, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Tyndale University College, Contributor, *The Social Psychology of Inclusion and Exclusion* (Psychology Press)

Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Tyndale Seminary – *Sozum Tanklari* (Turkish translation of Witnesses to the Word) (Serasker Cad. Sakis Sokak, Istanbul) *The Nature and Function of Faith in the Theology of John Calvin* (Regent College, Vancouver) Reprint

Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Tyndale University College – Contributor, *Harry Potter and Philosophy* (Open Court Press, Chicago)

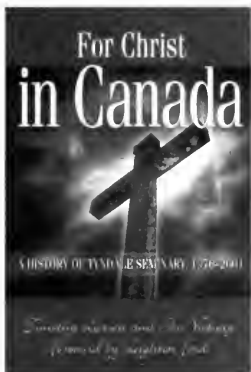
Review For Christ in Canada

—by Brad Faught

Timothy Larsen and Jon Vickery, *For Christ in Canada: A History of Tyndale Seminary 1976-2001* (Toronto: Tyndale University College & Seminary, 2004). pp. 93.

Institutional histories are never an easy task to undertake. Too often they are afflicted by the fundamental reluctance of institutions to have their complete story told, or they are entrusted to those whose credentials as historians are less than stellar. Fortunately for Tyndale Seminary, writing the history of its first twenty-five years, *For Christ in Canada: A History of Tyndale Seminary, 1976-2001*, was a task given to Timothy Larsen and Jon Vickery. Larsen, formerly a professor of Church History at Tyndale Seminary, and Vickery, a Tyndale Seminary graduate, are well equipped to probe the first quarter-century of the Seminary's existence. They do so in a brisk but thorough fashion. From the Seminary's conception to realization to expansion to the dark financial days of 1995-1996 when it almost ceased to operate, Larsen and Vickery relate the institution's history in detail, and in accessible and stylish prose. The Seminary's roots in Toronto

Bible College – the original forerunner of today's Tyndale University College – are outlined; so too, the contributions of its four presidents and many of its faculty and administrators. In the hands of Larsen and Vickery, the Seminary's



history as an inheritor and transmitter of the historic, orthodox, evangelical Christian faith is told, as well as the many theological, organizational and financial challenges met by the Seminary. In recent years, as the authors point out, Tyndale Seminary has emerged as the largest institution of its kind in Canada, with a plethora

of degrees and programs, including the core MDiv, as well as the In-Ministry MDiv, the MTS modular program, and the graduate ThM degree. All of these professional and graduate opportunities mean a diverse full- and part-time student population of some 700. "This fusion of scholarship and ministry is one of Tyndale's historic strengths," observe Larsen and Vickery. As, respectively, a professor and a pastor, their book itself is reflective of such strength, and required reading for all those interested in the relatively short but important history of Tyndale Seminary.

Augsburg Fortress, 2005

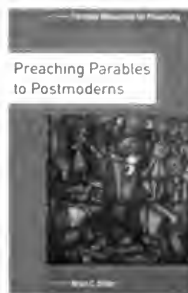
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For Christ in Canada: A History of Tyndale Seminary

"For Christ in Canada is a timely book, and we should be grateful to the authors for recounting this story. It is timely ...because Tyndale has been raised up by God 'for such a time as this.' Now, at the beginning years of the new millennium, in a time of both global conflict and opportunity, Tyndale is poised, I believe, for an unprecedented ministry of raising up leaders for Christ and his cause, both across Canada and throughout the world." —Dr. Leighton Ford

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Alumni updates

Elliot and Krista Dixon (nee: Webb) **OBC '96** are excited to announce the birth of their second son, Mackenzie, born on January 8, 2004. Gabriel is doing a wonderful job as big brother. The Dixons love life in Aurora, where they have been living for 2 1/2 years.



Barry & Heather Doner (nee: Young) **OBC '94** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Alex Hugh Doner, born February 17, 2004 in Orillia, Ontario. Alex is a little brother to proud big sister Rachel (5).

OBC Class of '94 gathered together in June to celebrate their 10th year as Tyndale alumni. Alumni quickly found themselves reliving their college days as if no time had passed at all, until they were brought back to reality by the 30 "future alumni" who also came along to make new friends!



