A Canadian magazine of Christian mission

12–13
A passage through India





9
Gospel according to puppets

MISSION FIELDS

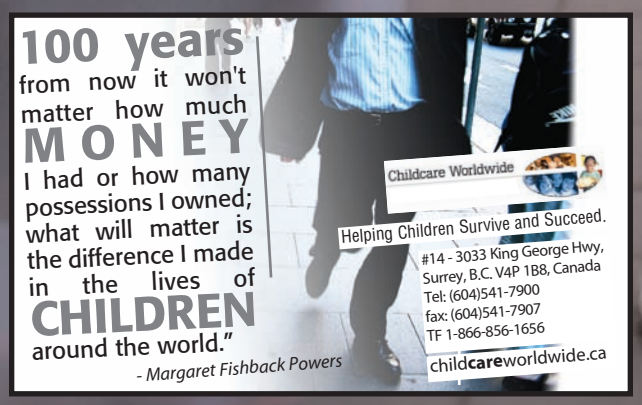
published by CHRISTIAN INFO SOCIETY

Spring 2006

FROM CHINA WITH CHRIST

the hidden mission field moving past you

» Canadian Publications Mail Product Sales Agreement #40038603







Partnership in Ministry

YOUR **ONE-STOP** SUPPLIER



Passion to Spread God's Word

MULTIPLY YOUR MISSION IMPACT

Audio Ministries - Cassette & CD

Video Ministries - VHS & DVD

Read our story on page 8

Serving Ministries Coast to Coast

- ***Maximize Your Resources***

Providing Media Outreach Tools

- ***Equipment***
- ***Duplication Services***
- ***Technical Support***

Expand Your Mission!

Call SUSAN for a complimentary quote

Manufacturing Since 1978

Western

Imperial Magnetics Ltd.

wimmedia.com

E-mail: susan@wimmedia.com

Tel: (604) 270-8682 **Tel: 1-800-663-8273**
Fax: (604) 270-2745 **Fax: 1-800-730-3299**

7 - 12840 Bathgate Way, Richmond, BC Canada V6V 1Z4

PRO AUDIO • VIDEO • COMPUTER MEDIA • MEDIA DUPLICATION & EQUIPMENT

1978-2006 28 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

11x13Ad.indd 1 4/4/06 10:57:08 AM

Mission Fields: Spring 2006



A passage through India 12



A Canadian couple return to India and encounter a fascinating variety of religious expression.

Gospel according to puppets 9



A young Canadian finds a unique way to communicate with the working people of Taiwan.

Going the extra mile 21



A determined young missionary goes out of his way to meet an Indonesian tribe.

From China with Christ 2



Chinese Canadians conduct outreach to their own community, tailored to Asian traditions.

View from Street Level . . .7



Yonge Street Mission's Rick Tobias challenges evangelicals to do more for the poor.

Against illegal detention . .4



The family of an innocent African man doggedly pursue justice with the help of a Christian ministry.

Jesuit Jubilee 17

Pandora's care package . . .19

Azusa Street at 100 18

Roundup 23

Cover: **Allen Chan, who oversees youth ministry with Chinese Christian Mission in Burnaby, B.C.** *Photographed by* **Trevor Lum**

Directory of Ministries

Aboriginal/Native
Northern Canada Evangelical Mission 11

Children/Youth
Awana Clubs Canada 15
Christian Service Brigade 10
Pioneer Clubs Canada 15

Community Services
Union Gospel Mission – Vancouver 6
Union Gospel Mission – Winnipeg 15

Education
ACTS Seminaries of TWU 24
Canada Institute of Linguistics 16
Canadian Theological Seminary 22
Columbia Bible College 17
Equip! Educational Services 11
Gateway: Training for Cross-Cultural Service 11
Perspectives 11
Prairie 8
Redeemer University College 20
TWU – Global Learning Connections 11, 16

Missions/Evangelism
Choosing Truth Ministries 16
Evangelical Free Church of Canada Mission 20
International Student Ministries Canada 14
International Tribal Ministries 14
Into All The World 10
Kingdom Ventures 22
Middle East Christian Outreach 5, 17
Mission Aviation Fellowship 6
Mission Without Borders 10
Red Sea Mission Team 10
UIM International 15
Ukrainian Children's Christian Fund 14
Urban Missionaries Association 14
Youth With A Mission 14

Prison Visitation
M2/W2 Association 10

Radio
International Russian Radio/TV 24

Relief and Development
Canadian Food for the Hungry 16
Childcare Worldwide 8
Christian Aid 5

Scripture & Media
Bible For Children 15
Western Imperial Magnetics 8
William Carey Library 18

Travel
Menno Travel 18
TravelCUTS 18

Mission Fields

highlighting the work of Christian mission in Canada and overseas

Published by *Christian Info Society*, a nonprofit ministry dedicated to enhancing Christian community through a range of publications.

canadianchristianity.com

Publisher/Editor
Flyn Ritchie
editor@canadianchristianity.com

Managing Editor
David F. Dawes
ddawes@canadianchristianity.com

Associate Editor
Peter Biggs
newsroom@canadianchristianity.com

Account Managers
Bob Friesen & Curtis Holder
bfriesen@canadianchristianity.com

Production Manager
John Kremmer
kremmer@canadianchristianity.com

Production Designer
David Greb
dgreb@canadianchristianity.com

Christian Info Society Board of Directors:

Mel Newth (Chair)
Michael Haywood
Jeffrey Lowe
Wesley Lowe
Dolphe Hoffman

Christian Info Society
#200 - 20316 - 56 Ave.,
Langley, BC V3A 3Y7
Phone toll free: 1-888-899-3777 • Fax: 604-534-2970

FROM CHINA WITH CHRIST

By David F. Dawes







MANY of Canada's Chinese citizens are evangelical Christians. Some dedicate themselves to overseas missions; others focus on outreach to Canada's aboriginals. But for many, their own community is the most significant mission field.

"Many Chinese churches do a lot of evangelism," says Simon Wong. He knows whereof he speaks. As one of a dozen pastors at Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, Wong facilitates many activities. This vital and growing church just north of Toronto ministers to its members in Mandarin, Cantonese and English. It operates ministries to restaurant workers and prisoners, and sponsors short term missions to Central America; it also conducts outreach through wellness seminars and line dancing.



Hong Kong pastor Eddie Ma and interpreter Zenia Cheng share a light moment with the audience at North America's first Chinese Alpha Conference, held November 18 – 19 at Bethany Baptist in Richmond, B.C. Above: Participants in last summer's Jesus Expo outreach, staged by Calgary's Chinese Pentecostal Church.

Indirect evangelism

The latter programs, says Wong, reflect a new approach. "In the past, the programs generally [used] direct evangelism. Nowadays there are many forms of indirect evangelism." He cites ESL programs, seniors' activities, citizenship classes, counselling, sports and concerts – efforts which he believes will increase "as more and more Chinese churches see these indirect means are becoming a more successful way to attract people to the church."

"Some churches have services to meet immigrants' needs," says Esther Lau, director of the Chinese Christian Mission (CCM) Calgary Service Centre. "To overcome the language barrier, churches make phone calls for them, and help them find jobs and places to live. They also do outreach through Tai Chi class and parenting classes."

Smaller churches, she adds, "also help each other. Many of them are very aware of missions today. Big churches do the organizing for them. Their missions are both local and overseas." She adds that many Chinese Christians conduct personal evangelism, "usually through evangelistic meetings at churches, once or twice a year. They try to outreach to non-Christian friends and new immigrants."

Chinese believers are also active at universities, says Victor Yang, editor-in-chief of the Vancouver-based *Truth Monthly*.

"On the UBC campus, a group of believers have been organizing fellowship meetings for Chinese scholars and students for the past 10-plus years. I came to the conviction to become a believer in 1994 through this very ministry when I was a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Education in UBC. Hundreds have come to know Jesus through this ministry."

Ministry to fellow Chinese has its logistical problems, says Simon Wong. "Since many Chinese churches are not situated in areas highly populated with Chinese, evangelism is difficult – as Chinese live in scattered areas. We have to rely on personal relationships and workplace networking."

He adds: "We are seeing a lot of people coming to Canada from Mainland China. They will repeat our previous immigrant movement, from first arriving in Chinatown or other transportation-convenient areas, and later moving to suburban area when they're more established."

In addition to evangelizing their own people, many Chinese see the need to reach out to other cultures. "We have adopted an unreached people group called the Uighur people in the Middle East," says Carlin Wong.

'Life is too short, I must do Christian art'



By John Franklin

IT IS a common lament of mine that seminaries in Canada pay little or no attention to the arts. Oh, there are some exceptions; but by and large, art makes no appearance in the hallowed halls and classrooms of theological study.

So I must note that the two Anglican colleges at the Toronto School of Theology – Wycliffe and Trinity – partnered in hosting Chinese Christian artist He Qi this spring.

A quiet man with a broad smile and a gentle demeanour, He Qi teaches at Nanjing Union Seminary in China and also serves as an adjunct professor in the philosophy department of the university.

His doctoral dissertation compared the presence of Buddhist and Christian art in China; he was one of the first scholars to take up the subject of religion and art after the Cultural Revolution in China.

For He Qi, it is very important that Christian art and the Christian story be a presence in Chinese culture.

In conversation with the artist, I noted that all the work on display in Toronto, and on his website, had Christian subject matter. I asked if he did other sorts of work, such as landscapes or abstract paintings.

His answer was telling; he paused and said: "Life is too short, I must do Christian art."

During a Toronto lecture, he noted how traditional Chinese art is without colour; it is black and white. Clearly influenced by a Christian doctrine of creation, He Qi has a very colourful palette. Among other things, his paintings are celebration of colour.

The style of his work is iconic, and seems to fit with what we call folk art. The images are strong but gentle. One can discern the influence of those who have gone before in art history; and at the same time, we see qualities that draw on indigenous Chinese culture.

He Qi is very clear about his desire to give his work a Chinese identity. He resists any facile adoption of styles from the past and is a keen advocate of being contemporary. But as an art historian he knows that one cannot – nor should one – ignore the past.

It is interesting to know that, in far-off Nanjing, there is an artist teaching in a Christian seminary. I learned that students go to seminary right after 'middle school.' The first four years provide the foundation for their next three years of theological training.

There seems to be a certain wisdom in including art history as a foundation for the study of Christian theology. Art, after all, is a rich reservoir of cultural and religious history – as well as a resource for theological and biblical awareness.

He Qi's commitment to doing only Christian subject matter is a practice that would find resistance among Christians in some artistic quarters in North America. Cultural differences clearly bear on this matter and it is a subject worth discussing for those in the Christian arts community in the west.

Whatever the case, He Qi is a man with a deep sense of Christian calling – and a very special artistic gift.

John Franklin is executive director of the Toronto-based Imago arts ministry (www.imago-arts.on.ca).

Pictured: Supper at Emmaus – courtesy of HeQiArts.com

His church, Vancouver's Pacific Grace Mennonite Brethren, "specifically chose this people group because the majority of my church is composed of Han Chinese. The Han Chinese oppressed this people group in past history, and there are very tense and negative feelings between us. One of the goals of this mission is to bring reconciliation between the Han Chinese and the Uighur."

His church, he adds, also conducts outreach to its immediate surroundings. "This area is very concentrated in the Sikh population. We've set up carnivals for the neighbourhood children – and it also gives us a chance to get to know the parents as well.

"We've also taken some Punjabi lessons and even visited a Sikh temple. Some stereotypes we had of Sikhs were broken because we entered into their world."

Challenges

Evangelism of Chinese people, says Simon Wong, has its own unique intellectual challenges.

"Chinese people do not see the necessity to have a belief or faith if they do not have any problem. Many traditional Chinese do not see the need of following a Western religion. Many claim that they have religion already, when we make visitation. Self-righteousness and cultural superiority are two of the important factors that obstruct interest in knowing more about Christianity."

"China's official ideology, dialectical materialism, has influenced many who have received a systematic education under the Communist Party's rule," says Victor Yang. "They have difficulty believing anything supernatural."

"As most Chinese people are Buddhist, many superstitious beliefs continue even after becoming Christians," says Carlin Wong. Another major obstacle, he adds, is ancestor worship. "Chinese people highly respect their ancestors, even after death. When an ancestor passes away, they are regarded as a god afterwards – and are subsequently prayed to and worshipped."

Esther Lau sees the same trend, especially in the older generation. "Some of them idolize their ancestors. For festivals, they bring food in front of them, and they bow to them.

"They think they're still alive in another world. Also, they think, 'If I believe in this Christ, what will happen to my ancestors? I won't be able to pay respect to them.'" Many of the elderly, she adds, "worship idols." As for the younger generation, "many are educated that there is no God; they believe more in science than in God."

Wealth

Edwin Kong, head of CCM Canada in Burnaby, B.C., sees wealth as a chief obstacle, citing "the affluent lifestyle of some of the recent Chinese [arrivals]. Economic growth brings prosperity – but also diminishes the need for the gospel. Multiple Chinese dialects also pose a difficulty."

"For Hong Kong Chinese, making money is the number one [obstacle]," says Matthew Wong, who works with Alpha's outreach to Chinese Canadians. "Most of them are doing pretty well financially here in Canada. They have time for sports, leisure and travel – but little time for Christianity. They are also easily influenced by Buddhism.

"For Mainland Chinese, making money is also number one. But most of them are not doing well here in Canada. They need to work very hard to survive. Again, they have very little time for Christian [faith]. Most of them are atheists; at least they claim to be. Very few of them have been to church or heard about Christianity before they came to Canada."

'If I believe in this Christ, what will happen to my ancestors?'

Chinese people born in this country, he says, "have a totally different cultural background. They subscribe to Canadian culture, no matter if they can speak Chinese or not. Many of them have identity challenges. This group are mostly highly educated and doing well financially. They do not feel too comfortable in traditional Chinese churches, nor do they feel at home in traditional Canadian churches."

"For the Mainland Chinese," says Edwin Kong, "post-Communism syndrome does hinder them. Many come from an atheistic education background; so religion is considered superstitious. At the other extreme, many are also very superstitious by nature, and they will embrace any religion thrown their way after Communism failed.

"The traditional Chinese culture nurtured for the past 5,000 years will continue to dominate our Chinese around the world."

Taking the baton

"In the past," says Esther Lau, "Western missionaries went to China. Now it is our responsibility to take up the baton. Some of us do cross-cultural evangelism in South America, Romania, Czechoslovakia, England, France and Holland – places where there is a significant Chinese population. The ultimate aim is to plant churches.

"We also aim to instill a sense of mission in the young. We have conventions, where missionaries speak, and challenge them to go overseas. Some go to seminary; they become pastors or overseas missionaries. My daughter joined Campus Crusade; she attends Sherbrooke University in Quebec. She speaks French, so she's evangelizing French-Canadians – and also students from overseas."

Her church also exhorts people over 50 to take early retirement. "Many lay Christians," she adds, "are still working, and taking courses at seminaries. One man, an engineer, spent 11 years taking courses; he finished his training, then quit his job. He's now a pastor at Chinese Evangelical Free Church in Calgary."

Many Chinese Christians, says Edwin Kong, tenaciously pursue personal evangelism. "They are very creative in working around obstacles. Some read books, and take seminars and training. I know pockets of Christians are very creative to create opportunities in outreach. For example, there is a ladies' group that meet regularly in a restaurant monthly. They build friendship with neighbours and friends, and invite them to this function where practical talks are featured. Slowly, people are exposed to the Christian faith."

"Our English congregation uses the Alpha program, but not our Chinese congregations," says Simon Wong. Chinese people, he emphasizes, "normally value relationships. Therefore, whatever obstacles we face, we will try to steer away from the obstacles and instead build on relationship – so that the trust level will increase to such a state that people can listen to the gospel message rather than criticize it."

"We have found from our experience that long-term friendship is the key," agrees Victor Yang. "I always encourage those who want to evangelize to make friends with them first. Love them. Understand them. Befriend them." Love, he concludes, "is the most powerful evangelistic tool."



James Hudson Taylor's mission continues



British missionary James Hudson Taylor (above) pioneered gospel outreach into mainland China. Taylor established China Inland Mission, and spent four decades in the country. By his death in 1905, there were more than 200 missionary stations, 849 missionaries and some 125,000 Chinese Christians affiliated with his ministry. James (Jamie) Hudson Taylor IV (below), great-great-grandson of the founder of what is now called Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF), has been touring Canada this spring. With a specific focus on Chinese Canadians, he has spoken in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto. One highlight was the commissioning of Chinese graduates of Tyndale University College & Seminary in Toronto.



STANDING AGAINST ILLEGAL DETENTION

By Jamie McIntosh



NIGHTLY newscasts about Canadian citizens William Samson, Zahra Kazemi and Majer Arar have brought illegal detention and torture flooding into our homes. For most Canadians, even proximity to the TV feels just a bit too close for comfort. Feeling powerless, we change the channel. I know I do.

For innocent victims, however, the channel is locked on – supersaturated images and noise in high definition and surround sound, the remote control in someone else's hand, with no reprieve in sight. Many do not survive.

Paul

On a Friday in 2003, Esther visited her husband Paul at the police station; he had been arrested for an argument with a neighbour. Expecting his release, she returned the next day – to find her husband lying face-up in a pool of blood, with his broken cell door beside him.



Cell #5, Mituini Police Base, Karen, Kenya – where the bloodied, lifeless body of 'Paul' was found in police custody. Above: Paul's mother points to his picture. Photos courtesy IJM.

The police commander told Esther her husband had died from self-inflicted wounds by banging himself against the walls of the cell. An autopsy revealed severe head and chest injuries, traumatic bruising and massive internal bleeding.

A local priest referred the family to International Justice Mission, a Christian human rights agency. IJM investigated, and presented reports proving the police were responsible for Paul's death. IJM staff later visited Paul's grave with his mother Mary, his wife and their son John. The sunken plot was unmarked – its wooden marker stolen for firewood.

As Mary longingly traced her finger over her lost son's photograph, her courage to reach beyond her devastation was inspiring. She remarked that, despite terrible circumstances, they remained prayerful – even when thinking of the people who committed the crime against her son and perpetrated injustice against their family. "You must have a forgiving heart – to forgive even our enemies, to love our enemies."

IJM continues striving to bring accountability to those who killed Paul. Esther has encouraged the others to remain patient, and asked for prayer "that this case may be resolved."

Samuel

For nearly four years Samuel, a caring husband and father, had been locked away on charges of armed robbery – though his family, the investigating officers and the judge who sentenced him all knew he was innocent. He was a convenient scapegoat, and would suffer horrors in a Kenyan prison – including torture, mutilation, familial separation, loss of reputation, disease and an agonizingly slow death sentence.

After realizing he had been detained for several days without counsel, Samuel's wife hired a lawyer to contest the detention. Samuel was charged with robbery with violence, a non-bailable offence that carries a mandatory death sentence.

Lacking a case, police proceeded to torture Samuel to obtain a confession. Eyewitness testimony that Samuel was not at the scene of the robbery was available to the investigators; but Samuel and his co-accused languished in police custody season after season. At the end of each hearing, the presiding magistrate adjourned the case for months at a time.

Two years into his imprisonment, IJM learned of the case from a missionary working in Nairobi. IJM advocates lodged complaints to relevant authorities when they perceived any misconduct; the case thereafter proceeded in a prompt manner.

IJM applied for the court proceedings and realized that not one of 37 prosecution witnesses had implicated Samuel. In fact, no credible evidence was ever produced linking Samuel to the robbery. IJM was allowed to make the final arguments, and the defence closed its case. On December 14, 2001, Samuel and his co-accused were acquitted of the charges.

Scars on the soul

Sometime before his release, Samuel had told me about his torture at the hands of a particularly notorious officer.

He said he drew strength from the knowledge that the fate of others was worse than his own; if they could make it, he said, then he would be given the strength to survive. This perspective has enabled him to rise above his suffering.

