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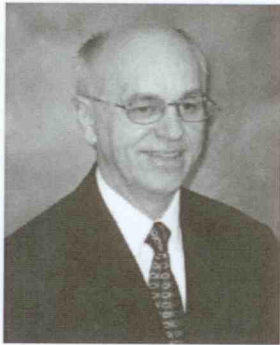
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Message From The President



*“...see God
working...”*

This coming May Eileen Tanner will lead another team to Poland. This group will have four students from MCC: John MacDonald, Valerie Osborne, Courtney Saunders and Robbie Sevilla. They will visit Graceland Ministries, a mission that teaches English as a second language using the Bible as a major teaching tool. MCC students will learn first-hand how missions impact the world for Christ.

Andy Rayner ('90) an MCC alumnus, along with his son Ted, revisited congregations in Ivory Coast established by Andy on previous mission trips. It is a joy to have a graduate faithfully take their MCC training onto the mission field.

Abby McCullough, a student at MCC, joined a mission team serving in Haiti at the beginning of the semester. When one is willing to learn and share their faith, God will lead them on amazing adventures in world missions.

In February I had the privilege to visit Westway Christian Church in Toronto to share with them some news and events about the College. It was great to get reacquainted with **Donald Stevenson ('65)** who serves there as an elder.

While in Ontario, I met with Jim (Senior Pastor) and Claudia (Business Manager) Tune from Churchill Meadows Christian Church. I also met with **Jamie MacKay ('88)** their Worship Leader. The church will begin construction of their new building this spring. I was excited to see God working in Mississauga.

Robbie Sevilla and John MacDonald traveled to Ontario for Winter Rally, a senior high youth conference. Robbie and John encouraged the youth to attend Bible College as a way to broaden their knowledge of Scripture.

The College will go on Tour again this spring with, “Jail Break, The Final Solution.” The annual road trip is a highlight for our students because it gives them an opportunity to visit local congregations.

Each time I hear about MCC alumni or students participating in Kingdom building I am encouraged that your prayers and support for the College are paying rich dividends.

Fred C. Osborne

Dr. Gary Johnson captured the audiences' attention during the KT Norris Lectures. *"I thought the lectures were great this year! Gary Johnson was incredibly informative and amazingly challenging..."* commented David Marshall, Associate Minister of Central Christian Church.

Gary explored leadership principles found within the Scriptures that have been the basis for Indian Creek's ministry in Indianapolis, Indiana. He encouraged the attendees to examine their own church leadership culture. Indian Creek specializes in leadership training, and Gary appreciated the opportunity to visit.

"I enjoyed Gary's comments about elder directed churches," said Garth Linkletter, Central Street Christian Church. *"It was pretty interesting how they run church in Indianapolis. It gave me new ideas on how churches can operate."*

When asked about Gary's messages, President Osborne said, *"He described their leadership's ability to move forward. For example, the elders sign a Covenant Agreement, holding themselves accountable to each other and the church."*

Likewise, Gary challenged the evening audiences with relevant messages. A different worship team opened the evening service throughout the week. The Lectureship Choir, lead by Wilma Hanscome, sang on two of the evenings. The David Marshall Band led music during the youth night on Wednesday evening.

Two other events during the week were the Alumni Dinner Thursday evening and lunch with the speaker on Friday. In both instances Gary and his wife Leah actively participated and felt quite at home with the attendees. The question and answer period on Friday proved to be of great interest. Quite a few people eagerly wanted to know Gary's opinion on leadership matters. One particular question highlighted Gary's covenant relationship with an elder within the church and how they work together as a team.

"Gary hit a nerve among the leaders," said Tom Marshall, Academic Professor at MCC. *"Many commented to me about questions they have concerning their own church leadership. It's important to get a fresh perspective sometimes to see how we can improve."*

Elder Directed Churches



"...hit a nerve..."