Cliff & Karen Williams OBC '93 welcomed a baby girl into their family on November 25, 2004 weighing 9lbs 4oz. Kira Aislyn is a new little sister for Keegan (6) and Calia (4).



David OTS '88 & Linda Lundy have just completed their second year as CEOs of Arab World Ministries (AWM) and live in the UK. The couple is currently overseeing the launch of a global 5-year strategic plan that will see AWM planting housechurches among Muslims. David's third book, *Borderless Church*, will be published this year.

Kelvin & Jan Mutter (nee: Currie) **OBC '78** are living in Cambridge, Ontario. They are the parents of 3 adult children. Currently Kelvin works as a Marriage and Family Therapist and teaches part-time at Heritage Seminary in Cambridge. Jan is a Health and Safety Manager for a manufacturing plant in Kitchener. She also leads worship teams at their local church.

Walter Litke OBC '73 and his wife Marian currently live in Dundurn, Saskatchewan where Walter works as a Probation Officer with the Domestic Violence Unit with Corrections and Public Safety. This position has many challenges that cause Walter to rely on God's wisdom. Serving in this role Walter has also been reminded of the importance of being grounded in the Lord and of one remarkable professor who could often be heard enunciating "The Lord is at my right hand." This has become Walter's reliance too as he serves in his current role.

The Treasure of His Company: A Collection of Devotional Poetry & Meditations Vol. 1. Illustrated and written by **Jan Howlett TBC '68** (nee: Spence) was released by Essence Publishers, Belleville, Ontario in January 2005. It is available directly from Jan at hislamb@csolve.net or call 705-329-4381. Jan and her husband **Ross TBC '68**, live in Orillia, Ontario and are serving the Lord in a full-time itinerant faith ministry known as Feeding His Lambs: Word and Music Ministry, which includes Garments for the Gospel, Scripture Watercolour Pictures, and broadcasting Bible messages via Bible voice network.

TBC Class of '64 gathered on the Tyndale campus in the fall of 2004 to celebrate 40 years of fellowship with Tyndale. Alumni enjoyed a meal together and many hours of sharing stories and praying for one another.



In memoriam

Shirley Snider OBC '61 passed away suddenly on Saturday, December 11, 2004. After being treated for a broken ankle, Shirley returned to the home of her brother and sister-in-law where her condition suddenly changed, and she died a short time later. Shirley served with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) in Malaysia and Singapore from 1962-1972, and in Canada from 1979 until her passing. She retired from Ontario Regional OMF on March 31, 2001, but continued to volunteer her time in the National Office several days each month. Shirley is dearly missed by family, friends, and ministry colleagues.

Rev. William Tyler TBC '36 went to be with his Lord on December 20, 2004 in his 93rd year. Born in China of missionary parents he had his schooling at Chefoo and at the age of 17, came to Canada with the purpose of training and returning as soon as possible. He worked in a bank and attended TBC evening classes and

later the day classes, graduating in 1936. In July of that year, Bill went back to China to work with the China Inland Mission in Kiangsi province where his parents served. William and **Vera Bigham TBC '37** were married in Foochow, Fukien in '42. The work continued through the war as normally as possible in spite of many bombings, but they had to evacuate to West China where they ran the Business Centre and Mission Home in Kunming through which hundreds of CIM missionaries left China. With the end of the war they came home in 1946 for furlough, hoping to go back to a more normal missionary life. Instead they were asked to stay in Canada and take over the Canadian Office and Mission Home in Toronto.

They were pleased to be near the College and Bill was drawn into office, first serving for years as Alumni Secretary, and then on the board where for 8 years he served as Vice Chairman during the challenging days of growth and change to OBC. He was also on the boards of Scripture Union, Scripture Gift Mission, and Spiritual Life Convention, and was President of Toronto Institute of Linguistics.