Five years after his release, it is clear that his ordeal marked Samuel – not merely with scars on his body, but to the core of his soul. Yet maybe not in ways that one might expect. Instead of raging bitterness, a certain peaceful gentleness and guileless passion exudes from within his spirit, as he quietly encourages me to understand that God has called each of us to "remember those in prison as if it were we ourselves."

He further explains that those in prison are to be remembered not because perhaps someday a false accusation or unjust imprisonment or horrific torture might visit us.

Rather, they are to be remembered as ourselves because the holy Lamb of the ancient scriptures, who knows what it is to suffer for crimes not his own, has shown us a more excellent way, the way of sacrifice and love.

Jamie McIntosh is executive director of IJM Canada. In order to protect torture victims, pseudonyms have been used. ***© 2006 International Justice Mission.***

BE INVOLVED!



Christian Aid

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1Timothy 2:1).

Christian Aid . . . because we love the brethren.

Tragedy is a certainty in this world. And certain people are going through all types of it. Affliction, tribulation and great hardship fall as rain, upon the just and unjust alike.

Whether it be experiencing the horrors of war, the aftermath of a natural disaster or the pains of persecution, Christians in many developing countries are suffering even as the gospel advances.

Christ is able to give what the world cannot give – hope for tomorrow, and a faith which intercedes for constructive action. Christ's people, like the Lord himself, are intercessors. They are persuaded that he can keep them – because "he ever lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

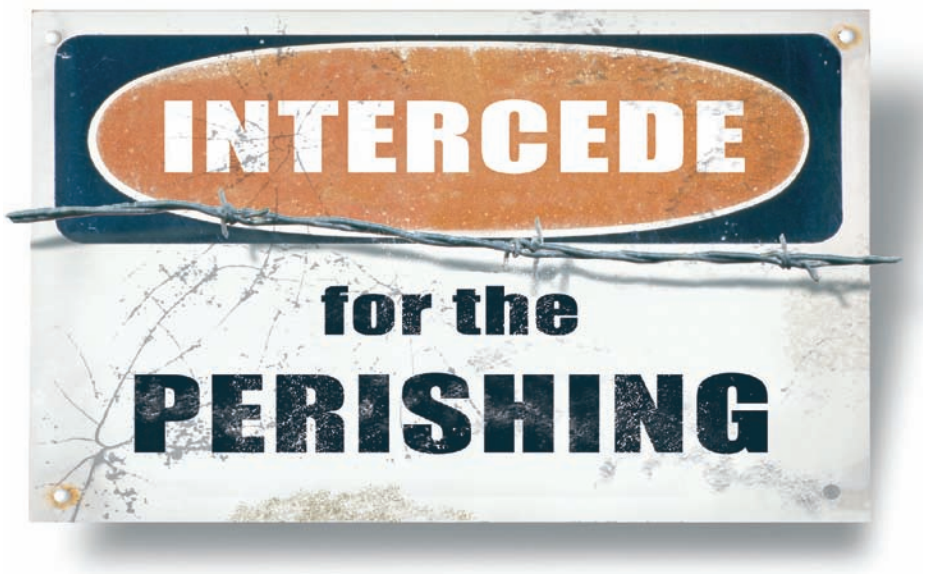
Global opportunities to intercede and minister Christ's redeeming gospel exist today as never before. We must not lose sight of these great open doors.

Christian Aid can point you to the work of indigenous missions, with specific details about their work, in our publications *Christian Mission* magazine and *Prayerline* – as well as reports from indigenous missions, ministering in more than 50 nations.

Armed with this insight, Christians in Canada can intercede for their fellow Christians in lands of poverty and persecution, by praying and by providing for their specific needs – in order to advance the gospel and relieve their suffering.

The time to intercede is now. For 53 years, Christian Aid in Canada has been a link to indigenous Christian missionary movements.

Please visit our website at ChristianAid.ca, or give us a call at 1-800-871-0882 to learn more. Christian Aid, 201 Stanton Street, Fort Erie, ON L2A 3N8



Middle East Christian Outreach

Helping you reach your Arab neighbours . . .

If you're looking for ways to reach out to your Arab neighbours, Middle East Christian Outreach (MECO) can help.

For more than 100 years, MECO has been serving the church in the Middle East by distributing, and in some cases publishing, Christian literature in Arabic.

In recent years, MECOMedia's distribution has grown to include audiocassette tapes, CDs, videos and DVDs.

Production and distribution have been made possible in part because of the generosity of Canadians who have financially supported the work.

Now it is our turn to help. The materials we have on hand can be used in Canada, to reach people who have emigrated from the Middle East.

Last year, we were able to send 100 Kurdish Gospels of Luke for distribution among Kurdish refugees living in Hamilton, Ontario.

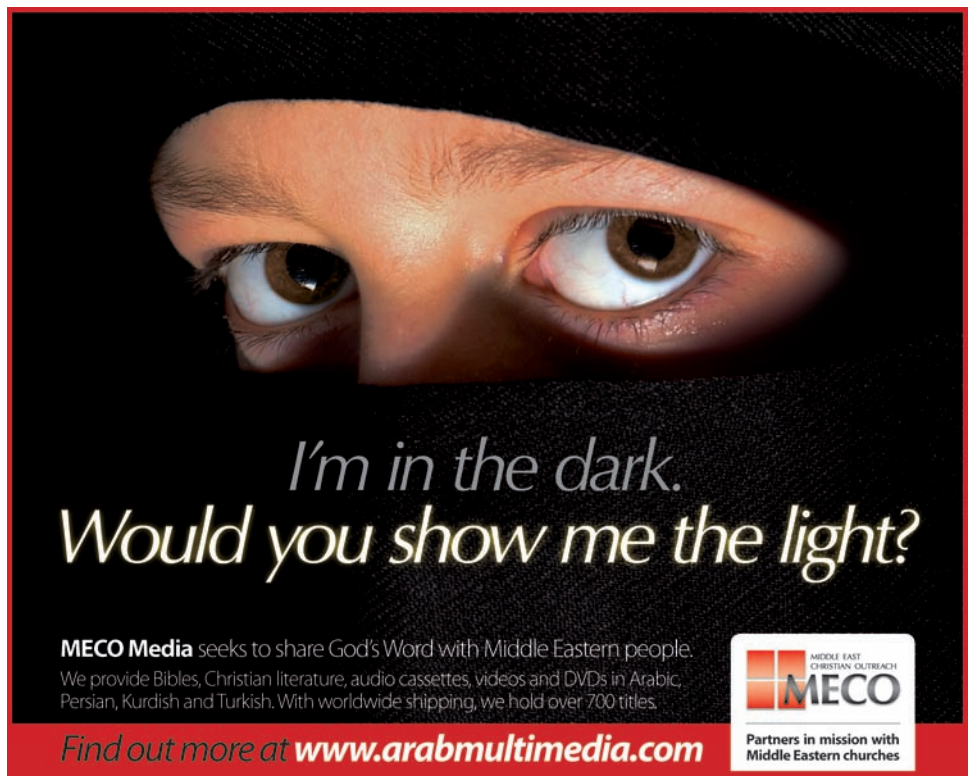
Recently we filled an order for Fellowship of Faith to Muslims in Toronto. We've also filled an order for a single Turkish Bible.

Exactly what do we have to offer? We can provide you with *Veggie Tales* in Arabic, Gospels of Luke in Kurdish or audiocassette tapes of the Book of Acts in Egyptian Arabic.

Then again, maybe you'd rather have Christian magazines or videos in Arabic. To see everything we have to offer, go to: ArabMultimedia.com

Through our SEED Fund, and depending on need, we can sometimes provide materials free of charge.

For more information about MECO go to: www.aboutmeco.org.



Union Gospel Mission

Located in the poorest postal code in Canada, Union Gospel Mission (UGM) has been offering hope to the hungry, hurting and homeless in the Lower Mainland of B.C. since 1940.

Our main facility is located at 616 East Cordova Street, and we are proud to call the Downtown Eastside our home.

UGM has grown in size, scope and the geographic area we serve. We are best known for serving thousands of meals at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; but we reach out daily with the love of God, showing Christian compassion by offering effective programs to those who need them most.

Meals are served three times a day with chapel services, emergency shelters are open every night, and live-in alcohol and drug recovery programs are available for men and women (separately).

UGM has four Drop-in Centres in the Greater Vancouver Area, as well as after-school and weekend programs for kids, and a summer camp sponsorship program sending more than 800 kids to camp each year.

To encourage learning and help those in need gain new skills, UGM offers a GED program (grade 12 equivalency), ESL, computer classes and employment services – free of charge – through our Hope Learning Centre.

UGM has an alcohol- and drug-free housing complex in the Downtown Eastside for more than 80 people – the first of its kind in Canada – as well as a 75-unit townhouse complex for lower income families.

We are grateful to those who generously support us in meeting the increasing demands for our programs and services. The number of homeless people sleeping on the streets in Greater Vancouver has tripled in the last three years. Please help us continue to reach out with loving hands to help change lives.

To donate to Union Gospel Mission, please call 604-215-5440 or donate online at www.ugm.ca

Mission Aviation Fellowship

The shortwave radio call came from a Masai evangelist in a remote Kenyan village. A child had been bitten by a poisonous snake. With the nearest hospital a full two-day walk away, his chance of surviving was slim.

Within an hour, a plane operated by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) took off from the dirt airstrip. With the life of his tiny passenger hanging in the balance, the pilot set off for the nearest hospital town.

Twenty minutes later, they landed. The infant was taken to the hospital, and received the life-saving treatment he needed.

Every five minutes of every day, somewhere in the world, a plane with a MAF pilot takes off on a mission of service.

It may be an emergency medivac flight like the one described above. It may be a flight to transport relief and development workers to a refugee camp in a war-torn or drought-plagued country. Or it may be transporting vegetables to market, enabling rural farmers to earn an income.

Whatever the task, MAF is there. We bring hope – and the Good News of God's love – to remote and forgotten parts of the world.

What began as an idea following World War II has grown into a fellowship of more than 450 missionary families – serving as pilots, mechanics, teachers and information technologists, in 30 of the poorest countries around the world.

Together, they travel farther every six hours than legendary missionary David Livingstone did in his entire 28 years of ministry in Africa.

We're always looking for qualified commercial pilots, aircraft engineers, avionics and IT specialists, and teachers.

To learn more about serving overseas with MAF, or to help keep our planes in the air with a financial donation, check out our ad below.

SEND a kid to Camp CHANGE a Life!



Every year* over **800 children** in need attend a week-long summer camp through a donor sponsorship program at Union Gospel Mission. A week away from the inner city streets changes children's lives.



***A young girl** recalls her **joyous experience** at camp last year, "Camp was a ton of fun! We played lots of games, ate yummy food, learned about God, and ate more food!"

YES! I would like to sponsor a child to attend **SUMMER CAMP** in 2006

☐ $295 to send an inner city child to camp for **1 full week**
☐ $42 to send an inner city child to camp for **1 day**
☐ $___ to **help as many children as possible** this summer

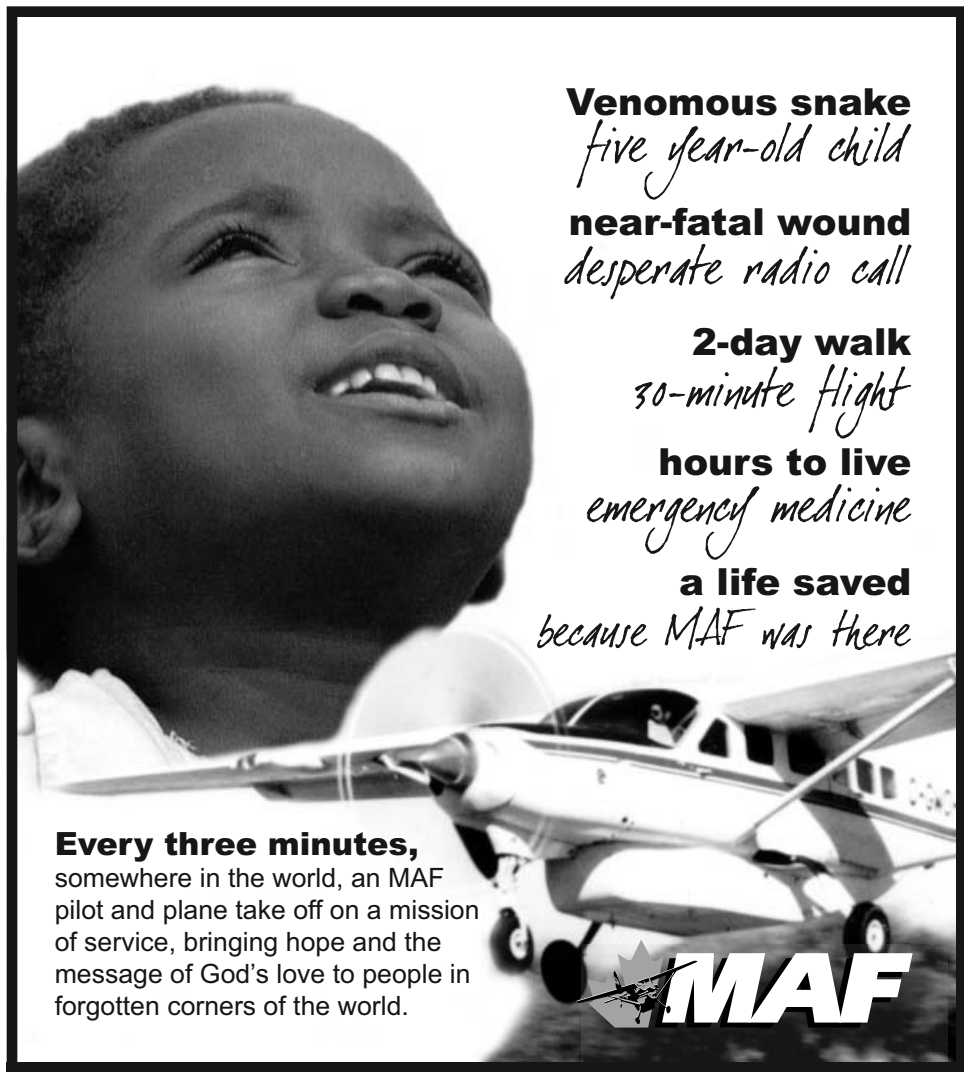
Union Gospel Mission

Name: _____
Address: _____
City:_____PC_____
Please charge my gift on my credit card:
☐ VISA ☐ M/C Card No.: _____
Exp Date:_____Signature: _____

Mail to: PO Box 2546 Vancouver, BC V6B 3W3

Hope for the hungry, hurting and homeless

www.ugm.ca



Be a part of this vital link.

Contact us today to make your tax-deductible donation, or to learn more about service with MAF as a pilot, aircraft engineer, avionics technician, or teacher.

Mission Aviation Fellowship of Canada
364 Woodlawn Rd. W. Guelph, ON N1H 1B6
Toll-Free: 1.877.351.9344 | www.mafc.org

A CANDID VIEW FROM STREET LEVEL

EMERGING from the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's roundtable on poverty and homelessness, Street Level was a late-March Ottawa gathering of some 300 individuals representing organizations from across Canada. The conference focused on solutions to poverty and homelessness; participants included political, media, business and church leaders. A hard-hitting document, The Ottawa Manifesto, was issued in conjunction with the event. A few days later, plenary speaker Rick Tobias, executive director of Toronto's Yonge Street Mission, spoke with reporter Steve Weatherbe.

Mission Fields: *What is your reaction to the conference?*

Rick Tobias: I personally think it is the most exciting thing to happen in the evangelical church in Canada in 50 years. Evangelicals have never stood for justice in Canada; they've just pretended to stand for justice. Usually, when they talk about justice, they mean serving their own needs and their own agendas.

This was a conference where they actually talked about the needs and agendas of other people. Instead of it being "We're against gay marriage, we're against all the things that violate our principles, and we're using all our political energy to fight those things," it was actually a first time for them to say, "There are other people in Canada who are having their rights violated and we're going to stand with them."


Photo: UGM - Vancouver

MF: *What are the main features of the injustice that you see?*

RT: Let me back up and insert a point between this question and the last one. Evangelicals, to be fair to them, have a great track record at doing compassion. We are able to help people as individuals but we don't often help in the end to change whole communities, neighbourhoods or whole systems.

At this [conference] there was kind of a communal consensus that it was time to move beyond compassion to justice. That's the theological shift that says we have to stand for justice. So injustice means living in a land that does not have a national housing strategy. That's immoral for a country like Canada. We live in a land where the poor are not protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

MF: *What do they need protection from?*

RT: From landlords who don't rent to them because they're poor or on welfare. From employers who won't hire them on the basis of the neighbourhoods they live in. From MPs who won't listen to them because they don't make enough money to be powerful taxpayers.

MF: *The Ottawa Manifesto did not ask for specific measures. But you have already mentioned a national housing policy. What are some other measures?*

RT: If you had been at the conference you would have heard a whole lot more from me. We talked about violence against women as being unjust. We talked about the fact mentally disabled people in Canada are left to fend for themselves, homeless on the street. The mentally disabled are poor by virtue of infirmity; they are the least of the least of the poor that Jesus would allude to, and we leave them to homelessness in one of the richest nations in the world. They live in gutters; they live in ravines; they live in back alleys; they eat out of the garbage – and that's a violation of human rights the evangelical Church has to come to grips with.

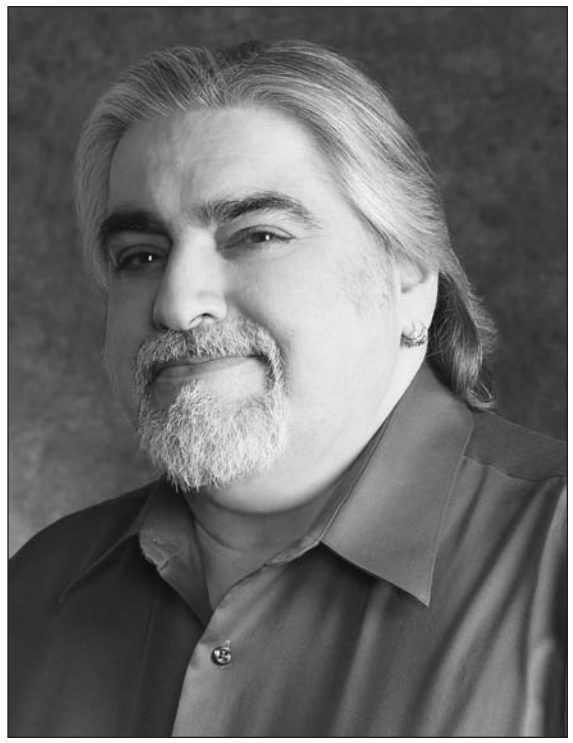
Two thousand passages of scripture speak about God's care for the poor. Two thousand! We've taught five generations of Christians that good Christianity is sitting in church listening to the pastor. Good Christianity is changing the world and extending the kingdom to the least of the least.

MF: *In what ways could evangelical churches respond?*

RT: What if evangelical Christians in Canada said, 'We will not vote for any political party that does not have a national housing strategy?' What if every evangelical Christian in Canada said, as Deuteronomy 14 says, that a third-year tithe belongs to the poor? What if every evangelical Christian in Canada gave three percent of their income to care for the poor in the land? What if every evangelical Christian volunteered in a local mission? What if every Christian family gave to food banks? There's an unlimited array of things that evangelicals can do.

MF: *Why did the conference happen?*

RT: We got together because [we] got tired of being treated like the second-rate children in the evangelical family. We got tired of going to conferences and asking for a workshop on this and being told no. We got tired of going to seminaries and asking for a course on poverty and justice and being told no. So finally we said, "We have enough strength now to speak for justice. We have a network that is informal now; but it will formalize over the next five years."


