Imprints of Grace

From the very beginning, whether pioneer farmers and teachers who brought a fledgling Bible school to birth or later recruits of professors, mechanics, cooks, printers, accountants and others who joined the ranks through the years, many of the men and women who make up the Prairie staff and faculty have had a deep and lasting impact on the lives of students.

Sometimes it was in the classroom where the teaching of eternal truth changed lives forever. “My years at Prairie were critical in my growth as a Christian,” says Kal Szucs (BC’92). Prairie’s Director of Student Services for Families. “My view of God and the church was revolutionized not only by the courses I took, but also by my personal relationships with some of the professors and staff members I met.”

Sometimes it was the quiet example of self-sacrifice and practical love that left an indelible imprint. In a 1991 Servant interview, author Elisabeth Elliot (BC’49) recalled her days on campus and the small apartment where Catherine Cunningham, Prairie’s dean of women, often welcomed the lonely young woman in for tea and talk. It became a precious haven where Elisabeth learned to trust the hand of God in her life from someone she described as “a woman of great simplicity, great peace and radiant joy” and whose prayers followed her when she left for Ecuador as a missionary.

Seventeen-year-old Ben Chung (HS’85) was a high school student far from his Taiwanese homeland when staff member Joan Chapman invited him for dinner. From then on he was drawn into the hospitality of her home and her heart. Birthday cakes and cultural celebrations that made the homesickness easier to bear were followed up by letters and loving contacts that continue to this day.

Senior Bob Mathew “hams” it up with Dining Hall Supervisor Mike Olver and Ken McDonald, Director of Food Services.

And Ben was not alone. Over many years Joan’s name became familiar to the many Asian students who benefited from her efforts. Not content to simply open her home, she learned their culture, cooked their food, and literally made them part of her family.

Working together on gratis or summer crews also allowed students to become better acquainted with those who kept the campus running and, in some cases, provided the foundation for their future life’s work. Chester Majak (HS’73, BC’77) was a Bible college student when he spent the summer working with the publications department as a photographer and learned the darkroom and printing process. “It gave me excellent experience in something I was already interested in,” he remembers. “The Prairie crew also allowed me to apprentice with them as an electrician.” Today Chester works full-time as an electrician and professional photographer.

Their love for the Savior has prompted many of those who serve at Prairie to take a personal see IMPRINTS on page 2

Digging Deep in the Holy Land

For three weeks this summer, David Dunn, Professor of Old Testament at PBC, joined an archaeological dig at Israel’s Tel Ramat Rahel.

It was only 9:00 in the morning on the dig site, but already we were perspiring profusely from the fierce heat of the sun.

From our vantage point we could look north to Jerusalem’s golden Dome of the Rock and south to the golden Dome of the Rock and south to the Church of the Nativity.

Ramat Rahel crowns the eastern slope of the valley of Rephaim, which provided the southern and western accesses to Jerusalem in ancient days.

A very prosperous and modern kibbutz is located there today, but the tel itself contains the remains of at least five levels of habitation covering a period from about 800 B.C. to A.D. 800. The earliest date places occupants on the site during the latter part of the southern kingdom of Judah through to the days of the prophet Jeremiah and the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians.

The tel had been worked until 1964 by archaeologist Yohanan Aharoni, but then remained deserted until this summer when Tel Aviv University and its Nadler Institute of Archaeology combined with the University of Heidelberg to reopen excavations. Along with sixty or so other volunteers from all over the world, I was fortunate enough to be invited to join archaeologist Oded Lipschitz of TAU and theologian Manfred Oeming of UH. We were at our assigned areas by 5:30 every morning and digging continued until 1:00 with a stop for a full Israeli breakfast on site at 9:00 am. The work was strenuous and we consumed water steadily, but it didn’t seem to matter whether we wielded pick-axes, sledgehammers, or the smallest brushes: every moment was exciting.