Later he was appointed as the first Canadian Director for CIM-OMF and retiring after his term, became the Canadian Director of Scripture Union for 8 years. Bill was privileged to travel and see the work in many countries in Southeast Asia and later in South America with Scripture Union. In 1984 he and Vera went to Zambia – where their daughter **Maybeth (OBC '71)** and her husband **Glen Henderson (OBC '71)**, were working with AEF (now SIM) – to help in the Lusaka offices and relieve the staff wherever they could for 6 months. Bill enjoyed preaching and taught a weekly TEE class while there.

His final 8 years of work were given to his home church, High Park Baptist, where they had worshipped for over 40 years. In 1993 they moved to London to be closer to family, and in his 80s Bill used his computer to prepare materials, still in use, for New Life Prison Ministries.

Prayer was always of first importance in his life. His 4 children all remember seeing him start the day in Bible reading and unhurried prayer for them and for his many responsibilities, and is perhaps the main reason that they too are serving the Lord. He loved speaking to children and had 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren to enjoy.


Bill and Vera were honoured as Alumni of the year at his 50th reunion as "Partners in His Service." Another school gave him an Honourary Doctorate but he preferred to be just "Bill" as his friends knew him. Two verses were always on his desk: "In quietness and confidence will be your strength," and the '36 class verse – "Our God is able" – both personally well tested and proved to the glory of God.

If you have updates, news, or letters you would like to share with the Tyndale community, please call the Alumni Office at 416.226.6520 ext. 2107 or toll free at 1.877.TYNDALE (896.3253). The e-mail address is alumni@tyndale.ca. To help ensure accuracy, please submit your contributions in writing. For more news and notes, go to www.tyndale.ca/alumni.



Varsity sports day

- Alumni faced off against current student teams in basket ball and volleyball at the 2nd Annual Varsity Sports Day in November. Once again this year's sports day was a huge success thanks to our Sports Coordinator, Kyle Pitman, and the Student Life Department!



The 20th Annual RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge

Saturday, April 2, 2005
at Tyndale University College & Seminary

Schedule:
1:00pm Women's Game
3:00pm Men's Game
5:00pm Pizza & Pop (FREE)

For more information contact
Sharolyn McLeod (smcleod@tyndale.ca)
or Janet Phillips (jphillips@tyndale.ca)

All alumni are invited to come and cheer on your friends as well and join us for pizza after the games. Last year we all had a wonderful time! **But remember guys we need more male RA alumni players! See you there!**

Childcare will be provided for those participating during game times for toddler age and up.

Celebrating 50 Years with the Class of '55

All Graduates of the Class of '55 are invited to the

Golden Miler Celebration

April 5, 2005
at Tyndale University College & Seminary

Registration, Tea & Coffee will begin at 9:30am

Watch your mailbox for more information about this special gathering or for more information contact the Alumni Office at 516.226.6630 ext. 1107 or alumni@tyndale.ca

Join us in "Pressing On for the Prize" at our

2005 LBI/LCBM Alumni Reunion

Friday May 27 and Saturday May 28

Registration: Friday May 27 at 1pm
at Temple Baptist Church, 400 Holiday Inn Drive, Cambridge, Ontario

Devotional Speakers:

Dr. Ken Davis
Dr. Roy Matheson

- Saturday noon banquet
- Reunion Chorale
- Alumni testimonies
- Class gatherings

Special Musical Guest:

Harpist Eduard Klassen

Honours

Classes of 1954
and 1955

For more information contact: Lorna Arndt, Reunion Registrar
504 - 11 Margaret Ave., Kitchener, ON N2H 6M4 Tel: 519.579.2379 E-Mail: leaarndt@aol.com

In Search of Freedom

Bill Sellitto, Alumni Coordinator

"Called according to God's purpose." This phrase from Romans is familiar to us and was beautifully illustrated for me when I met Tyndale alumna, Minka Graham. Minka, a recent graduate of Tyndale Seminary, shares her story of how the Lord first drew her to himself, and then home to a country she had left forty years before.

Born in communist Bulgaria in 1940, Minka attended college there and earned a degree in Architecture. This was her ticket to freedom. At the age of 25, she arrived in Canada to start a new life.