Rick Tobias, head of Yonge Street Mission

MF: *Can you say something about the variety of missions you saw across Canada?*

RT: We saw the larger missions like the Mustard Seed in Calgary or the Yonge Street Mission in Toronto or Welcome Inn in Montreal, or Salome Mission in Winnipeg or the Salvation Army clear across the country. And then we saw little ministries like the Ark in Halifax. The Ark in Halifax is absolutely amazing. Three women who for five years have been working with street kids on a total budget of $70,000 a year.

MF: *What's the hardest part of your job?*

RT: One that comes to mind is what happens when we see our people diminish or watch our people die needlessly, whether children or adults, simply because nobody got to them or we got to them but it was too late and we couldn't get through to them. They were too broken or wounded. And there's no street worker who doesn't have stories that have scarred their heart as they have watched evil take its toll in the lives of people. For me personally I've been listening for 35 years to people in the church asking me when I am going to get a real ministry.

MF: *Do you have hopes this conference will change that?*

RT: I don't know. What I do know is: We are the future of evangelicalism in Canada. Because evangelicalism as it has historically existed is morally and spiritually bankrupt. I have no apology in saying that. It has lost its way. It has lost its biblical rootedness. It bows down to the God of commercial success.

MF: *How does it do that?*

RT: Who do we appoint as our elders? Who do we appoint as our deacons?

MF: *Lastly, can I ask you for a closing thought?*

RT: I want to say that this Street Level as a conference was significant. Over a half of the delegates were under 40, with lots under 30. This [non youth] gathering has the lowest average age of any Christian gathering I've ever been to. This is hugely encouraging, and speaks well to the future of evangelicals and social justice in Canada. It will put pressure on the evangelical wing of the church.

A special visit to Yonge Street

In April, Yonge Street Mission hosted a private meeting arranged by Canada's Governor General, Michaëlle Jean (right). Her Excellency invited several experts, including ministry head Rick Tobias, for a discussion on family violence, including violence against women. From 1979 to 1987, Jean worked with Québec shelters for battered women. She was also involved in aid organizations for immigrant women and families. Her passion for this work continues to be very much in evidence. Following the meeting, Tobias escorted Jean to the Evergreen Centre for Street Youth, where she had a lengthy tour and interacted with many staff and youth.



Childcare Worldwide

It has been a whirlwind at Childcare Worldwide in B.C., since the arrival of the Lake Victoria Children's Choir from Uganda.

Ten AIDS orphans from our Beta Village arrived March 16, to perform at our March 17 Multicultural Event in Surrey.

After a successful presentation, the choir flew off to Smithers, B.C. to thank supporters for raising $100,000 to build an orphanage in Kalangala, Uganda.

Childcare Worldwide presented Smithers with a key to the Smithers Children's Village in Uganda.

The Lake Victoria Children's Choir's vibrant traditional African singing, dancing and drumming was met with a resounding reception in Surrey and Smithers. Upon the choir's arrival and departure the community of Smithers gathered to embrace the African children as their own.

Childcare Worldwide had a dream to sponsor 200 children to fill the village that Smithers built. That dream is becoming a reality, as the people of Smithers have already sponsored 113 children.

Childcare Worldwide is so inspired by the heart of this community that we are challenging communities across Canada to match the compassion of Smithers.

See our ad on the front cover.



Western Imperial Magnetics

The seed for Western Imperial Magnetics was planted in 1967 by the many requests for sermon tapes at a B.C. church. Company founder Gordon Cleasby was operating live radio broadcasts for the Sunday service, and realized there was a wonderful opportunity to share God's word by distributing tapes to those who could not attend church or missed the broadcast.

Gordon, who had a keen interest in electronics, began to serve many local churches by updating their sound systems and developing tape ministries.

"It is very rewarding to see how the Lord opens doors, and how receptive people are to listen to sermon tapes," he says. "This is an excellent way for a person to hear the Good News, and receive specific teaching and encouragement in the privacy of their own home."

As the seed was watered by a passion for spreading God's wonderful message, Western Imperial was incorporated in 1978 with the primary focus of manufacturing audio cassettes and supplying tape duplicators. We have worked with thousands of churches across Canada for more than 35 years, assisting in development of audio cassette and video ministries – and, as technology marches on, CD and DVD ministries.

We have also had the privilege to work with important ministries, such as: John MacArthur's *Grace to You*; Northern Canada Mission's *Jesus* film outreach; Leadership Development Center (Willow Creek); Precept Ministries; Fresh Fire Ministries; and Aglow Canada.

If your church is looking for a way to communicate your message to the world around you, please consider a cassette and CD ministry.

Reproducing your message is easy, inexpensive and very effective. Tapes and CDs of sermons can be used to minister to children's groups, the elderly, shut-ins, and people whose work schedules conflict with church.

Sometimes, just passing a tape along to a friend can be a real inspiration. Some churches produce worship CDs and distribute them to visitors.

Others produce 'visitor videos' or DVDs, offering an overview of the church's ministries. These gifts provide a nice welcome that can familiarize visitors with your programs. They can also be used as an evangelistic tool to send to friends and neighbours. The opportunities are endless!

Western is regarded as one of Canada's leading resources for audio and video tape and duplicating equipment.

We consider it a privilege to provide this service; we also offer custom printing, packaging and more. Just tell us what you need.

Your church can enrich the lives of many people. We count it a joy to help you fulfill the Great Commission.

See our ad on the inside front cover.

Prairie

In 1922, Prairie began. Much has changed in the past 84 years, but the mission has remained clear.

Having sent more than 14,000 alumni to 110 countries, and occupying a campus which spans more than 100 acres, Prairie now attracts students from more than 20 countries.

Prairie is comprised of three separate colleges: Prairie Bible College, Prairie College of Applied Arts & Technology and Prairie School of Mission Aviation.

Prairie Bible College is Canada's oldest Bible College, and focuses primarily on ministry preparation. It offers accredited four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees in a variety of areas including Ministry, Theology, Intercultural Studies and Performing Arts & Worship.

Also offered are two-year Associate of Arts degrees and one-year certificates.

In September 2006, Prairie will be opening the first college in Canada deliberately created to offer two-year vocational programs in conjunction with Christian higher education.

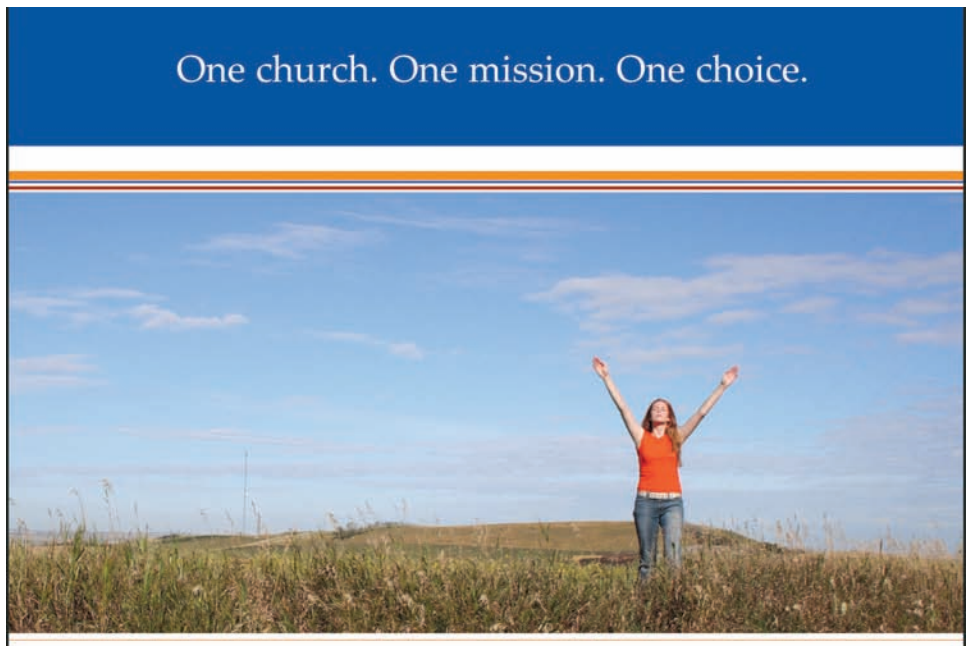
Beginning with programs in health care and education, Prairie College of Applied Arts & Technology will allow students to graduate with a two-year Associate of Arts degree, which involves courses in Bible and theology.

They can also earn a provincially recognized diploma in their chosen vocational field. The new college will train students for a profession, as well as for roles in the international mission of the church.

Prairie Bible College has offered quality training in the area of mission aviation for many years. In a recent audit, Transport Canada indicated that our students score higher on their flight tests and written scores compared to students at other Transport Canada-licensed facilities across the nation.

Our desire is to continue to offer excellent mission aviation training. To ensure this, the program will now be offered through the newly created Prairie School of Mission Aviation.

To find out more about Prairie and these new developments, visit www.prairie.edu or call 1-800-661-2425.



Because there's only one you.

A passionate focus on the church. It's the foundation of Prairie's purpose. Eighty years of focus has produced more than 14,000 alumni sharing their faith in 110 countries. Those are big numbers. But they don't indicate the **quality** of a faith-integrated education from Prairie. There is, however, a number that does: ninety-nine. As in 99% of the graduates we polled last year would recommend Prairie to a friend. So if Prairie is the one for an overwhelming majority of our graduates, maybe we're the choice for you too.

Call 1.800.661.2425 to book your visit to our campus or go to www.prairie.edu to learn more.

PRAIRIE

Building a passionate Body of Christ

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PUPPETS

By Michelle Collin

"DO YOU like puppets?" asked Min Min, my six year old neighbour, after seeing my small puppets.

"My dad does too, but his puppets are much bigger than yours," he continued. His dad, Mr. Su then showed me his Pili puppets. When I shared my vision for using puppets to tell Bible stories, Mr. Su offered to listen to the stories and help me turn them into puppet scripts.

I believe that God brought me to live next door to the Su family to begin the process of making my vision into reality.

Ever since seeing street performances of puppets, I wondered if this cultural drama could be used to communicate the gospel.

At first, I considered traditional puppets like the ones still used in front of the temples to entertain the gods. But then I came to see how these puppets mainly depict the gods and their stories. There are many rules and regulations for the use of these puppets.

As well, the traditional puppets no longer mesmerize a crowd or attract the attention of the youth.

Then, when my neighbour, a 45 year old machinist, introduced me to the world of Pili puppets and their dedicated followers, I saw my vision taking a new direction.

Historically in Asia, puppets have been used to educate, communicate and entertain.

In Taiwan, traditional puppetry has been adapted to suit a TV audience, blending historical/cultural aspects of traditional hand puppets as well as modern special effects. Pili puppets have revived the art of puppetry, as well as adding a distinct Taiwanese flavour.

The modern style of Pili puppets is popular with the Taiwanese working class—young and middle aged men, in particular. Thus, it is my desire to use this style of puppets to tell Bible stories on the street, in the parks or even in homes.

Despite the fact that the Taiwanese working class makes up the majority of the population, most are unreached with the gospel. Pastors admit their church style is simply not adaptable to working class lifestyle.

Through friendship evangelism, which includes drinking tea, singing karaoke, telling chronological Bible stories and just spending time, our OMF team hopes to reach many Taiwanese working people for Christ.

Bible stories told by Taiwanese puppets would be culturally relevant, popular with the working class, particular to Taiwan and flexible in time and location, while using a familiar storytelling style.



OMF's portable puppet show in Taiwan. Below: Michelle Collin with a Taiwanese puppet

It is our vision to see Taiwanese working class men, women and children laughing, clapping or crying as they watch and understand Bible stories being performed by Taiwanese puppets manned by Taiwanese believers.

My teammates, Tim and Jennifer McCracken, are helping to make this vision come alive. The script, written in Taiwanese, is the first of several chronological Bible stories adapted to suit a Pili puppet performance.

Beginning with the creation of the angels and ending with the fall of man, this story is full of action and drama. Lighting and smoke effects will accompany God's creation of the world. Angels and demons fighting will capture the attention of those who revel in the Chinese kung fu.

Michelle Collins, a native of Edmonton, works with OMF International in Taiwan.



Photos: OMF International

JUDY OLSON - in Sierra Leone





Canadian Lutheran missionary Judy Olson has done literacy work in West Africa since 1987, beginning in Sierra Leone. Forced to move because of the war in that country, she now lives in Namibia. She is currently working with the Dhimba literacy project, which involves both New Testament translation and HIV/AIDS information.

"This war has brought something good to our literacy program!" admitted one of the Sierra Leone Literacy Coordinators. He had been driven from his home under fire, spent time with his family in a refugee camp and is still, several years later, eagerly hoping to leave Freetown and return to his village to rebuild and continue his work.

Astonished, I asked, "What do you mean? What is good about war?"

"When I was in the village, I could only reach those other villages within reach of my bicycle. I had never been able to carry the message of Christ to the other chiefdoms in our district where I couldn't visit. So many people were crying to learn to read God's Word, but I couldn't help them.

"Now here in Freetown, I am teaching in the refugee camps. The refugees come from all parts of our district! The students learning to read our language are from all the different chiefdoms of my people. Many are so excited that they are begging me to teach them to be teachers of others. They are learning to teach very well. Next they want to carry God's Word in our language to all our people. They will be teachers to all the chiefdoms. That is the good thing that came from this war."



Yes, the quote from Romans is really true. "You are among those who have been called to Jesus Christ, dear friends in (Loko, Limba, Kono, Mende, Themne and Krio). God loves you dearly and He has called you to be His very own people." Even in the midst of war, God calls people to belong to Him. He opens doors so they can hear.

With a laugh, my colleague added, "You know, I will need a good motorcycle when I return so I can reach all the church-based literacy and Scripture use programs these new teachers will start!"

Christian Service Brigade

Christian Service Brigade is a ministry that builds future leaders. Through local evangelical churches across North America, and several other countries, it has been winning and developing godly young men – and recently young women – to serve Christ.

Its founder, Joe Coughlin envisioned an army of young men who would reach the world for Jesus.

Many of the graduates are serving the Lord around the world as missionaries and pastors – and in other key positions of leadership, in Christian organizations, business and government.

The organization provides all the resources required to conduct a mid-week ministry in your church, including leader and student manuals, achievement recognition awards, uniforms and other materials.

Skilled and experienced staff are available in various locations across Canada to provide training and assistance to leaders.

Your church needs this action-packed, gender specific ministry to develop the next generation of godly leaders and missionaries.



Into All The World

"Reveal yourself, Oh God!"

Many cry out from spiritual darkness around the world. No one near them knows Jesus. They can't find the Way.

Into All The World started in 1981, to partner Canadians and their churches with national overseas churches. Much of our work is in or near the 10-40 window. We mobilize and teach Canadian churches, and we work in 15 overseas nations.

We start new churches, evangelize, teach leaders, equip nationals, help street kids, care for orphans and widows, and help with schools and water.

We have opportunities for short term, longer term, finishers and prayer walkers abroad. At home, volunteers can mobilize others through our growing network of area representatives. We have staff opportunities.

Our passion is to see the Great Commission completed, and to enable you to be more involved in this outreach. Want to be a part? Call us at 519-763-6147 or email bill@iatw.ca (www.iatw.ca). Ask for our pamphlet: '101 ways to be involved in missions.'



M2/W2 Association

'Sean' robbed four banks and was sent to jail. Though the robberies were non-violent, the tellers were traumatized. Through influence of an M2 volunteer, Sean promised to begin paying back to the bank and insurance company upon release.

Sean dedicated this poem, 'Revealing Himself,' to his volunteer sponsor:

My eyes see creation / divine revelation / when the Lord / reveals himself to me. / My heart begins healing / through love that's unyielding / when the Lord / reveals himself to me. / I feel his forgiveness / the Spirit gives witness / when the Lord / reveals himself to me. / My life is worth living / To others I'm giving / because the Lord / reveals himself to me.

M2/W2 ministers to prisoners; socially isolated parents of children; warrant expiry sex-offenders; and to spiritual needs of Abbotsford Ministry of Children and Family Development.

By God's grace, you can help us make a difference! Please consider volunteering. See contact information below.



Red Sea Mission Team

Attention: All students!

Did you know 'ESL' spells 'LOVE'? Well, it does in many parts of the world. People stuck in dead-end jobs – or maybe in no jobs at all – could get ahead if they knew English . . . even a little English. Helping them is showing that we care.

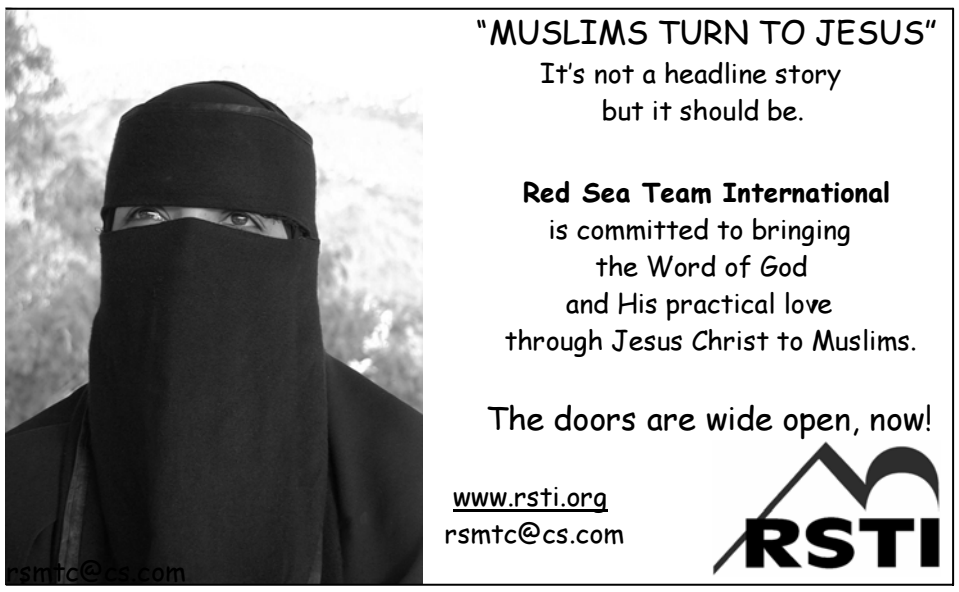
We are always looking for ESL teachers for our schools in several countries. Conditions vary – from hot to hotter, from remote to really remote. But the national students are always great.

Imagine teaching a room full of really motivated adults, people who really try hard. Imagine using your training where it really counts. Teach a rising young government official, a future tour guide, a potential university student.

Go where you can make a difference for a few months or years – perhaps for life. Share the love of Christ through your teaching skills.

Contact rsmtc@shaw.ca
or www.rsti.org





Mission Without Borders

In 1960, Mission Without Borders began as Underground Evangelism (UE), by delivering Bibles to persecuted believers in communist lands. When the Berlin Wall fell, UE changed its name to Mission Without Borders (MWB).

Upon visiting state-run orphanages in Eastern Europe, MWB discovered hundreds of thousands of children living in deplorable conditions. Children were crowded in cribs, living in their own waste, suffering from a lack of love and attention.

MWB started the Child Rescue International (CRI) program to provide food, clothing, medicines, Christian input and vocational education to these children. CRI also organizes annual summer camps, where children are introduced to Jesus – and receive him as their Lord and Saviour.

At age 18, children must leave the orphanage. Without skills, many become homeless and destitute; so CRI offers courses that teach useful skills such as animal husbandry, carpentry, auto mechanics, sewing – and even bee-keeping!

Upon graduation, the children receive a diploma helping them to secure jobs and live productively. Upon leaving the institution, children know the Lord – and are equipped for a brighter future. Child Rescue International operates in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine.

