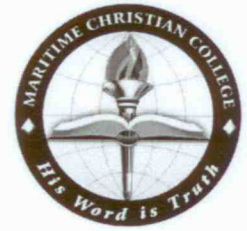


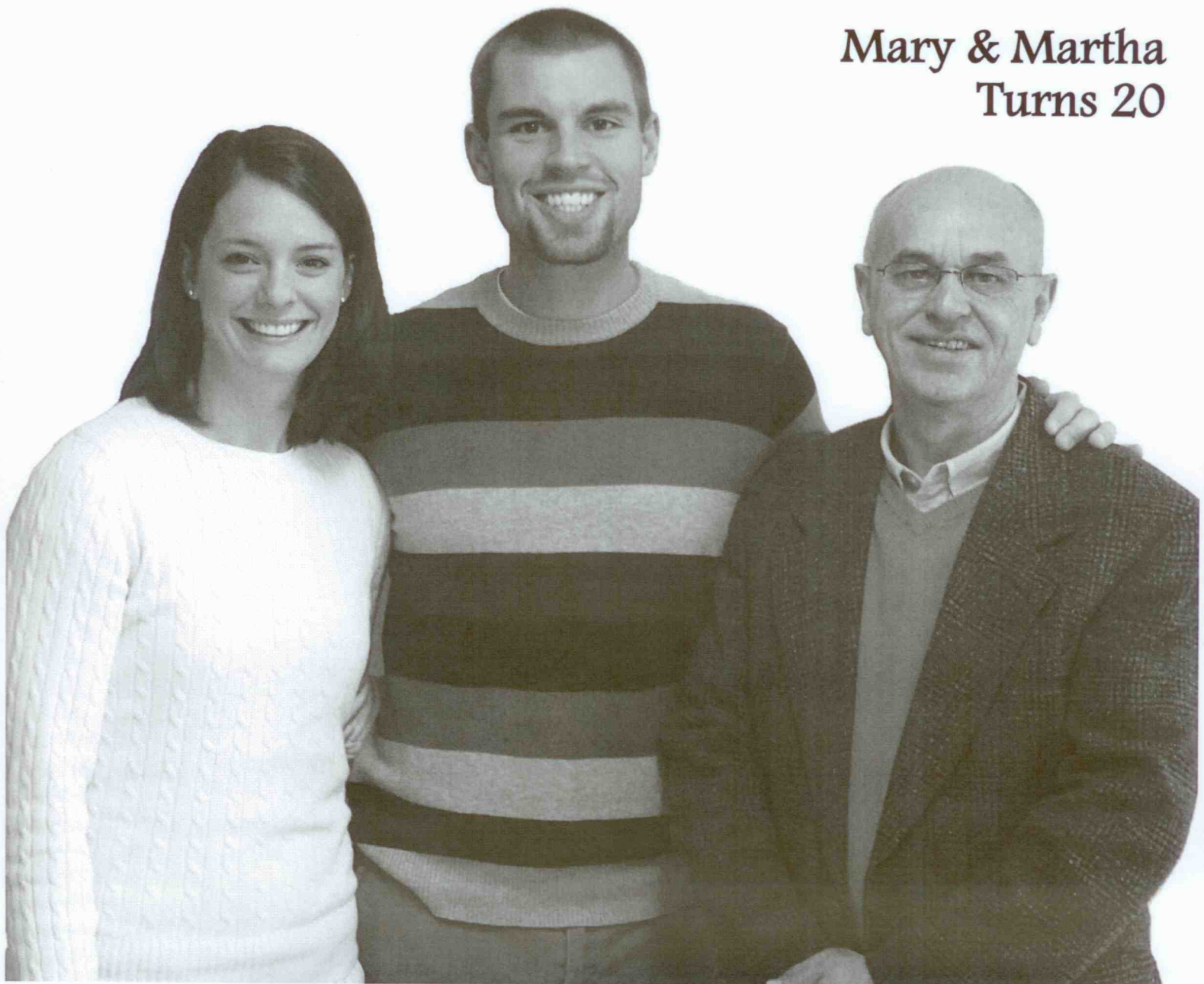
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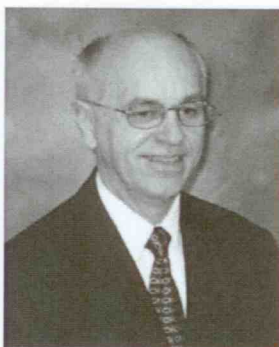
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**Mary & Martha
Turns 20**