Growing up in Bulgaria, Minka had been raised with the knowledge of God but had never heard of Jesus Christ. It was not until 1990 that Minka began a beautiful relationship with her Saviour. One year later, she was baptized. Her desire to better understand her faith and relationship with God grew and this led her to enroll in the MTS program at Tyndale Seminary.

Minka had been supporting missionaries in Bulgaria for some time. But God had more than this in mind. Eventually, she could no longer ignore God's call to be a missionary and to go back to her home country. Three weeks after graduating in May 2001, Minka's tent-making ministry in Bulgaria began. Minka started Bible study groups. Her first group of about 30 persons was started that same year. Today, along with a team of leaders, Minka's ministry hosts 11 Bible classes each week! In the nearly 4 years she had been ministering there, the Lord has blessed her with

many new friends and ministry partners.

In a newly democratic country many continue to struggle below the poverty line. These are the people that Minka and others spend time with, encouraging them, sharing Christ's promise of hope. Many participants have accepted this promise and know the friendship with Christ that changed Minka's life. Many have been baptized and attend local evangelical churches. Many evangelical churches in Bulgaria still face

persecution since they are seen as a sect by the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

Currently there is approximately one missionary for every 170,000 persons. There are three generations who have grown up never hearing of Christ. Minka shares, "The spiritual darkness is enormous!" Forty years ago, she was eager to find freedom. Little did she know that God would lead her back to her home country to help others find true freedom in Christ.



▲ Minka at home in Bulgaria (third from the left, back row) with one of the many Bible study groups for ladies that she started.

"Dinner with Tony" provides food for thought

For three special nights in November, friends of Tyndale were treated to the humorous and thought-provoking insights of dynamic author and speaker, Dr. Tony Campolo. Audiences in Barrie, London and Kitchener/Waterloo gathered in select locations to hear his message on "Titles and Testimonies."

Dr. Campolo spoke about the importance of not only gaining titles but having testimonies – stories about how we have influenced our world for the Lord. He also reminded listeners of Tyndale's powerful impact: "Tyndale exists



not to get people ready for the next world, but to train up a generation of men and women who will go into this world to be agents of change for God."

Each evening also included an update from President Brian C. Stiller on Tyndale developments along with student testimonies. Over the course of three nights, more than \$20,000 was raised for Tyndale student bursaries.

A special thank you is extended to all who attended and to event sponsors: Len 100.3, Arch and Helen Brown, and Len Graham from Tim Hortons (Kitchener).

Order your copy of Dr. Campolo's presentation!

You can purchase a CD for \$5 (to cover shipping costs). Contact Shauna Crawford at 416.218.6762 or 1.877.TYNDALE (press 4) or scrawford@tyndale.ca

How to put Tyndale in your will

After making provision for your family and loved ones, you may want to consider putting Tyndale in your will. By so doing you leave a legacy that will continue to invest in the lives of students.

You can make this important investment in the ongoing life and ministry of Tyndale by simply writing in your will: *I bequeath to The Tyndale Foundation, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON Canada M2M 4B3 (insert here the amount you wish to bequeath) to be used in the ministry of preparing strong Christian leaders.*

Your bequest can be a specific amount, a piece of property or a percentage of your estate. You may also wish to name Tyndale as a contingency beneficiary in the event that someone named in your will is no longer living. We recommend that you ask a lawyer to enable you in the drafting or amending of your will.

You can leave some of your accumulated resource to ensure that Tyndale continues to raise up generations of young people who love and serve the Lord, here in Canada and around the world.

If you wish further information, please contact David Balik, Vice President, Development at 416.218.6760 or 1.877.TYNDALE (press 0) or dbalik@tyndale.ca.

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Friday, April 22, 7 pm - 10 pm and
Saturday, April 23, 10 am - 5 pm
Room 1008 (old room number 102)

This workshop is designed for couples preparing for marriage.
Leaders: Sheila Stevens and Herman Chow.

Preregistration is required. Fee: \$125.
Contact Shyamala Kiru (ext. 2123) for more information or to register.
Registration form is available online at www.tyndale.ca/counselling.