To learn more about additional life-changing programs, or to become a child sponsor, call 1-800-494-4454 toll-free or visit our website at www.mwb.org.

Mission Without Borders is located in Abbotsford, B.C.



TWU – Global Learning Connections

Start a degree online, from home . . .

Recent high school grads or mature students can now begin their studies at a major Christian university online, from home.

Trinity Western University (TWU) of Langley, just east of Vancouver, is introducing the program for degree-minded students who would prefer to delay attending university for one year.

'Freshman Academy' is tailored to those students who have the ambition to start their university education – but would prefer to remain at home for personal reasons, or keep working.

"This is a great program for people who cannot conveniently access a university or college," says Simon Gibson, program advisor for Freshman Academy.

"Over the years, hundreds of students have come to TWU from throughout the country to earn their degrees. This program just allows them to delay their arrival for one year."

Gibson notes that cohorts, or groups, will be used to build a sense of community.

"Each cohort will have 15 to 25 students, who will stay together for the entire school year," he says. "Another unique benefit will be a faculty learning coach who will be available to regularly work with students."

Courses are also concentrated, and are taken two at a time over seven weeks (about half the time of regular courses).

"Concentrated courses are ideal for students who really want to focus on their studies and do their best," Gibson notes.

Courses offered through Freshman Academy online include: communications, business, psychology, writing and anthropology, and others.

"I am enrolling right now for September," he says. "All students need is a relatively new computer and internet access.

People who would like more information can phone TWU at 604-513-2121 (in the Vancouver area) or toll free 1-866-402-189 extension 3899. I can also be reached at simon.gibson@twu.ca

See our ad on the inside back cover.

Gateway: Training for Cross-Cultural Service

Do you know someone looking for missionary training? Look no further. Each year, a select group of students enters this unique eight-month training program; and each year, these students discover how they can make a difference wherever God leads them.

For four months, Gateway students live in Langley B.C., alongside experienced missionary instructors who mentor and guide them as they prepare for service.

Gateway students then travel to any one of hundreds of locations overseas, where they get first-hand missionary experience. Upon returning, there is time for evaluating what God has taught – and how he is leading towards the next step in life.

Over 10 years of ministry, Gateway students have come from 11 countries, and have served in 28 countries through eight mission agencies. Gateway staff have a combined total of 400 years of missionary service in 11 countries.

Our motto: Get there, stay there, be effective.

Equip! Educational Services

Canadian children of many cultures need the Saviour. Together, we can help them find their way to Christ and a God-glorifying life, in this dark world.

Equip! Educational Services works with adults, youth and children to train them for outreach to children using:

* Biblical foundations
* Christ-centred teaching
* Hands-on methods
* Caring relationship-building

Janet O'Leary is an educator and an evangelist. She has been working with children in inner city settings and in churches for 20 years. Her qualifications come from the University of Victoria and Briercrest Bible College.

Janet offers you a unique combination of experience and skill to strengthen youth, adults and children to reach out within your church and your community. She partners with those of like faith.

Check out what we offer at www.equipper.ca for more information; or contact Equip! Educational Services at 604-419-4429 or janet@equipper.ca.

Northern Canada Evangelical Mission

For centuries, the outdoor skills of Canada's First Peoples were devoted to survival. Today, winter skills are also displayed in forms of recreation – among them the unique creative art of snow carving. (You can watch an award winning snow carver at work in our new video – see offer below.)

Like a carving, we all are created – and God gives us our purpose: "to do good works" (Ephesians 2:10).

In 1946, our first missionaries banded together with a common purpose – to bring the Good News to Canada's First Peoples, largely neglected by the evangelical church and unaware of Christ's offer of salvation. Sixty years later the work "prepared . . . for us to do" continues.

Have you considered the work the Lord has for you? NCEM has short- and long-term opportunities.

For more info, contact: Box 3030, Prince Albert, SK S6V 7V4; phone 306-764-3388; email ncem@ncem.ca or visit our web site.







PERSPECTIVES on the World Christian Movement

Perspectives is a dynamic 14-week course that will help you understand God's plan for our world—and for your life. Explore what God is doing in the world today from four different perspectives:

- **Biblical:** Discover God's often overlooked, yet unchanging purpose. You may never read your Bible the same way again!
- **Historical:** Examine how God has used unlikely people and historical events in the unstoppable spread of the Gospel.
- **Cultural:** Learn how to recognize and overcome barriers to cross-cultural communication, whether here in Canada or around the world.
- **Strategic:** Learn how and why the gospel is making breakthroughs in parts of the world that have previously been extremely resistant.

"The Perspectives course was everything I expected and more. I wasn't prepared for the impact this course would have in my life. God instilled within me a deeper passion for the lost and a stronger conviction to encourage others to understand how reaching the lost is at the very core of God's heart. My life will never be the same again."

- Lorne Hunter, Director of Research, Outreach Canada

Perspectives is available across Canada.
To find a class near you visit www.outreach.ca/perspectives
Contact: Lorna Johnston ljohnston@outreach.ca (604) 937-0992, or CWMBC cwmbc@telus.net (604) 856-3858

Make This **Your** Year!

A PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA

By Adele Wickett



IN DELHI, my husband Garry and I stayed at a hotel in the older part of the city. A survey of the staff revealed that the manager was a Syrian Orthodox Christian, the owner a Sikh, the chamberman from Nepal most likely a Buddhist, and the doorman a Hindu Rajput. How's that for multiculturalism?

Our hotel was near a huge, congested market area. People ply their businesses on roadsides, sidewalks and anywhere else they can find a niche. We took a long walk down there on a Saturday.

In front of one of the shops a mime in tux, hat and white-face was performing to attract customers into the store. You can't have a conversation with a mime, but my husband Garry shook hands and took his picture. He was delighted to interact because people stopped to stare at our white faces.

Baptist tea

We spotted a Baptist church on another jaunt. We pushed open a big iron gate; a lady came out and introduced herself as headmistress of the Baptist school, and offered us tea.

She is a warm, enthusiastic Christian who has taught at the school for 41 years, been headmistress for 10, and is about to retire. She showed us around, and introduced each staff member in such a way that you could tell she is loved there.

In the small classrooms, kids sat cross-legged on mats or small tables, all bright-eyed and polite, wearing bright red sweaters. The school was started by a British missionary, Miss Fry, in 1949. Now it is entirely run by the local people.

The headmistress, Mrs. George, raved on about her two sons-in-law, who are both pastors.

She said she feels God is leading her to write tracts when she retires. She has done a couple in Hindi; she wants to do English ones too, so I offered to help with editing.

This school is government-subsidized, so they can't proselytize the children, who come from non-Christian families. However, they sing Christian songs and teach morals with Bible stories – and the walls carry Bible verses in prominent places.

It must work, because as Garry was leaving, the *chowkidar* (gate guard) excitedly wanted to tell him that 12 years ago he came to Jesus from a background as a high Brahmin.

One day, we rode an auto rickshaw to the International Church. There, we found great fellowship with believers from all over the world – even from our hometown of Victoria, B.C.

Gridlock

Going to church was a breeze of a ride with no traffic, cool morning air. On the way home, well – think of a combination of gridlock, car horns, close encounters of the vehicular and pedestrian kind. Let's just say we paid the driver extra for his heroic efforts, then got out and walked. It was faster.

For several days, we stayed in Udupi, Karnataka State, with Mrs. Manorama Acharya and her son Raja. Their house was adorned with local art, antiques and Raja's hunting trophies.

The cape buffalo skull on the wall had two neat holes in the forehead, shot pointblank as the beast was charging Raja. He is a good hunter, registered with the government to kill rogue elephants and tigers, as required.

Raja is a part of the Brahmin community. His mother has exchanged Christmas cards with us for 40 years, and Raja said this had been such a significant friendship for her that he wanted to do all he could for us – including sending us home with a thousand-year-old manuscript written in Old Tulu, which almost no one can read anymore.



Raja took us exploring the countryside, which he knows like his backyard from hunting wild boar and tigers.

These days the forest also has Maoist guerrillas, who rob banks or extort money from the villagers to maintain their lifestyle.

The police were afraid to go into the forest to deal with them, so they dressed Raja up in full police uniform and took him along as their guide for a raid; it probably didn't hurt that he is a crack shot.

Idols

Raja drove us to a wildlife sanctuary, with lots of butterflies and kingfishers; then he suggested we visit Sunset Point. This turned out to be at the top of a 5,000-foot mountain. At the bottom there was a sign: 'Dangerous road ahead! No idol talking to driver' (sic).

Actually, halfway up the mountain there were indeed some idols. These were painted wood figures – one male and the other female – called *marie*, which means 'evil' in one of the local languages.



Raja explained that when a village experiences an epidemic or some other catastrophe, these dolls are carved – and, with great ceremony, taken to the boundary of the place to remove the evil.

The dolls stay there until the adjoining village has its own catastrophe; then they are moved to the next boundary, and so on; and ultimately, they end in the last village – where they are thrown into the sea. There is an annual Hindu *pooja* in this area, which centres around an image of one of the gods being thrown into the ocean.

Raja told us a joke about the custom. A Muslim, a Catholic, and a Hindu were in a boat. A severe typhoon arose, and they were all thrown into the water.

The Muslim prayed: "Allah, I have been a good Muslim. I give alms and pray five times a day. Please save me!" Immediately, Allah came down and deposited the Muslim onto the beach.

The Catholic also prayed: "Lord, I have been a good Catholic. I say my Hail Marys and go to mass regularly. Please save me!" Immediately, God scooped up the Catholic and threw him onto the beach.

Finally, the Hindu prayed: "I have been a good Hindu. I have done my *poojas* and given gifts to the idols. Please save me!" The Hindu deity replied: "You have thrown me into the sea many times. Now you must learn what it feels like – so you are on your own!"



Adele and Garry Wickett, seen here in Kotagiri, India, lived in that country from 1965 to 67. Last fall, they returned, and spent 40 days there. Above: Adele in a Delhi auto rickshaw. Top: Church of St. Francis, built in 1515, in Cochin. Right: One of the country's many trucks proclaiming religious names. Opposite page top: Hindu dolls used to ward off evil. Centre: One of India's Christians, reciting scripture. Bottom: Garry on the century-old 'toy train' at Nilagiri.



Legacy of Thomas

One highlight of the trip was our visit to the country's oldest European church, in Fort Cochin, Kerala State. It was built by the Portuguese in 1515, and once housed the bones of explorer Vasco da Gama. Having been 'liberated' successively by the Dutch and the British, it is now in the Church of South India denomination, a union of Anglican, Methodist and several other groups.

We attended the English service, with a variety of local and tourist-type people Rev. Jacob's native language – and that of most of his congregation – is Malayalam, the fastest tongue-twisting speech in the world. If there were a contest for speed-reading the liturgy, this group would win!

This part of India has had a Christian presence ever since the Apostle Thomas brought the gospel. Cochin also has a synagogue dating to 1565, but Jewish spice traders have apparently been here ever since the dispersion of the Jews after the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70 AD.



Kerala State has the highest proportion of Christians in the land, as well as the highest literacy rate (virtually 100 percent). Every morning, troupes of beautifully uniformed children head off to school. Kerala also consistently elects communists to government. Go figure.

In Panaji (formerly Panjim), an old city in the state of Goa, our hotel was a 300 year old Portuguese mansion. We ate on a second-floor verandah hung with vines, surrounded by palm trees and bougainvillea bushes. The inn was located in a warren of narrow, twisting roads and lanes, with European-looking cottages in bright colours everywhere.

Catholic heritage

Almost half the people in Goa are Hindu. There are some Protestants; but the other half of the population are Catholic. We visited a world heritage site composed of a cathedral, several large churches, a convent and a museum – all built by the Portuguese about 500 years ago. They are nice, huge places to cool down.

The high ceilings and stone floors feel very much like European cathedrals, with carvings, frescoes, gilding, candles, genuflecting pilgrims – it's all there. Microphones, and cords draped around the altar for lights, are signs of progress, I suppose.

In one church, we found a pile of hymn books, which turned out to contain many newish evangelical/charismatic songs. We sat in on the end of one mass, which concluded with the singing of several of these pieces, accompanied by an electronic organ.

At our hotel, we met a Naga tribesman from Assam, and asked him if he was a Christian. He said indignantly: "All Nagas are Christians!" After some conversation, we asked him where to find a church. A man next to him started describing how to find a Catholic church, but he said, "Believers church?" We said yes, and he told us where to go. We tried, but our *tuk-tuk* driver couldn't find the place.

Durga

Religion is very blatant here. All the big lorries are painted with elaborate signs; most have a name over the windshield. I did an informal poll, accurate within several points at least three times out of 10, in front of our hotel one morning.

Within 15 minutes, I was able to note the names of 37 trucks as they went by on National Highway 17. While a few had company logos, the most popular name was Durga Prasad (four) with two Durgambas and one Durga Parameshwar. These are obviously Hindu trucks, using variations of Durga – the tiger-riding *devi*, or goddess. There were also two Shri Laxmi, two Shri Vijayalaxmi, two Ganesh and several other Hindu names.

There was one Muslim (M. Ismail). Infant Jesus, St. Anthony, King of Kings and Mother Mary made an appearance for the Catholics. Harder to place were Supreme, Elizabeth and Decent; but I really felt Prince of Peace had the message needed for the Indian road.

In Mangalore, we attended an evening meeting of the New India Church of God. This church has three congregations: Malayalam, Kannada, and English. We were both asked to speak, and our messages were translated into Malayalam.

The pastor of the English church gave his testimony. He had been a heroin addict for 14 years. Then he was delivered by Jesus, suffering no withdrawal symptoms.

After the meeting, we met a young Brethren pastor, who had to move to Mangalore from about 20 kilometres away – because he had been beaten by Hindu extremists when his preaching resulted in conversions. One time, he was left unconscious on the road.

Christianity is on the rise here, with many new congregations forming and meeting in hotel facilities. This has the Hindu authorities worried, and they are pressuring the hotels not to rent to Christians. A couple who hosted us have built a room the size of a double garage onto their house so they can have weekly prayer meetings.

One night, we attended one of their home services. Some 30 Malayalam-speaking people came – mostly young professional families. We were both asked to speak, and a Campus Crusade worker gave a message. Their songs were choruses that we mostly knew, e.g. 'Shine Jesus Shine.'

These Christians are serious about prayer. Each morning and evening they sing, read scripture and pray in their homes. They truly rely on the Lord for everything – which is perhaps the most important thing Garry and I learned from this trip.



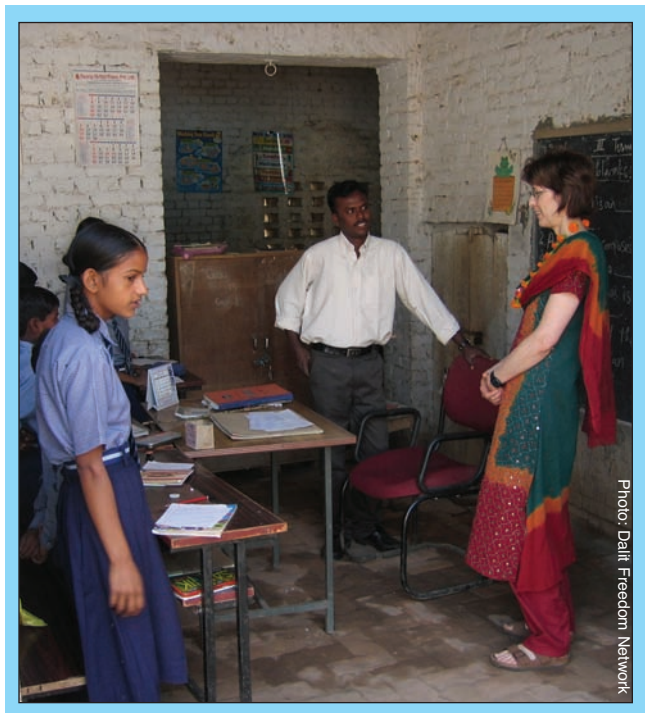


Photo: Dalit Freedom Network

Freeing the Dalits

Dr. Dauna Cutforth, pictured here with a teacher at the Dalit Education Centre in Uttar Pradesh, writes of her work among the low-caste Dalits of India: "They have been called 'untouchables,' and treated as exactly that, by multiple generations of Indians of other castes. Dalit Freedom Network Canada works in association with Operation Mobilization India and the All India Christian Council to respond to the request of the larger Dalit community to provide quality English and local language education to their children. The education centres admit children from all castes and religions, but the majority are Dalit. The Christian worldview that all human beings, male or female, low or highborn, are created in the image of God, and have dignity and worth, is particularly valued by Dalits." Contact: dalitfreedom.net or 604-592-2238

Habitat for India

Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity are seen here working on a house for survivors of the massive 2004 Asian tsunami. So far, more than 1,470 houses have been repaired and renovated; and 224 new houses have been built. "The Habitat response," says ministry representative Kathryn Reid, "has been characterized by close working relationships with partner organizations that were already operating in villages before the tsunami struck." Barry Mackey, head of Habitat's operations in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan, is originally from Victoria, B.C.



Photo: Habitat for Humanity

Urban Missionaries Association

More than 80 percent of the people around you have no meaningful affiliation with a church. But the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives. (John 16:8)

In order to say 'yes' to Jesus' invitation of eternal life, they need to hear the Good News. (Romans 10:14)

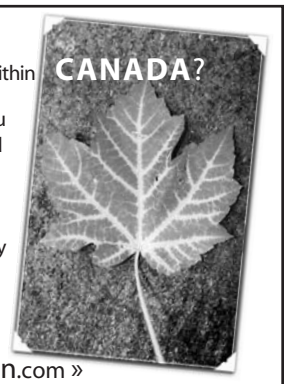
Perhaps God wants to use you to help change the world. Are you available? (Isaiah 6:8) Can you walk? Can you talk? Then you're a prime candidate!

A missionary is anyone sent by God to preach Jesus to outsiders. The ideal situation is where they feel most comfortable, i.e. on their own turf. Often outsiders are open to talking about their spiritual needs when missionaries engage them in a friendly but businesslike manner.

Why leave the harvest fields to recruiters? Introducing outsiders to Jesus will revolutionize your spiritual life. Hundreds will be eternally grateful to you.

FREE BOOK OFFER

Is God calling you to be a missionary within CANADA?



OUTREACH INSIGHTS may help you decide. Outreach Insights, published by the Urban Missionaries' Association of Canada, is 413 pages of practical and theological insights on how missionaries can successfully preach the Good News in urban residential communities.
To request a free copy contact

« urbanmissions@interbaun.com »

International Student Ministries Canada

Being a missionary without leaving home . . .

Newspapers say it all: 'Foreigners at universities hit a record.' Today, there are more than 153,000 international students in Canada, many of whom will never enter a church or be invited into a Canadian home.

Since 1984, International Student Ministries Canada has envisioned reaching the world by touching international students with the love of Christ while they are here. ISMC now has 77 career and associate staff working in 17 university cities across Canada.

Kamloops, B.C., reports more than 400 trainees from China, Taiwan and Japan in the city for short-term study tours and teacher training programs. Since ISMC began a ministry there in 2001, many have attended ISMC's Bible studies; some have been baptized, and all are potential Christian leaders for their own countries.

If you would like to be involved or see a similar ministry started in your city, contact ISMC.



International Tribal Ministries

ITM was started in 1996 with a vision to reach the unreached people of India.

We started several tribal churches in Malabar and Tamil Nadu, and we have one orphanage to cater to the needs of the tribals.

ITM is operating under the umbrella of the Full Gospel Assembly of God, which is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

The tribals are addicted to alcohol, and they have no purpose in their lives. Last year, some 400 people committed suicide. We have a vision to develop a farm in India, to help tribal converts.

We need approximatelly $50,000 to start this project. We request our friends to consider sowing a seed in the land of India, as the field is ripe unto harvest. One hundred percent of the donations are spent for the work in India. We issue tax receipts for all donations.



