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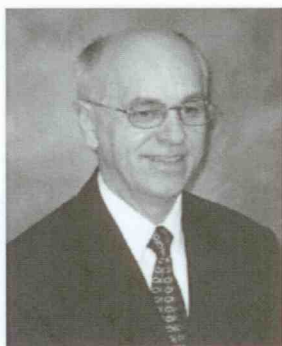
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Message From The President



*“...willing to move
beyond the familiar...”*

Jesus taught His disciples while traveling throughout Galilee and Judea, thereby, challenging the disciples' comfort level. Maritime Christian College follows Christ's example by offering academic training in the classroom and practical training on the field. Four students traveled to Poland earlier this spring with Eileen Tanner. The field experience opened their eyes to opportunities that are available and the determination needed to serve in the mission field. Jay Bowyer and Colette Ladan direct Graceland Ministries in Poland and find the partnership with MCC a valuable asset to their ministry and an excellent training opportunity for the College students.

Our most recent graduates have moved into new adventures, and I am excited to see what God has in store for them. All of the graduates are busy in ministry: Darrell Haines joined Burt's Corner Church of Christ for the summer, Jason McVicar now serves as Director of Admissions with MCC and James Stevenson serves as Camp Manager of Canoe Cove Christian Camp.

I was pleased with the reception our students received during the 2009 Spring Tour. The positive church response to the Spring Tour is an endorsement for how much it is needed. The students are able to make connections while visiting each of the congregations and it helps knit student and supporter together. The great thing about the Tour is it allows students to do things they wouldn't normally do. It challenges their comfort level, but once trained, they excel at the task before them.

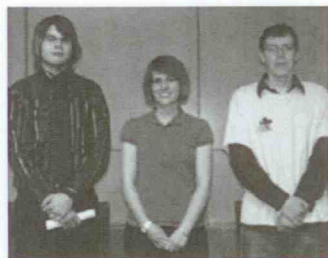
Our graduation speaker, Graham Crandall, had an excellent talk about the positive aspects of ministry. His message touched on some key issues and responsibilities that graduating students should consider when entering ministry. It was nice to hear the local church portrayed in an encouraging way.

MCC is rapidly moving toward a milestone anniversary in January 2010. The College will commence a yearlong celebration for 50 years of higher Christian education in the Maritimes in partnership with supporting congregations. MCC is able to celebrate this noteworthy occasion because of the faith shown by our founders who were willing to move beyond the familiar and dream the grand idea of having a Bible College in the Maritimes.

Fred C. Osborne

Seven Maritime Christian College board members enjoyed a fine meal with the graduates and their families on Saturday, May 2, 2009 during the graduation banquet. MCC board members met with President Fred Osborne on the Saturday before Graduation; they also meet before Commencement and after KT Norris Lectures. Board member Richard Jones (Quispamsis, NB) said, *"This was my first grad dinner and I felt it was very appropriate to celebrate with the graduates and their families."*

When asked how he enjoyed the banquet, adjunct professor Mike Burns ('99) said, *"... The Grad Banquet was Fantastic! ... I believe that anything we can do to encourage our grads, faculty and board is worth doing and this event was encouraging all around."*



On Sunday, John MacDonald, Valerie Osborne and Ben Rayner walked across the stage to receive their Biblical Studies Certificates. John MacDonald is the son of former adjunct professor (1993) Grant MacDonald and his wife Sheila. Grant ministers with

Keele Street Church of Christ in Toronto, ON. President Osborne ('77) greeted his daughter, Valerie, with a large hug after handing her the certificate. Ben Rayner is the son of former board member (2000-2009) Andy Rayner ('90) and his wife Lynn ('86) who both serve with Valley Christian Church, a new church plant in Tyne Valley, PEI.

Darrell Haines (BA Bible), Jason McVicar (Bachelor of Bible & Ministry) and James Stevenson (BA Bible) took center stage during Graduation as they each walked across the platform to receive their degrees. Darrell Haines pulled out a big red button after receiving his degree and punched it. A mechanical voice said, *"That was easy."*

Graham Crandall, Minister with Burt's Corner Church of Christ, NB shared a message titled, *"Embracing a Strategy for Life."* He encouraged the graduates to remember the congregations with whom they will work. President Osborne said, *"It was a powerful message these graduates need to hear."*



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