If there is sufficient enrollment, this workshop will be offered again on:
Friday, May 6, 7 pm - 10 pm and Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 5 pm



Visit www.tyndale.ca/counselling for more information.

Tyndale Counselling Services – 416.226.6620 ext. 6717

Children's Literature

CONFERENCE

Tyndale University College and St. John's Presbyterian Church present:

**Rings, Wardrobes, and Broomsticks:
Sacred Themes in Children's Literature**

Explore with us the sacred themes in the works of
C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and J.K. Rowling.

May 13 and 14, 2005.
St. John's Presbyterian
Church, Bradford, ON
Cost: \$10.00

For decades children have discovered the mystery of Middle Earth and the adventures of Narnia. In more recent years, young people find themselves intrigued with the magic of Harry Potter and his friends at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. What are we to think of Hobbits and the Dark Lord Voldemort? How are we to deal with the depictions of evil and magic and the quest for truth? Can Aslan speak into the world of Hogwarts? And what of Gandalf and Sauron?

*Join with us in the conversation about Good and Evil,
witches and magic, and faith.*

To Register Contact: Professor Dana Clarkson 416.226.6620 ext. 2733 or
dclarkson@tyndale.ca Registration deadline, April 29, 2005



Experience Encounter University or Encounter Seminary - a campus visit for those who want to see what Tyndale is all about. You'll be able to tour the campus, attend a class, talk to students, meet faculty, and so much more. Find a date and time from the list below, then join us and plan to test the waters and connect with your future!

Encounter Seminary 2005 Connect with your future!

Evening Series 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm:

April 14, May 26, June 23

Meet face-to-face with Tyndale Seminary faculty and students, receive program and admissions information, hear student testimonies, find out about student life, obtain fees and financial aid information, participate in a Q & A period, and take a campus tour.

Other Options:

Personal Encounter: If you are unable to take part in an encounter university or encounter seminary event, why not consider a personal encounter. We can arrange a custom visit so you can join the Tyndale community in worship, attend a class, meet faculty, and have your questions answered by an enrollment counsellor.

Expand Your Encounter: Add an overnight in residence to round out your encounter university or encounter seminary experience (a fee of \$20 applies and preregistration is required).

AN INVITATION

The Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection

will host its annual event on

June 2, 2005 at the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre
Tyndale University College & Seminary, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Theme: **Spiritual Discernment**

SPEAKERS:



Dr. Victor Shepherd
will lecture on "Jonathan Edwards: A Guide to Spiritual Discernment"



Dr. Dennis Ngien will preach a sermon entitled "Jacob's Ladder: Points of Divine-human Encounter"

No registration required. Come for a time of renewal, worship, fellowship, and celebration.

For further information, please contact Dr. Dennis Ngien at
dngien_center@yahoo.com or IvyMilanowski@ivyjowei@hotmail.com.

Interested?

Visit www.tyndale.ca/visit to register yourself and your guests online. Space is limited so early sign up is recommended.

Faculty & Staff Notes



Dr. Elaine Becker, Director of the Degree Completion Program at the University College, attended the North American Professors of Christian Education

conference in Orlando, Florida. She will serve on the board of this group for the next four years.



Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Apologetics at the Seminary, was appointed contributing editor for *Christians Today* magazine. His news report on Ravi

Zacharias' preaching at the Mormon Tabernacle appeared in the magazine's January issue. His latest research on the Unification Church appears in James Lewis, ed., *Controversial New Religions* (Oxford University Press, 2004). He also wrote the main entry on Muhammad in the *Routledge Encyclopedia of the Qur'an* (2005).



Dr. Craig Carter, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University College, presented a paper entitled "Karl Barth's Response to the Enlightenment's Denial of the Possibility of Knowing God" at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in San Antonio, Texas, November 16-19. In San Antonio, he also attended the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion.

While on sabbatical this year, he is writing a book to be published by Brazos Press entitled *Rethinking Christ and Culture After Christendom*.