Youth With A Mission – Hockey

Our vision is to see hockey players and coaches come alive for Christ – bringing God's transforming power into hockey rinks around the world.

YWAM Hockey is a ministry of Youth With A Mission, based in Vancouver. Our vision is global, focusing on discipleship, mentorship and evangelism.

We currently have two programs:

Hockey DTS (Discipleship Training School):

For 18 – 25 year old hockey players, this is a dynamic 20-week school. Hockey DTS students are challenged and stretched over the 12 week lecture/training phase in Vancouver to prepare them for the eight-week hockey outreach to Russia.

Eight transformed students recently returned from the first Hockey DTS outreach in Russia, where they impacted hundreds of kids, teens and adults for the kingdom.

Hockey camps:

We have three- to six-day hockey skills camps for players aged eight to 15, in various locations, giving quality hockey instruction while teaching Christian values.

For more information: www.ywam.ca/vancouver/hockey.html

YWAM HOCKEY

Passion for Jesus... Passion for hockey

» Hockey DTS (Discipleship Training School)
» Hockey Camps

www.**ywam.ca/vancouver/hockey.html**

Christian Info Society

The purpose of Christian Info Society is to promote and enhance unity within Canada's Christian community. Our website, **CanadianChristianity.com**, receives more than 1.5 million hits per month. Updated weekly, it is a constant source of news for and about the Christian community. CIS also offers several publications, two of which are national in scope: ***Options***, spotlighting Christian higher education; and this magazine. The mandate of ***Mission Fields*** is to reflect the broadest possible overview of Canadian missions and ministries. Both magazines are delivered in bulk to churches and other locations, in cities across Canada. We also publish the monthly ***BC Christian News***, which has served southern B.C. for more than two decades, and recently expanded to Vancouver Island. It is packed with news and Christian viewpoints, as well as a monthly testimony and extensive arts coverage.

Ukrainian Children's Christian Fund

Jesus said, "Lovest thou me? Feed my lambs." (John 21)

UCCF in Canada is an all-volunteer registered charitable organization that supports dedicated national workers in Ukraine. They visit homes in towns and villages; organize Sunday schools; hold DVBS and meetings in orphanages and hospitals; and make it possible for many children to attend our Peaceful Haven Christian Camp sessions on the Azov Sea.

Economic and political conditions have deteriorated, and UCCF workers are seeing many more desperately needy families. Thanks to support from Christians in the West, they are able to show the love of Christ by helping to buy medicines, food, clothing, etc.

Results? A camper wrote: "I thank you so much for the opportunity to come to this camp. Thank you for all the money you and your friends gave for us. I enjoyed being here so much – and here I accepted Jesus into my heart. I love you!"

A worker wrote: "Although the weather is cold now, this girl came to Sunday school in slippers. Her stepfather is an alcoholic . . . I visited the family and brought warm clothing . . . with tears, the mother said, 'Now I see that God cares about us and loves us.'"

Humanitarian work, however, is not the prime focus of UCCF. We realize that it is only the light of the Gospel that can dispel darkness. Christ turns miserable hovels into loving, caring homes.

Therefore, we distribute God's Word, teaching materials and children's books. Though our main outreach is to children, we often see parents and grandparents come to know the Lord through this work.

Ukrainian
CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FUND
(formerly Persecuted Church Fellowship)

U.C.C.F. is a Gospel outreach to the children of Ukraine



- Christian Bible Camp on Azov Sea
- D.V.B.S. in towns & villages
- Services in Orphanages & Hospitals
- Bibles, Literature, visual materials
- Support for national workers

15620 Westminster Hwy., Richmond, B.C. V6V 1A6
Ph: 604-278-0692 Fax: 604-279-9080
Email: pcf.lapka@shaw.ca

"..It is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18:14

Union Gospel Mission – Winnipeg

Volunteers and staff at the Mission are very conscious that Jesus is walking with them as they minister to the people of Winnipeg's inner city. The Lord's presence is evident at the daily gospel services, Bible studies and meals for hundreds of men and women each day.

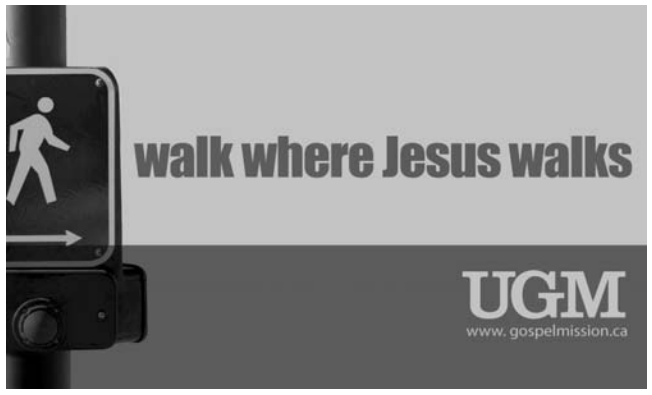
The 22 recovering addicts in residence at the mission encounter the Lord through the chaplains and others.

Jesus walks the halls with 150 students each year at the Adult Education program. And he ministers to the 100 children sponsored to a Christian school.

Many children meet Jesus at Bible camps each summer, as more than 1,000 campers are sponsored. Many more are saved at BackYard Bible clubs all over the inner city of Winnipeg.

Hundreds of prayer warriors pray as Jesus prayed, upholding the Mission daily. Perhaps they are praying for you to come and 'Walk where Jesus walks.'

320 Princess Street, Winnipeg MB / 204-943-9904



UIM International

Created for good works . . .

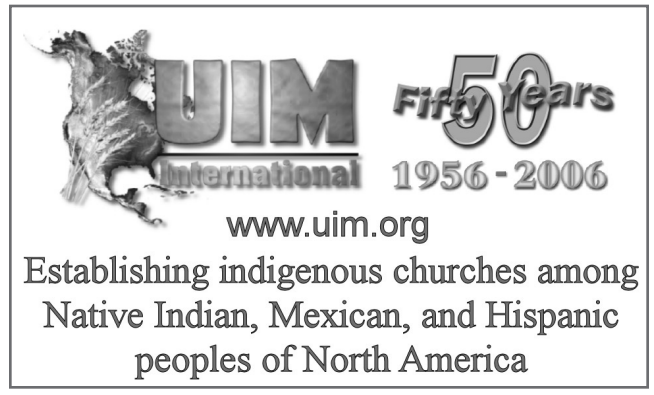
Throughout 2006, UIM International will be celebrating five decades of ministry in North America.

The Lord of the harvest and head of the church, over the decades, has worked in and through – and, at times, in spite of – those of us who have served with UIM International.

Please rejoice with the UIM board members and missionaries for the eternal fruit God produced for his glory, as disciples of Jesus Christ emerged and local churches developed among the Native Indian, Mexican and Hispanic peoples of North America.

As we look back, none of us will fully understand or appreciate everything God has done in and through the UIM International family. As the UIM International family presses on into the future we fully recognize "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10, NASB).

Warren Cheek, general director, UIM International



Bible For Children

Every child has the right to hear about Jesus. There are 1.8 billion children in the world. Bible for Children (BFC) offers 60 Bible stories freely on the internet, in 18 different languages.

More languages are added as translators volunteer. The website currently receives more than a million hits every three months. BFC is an alliance member of GospelCom.net and the Bible Gateway.

The Bible stories are also available for PDAs and cell phones, and as colouring book pages.

The first 240,000 full colour Bible story tracts have been printed by Evangelical Tract Distributors, and are being distributed freely worldwide. They are in English, Spanish and Arabic. More stories and languages will be printed as funds become available.

BFC freely supports other Christian ministries reaching children around the world.

Please pray for more volunteer translators, and others with computer skills to create the new stories.



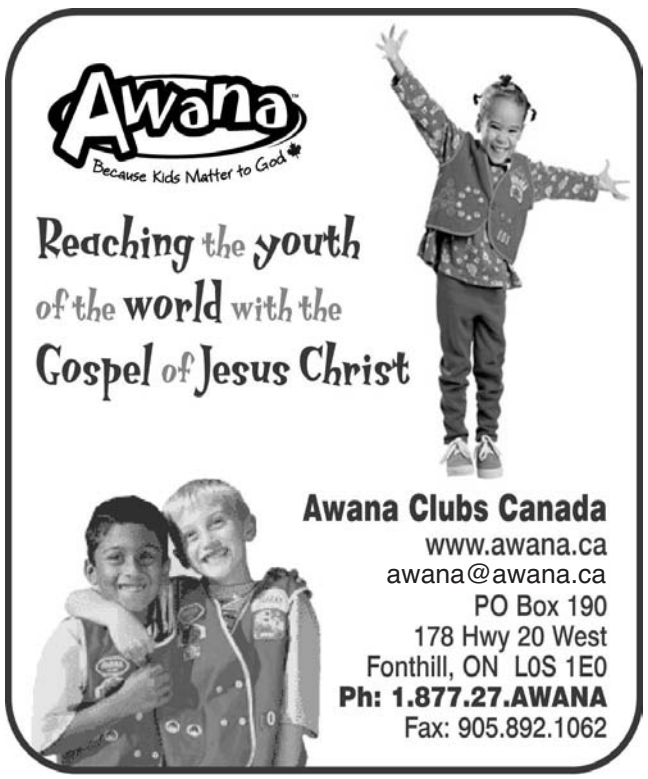
Awana Clubs Canada

The ripples of life . . .

The ripple effect occurs when one event has an impact on another. This is a common occurrence in life – and, in fact, we experience it every day. I wonder, though, if we have ever thought about it in relation to working with children.

As we work with children, our lives will make ripples; they will have an impact on the lives of children we encounter. What kind of ripples will they be – ripples of encouragement which build up, or ripples of discouragement which tear apart? Many of the children we serve need compassion and encouragement, as they frequently have no one else to look to for help, no one to show them the way to life.

As Christian leaders, it is the level of our intimacy with God which will determine the nature of the ripples of our lives. As we determine to walk closer with God and experience his daily love and grace in our lives, we cannot help but have a positive ripple effect on those we lead. The ripples of our life can build bridges to the children in our sphere of influence – and give us opportunities to share with them the love of Christ.



Pioneer Clubs Canada

Kids and their families are reached through Pioneer Clubs!

A pastor in Alberta recently told us what a great outreach tool Pioneer Clubs was. Their club has grown to about 100, a direct result of kids having such a great time that they want their school friends to come and enjoy it with them.

And they're not just inviting them one at a time, but whole groups of friends.

When club ended for the summer, one school friend was so disappointed that she asked her friend if there was something else at the church she could take part in for the summer. Not only did she go, but she brought her sister and brother!

Their parents, and parents of the other school friends, have become interested in the church – because their kids are obviously really enjoying their activities there. They have also come out to special services with their kids to see what is going on.

As a result, the pastor has made some good connections with these parents and their families, with an ongoing open door.

The pastor reiterated how grateful they were for Pioneer Clubs, and its potential for outreach.





Choosing Truth Ministries

Choosing Truth Ministries is a resource ministry providing manuals and documents in a free PDF print-ready format. Although our main focus involves issues dealing with Freemasonry, we attempt to be sensitive to God's concern in other areas. Some of our document pages include links – exploring Jewish traditions, Contemplative Spirituality and Catholicism with Richard Bennett, a former Roman Catholic priest.

Set free from darkness – even though I had been seeking 'light' as a Mason – I am continually reminded of God's love for those in bondage.

Knowing that the Lord loves Masons enabled me to rearrange heart issues so I could love them in a way he wanted me to – the same way Richard Bennett loves Catholics, as a former priest.

Those of us released from whatever form of deception tend to have a passion for God's grace towards others in those areas we were set free from.

On our website, we attempt to provide truth in love and conviction from the Holy Spirit. You may not agree with everything we share – nor would we ask you to. God's word is the final authority in all matters – though we may interpret some things differently because of our personal experiences with him.

FREE MASONRY

(MOST) Masons are civic-minded people with a desire to help others.

(MANY) are active in the church.

What are the (SECRETS) that Masons don't know?

Is the Great Architect Of The Universe, the god of Freemasonry (LUCIFER)?

Is Freemasonry (A BARRIER) to God in people's lives and within the Church?

Are generational (CURSES) involved?

God (LOVES) Masons but wants them to be 'set free.'

Our web site provides free manuals and other resources.

Choosing Truth Ministries
www.ctmin.org

Canadian Food for the Hungry

An organization dedicated to sustainable development and emergency response worldwide, CFHI sends appropriate people, ideas and resources to areas of need; influences society as an advocate for the poor; and empowers the Christian community with a biblical view of poverty and injustice.

CFHI empowers people to shape their own futures through five initiatives. We respond to major disasters, providing essential supplies and expertise.

Our main focus is on holistic development. Integrated Community Development and Child Development programs help communities provide a sustainable future for themselves and their children.

Our International Medical Equipment Distribution program gathers and refurbishes medical supplies which are sent to needy hospitals overseas. Through Disciple Nations Alliance, we equip national and international churches with a biblical worldview, empowering them with the vision to transform their communities.

We value your involvement in helping the poor through donations, time or international service. Check us out at www.cfhi.ca.



Canada Institute of Linguistics

Bringing God's Word to the peoples of the earth – God's people. Beyond price!

Of the 6,912 languages in the world (*Ethnologue,* 2004), more than 2,600 still need translation.

That means 250,000,000 people still don't have access to the Word of God in a language that speaks to their hearts. Wycliffe Bible Translators are working to change that. There are New Testaments in more than 600 languages, and translation continues in 1,678 others.

As the training arm of Wycliffe, the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) in Langley B.C. provides the skills necessary to write the languages of people in some of the most remote regions on earth.We recruit, motivate, train and disciple men and women for the tasks of language and culture learning, Bible translation, linguistics, literacy and training others.

In partnership with Trinity Western University, we've been doing that for more than 20 years, serving God together, here and now – ministering to each other. Instructors, staff, students: learning together, in order to minister in the harvest fields.

Embracing the vision that by the year 2025 a Bible translation project will be in progress for every people group that needs it, CanIL offers classes in our new well-equipped Harvest Centre: an intensive three-semester program, a Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Certificate, Minor in Linguistics, Bachelor's Degree (major) in Applied Linguistics, Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics and Exegesis (MLE), and Master of Arts in TESOL.

CanIL is featured in Wycliffe's *Word Alive* magazine (Summer '05).

You can be part of reaching the nations with the Word of God.
CANIL provides linguistics & related cross-cultural training for certificate & degree programs at Trinity Western University & ACTS Seminaries.
We specialize in Bible translation, literacy development & TESL.



Canada Institute of Linguistics
(on the campus of Trinity Western University)
7600 Glover Rd., Langley, BC V2Y 1Y1
Phone: (604) 513-2129 or Fax: (604) 513-2128
Email: caniladmissions@twu.ca
Our website: **www.canil.ca**
CANIL
Wycliffe
Partners in Bible Translation

TWU – Global Learning Connections

University Week at Camp . . .

Ski. Wakeboard. Relax. Learn. Earn university credits. September 1 – 6.

A week in B.C.'s Okanagan can earn you university credits. It can also earn you a tan, excellent water skiing and wakeboarding experiences . . . but we digress.

Choose one of four courses offered, and delve into learning with your friends in the relaxed atmosphere of Green Bay Bible Camp, on the shores of beautiful Lake Okanagan.

Top up your summer vacation by taking advantage of University Week at Camp – it's a great way to round out your summer, and start off the fall!

Choose from Contemporary Ethical Issues (PHIL 210), Marriage & the Family (SOCI 221), Book Study of Proverbs (RELS 240), or Language & Gender (COMM 410).

This one-week experience is made manageable for you. Complete all your readings before your first class. Classes take place in the mornings and evenings, with afternoons scheduled for waterfront activities.

Assignments are due one month later. You may be able to transfer one of these courses to your university or college.

The week begins Friday 6 pm for supper and ends Wednesday 4 pm. Besides tuition, there is a $400 camp fee. Enjoy five nights' accommodation and three meals per day.

Activities include amazing rides – wakeboarding, skiing and tubing – behind Green Bay's Mastercraft competition boats. Kayak, swim, jump with friends on the water trampoline or get the adrenaline rush from a blob launch.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind university experience. Make friends and create memories!

For information on University Week at Camp and other summer courses (including online), visit www.twu.ca/summer or call our office toll free: 1-866-402-1897.

See ad on the inside back cover.

To advertise in future *Mission Fields* magazines call 604-534-1444

Jubilee Year honours Jesuit founders



Missionary Francis Xavier

THE SOCIETY of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits, are celebrating Jubilee Year 2006, in honour of founding members Francis Xavier, Ignatius Loyola and Pierre Favre.

The trio first met in 1530, when they were roommates at the University of Paris.

With four others, they took vows of poverty and chastity; eventually Pope Paul III designated them a religious order, mandated to help Rome's poor.

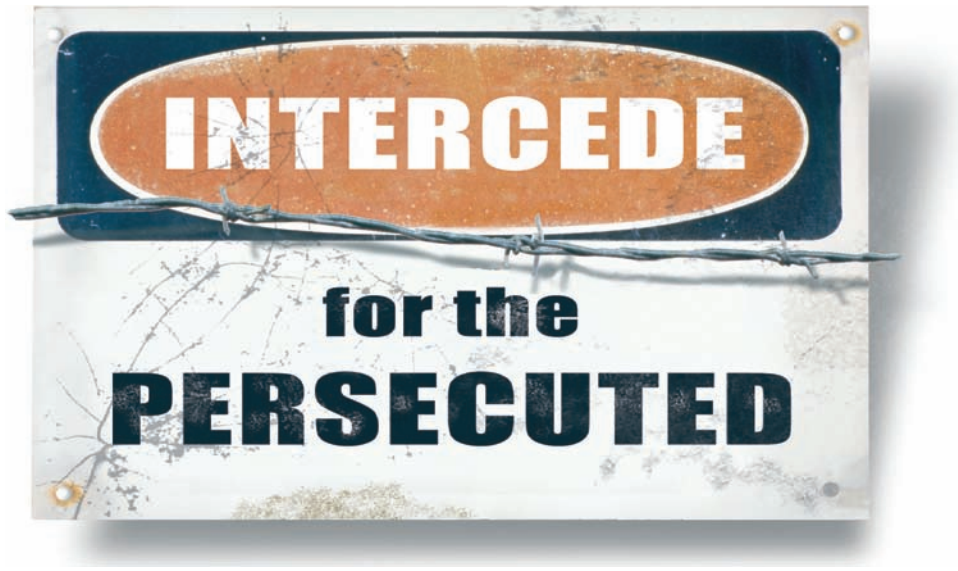
Loyola went on to become the order's spiritual director; Favre became known as the most effective teacher of Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*.

Of the three, Xavier achieved the greatest renown as a missionary.

He served as Apostolic Nuncio in the Goa region of India, working with the Christians of St. Thomas.

He also voyaged to Ceylon, various Indonesian islands, and Japan, where he established several congregations.

He was hoping to evangelize mainland China, but died enroute; however, his pioneering work inspired subsequent evangelistic efforts. He is now considered the patron saint of missionaries.



Ending December 3, the Jubilee will be featuring a wide range of events worldwide.

Contact: www.sjweb.info.

Columbia Bible College

Columbia Bible College seeks to instill a strong disciple-making priority into the hearts and souls of all our students. We believe mission flows out of a commitment to Jesus Christ, and a desire to reach out to the world around us just as he did.

The mission major at Columbia is called the Intercultural Studies program. Depending on what they are looking for, students can register for either a two-year diploma designed to assist students in preparation for a bivocational or 'tent-making' missions career; or a four-year Bachelor of Arts in the Intercultural Studies degree.

Both programs are designed to provide students with an understanding of the church's mission in the world; but the four-year program has the added dimension of a year-long cross-cultural internship.