Message From The President



*“...vision to make
a difference...”*

As President of Maritime Christian College, I visit congregations like Central Street, Murray Harbour, Cross Roads and South Lake; and also attend the Maritime Christian Fellowship (MCF). While at the Fellowship I had a chance to speak with Bob Russell concerning the churches in the Maritimes and MCC's role. I was impressed that Bob had heard about our congregations and was enthusiastic concerning their support for the College.

One can be encouraged through dialogue with a person like Bob Russell, but there are opportunities for leadership in assisting the Maritime churches in moving forward into the future.

One opportunity is the 2009 MCF. I approached the planning committee and proposed using a program offered by Standard Publishing entitled, *“Releasing the Power of the Smaller Church.”* It is an exciting program where Standard Publishing sends noted speakers to the Fellowship. The goal is to connect the right people to the right circumstances in order to aid the church's growth.

On a larger scale, Allan Dunbar, President of the North American Christian Convention (NACC), invited me to participate in planning the 2010 NACC. It is important to get in on the ground floor in order to shape the conference to fit the needs of the churches at this point in time. The planning committee is responsible for looking at themes, topics and workshops, as well as, the individuals to lead these workshops.

Another opportunity is a generous gift received from M. Lillian Bergman's estate. Her gift enables MCC to educate and train evangelists and church planters for the Maritimes through student scholarships. Leadership cannot be performed in a vacuum, but requires dedicated people who have a vision to make a difference for the future.

It was also a pleasure to participate in Central Street Christian Church's 150 year celebration. It is exciting to see Christians gather together to celebrate their heritage. My prayer is for the Maritime churches to continue their growth in all areas so that everyone in Atlantic Canada can hear the Word of God.

Fred C. Osborne

The youth listened while Jared Cowgur, Student Minister, EastPointe Christian Church, Scarborough, Maine, shares a message at Exalt. He challenged them to make a difference in the world by changing their own lives from the *Inside Out*.



President Fred Osborne began the Exalt weekend with a devotion emphasizing MCC students' inclusion of high school youth into their lives. The staff and students met for prayer following the devotion. "It's important for everyone to be on the same page," said Professor Tom Marshall. "Prayer has a way of focusing everyone's attention on why we invite youth to Exalt."

When asked about his experience preaching at the Exalt weekend, Jared said, "It is so encouraging to unite with other believers. We have the same mission, the same purpose and the same Lord."

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"Inside Out"



Sixteen different youth groups participated in the worship times led by Jonathan MacInnis, Mike and Jana Burns, Maria Stewart, Michael Carver, Andrew Waite and Nikki Schieck.

The youth also listened to former MCC Students, Praymore Chareka and Courtney Saunders, who assisted Eileen Tanner in teaching two workshops titled: 'Compelled to Go,' and 'Compelled to be the Change.'



When asked what they liked about the weekend, Jared and Rachel Cowgur said, "We loved getting to know all of the people at Exalt. God is really doing a good work among the teens in this part of Canada." One hundred youth and leaders participated in the October 17-19, 2008 weekend.

New Students



Crystal Bochen
Summerside, PE



Paul Bochen
Summerside, PE



John MacDonald
Toronto, ON



Simon MacIntyre
Charlottetown, PE



Chris Nicholson
Montague, PE



Ben Rayner
Tignish, PE



Tekla Volkers
Charlottetown, PE

Students Retreat

James Stevenson and Darrell Haines prepare for their test of faith during activities time at the MCC retreat. New students also participated in the activities organized by MCC Staff. Simon MacIntyre, after receiving his gift bag, said, *"It was good, and full of useful items."*



The week kicked off the school year by allowing all the students a chance to introduce themselves to one another and the faculty and staff.



Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, arranged a prayer walk on Friday evening after the BBQ to focus students' attention through prayer on having a servant's heart.

Jason McVicar prepared the campfire for devotions following the BBQ. He and James Stevenson shared thoughts from scripture while Robbie Sevilla led in praise.