Pottery, glass, bone, coins, rings, walls, floors, water cisterns, pillars, capitals—all came to light as the days went by. Aharoni had once theorized that the remains of a royal palace on the site may be related to the “separate” house occupied by King Uzziah after he was stricken with leprosy as recorded in II Kings 15:5. That possibility is mainly discounted today, but it was fascinating nevertheless to realize that I held in my hands the remnants of life in the days of the last kings of Judah.

Many close friendships were formed with wonderfully gifted scholars and numerous members of the team. What treasure still lies buried at Ramat Rahel remains to be seen, but for me the dig itself was a treasured experience and one I will not soon forget.”

Unearthing the past at Ramat Rahel

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Dear Prairie Family,

The new year has begun! We are thankful that God has directed a full contingent of students to Prairie this fall to study and be challenged in their spiritual walk with Christ. As a staff we are always excited to see who God brings to the school for each new year and we know that as a supporter you join with us in committing the coming year to His blessing.

Next to the centrality of Christ and working of the Holy Spirit, one of the most important factors in experiencing a God-honoring year at Prairie is the contingent of people who teach, interact with, and support the students while they study. Those of you who have had the opportunity to be on campus know first hand about the dedication and sacrifice made by the Prairie staff as they serve God here in Three Hills. No one comes to Prairie looking for the “easy life” but instead chooses to trust God to provide for needs each step of the way.

As President, I believe we have an obligation to fulfill our responsibility and be a part of the means through which God provides for the needs of our staff. I know that almost everyone is fully aware of the comparatively low salaries they receive. But with costs of living rising all around us and the significant increases in essentials like heating, electricity and food expenses, I am committed to ensuring that our staff members have the necessary income in order to be free to focus on investing in the lives of Prairie students.

Last year we announced our plan to increase staff salaries by 15% over three years. The first step was taken when we raised salaries 4% in September of 2004 and we thank all of you who helped to meet that goal. Our commitment for 2005-06 is to raise wages another 5%—the only budget increase approved for this year!

Once again I am asking you to consider being a part of the plan to help improve the wages paid to our staff and faculty. The chart below will give you a sense of what we believe God wants us to do in response to salary improvements. As God directs you to support this initiative, as President of Prairie I want to say “thank you!”

Dr. Jon Ohlhauser
President, Prairie Bible Institute

P.S. If you would like to partner with us in raising staff salaries this year by 5%, please see the reply envelope included with this issue of the Harvester.

Dr. Jon Ohlhauser
President, Prairie Bible Institute

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interest in students outside of the classroom; an effort that often results in lifelong friendships and even changed lives. Prairie’s Dining Hall Supervisor Mike Olver (HS’85, BC ’86) and his wife Beverly (HS’85, BC’88) served for 12 years as advisors to three different Bible college classes and Mike interacted with student workers on a daily basis in Food Services. He left staff for a while, but soon realized how much he missed interacting with the young men and women on campus.

“Just being in business wasn’t enough for me,” he says. “The pay may not be as great, but when I hear kids tell me they’re so glad I’m back—that’s worth a thousand dollars any day.”

Doug Nichols’ (BC’66) life might have taken a completely different turn were it not for the kindness of a retired missionary who worked at the school. Doug had arrived on campus in 1963 with a keen desire to prepare for ministry, but in no time at all he found himself failing all his classes. The discouragement grew until one Saturday Doug sat on the edge of his bed and told the Lord he’d had it. He was quitting school. Just then there came a knock at the door and Norman Charter walked in. Seeing Doug’s open suitcase, he quickly surmised that this young man was in desperate straits.

“You didn’t ask me to come,” he said, “but I know you’ve been having a hard time and I felt the Lord wanted me to see you.” Mr. Charter listened to Doug’s tale of woe and then asked him what good it would do to turn his back on what he knew God had brought him there for—to study the Bible.