The first two years at Columbia prepare students for their internship. Students grow stronger in faith and biblical knowledge, and start to understand different cultures. Then, to enable students to learn outside of the classroom, we have included an eight- to 10-month mentored cross-cultural ministry component into our four-year Bachelor of Arts Intercultural Studies major.

"I'm so grateful for my time at Columbia Bible College, where I've learned about missions both in class and 'on the field.' Because of my experience in Africa during my third year cross-cultural internship, and because of my time being taught and mentored by staff and faculty here, I feel both prepared and excited to step into full-time ministry overseas." - Erin (anticipating long-term service in northern Africa)

Middle East Christian Outreach

Short-term trip could be for you . . .

MEET isn't for everyone – but it might be for you.

That is, if you are between the ages of 18 and 35, like encouraging and helping people, don't mind hot weather, aren't afraid of going where God sends you, and sense he is calling you to the Middle East.

Actually, the Middle East Experience Team (MEET) could be for you even if you aren't sure God is calling you to the Middle East.

A short-term adventure, MEET is designed to give young people from around the world an opportunity to be of service to the church in the Middle East, while at the same time strengthening their own walk with God.

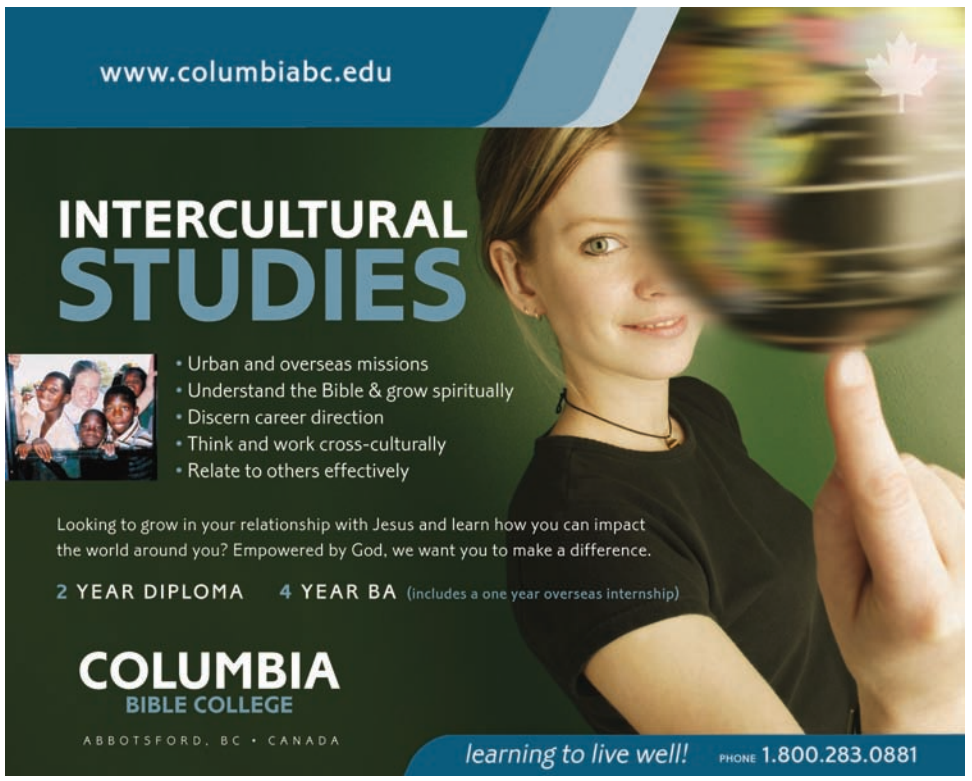
Organized by Middle East Christian Outreach, a mission which has been serving the church in Arabic-speaking nations for more than 160 years, MEET is for people who like to be challenged.

"Our senses were bombarded with a full range of vibrant Arabian colours, intoxicating smells, genuine hospitality and undeniable excitement from start to finish," says one participant in last year's MEET.

This year's MEET will be held in Jordan from June 30 to July 27.

The team will be involved in a children's program which will focus on teaching English and sharing the love of Christ. The cost is $790. Airfare is not included.

For details go to: www.meet-meco.org or www.aboutmeco.org.





To advertise in Mission Fields Magazine call 604-534-1444

WHY AZUSA STREET STILL MATTERS

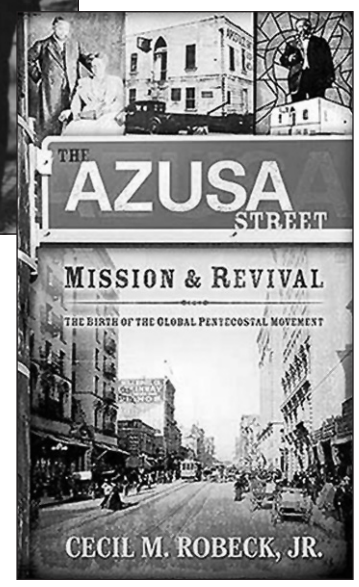
By Cecil M. Robeck

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the renowned Azusa Street Mission revival in Los Angeles. The mission's charismatic manifestations of faith soon spread beyond California, and inspired tremendous missions activity – as this excerpt from The Azusa Street Mission and Revival demonstrates.



THERE ARE several reasons this African American mission received so much coverage and why the story bears retelling today.

First, it grew with unparalleled speed. The Azusa Street Mission was aggressively evangelistic. In a day of 'church growth' schemes, burgeoning 'megachurches' and 'emergent' churches on the one hand, and declining church membership in many historic congregations on the other, it is important for us to hear once again how a small prayer meeting of some 15 people, including children, grew into an internationally acclaimed congregation of hundreds in just three months.





Inspired by the Azusa Street revival, Christians at Hebden Mission in Toronto experienced a similar 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' in 1906. Above: Azusa's central figure, preacher William Seymour.

In a day when the growing challenge of secularism questions the legitimacy of evangelistic and missionary activities by the church, when governments around the world are increasingly enacting 'anti-proselytism' laws or are challenging the church's freedom to proclaim the gospel in the public square without censorship, the successes and failures of the Azusa Street Mission's policies need to be studied anew.

Within days of its beginning, meetings at the mission exploded as crowds swarmed the place, filling the building and spilling outside. There they listened for hours even through the open windows of the mission, where they hoped to catch a glimpse or hear a snippet of what was happening inside.

Estimates from the period suggest that crowds grew to as many as 1,500 people on any given Sunday during 1906. From time to time, literally hundreds of hymn-singing celebrants, candidates and members of the mission made trips to nearby San Pedro and Terminal Island, commandeering trains and streetcars that took them to all day baptismal services at the beach. It was common to find as many as I50 to 250 new converts being baptized at each of these events.

By late-summer 1906, less than six months after it was founded, members and sympathizers had established several related congregations in Los Angeles and surrounding communities.

Leaders participating in the Azusa Street revival used the public transportation system to spread the revival. The streetcar lines provided easy access for the Azusa Street faithful to take their message to the surrounding suburbs.

As a result, many Azusa Street participants moved out of the mission to hold meetings on heavily trafficked street corners in the nearby towns of Pasadena, Monrovia, Whittier, Anaheim, Long Beach and San Pedro.

They distributed tracts, set up tents or rented storefronts, plotting out where they would be most effective as they established other permanent places for Pentecostal worship.

By September 1906, the mission had sent a score of evangelists up and down the west coast of the United States to places such as San Jose, San Francisco, and San Diego, California, to Salem and Portland, Oregon, and to Spokane

See 'Azusa,' page 23

William Carey Library

Can you touch the life of an unreached people from your living room? Yes – through prayer!

These great books will challenge you to passionate prayer for the world.

For those who love Buddhists or China, *Operation China* and *Peoples of the Buddhist World* provide comprehensive data – as well as beautiful colour photographs, vivid descriptions and daily prayer points.

For those with a heart for despised people groups, *Peoples on the Move* will stir you for the nomads of the world. This is the most comprehensive source of information on all nomadic peoples, and includes photographs and prayer points.

For those wanting to go overseas, *On Being a Missionary* is an invaluable preparation tool.

These and other great resources are available from William Carey Library – publishing and distributing frontier mission resources since 1969.

To order the books above or check out others, go to www.missionbooks.org or order by phone at (US) 1-706-554-1594.

A Ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission
WILLIAM CAREY LIBRARY
Publishers and Distributors

Check out our books & request our new catalog at **www.missionbooks.org.**
To order books you can also call (US) 1-706-554-1594 and mention code CCM01.

Menno Travel

Doing our part to make a difference . . .

Menno Travel, now a Raptim Company, is the world's leading travel supplier for church and humanitarian organizations worldwide. Since 1947, we have helped missionaries take Jesus' love into the world.

Our purpose is still to get you to where God wants you to go, for the best value possible. With 29 offices worldwide, we have been able to negotiate special global agreements with the world's best airlines.

What does this mean to you? Exactly what every missionary needs – lower prices and greater flexibility!

With our 60 years experience in serving those who serve, why trust your travel arrangements to anyone else? Visit our new, exceptionally helpful website at www.mennotvl.com and find out more.

Our dedicated international travel specialists are looking forward to serving you. Contact us today – and we'll give you the world!

Abbotsford, B.C.: 604-853-0751; Toll Free: 1-800-667-5559; Email: info@mennotvl.com.



Travel CUTS

An invitation: Travel CUTS actively engages in 'Travel with purpose.'

Born out of the student travel movements of the 1960s and 1970s, Travel CUTS is steeped in the history and knowledge of decades of global outreach by Canadian youth and students – operating work, study and volunteer programs. Now it is our pleasure to offer our services to everyone who wants to experience the world first hand and make a difference.

Jeffrey Woznow, business development manager for Travel CUTS, and an active elder in the United Church of Canada, is pleased to introduce our products, services and people to the Christian mission community.

Jeffrey recently organized the travel for and accompanied a group to the World Youth Day in Germany. Our dedicated group departments have arranged travel for a number of mission groups from all over Canada and the USA.

Travel CUTS is fully registered with relevant travel legislation across Canada.



OPENING PANDORA'S CARE PACKAGE

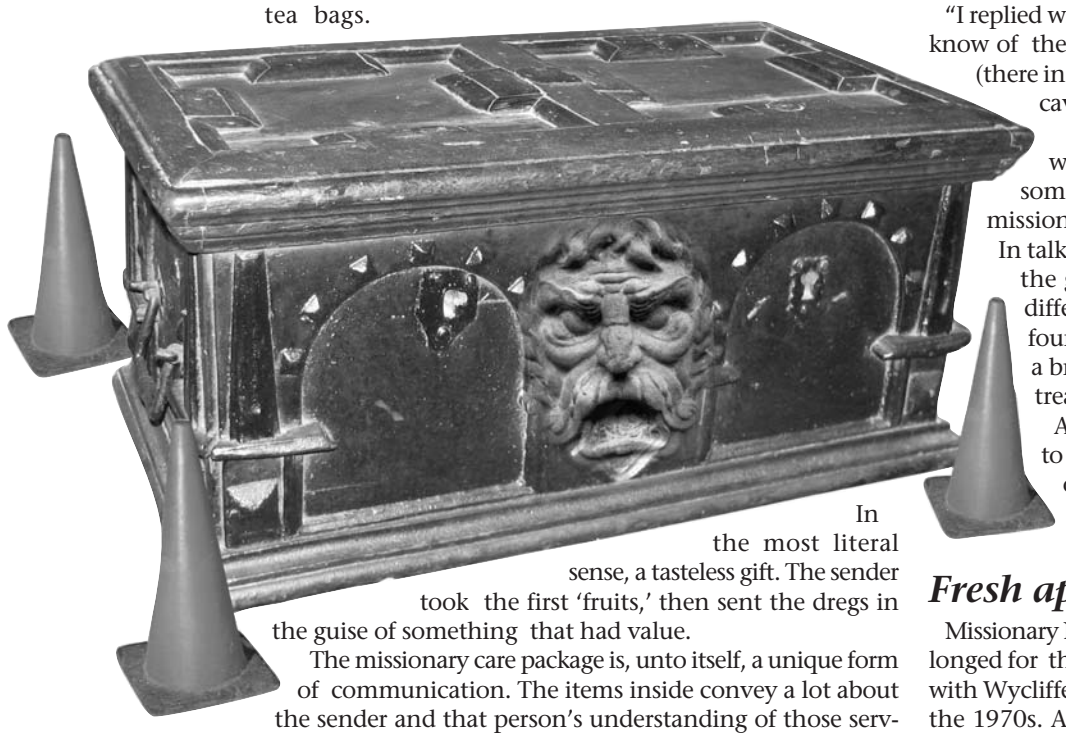
By Jeff Dewsbury

WHILE there are no statistics or hard facts about the care packages sent to missionaries abroad, there is plenty of anecdotal evidence that the senders sometimes miss the mark.

Urban legend

There's an old story that has circulated through North American churches for generations. Although it has become something of an urban legend, there are many missionaries that insist it's true. It goes something like this:

A missionary plying away in some foreign land receives a parcel in the mail from the congregation 'back home.' Inside is a gift, a show of good will, meant to lighten the missionary's load. In this case (so the story goes) someone took the time to carefully wrap, address and air mail a box of . . . used tea bags.



In the most literal sense, a tasteless gift. The sender took the first 'fruits,' then sent the dregs in the guise of something that had value.

The missionary care package is, unto itself, a unique form of communication. The items inside convey a lot about the sender and that person's understanding of those serving in the field.

The 'gifts,' tucked into boxes that are thrown, rolled, x-rayed, inspected, sniffed and sometimes pilfered enroute to destinations abroad, signify, loud and clear, what a churchgoer in North America really believes about missionaries.

Gifts can be invaluably practical. Yet, they are sometimes cumbersome and thoughtless. Some offerings are beautiful in their simplicity. Some are puzzling or even bizarre. Many signify a deep appreciation and concern for one's spiritual 'brothers and sisters.' Others are the product of stereotypes and misunderstandings about missionaries gladly accepting any manner of castoffs from the developed world, as if the mission field were a Value Village, not a global village.

Caviar in Tanzania

One Canadian missionary to Tanzania recalls receiving a package from a Sunday school class which contained, among other things, old Christmas ornaments, half a pack of gum, some pepperoni sticks and one child's sarcastically toned letter about the luxuries of caviar and swimming pools – that the missionaries were surely missing out on.

"I replied with a letter thanking them but also letting them know of the pool in our backyard and our Russian friends (there in our town) who often had us over and served us caviar," she told *Mission Fields*.

"I also told them of how God blesses us richly when we are in his work. Then I gave their class some ideas of other things they may want to send missionary children in the future."

In talking to missionaries, it's evident that the cost of the gift is irrelevant. The small things do make a difference. Little comforts from home that can't be found abroad – a favourite chocolate bar or candy, a brand of shampoo, cooking ingredients – are all treasured.

An African missionary I once spoke to was able to watch NHL hockey games from his remote post on video tapes he received in the mail. As a Toronto Maple Leaf's fan, however, he had no Stanley Cup parade through the jungle.

Fresh apples

Missionary Nick Pauls remembers how he and his wife Doris longed for the taste of fresh apples when they were working with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea during the 1970s. Apples were scarce there and, when they were found, were expensive and of poor quality.

Seizing the opportunity, Doris' sister airmailed two apples from Chilliwack, B.C. "We lovingly unwrapped the carefully packaged Macintoshes and savoured the smell of home, then we carefully cut these two treasures into pieces to share them with our four children," recalls Nick.

See 'Pandora,' page 23

DAVID SHAWN MEADE in Argentina



A native of Chilliwack, B.C., David Shawn Meade started MANA (Misions a Ninos Argentinos) – which works with destitute children in Argentina.



I was sitting at an outdoor pizza place, one evening, when a poor street vendor with two young boys passed by the tables trying to sell some small greetings cards for a few cents each. The boys eyed a half of pizza, at the next table, untouched by those that had left it behind.

The boys, overtaken by hunger, moved towards the table to take the leftover pizza. It was then, that the waiter, intercepted them, and angrily rebuked them and sent them away, without the pizza. The father begged the waiter to please let his hungry boys have the pizza, since it was to go to the garbage, anyway.

The waiter still maliciously refusing, the man sadly gathered up his two disappointed boys and walked away. At first, I did nothing, but the urging of the Holy Spirit moved me, and to the surprise of the waiter, I jumped up, collected the pizza and my own sandwiches, and ran after the vendor's little group, now almost two blocks away. I asked them to stop, reaching out the food to the man. Tears were in the eyes of that father, while accepting God's gift of love. We talked for a while, and he invited me to call at their home the next day.

Once at their humble home, I shared the love of Jesus Christ and the hope we have in him as our Saviour and Lord. On the following days five family members opened their hearts to Jesus, one by one.



Today, a Bible study and a prayer meeting are held in their home, twice a week, with up to 12 people attending. We are helping them refurbish their very humble home, so they can invite neighbourhood children, to teach them about Jesus.

In order to help them have an income, we have begun to produce muffins based on Canadian recipes, which they sell on the streets. Now, the two boys attend an evangelical elementary school, while other members of their family are coming to Jesus, thanks to their strong commitment to the Lord.

In less than a year, MANA grew into a team of 20 helpers, two of them dedicated full time.

On top of that, the waiter of our story now helps out feeding the poor street children. Praise God!

Redeemer University College

Redeemer University College students are being equipped for lives of leadership and service, to glorify God!

As Ontario's premier Christian university, Redeemer offers more than 30 areas of academic study with a liberal arts and science emphasis, leading to Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees.

Redeemer's 900 students and 40 full-time teaching faculty members come from a variety of ethnic and church backgrounds. More than 40 different denominations are represented, and students come from across Canada and the United States and from 10 other countries.

There is a common thread woven through the diversity: a love for the Lord, and a desire to serve him – and others.

Redeemer students will be challenged to grow intellectually. Honouring God through academic excellence, Redeemer provides Christ-centred education – with dedicated professors, who challenge students to examine all academic disciplines from a distinctly Christian perspective.

