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As The High School reTurns
Former MCC President Dies



Message From The President



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I received word that our first president Dr. Charles P. Herndon passed away in May. For our fiftieth anniversary I had written to Dr. Herndon for comment on the significance of the College for his life. The following is a brief excerpt from Dr. Herndon via his son Joseph:

"All I can say is hello. I will keep all of you in my prayers. It does make me feel somewhat older when I think that I was only thirty-four or thirty-five when we served among you. If I had it in me I would still tackle another presidency today. I am all for you. You are my truest friends."

Joseph graciously assisted my communication with his father and I want to thank him for helping with our fiftieth. It is always sad to hear about a loss, but I know that the College would not be in existence without its founding by the first president.

MCC held graduation exercises in May for students who are about to enter the world of ministry. How different their world is from the world of Dr. Herndon, with today's technology our students can take live classes without physically being present in the classroom. My hope is that our graduates will use the technology to reach their generation for Christ just as Charles Herndon's generation reached the lost.

In May the faculty had an opportunity to meet with Art Maxwell whom I met during Maritime presidents meetings. What impresses me most about Art is his willingness to help and encourage our faculty without any agenda other than seeing our College benefit. Sometimes we isolate or insulate ourselves too much and miss the opportunities that are available for us. I'm very grateful for Art's visit and am encouraged about MCC's potential growth.

The Greek class Brenton Dickieson taught this year had several students from various institutions in Canada and the United States. These are Bachelor and Masters level students needing the course not offered by UPEI, and MCC is perfectly suited to meet this need. MCC is becoming known and recognized as an academic institution by other colleges. People are seeking us out and finding us; word is getting out that we are here. Every time you put yourself out there it's another connection.

Fred C. Osborne



Twelve students pose for a photo during the graduation banquet on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Matthew Mann, Principal, Immanuel Christian School (ICS), gave a message from Habakkuk 3:17 about

adversity's opportunities. *"Matthew's message came from his heart, his life experience, but most importantly from the Bible,"* said Fred Osborne. *"He spoke about founding a private school and how that impacted his personal life. In the final analysis this one truth stands today and forever, God is still God."*

Immanuel Christian School's choir presented a program for Maritime Christian College's (MCC) Christmas Chapel in 2009. In 2011, *As the High School reTurns* Spring Tour kicked off with its show at ICS. *"Maritime Christian College is enjoying a sense of connectedness with Immanuel Christian School,"* said President Fred Osborne. *"MCC is degree granting and these young people will look favorable upon a College that will provide them with a Christian environment and a quality education."*



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Two students received their Bachelor of Arts (Bible) Degree during graduation exercises: Jessica Heikkinen, Charlottetown, PE and Abby McCullough, Murray Harbour, PE. Tayte Willows, Halifax, NS earned her Associate of Arts Diploma and Biblical Studies Certificate. Crystal Bochen, Summerside, PE; Paul Bochen, Summerside, PE; Bradley Cameron, Mount Stewart, PE; Lily Gilbert, Burt's Corner, NB; Mark Ragon-Richards, Charlottetown, PE; Katelyn Richardson, Beaverbrook, NB; and Joshua Stevenson, Stratford, PE all earned their one year Biblical Studies Certificate.

Six thousand one hundred and ten dollars worth of bursaries and awards were given to students. Sengjung Choi received the Full Tuition Scholarship, worth four thousand eight hundred dollars, for the 2011-2012 School year. He plans to complete a Bachelor of Bible and Ministry Degree.

Dan Foreman ('05), Associate Minister Burt's Corner Church of Christ, challenged the students to "Watch How They Live"

"It was an absolute thrill to come back to MCC to speak at Graduation," said Dan Foreman. *"Standing in the hallway waiting to enter was so nostalgic. I thank the College for the opportunity."*