In the end Doug decided to stay and with the encouragement of Mr. Charter and others like him, he graduated successfully and went on to serve as a missionary in India and the Philippines. Later he founded Action International, a Christian aid agency that works with the street children of Asia, Latin America and Africa, touching thousands of lives with the love of Christ.

Many other men and women have followed the call of God to serve at Prairie Bible Institute over the years and in doing so, have left the imprint of their lives on future generations of young men and women. Taking the words of I Corinthians 15:58 to heart, they made them their own: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”

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Comparative Salary Statistics

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Seniors’ Event Goes “Over and Above”

The sun rose on July 7 over a campus bustling with activity and preparations for the annual Quest conference. Vintage cars were parked, registration tents set up and a complete mini-golf course laid out on one side of the square. Volunteers in red shirts crisscrossed the campus throughout the day like worker ants on a mission. And indeed they were.

The planning process had begun almost a year earlier when a team of dedicated staff and volunteers gathered to ask the Lord for direction for the event geared to guests age 55 and above. The focus that developed was that all Christians, no matter what their circumstances or their age, have an opportunity to share the love of Christ in some way and so the theme of “Light Your World” was set.

Determined to make this conference “the best ever,” the planning team set a goal to see 300 guests attend at least some part of the conference. When visitors arrived they were treated to Prairie-style hospitality and hosted at many different activities designed to meet their emotional, physical and spiritual needs. Tours, golfing and visits to local sites were all available as well as a rousing performance of “When We Came West,” a drama celebrating Alberta’s 100th birthday written and directed by Kathy Covert. Each morning began with a time of prayer led by former staff members Arnold and Shirley Olver and challenging devotionals from faculty member Dr.OlafLorentzen. Professionals in different fields presented seminars on how individuals can continue to impact the world around them. The most moving component of the weekend were the messages brought by Rev. Paul Estabrooks, minister-at-large for Open Doors International. Having seen firsthand the suffering that Christians are experiencing all over the globe, he related many stories of believers who continued to light their world for Christ even under the hardships of persecution.

A highlight for many was the Saturday evening concert featuring one of the most accomplished and influential Southern Gospel groups of all time: Dave, Duane and Neil—the original Couriers from Harrisburg, PA. The goal of the planning committee was more than surpassed as 600 people lined up for the concert and it was evident that the trio truly embodied the Quest theme with their clear message of hope through word and song.

The Quest project for this year was to raise $5,000 toward the purchase of a flight simulator for the Prairie School of Mission Aviation. Once again, the numbers were ‘over and above’ as guests to the conference generously donated a total of $7,500 to meet this need.

The Couriers: Messengers Sent in Haste

Fifty years ago three young Bible school students formed a music ministry team known as “The Couriers” and began singing about the Good News of God’s love in churches, concert halls, prisons, hospital rooms and countless other venues numbering well over 10,000.

In twenty-five years they would record over 40 albums and log more than three million miles, traveling not only to all fifty states and all the provinces of Canada but to 80 nations of the globe as well in missionary evangelism.

In 1980 the group disbanded and took individual paths that involved their families in ministry and influenced a new generation. Duane and Neil joined forces again, but in 2000 the old guard quietly stepped down for the last time. “Dave, Duane and Neil,” they have taken up the challenge once again to carry the message of the gospel wherever God leads them.

In October the group will embark on a cross-Canada reunion tour featuring songs from their brand new album, “One Nation Over God.” Be sure to check out their website www.daveduaneandneil.com for scheduling information in your area and see the enclosed envelope to order your own copy of this exciting new CD by a group that remains a classic in the annals of Southern Gospel music.

PRAIRIE LAUNCHES NEW LOOK

Our communication goal at Prairie is to tell the world with purpose and passion what makes Prairie special. It’s called branding: a philosophy used to speak more clearly and with greater impact about who we are and why we exist. This exercise led to revitalized communication tools like a new logo, website, and other print materials.