Mrs. Gladys Chan, Registrar and Associate Dean of the Seminary, attended a course on Educational Assumptions at the Talbot School of Theology from January 3-10. She

attended a seminar entitled "Seminary Project," a workshop on the prevention of sexual misconduct January 11-14 in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Dr. Brad Faught, Assistant Professor of History at the University College, wrote a feature-length article for the fall 2004 issue of *Trinity* magazine on the history of the Faculty of Divinity at Trinity College, University of Toronto. The article was written to mark the 150th anniversary of the faculty.



Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Seminary, taught the Exposition of Isaiah at ACTS Seminary in Langley, British Columbia,

October 25-29. Rebecca also attended the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature conference in San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, where she was honoured with the Mentor's Award (for mentoring students), given by the SBL Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession.



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Seminary, presented a paper "Immersing Ourselves in the Visionary Experience of Daniel: Reading, Emotive-Experiencing, Appropriation," in the Psychology and Biblical Studies section at the 2004 SBL Annual Meeting, November 19-22 in San Antonio, Texas.

The paper, along with another of her recent works, will be published as two chapters in a Praeger book on psychological biblical criticism. Her article "Hearing God's Bitter Cries [Hosea 11:1-9]: Reading, Emotive-Experiencing, Appropriation" was published in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 26:1 (2004): 24-49.



Dr. Scott Masson, Assistant Professor of English Literature at the University College, is writing a 6000 word entry on

Romanticism for the *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Literature*, to be published this spring.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology at the Seminary, wrote an article "Ultimate Reality and Meaning in Luther's Theology of the Cross: No Other God, but the Incarnate Human God," which was published in *Andrew University Seminary Studies* Vol. 42 (2004): 383-405.



Dr. David Overholt, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministries at the Seminary, was the main speaker at the National Youth Conference of the

Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Toronto between Christmas and New Year's Day. He also participated in a Youth Workers' Consultation in Nassau, Bahamas, spoke at Bedlam, two weeks of camp for junior high students and at the Joy Bible Camp winter retreat.



Dr. Vincent Poon, Sessional Professor of Counselling received the 2004 Faculty award for Excellence in Teaching from the Department of Family and Community

Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. The award was presented in recognition of dedicated and significant involvement in graduate level education.



Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at the Seminary, was appointed Professor

Ordinarius at Oxford University in January 2005. In this capacity, he will supervise doctoral students. Dr. Shepherd's article on Egerton Ryerson, "A Legacy of Journalism, A Vision for a Nation," was published in *The United Church Observer* in November 2004 marking the 175th anniversary of Ryerson's *Christian Guardian* and its sequel, *The Observer*. His article "Heinrich Bullinger: 1504-1575" was published in the January issue of *Touchstone* (University of Winnipeg).



Dr. David Sherbino, Professor of Pastoral Spiritual Formation at the Seminary, conducted leadership seminars for Forest Brooke Church in Burlington on

Spiritual Formation and Leadership in November 2004. He also led four sessions at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Eastern Canadian Region Pastors' Retreat with the theme "Outfitted for the Inward Trek," and spoke at the Association of Chinese Evangelical Ministries meeting for Pastors on Spiritual Formation for Ministry.



Dr. Yau Man Siew, Assistant Professor of Christian Education, presented findings from his joint research project with Dr.

Gary Perlusio-Verdend (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary) at the ATS Character & Assessment Project conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from November 5-7. The presentation was entitled "Character & Assessment of Learning for Religious Vocation: Interpreting Protestant Student Voices." Dr. Siew made a similar presentation to the Faculty of Tyndale Seminary on December 15. On November 14, he spoke on "Teaching as a Spiritual Act," at a Teachers' Appreciation Lunch of North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church.



Dr. Stanley Walters, Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, presented a paper, "To the Rock (2 Samuel 21:10)," at a meeting of the International Organization for

Masoretic Studies, November 21, in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Daniel Wong, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries at the University College addressed the joint meeting of Toronto

Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship and the English Speaking Chinese Ministerial on "Building a More Effective Sermon" on October 6. He also led a workshop on "How to Equip Yourself Educationally for Ministry" with the Toronto Chinese Gospel Church on November 6. On December 3, he presented a paper, "An Intercultural Homiletic: Preaching Amidst Cultures," at the Academy of Homiletics in Memphis, Tennessee.

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