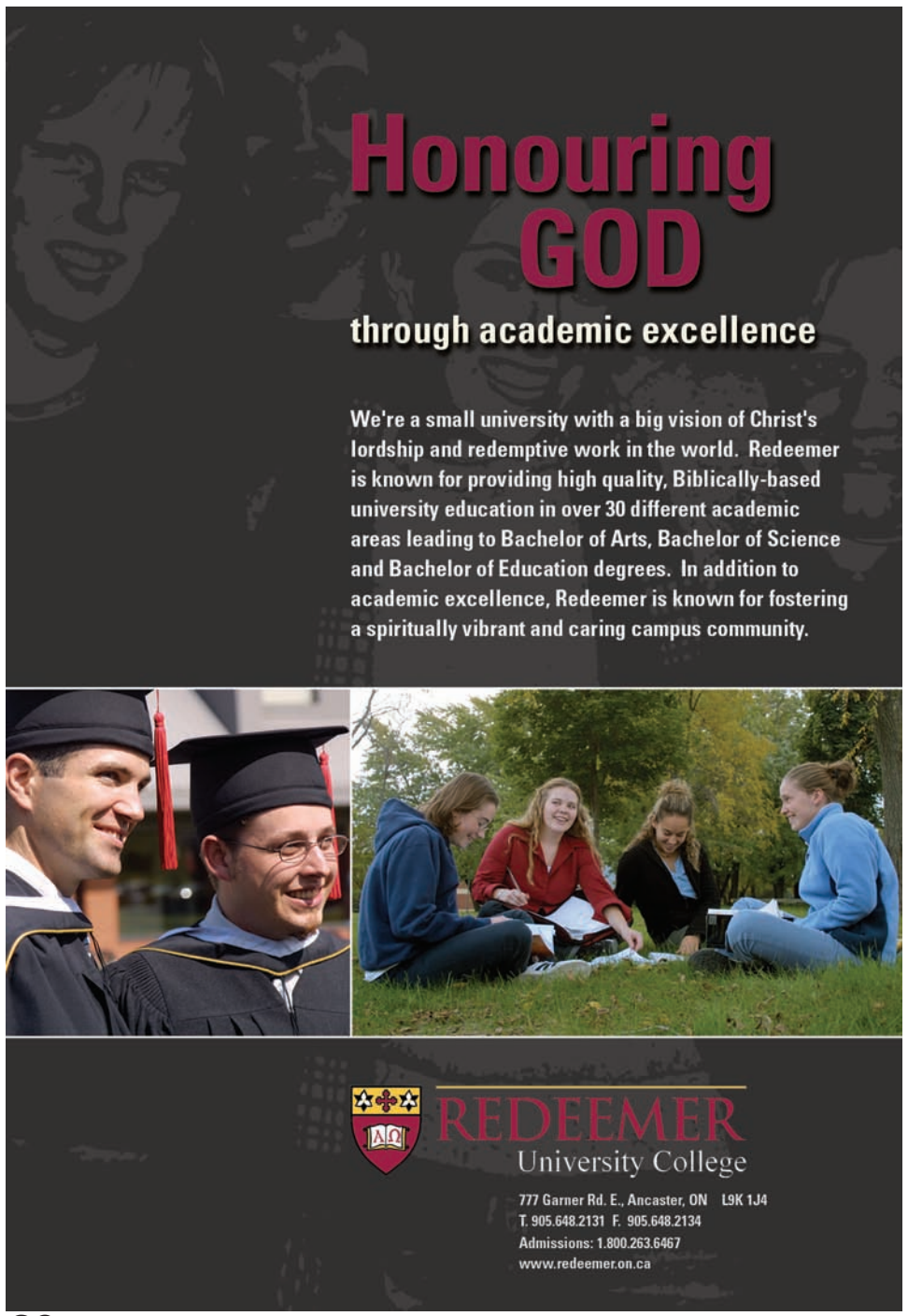
At Redeemer, the spiritual life of students will be nurtured. Our courses will increase their understanding of God, his word and his creation.

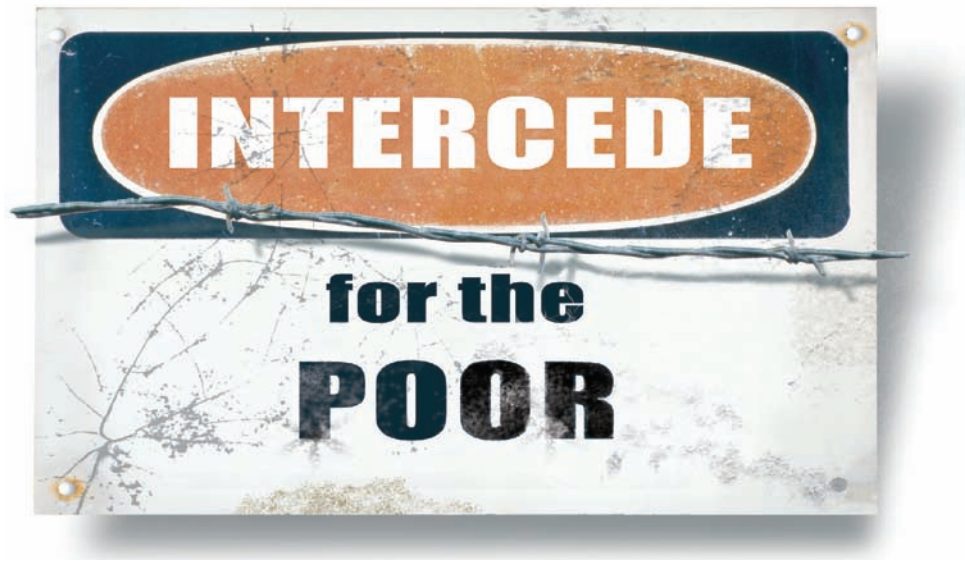
Our multi-denominational community will expand their spiritual insights, as they learn from each other. Students will strengthen their faith by putting it into action through many on-campus opportunities for service.

The social life of students will be enriched at Redeemer. Our unique style of residence fosters a strong sense of community among students.

They will experience a welcoming and respectful atmosphere on campus, and will be treated as individuals. Students will worship and grow together with students of other traditions – united, in one faith, to one Lord.

Find out more about what Redeemer University College has to offer. Visit our website at www.redeemer.on.ca, and come explore Redeemer during one of our Campus Visit Days. Discover what Redeemer is all about!





Evangelical Free Church of Canada Mission

Has the world gone crazy?

Looking at the drastic differences in wealth across the globe, you'd be forgiven for thinking so.

If you're interested in missions, you're probably aware that the majority of the earth's population falls well below the Canadian definition of 'poor.' So, how can we help?

A relative newcomer on the missions scene is the concept of microenterprise development (MED). MEDs are small business initiatives which offer people a degree of financial independence.

It takes vision, planning and flexibility to establish an effective MED. They reflect the people involved, the existing opportunities and their cultural context.

With a small loan, often called microfinancing, the necessary tools for the MED can be purchased, and the plan can be put into action.

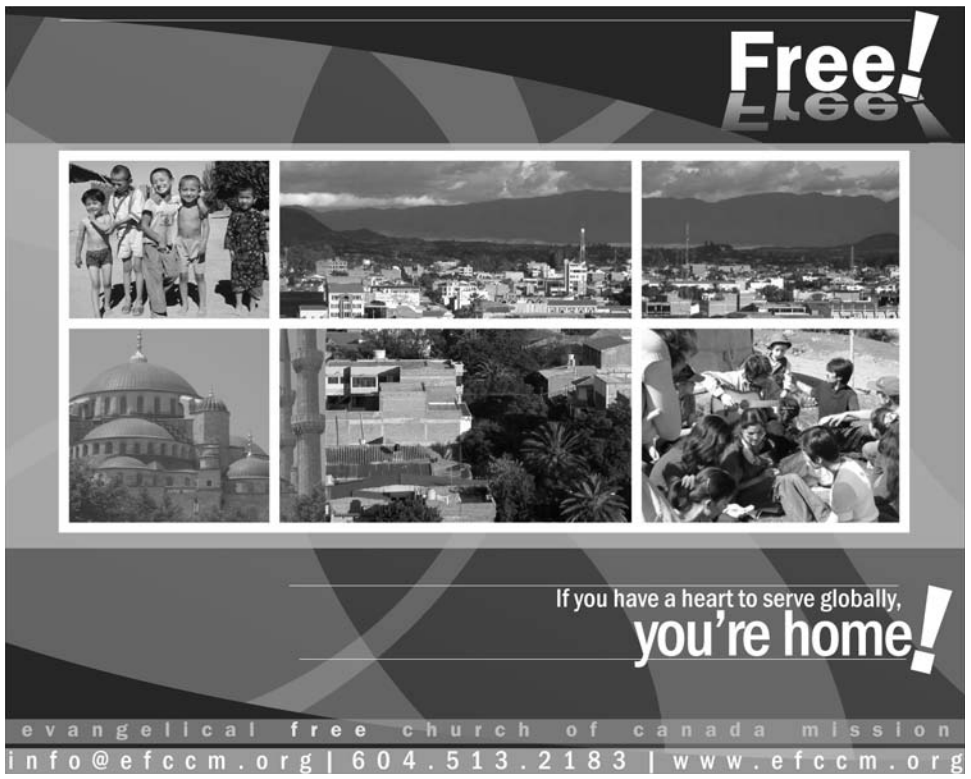
MEDs aren't designed to make people rich. They are usually small, with limited growth potential. But a MED can help a whole family provide the basic necessities of life – and that, in itself, is transformational. For us, though, it's not just about money – it's also about souls.

EFCCM's interest in microenterprise development focuses on opportunities to enable us to achieve a unique connection with the unreached people in the world. Not only do MEDs give their participants a way to make a living wage, they also provide Christians with a natural way to build relationships and ministry within a community.

A successful microenterprise offers the chance to establish relationships with customers, suppliers and colleagues. It's a natural evangelism tool. In fact, one EFCCM initiative will be used as a local training ground for cross-cultural ministry.

MEDs open opportunities to a group that has often been under-represented in missions: business people. Combining business with global outreach is new.

If you have ideas or questions about this, please contact us. We can be reached at info@efccm.org or 604-513-2183.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE . . .

By Derek Grant





LOCATED in the mountains of Indonesia's eastern-most island, called West Papua, are the the Dao, a tribe largely cut off from the outside world. As we approached them by traversing the Dao River, hiking the valley and the Dao range of mountains, these people captured our hearts.

What we saw were precious souls, who had never once had the opportunity of hearing about our Lord. It didn't seem fair, that after 2,000 years they still hadn't heard about him. This was a tremendous burden on our hearts. In April 2005, we moved in amongst the Dao, with the intent of learning their language and culture and then explaining to them the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

I made a special friend from the Dao in Patoma. He always came to help me whenever I was out in the jungle cutting wood or building something. Since we first visited the Dao, I curious about another tribal group that dwelt further north, known as the Upper Dao. They were said to be more resistant to outsiders. I wanted to go and initiate friendships with them.

I asked Patoma about them. His only answer was that they were far away. He told me "Your feet will be broken!" (Patoma, like all Dao, has no shoes). One day, I pressed him, and he finally said, "Tomorrow we will go."

It was the hardest hike of my life, and the journey took a week. We had to descend and climb mountain trails and cross many rivers. Exhausted and sick, I half climbed, half crawled up the final ascent.

Despite that, it was great to meet the Upper Dao people, who have a slightly different dialect and culture from the Dao. I wondered if this would be one of the first places that the future Dao church would reach out to.

After spending a couple of days in Mokotakha, we began the three day journey back to Eba Owida ('many rivers').

On the hike my body began to shiver from sickness. My balance was going and I wasn't able to hike very fast. Patoma was getting a little annoyed having to go at such a slow pace, but remained patient.

As we came to a water fall, and hiked down, a fever hit me. By the time we got down the the valley to the river below, I could barely walk. I had malaria; I didn't know what to do. We were stuck in a valley with steep mountains on either side. Hard times! I did have some medication that I took, then I lay down on the jungle floor and fell asleep.

After a couple of hours or so, Patoma came over and said, "Derek, time to get up." He was smiling and gave me some food he had prepared. "We have to go, it's going to rain." The river beside us could quickly flood.

Without saying another word, he picked up my pack and carried it. What a good friend he is. The Lord gave the strength to make it to the next village, and in the following days, back home.

The experience of becoming sick at such a time was a hard one, but I look back on it and think of it as beautiful. It seemed there was little to lean on, but the Lord was there, always is with me. As a missionary, we go to help and serve the people. I found myself in a position where I needed them and they were there for me.

Shortly after this episode, I returned to Canada for five months furlough. When I returned to the Dao this January, I was really looking forward to meeting Patoma again. He wasn't there; the Dao told me that he was hiking in a far off area.

Several days went by, and then a report from a neighbouring tribesman came in saying that Patoma was sick with malaria, unable to walk, and still far away. I wanted to be there for him, as he had been for me.

I asked exactly where Patoma was, and was told it would take me 10 days to hike there, to a place I didn't know. I asked if they would take him some medicine from me.

They told me that if I wanted to hike to a far off place and get sick, there was nothing they can do about it, but they were reluctant to go themselves in case they got sick too. My heart was broken.

I wondered what I could do. Even if I had tried to hike to him, I might not have been able to make it. Could I call in the Helimission helicopter to look for him? That wouldn't help, because I didn't know where he was. There was nothing I could do.

Knowing he was in God's hands and that God loved him, I prayed for him. My co-workers also prayed hard, pleading with our Lord to spare the life of our friend. If he died, he would enter a Christ-less eternity. Several weeks later Patoma did get better, and he hiked back to Eba Owida.

We rejoiced and anticipated the day when we will be able to teach him and the other Dao people about the glorious gospel of Jesus.

Derek Grant is with New Tribes Mission. www.ntm.org.

BARBARA FULLER in Moldova



Originally from Toronto, Barbara lives and works with Operation Mobilization in Chisinau, Moldova.



God is doing great things in and through the believers in Moldova and I see them all actively reaching out to share the good news of the gospel with their neighbours and friends.

A neat thing that happened recently was the opportunity to meet another Moldovan friend through a contact with another missionary in Belgium. This other missionary had told me that they had baptized two Moldovan men in their church plant there.

He said that the wife of one of the men was still here in Moldova, waiting for papers to enable her to join her husband.

And so I was able to make contact with this young woman who has not seen her husband in 2 years. And her 3 year-old daughter has not seen her father in all that time.

This is not unusual for Moldova, where so many people go to other countries to obtain jobs and support their families. I had a lovely evening with this young woman, her daughter, and her brother-in-law, with whose family she is staying.

She shared her story of how she and her husband, miles apart from each other, separately have come to faith in Jesus Christ.

God does do amazing things, doesn't he?



Kingdom Ventures

God has done amazing things in the former Soviet Union (FSU) in the past 15 years. Christian camps operated by churches and faith missions are firmly established in 13 of the 15 former Soviet republics. Some 2,000 national camp workers attend leadership seminars every year, organized by Christian Camping International (CCI) – with headquarters in Ukraine, Georgia and Russia.

"God called me; I resisted," says worker Nataly Stanko. "God insisted and here I am. I have climbed up the mountain here, and have seen new horizons. I have experienced God – and I know the ministry he has in mind for me. I feel the fire of God inside, and am ready to make more changes."

Nataly, now program leader in Noah's Ark Camp in Ukraine, is expressing the experiences of thousands of young adults – who are not only leaders in more than 1,000 youth camps in the FSU, but also are the work force of the churches: Sunday school teachers, youth workers, choir members, deacons and even pastors. "The camp has changed our church," a pastor recently told us. Only God knows how many churches have grown out of the summer camps.

The work keeps growing. There are still many cities and villages in the FSU without camps. Churches need tents so they can open camps in new places.

CCI has established a tent-sewing factory in Ukraine to provide group tents housing seven campers and a counsellor. They are specialized, rain-resistant tents of high quality, not available on the market. The tents cost $1,000 each to make; churches can afford to pay only $400.

We are asking you to help. One tent will serve up to 60 campers in one summer. They are built to last 10 years. The opportunity to reach this generation of teens is as great as the need to do so.

Canadian Theological Seminary

Canadian Theological Seminary prepares Christians to serve and lead the church in its mission in the world.

Established in 1970, Canadian Theological Seminary (CTS) is rooted in a dynamic heritage that combines a vision for carrying out the Great Commission with a passion for deep and authentic spirituality.

As an accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools, CTS offers high-quality faculty, small class sizes, vibrant and dynamic community life, and the opportunity to expand your worldview as you interact with an international student body from many continents.

Academic programs include: Master of Divinity, Master of Divinity in Intercultural Ministries, MA in Intercultural Ministries, MA in Leadership and Ministry, MA in Biblical/Theological Studies, Diplomas in Christian Studies or Intercultural Ministries, and a Certificate in Chinese Ministries.

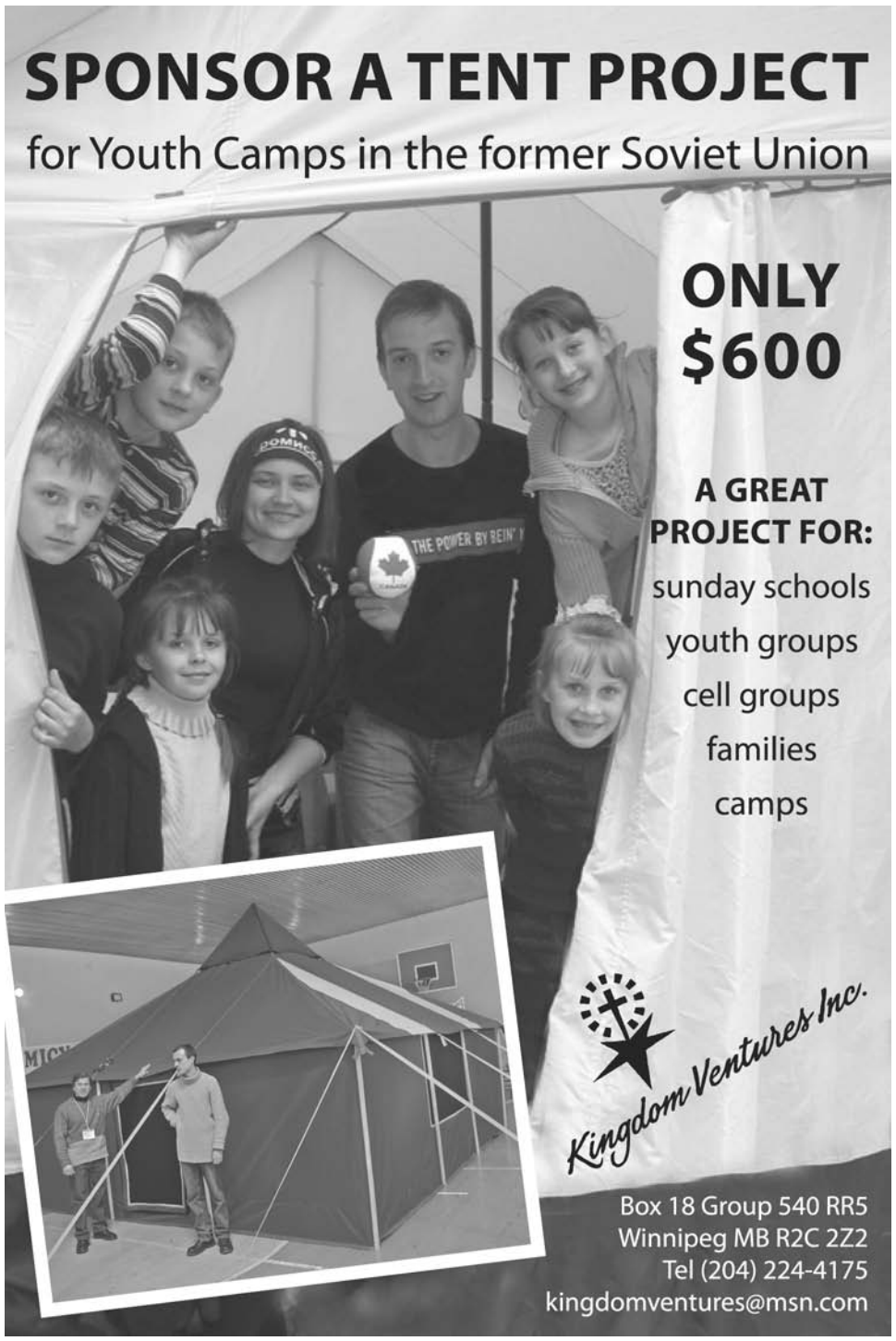
Overlooking the scenic Bow River in Calgary, our central downtown location provides many multicultural ministry opportunities, as well as easy access to the business core, public transit, and numerous running and bike trails.