Research determined that our current image was contributing to a lack of clarity about Prairie. We were viewed as a “behind the times” rural college offering training that only those going into full-time church or international ministry would benefit from. We required a symbol that alludes to elements of Prairie’s brand as well as the benefits of a Prairie education, thus encouraging people to take a second look.

The new logo that emerged is simple, modern and unique. Incorporating an icon symbolic of growth into Prairie’s traditional Palatino font achieves the delicate balance of heritage and vision.

The abstract icon is designed to leave a certain amount of interpretation open to the reader. Some see a plant or an open book while others see a person. All are correct. The ‘person’ is reaching upward toward their goals of higher education, embracing the knowledge of the truth. The person is in the shape of a seedling growing in three directions: personally, academically and spiritually, with ‘arms’ forming the pages of an open book that represents both the Bible and academics. The three expanding sections also represent the Holy Trinity and refer as well to the three goals we seek to help our students accomplish: life goals, ministry goals and career goals. Prairie’s new look is instantly recognizable and our programs will all benefit from an improved and intentional institutional image, one founded in strategy and driven by passion for Christ and His church.

- Kevin Kirk, VP Marketing & Enrollment Management

A Place for You?

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1930s

McKeehan, Clifton (BC’35) and Alma (Jespersen, BC’35) served with the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria for 30 years. They are now retired and living in the Golden Hills Lodge in Three Hills, AB where Clif recently celebrated his 97th birthday.

1940s

Finch, Beryl is now living in her hometown of Mirror, AB after spending 30 years in India with Interserve.

Haight, Lenore (Maxwell, BC’40) lives in a seniors’ community in Stanwood, WA. Her husband Scott passed away in February of 2004.

ScottI21@juno.com

1950s

Blake, Richard (BC’55) lives in Zillah, WA, and is recovering from surgery to replace the mitral valve in his heart.

Dalane, Kris and Jean (Laney, BC’54) live in Charlotte, NC. Kris is recovering from a heart attack last fall and they are enjoying their ten grand-children.

Fuller, Harold (BC’50) and Lorna (Parrott, BC’53) are in Toronto, ON, and are retired but still active with SIM. Harold is presently writing an overview of missions in Asia.

Gibson, Joyce (HS’47, BC’51) had been caring for Grace Jordan (BC’53) until her passing a year ago, April. During this time she worked on Bible curriculums with Scripture Press Publishing and served Haven Ministries as editor of their daily devotional. She has now moved to Thompson, MB where she will continue editing work and take over Grace’s tape ministry. joygib@iol.com

Hale, Dick (BC’57) and Wanda (Edwardson, BC’57) are pastoring an Evangelical Free Church in North Hollywood, CA. They are involved in English and Spanish ministries.

Hockley, Marjorie Garriott, BC’48, BC’54 takes her home in White Rock, BC where she is in contact with the growing Asian community.

Hull, Lowell and Patsy (Wells, HS’52) live in Bremerton, WA where they pastored a church until Lowell retired for health reasons.

Johnson, Edith (BC’53) has just celebrated her 50th year of ministry in Trinidad. She is in touch in touch by email with friends in Brazil where they served from 1948 to 1988.

teldask@rapidinet.com

Smith, Kathleen (Finch, BC’43) has retired from teaching. She lives in a condo and attends the Evangelical Free Church in Lacombe, AB.

Trapp, Earl and Ivy (Johnson, BC’45) now live in Quakertown, PA. After working for almost 50 years with the Kayapo Indians of Brazil, Ivy has retired for health reasons. Earl returns to Brazil every year to serve as a translator, teacher, preacher and counselor.

terapp@ufm.org

Turner, Mrs. Reta (Norton, BC’48) lives in a seniors’ apartment in Pictou, ON and is enjoying involvement in her church, Emmanuel Baptist.

1960s

Beam, Rex (BC’61) and Dorothy (Weeks, HS’58, BC’61) retired from SIM in July 2003 and have now settled in Three Hills, sunbeams@telus.net

Brown, Estella (Grooters, BC’69) is still teaching Bible classes and playing the piano for her home church in Grainvald, TX.

Cooley, Steve and Nancy (Walrod, HS’60, BC’64) live in Vanderhoof, BC where Nancy has been teaching at Rainbow Christian School for 14 years. scooley@universe.com

Cussins, Richard & JoAnn (Anderson, BC’68), Yakima, WA, recently welcomed their first grand-child. Richard is retired and JoAnn works as an RN on a First Nations reservation since her husband Tom was admitted to a long-term care home in Prince Albert, SK. r.cussins@sympatico.ca

Drummond, Bette (Benson, HS’57, BC’61) retired at the end of July and planned to visit various ministry sections in Europe for three months.

Bettes60@hotmail.com

Hofer, Pete (HS’56, BC’61) and Fanny (Crosby, HS’63) are pastoring a Baptist church in Livingston, MT. They have 3 married children.

Isaak, George (BC’65) and Joy live in Shool Lake, MB where George is Pastor Emeritus of Shool Lake Baptist Church. He speaks regularly in the Personal Care Home and in a First Nations church and has just completed their 30 year anniversary in Custer, SD.

Janz, Orval (BC’66) and Georgetta (Magistad, BC’64) were involved in church planting with CSSM for many years. Orval retired in August of 2005 after serving both Manitoba Brethren and Director and National Director. They are now living in Winnipeg, MB.

Kong, Paul (BC’77) and Val (Epop, BC’66) live on Salt Spring Island, BC where Paul has a firewood business and Val teaches art in her studio at home.

Ward, Len and Beryl (Backer, HS’57, BC’61) are retired and living in Red Deer, AB. Beryl works in a Healthy Food and Fudge Store and Len helps on their farm. They have six grandchildren.

Elinor, Cliff & Eretta (Goetz, HS’54, BC’58) are the western Canadian representatives for Adventive (New Life League). They make their home in Ponoka, AB. cliff@clnet.com

Scovill, David (HS’54, BC’58) and Ethel (McKeren, HS’54, BC’58) travel to Papua from their home in Blythwood, SC every year to minister to pastors among the Dani people and finish the revision of the Dani New Testament.

Turner, Charles and Mary Lou (Prull, BC’53) live in Texas training missionaries with Baptist Bible Translators.

1970s

Beiner, Ken (BC’78) and Linda (Gibler, BC’80) are in their 13th year of pastoring a small rural CSSM church in Wanham, AB. They have one grand-son and are home schooling their fourth daughter. kbineier@telusplanet.net

Charter, Miriam (HS’67, BC’71) lives in Toronto where she directs the eastern branch of Canadian Theological Seminary. In January of 2006 she will take a faculty position at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in the PhD division of Educational Studies.

Johnson, Vance (BC’72) and Carol serve with the EFIC of America-International Mission in the Philippines where they have helped start a college and a small MK school. Their 5 children range from 9 to 27 years of age. vjohn@eficam.org

Miller, John (BC’70) and Esther (Cousley, BC’69) returned to Canada in 1994 after 23 years of ministry in Irian Jaya (Papua), Indonesia. John now works as a printer in graphics business out of their home in Three Hills, AB. They continue part time with the mission in prayer facilitation. johnm@copyprint.com

Potter, Barry (BC’72) and Jan (Eachon, BC’72) are living in the Tacoma, WA area after serving with OM Japan in 28 years. Barry is a personnel developer/trainer with OMF International and travels throughout Asia to work with missionary teams. Their five children are working and studying in four different countries. potterb@omf.net

Scholz, Martin (HS’75, BC’79) and Lorna (Sommerville, HS’75, BC’79) work with Action International Ministries out of Red Deer, AB. They are involved in church planting through community groups with an emphasis on livelihood technologies both in Canada and the Philippines. martin.scholz@actionintl.org

1980s

Beveridge, Colin & Beth (Doerksen, HS’84) are living in Tanzania where Colin is teaching at International School Moshe. Beth volunteers at the school and cares for Olivia, 6 and Mercedes, 5.