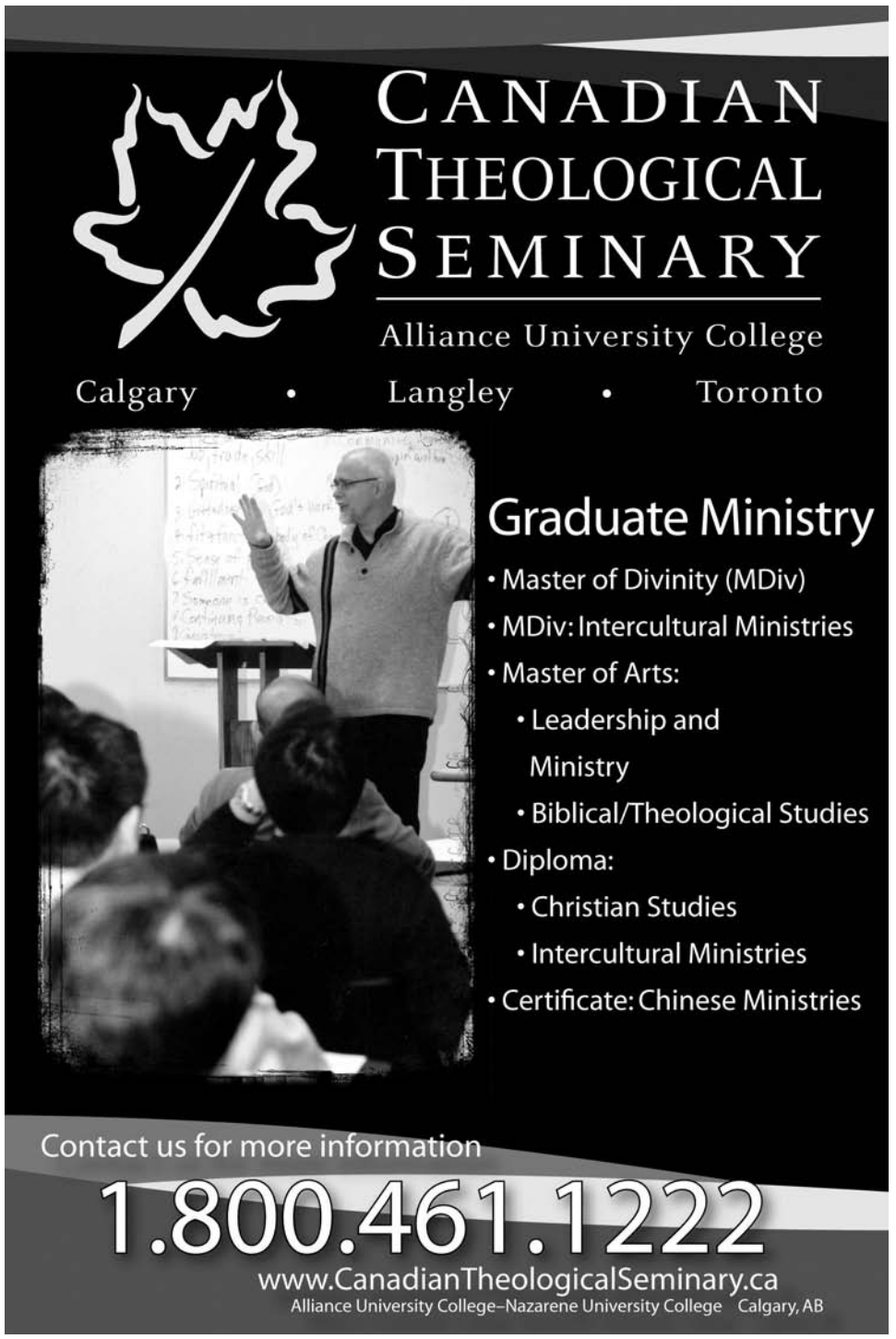
Our facilities include four floors of classrooms, the Archibald-Thomson Library (one of the largest private academic libraries in western Canada), and various locations for computer access.

Our reputation for educational excellence precedes us, and now we are offering you even more to explore: It's all within your reach.

For a quality seminary education, look no further than Canadian Theological Seminary at Alliance University College. For more information, please contact Enrollment at 1-800-461-1222 or visit www.auc-nuc.ca.

Canadian Theological Seminary also has approved extension sites located in Langley, B.C. and Toronto, Ontario.





ROUNDUP

End of the Spear

This 2006 Hollywood movie (pictured) is based on the true story of a group of missionaries in Ecuador – the most well-known of whom were Jim Elliot and Nate Saint. The team sought to reach out to the Waodani (formerly known as Auca), a violent tribe whose lives were defined by revenge killing. The five men were speared to death by the tribe – who considered all foreigners cannibals. Subsequently, some wives and children of the murdered men went to live among the Waodanis. The result was one of the most remarkable stories of community transformation ever seen. *End of the Spear* is available on DVD at Christian bookstores throughout Canada. *www.endofthespear.com*

CrossTraining Toronto

MissionPrep partners with a number of missions to provide interactive learning experiences for those about to embark on multicultural witness and mission. For many years, missions training has happened in many different contexts, with many different approaches. The outcome of this has often been a duplication of efforts, or an isolation from other key missions stakeholders. MissionPrep is now launching CrossTraining, a cooperative missions training effort, that seeks to integrate the gifts and resources of the Assembly (the local church), the Academy (the training schools) and the Agency (the cross-cultural mission board), for kingdom outreach.
www.missionprep.ca/crosstraining.html



Back from Malawi

Ten years ago, Dr. Chris Brooks, then 58, sold his Calgary practice and started a rural medical clinic in AIDS–ravaged rural Malawi. It has become one of the most successful clinics of its kind in Africa, with 25 staff and more than 3,000 patients per month. Brooks toured Canada this spring before returning to Malawi. *www.lifelinemalawi.com*

Missions Fests thriving

Various Missions Fests annually gather tens of thousands to events in Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. There is no other regional expression of Christianity that has consistently drawn so many people together year by year, since its inception 23 years ago. This year has been no exception. In January, the Vancouver event alone drew some 31,000 people over three days. One session had more than 2,000 young people; 232 exhibitors had booths. In a smaller youth rally, 300 young people come forward in response to speakers.
missionsfestvancouver.ca

New Bible for Tatarstan

The Bible Society has announced that the approximately 300,000 Kreshen Christians of Tatarstan, a Turkic region speaking a Tatar dialect, now have the New Testament. Throughout their history, this small community has faced often severe persecution by both the Communist and extremist Muslim leadership in the country. When the nine-year translation project was finally completed, hundreds of Kreshen Christians gathered at the Church of Tikhvin Icon of the Holy Virgin in Kazan, Tatarstan, to celebrate. *Christian Today*

'Azusa,' from page 18

and Seattle, Washington. By December 1906 they were in Denver and Colorado Springs; in Indianapolis and Minneapolis; in Akron, Alliance and Cleveland, Ohio; in Chattanooga, Tennessee; in Norfolk, Virginia; and even in New York City.

By December 1906 the mission had commissioned and sent at least 13 missionaries to Africa. Four of them were white; they all went to Angola.

Nine of them were African Americans who, in their travels across the United States, recruited three more people to join them for ministry in Liberia.

By January 1907 they had begun ministering in Monrovia, Liberia and surrounding outstations and by 1909 an Apostolic Faith Mission, which boasted 154 baptized converts, had been firmly established there.

By early 1907, missionaries from the Azusa Street Mission had entered Mexico, Canada, Western Europe, the Middle East, West Africa and several countries in Asia. By 1908, the movement had spread to South Africa, central and eastern Europe, and even northern Russia. It is because of the singular success of Azusa Street's missionary program, before any others were in place, that I have chosen to claim that its story is unique to the birth of global Pentecostalism . . .

Today, the largest competitor to the Roman Catholic majority in Latin America is the Pentecostal one, and the majority of African churches are Pentecostal/Charismatic in practice.

Between 1985 and 2005, for instance, the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia has grown from two hundred thousand members to over four million members, and almost all of them describe themselves as Charismatics.

Many of Africa's independent or indigenous churches hark back to the Apostolic Faith Mission. The Anglican community in Singapore is highly charismatic. The Orthodox Church in Kenya is renowned for the healing and deliverance services it holds, in which people also speak in tongues and prophesy.

The fastest growing churches in Asia, especially in places like Singapore, the house churches in mainland China, among Roman Catholics in the Philippines, and among the people of Korea are Pentecostal/Charismatic congregations and/or movements.

The largest church in the world, Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea – with its more than eight hundred thousand members – is one more example of the mission's global impact.

As long as the number of Pentecostal/Charismatic Christians around the world continues to grow, the impact of the Azusa Street Mission grows with it.

Reprinted by permission of Thomas Nelson, Inc., Nashville, TN., from The Azusa Street Mission & Revival, copyright 2006 by Cecil M. Robeck, Jr. All rights reserved.

'Pandora,' from page 19

"The net result of this kind act was much greater than the value of two apples. It was a demonstration to our entire family that the Almighty cares about the 'desires of your heart.' . . . Kindness has a way of reaching across oceans and lasting for generations."

While there are many missionaries who live and work in urban areas with easy access to high-quality goods and services, there are just as many who go to great lengths just to retrieve the mail. In these cases, a well-timed care package can make a world of difference.

Yeast

Gloria Drayton spent 35 years of her life as a missionary in Zimbabwe. Drayton now works in the Centre for Life Calling and Career Development at Trinity Western University, in Langley, B.C.

She still thinks of her grandmother every time she smells freshly baked bread.

When she was a child, Drayton would look forward to the times her family would make the two day bicycle trip to the nearest post office. Every week, her grandmother would send a letter that contained three small packages of yeast.

"I always recognized grandma's letters by the distinct rattle of the yeast in the envelope, even when I was too young to read the return address," she says.

"During the rainy season, with rivers flooding, we would often go for a month or more without receiving our mail, and those were long weeks without any bread. So, grandma's little care packages meant a lot to us."

Also in Zimbabwe, a missionary nurse who worked with Drayton's family would regularly receive a package from an elderly supporter who lived in a nursing home in the United States. The woman would collect her tithing money in one and five dollar bills, package them up in a fat envelope and send it in the mail, perhaps trusting God that the cash would not get lost.

In order to avoid theft, she printed the word 'pictures' in bold words on the front. Because the greenbacks were printed with the faces of past presidents, the shut-in believed that her clever ruse – though diversionary – didn't break any of the commandments.

Like a lot of things in life, the spirit behind a gift can supersede the value of the item itself. It's easy to tell the difference between a well-meaning misstep and a carelessly conceived one. And, in some cases, God can even use a well timed *faux pas* to encourage those in the field.

Eight dollars

Marilyn Shaferly, who works with Radio 4VEH in Haiti, remembers a time when staff morale was at a "low ebb."

During this period, the group received a message that there was a package waiting for them at Haitian customs. After forking over eight dollars, they returned to their station to find out what was inside the mysterious package that had been so carefully scrutinized by the government officials.

"Much to our amazement, it was a box of ties – really old, really garish ties," recalls Shaferly. "Without much hesitation, and with a great deal of hilarity, various staff members began grabbing ties. Around the neck they went – frontwards or backwards, it didn't matter. Soon we found ties gracing our microphones or the backs of chairs . . .

"The morale of the staff shot up to the top. It was the best eight dollars we ever spent."

While mission work can be very rewarding, there are times of loneliness, alienation and self doubt that can be cured by simply connecting with someone in another part of the world. In that sense, a well-timed, thoughtful care package has the unique ability to nurture missionaries both physically and spiritually, all in one shot.

ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University

One of God's theological jokes?

The New Testament paints a kind of diptych portrait of the church. One panel shows it as missionary by its very nature; the other shows mission as inextricably linked to the church. Jesus himself sent out the church (John 20:21-23), and the earliest story of mission shows the church sending out missionaries in tune with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:1-4).

This church-mission link remained strong during the first Christian centuries. How is it that today we find many churches giving little importance to world mission, and many mission agencies showing no firm link to the church?

Andrew Walls suggests that a 'trade-company' concept of mission developed at the time of William Carey. At the turn of the 18th century, Protestant denominations lacked the 'machinery' – and often the motivation – to support missionary work; so individual mission-minded Christians were urged to put their 'means' together to send Carey to India. Walls describes this positively as the "fortunate subversion" of the church.

The success of the voluntary society in the 19th century, in turn, prodded the churches to get involved in mission. But in New Testament terms, the voluntary mission society remained an anomaly. "There never was a theology of the voluntary society," writes Walls. "The voluntary society is one of God's theological jokes."

Charles Van Engen further tells how, during the 20th century, the proliferation of parachurch missions caused major churches to give careful thought to their identity. "They began to see that the church's nature could not be defined apart from its mission; and mission could no longer be defined apart from the church's relation in the world."

This missionary ecclesiology was articulated most thoroughly by Leslie Newbigin. He was convinced that a church which is not "the church in mission" is no church at all. But he also questioned whether a 'mission' which works independently of the church is worthy of the name.

Training in mission at ACTS Seminaries takes the biblical church-mission link seriously. Required courses challenge future leaders of Canadian churches to put world mission at the heart of congregational life. Missionaries-in-training are also urged to make sure that their connection with Christ's body is solid, before attempting to cross cultural frontiers with the gospel.

Many Christians would agree that a church with no heart for world mission is something of an aberration. Can a mission agency with no heart for the church claim to be any different?

Gordon Nickel, assistant professor of intercultural studies, ACTS Seminaries.

See ad on the back cover

International Russian Radio/TV

'Power to Change' in Russia

International Russian Radio/TV (IRR/TV) has been conducting 'Power To Change' mission campaigns in Russia's largest cities.

These initiatives have impacted millions of people who are in dire need of God's love and a personal relationship with him.

IRR/TV, and ministry partner Campus Crusade for Christ Canada, have completed missions in six cities so far – including Volgograd, Ufa, Petrozavodsk, Archangel and Voronezh, as well as Almaty in Kazakhstan.

These efforts have been amazing testimonies of God's faithfulness in reaching the lost. As part of a five-year plan, 50 of the largest cities have been targeted for special mission campaigns – on a level that has never been witnessed before in Russia.

The power of media

Using the power of daily TV and radio broadcasts aired on local and regional commercial stations, simultaneously running newspaper ads, giant billboard ads, public transit ads, etc., throughout the city, we are able to reach the entire population in each city for a one-month period.

Professing Christian celebrities and others with moving life stories of how God gave them the power to change are highlighted in these very public ads and TV programs.

All telecasts and outdoor ads display a phone number to call for spiritual guidance. Local congregations have enthusiastically come together in prayer, to provide venues for public services; to administer spiritual counselling to often-desperate callers at the call-in centre; and to travel the streets, meeting the people.

Dramatic stories have been reported of numerous suicidal people, and families destined for destruction, who were reached through the efforts of this mission and received salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Jesus film

As part of this campaign, the *Jesus* film is simultaneously being shown during the month-long mission, in theatres and public halls throughout the city. Each showing includes an opportunity to respond to an altar call to receive prayer and counselling. Many have found Christ in these theatres.

Please pray and support this effective outreach during this special time of ministry in Russia.

Go to: www.irrtv.org for more exciting updates on missions in Russia. See our ad on this page.





destinations
SUMMER SESSIONS 2006 · Trinity Western University

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

2006 summer sessions

Teaching ESL

Would you like to teach English overseas?

Accreditation for teaching ESL at home or overseas

Complete your Teaching ESL Certificate in one year or spread the program out over several years! Begin with a course this summer and see if teaching ESL is what you are meant to do.

eCourses

Learn online!

eCourses are an excellent way to learn for people who need flexibility to work or deal with difficult schedules. See our website **www.twu.ca/glc** for more information and course listings.



Summer Sessions

See all summer courses at www.twu.ca/summer

Michael Wilkinson



Dr. Michael Wilkinson has a special interest in Christians' response to social issues. Join him in a life-challenging urban inititave in downtown Vancouver.

SOCI 390 E Faith Based Social Services
3 sh; May 23 – 27; T-Sa: 8:30 am – 4 pm; Michael Wilkinson; On-campus classes plus 2 nights' stay in Vancouver, Eastside

Peter Flint



Dr. Peter W. Flint, Director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Institute at TWU, is the author of The Dead Sea Psalms Scrolls and the Book of Psalms and co-author of Dead Sea Scrolls Bible and The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

RELS 320 E Dead Sea Scrolls
3 sh; M – F; 8:30 am –4 pm

Vladimir Blagonadezhdin



Vladimir Blagonadezhdin graduated from the Volgograd Engineering Institute Faculty of Architecture. His icons can be found at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa and other parts of the world.

ART 224/324 E1 Byzantine Style Iconography
3 sh; E1: August 21 –25; or E2: August 28 –September 1; M –F; 8:30 am –4 pm; Add'l fee: $160

Bruce Waltke



Dr. Bruce Waltke has written numerous scholarly articles and edited various versions of the Bible. He has taught at several colleges and seminaries and is the author of commentaries on Genesis, Micah and Proverbs, and Old Testament Theology.

RELS 340 Current Issues in Biblical Theology
August 21 – 25; M – F; 8:30 am – 4 pm; Bruce Waltke/Ivan DeSilva

Study for interest or transfer one of these courses to your university or college!



University Week at Camp

Green Bay Bible Camp (Kelowna)

September 1 – 6

Complete all your readings before the first class. Classes take place in mornings and evenings, with afternoons scheduled for waterfront relaxation. Assignments are due one month later. Inquire about transferring credits from one of these courses to your university or college!

Choose one of the following courses:

COMM 410 E Language & Gender
3 sh; Allyson Jule

PHIL 210 E2 Contemporary Ethical Issues
3 sh; Michael Horner

RELS 240 E Book Study: Proverbs
3 sh; Ivan deSilva

SOCI 221 E Marriage & Family
3 sh; Mike Richardson

For all University Week at Camp courses: Camp fee: $400 · Days: Fri 6 pm – Wed 4 pm

Toll-free 1.866.402.1897 · **E-mail** glc@twu.ca
Register online www.twu.ca/summer

Global Learning Connections

YOUR FIRST YEAR OF UNIVERSITY YOUR WAY!

ONLINE FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD



You want to go to university and earn your degree, but you can't get away or would prefer to stay with your family for one more year. Freshman Academy online at Trinity Western University was made just for you! Here's your first year at a fully accredited Christian university with lots of great features to make for a wonderful experience:

- Faculty learning coaches to guide and nurture
- Caring and enthusiastic Christian professors
- Students stay with the same classmates for the year
- Fully accredited and transferable
- Condensed courses (seven weeks) for maximum focus



Simon Gibson

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Contact Simon Gibson, PhD, Freshman Academy program advisor, today.
Toll-free 1-866-402-1897, ext. 3899
email: simon.gibson@twu.ca · www.twu.ca/academy

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

TWUCS 1172 (Mission Fields).indd 1 31/3/2006 7:42:14 AM

INTELLIGENTLY DESIGNED.

WITH MINISTRY IN MIND.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THAT COMPELLING SENSE GOD PUTS ON OUR HEARTS THAT IT'S TIME TO **FOLLOW HIM** INTO A NEW CHAPTER OF LIFE?





"I am preparing to return to India and join my father in pastoral ministry. I came to ACTS to experience firsthand how multiple evangelical denominations can work together. ACTS is such a friendly environment; people have gone out of their way to make me feel a part of the community. I can't wait to share what I've learned with the churches in India."

DINO SKARIAH, ACTS STUDENT

HE'S INTELLIGENTLY DESIGNED US LIKE THAT. At ACTS, we are passionate about equipping godly leaders for a lifetime of ministry and leadership. We have designed our programs to ground you in theology as well as prepare you vocationally. In fact, every aspect of your studies at ACTS is designed with your unique ministry in mind.

AS YOU EXPLORE WHAT YOUR NEXT CHAPTER HOLDS, we would like to journey with you. We invite you to talk with us about the passion for ministry growing in your heart and mind. Call, email or explore www.acts.twu.ca to find out more about the Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Ministries or other programs.

ACTS Seminaries

OF TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

▶ 604.513.2019 ▶ WWW.ACTS.TWU.CA

▶ 1.888.468.6898 ▶ ACTS@TWU.CA

CANADIAN BAPTIST SEMINARY • MENNONITE BRETHREN BIBLICAL SEMINARY • CANADIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NORTHWEST BAPTIST SEMINARY • TRINITY WESTERN SEMINARY • CANADIAN PENTECOSTAL SEMINARY

2006-04-ACTSAD-DinoMACCM-Mission1 1

3/30/2006 3:13:43 PM