Goff, Vinton and Audrey (Fife, BC’89) began work among the Wuvulu people of PNG in 1992. In July they celebrated the completion of the first dictionary and translation of the New Testament in that language.

audrey_goff@wycliffe.ca

Lundy, Robert (BC’82) and Gladys serve in Brazil as Cross World. Their ministry includes teaching and preaching, maintenance of homes and vehicles for missionaries, technical assistance at their school and the care of students.

Tromness, Ernie (BC’71) and Nancy (Coffield, BC’71) are church planting in Ireland with CrossWorld. They recently relocated from Ballincollig to Youngah. etromness@uwm.org

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With the Lord

Callaway, Victor (BC’52), World War II veteran, husband and grandpa, and Prairie staff member for 27 years fought his final battle on July 1, 2005. Victor had suffered the last few years with Alzheimer’s and is now whole in the presence of Christ. He leaves behind his wife Bernice (Marr, u’52), Three Hills, AB, five children, grand children, and many friends who thank God for his faithful example.

Canfield, John (BC’37) passed away on July 25, 2005 at 91 years of age in Three Hills, AB. After graduating from Prairie Bible Institute, he invested his life as a missionary to Brazil with the Uniting Missions to the Americas (UMA) movement, currently known as CrossWorld. He is survived by his wife Bonnie (Wilson, BC’38) and two children Judith and Daniel.

Dawn, Rhodie (Olson, BC’39) spent her life as a missionary in the Belgian Congo and then in South Africa where she raised her family. She entered the presence of the Lord on June 26, 2005 and was buried next to her husband Will in Inverness, NS. Dawn was a missionary in Burundi and was involved in the translation of the African Bible for Wycliffe.

Dyk, Mrs. Helena (Toews, BC’42) passed away on May 14th 2005 at the age of 85. Helena and her husband Jacob (BC u’41) were missionaries to India and Nepal with the Uniting Mission to the Americas (UMA) movement, returning to Canada in January 1966. She was an active member of Central Heights Baptist Church, Abbotsford, BC until her illness.

Hayes, Lois (Gimmelink, BC’54) died at 87 years of age on May 9, 2005. Lois was a mission- ary with the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade and radio station HCJZ. She is survived by her husband Buck (BC’53) and twins William and Elizabeth in Bradenton, FL.

Hemmons, Stanley (BC’54) passed away on April 26, 2005. After 35 years of ministry in Brazil and Latin America he and Mary (Brewer, BC’56) returned to the US in 1992. In ’97 he underwent a heart bypass, followed in 2000 by radiation for prostate cancer. In January of 2005 Stan realized his last desire, to return to Brazil where he entered the presence of Christ surrounded by family and Brazilian believers. “Servants unto all” from the motto of the class of ’54 is engraved on a bronze plaque at his grave side in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Jordan, Grace (BC’53) of Wheaton, IL, died of cancer on April 3, 2005. She owned her own advertising agency and went on to build a successful recording and production studio as well as a recording equipment sales company.

McMillin, Dan (BC’99) and Marti are career missionaries in Cambodia with World Team. In 2003 God blessed them with their third daughter, Olivia Gail. They anticipate being in Canada on home assignment from July to December of 2006.

McIntyre, Nancy (BC’02) is a conversa- tional English teacher in Osaka, Japan. She is presently working on a new CD n_macintire1973@hotmail.com

Meeder, Tom (BC’97) and Jody, along with Jonathan, 2 and Twila, 17 months, were pleased to greet a new brother in Christ, Matthew Lynn on June 26, 2005. They are living in 100 Mile House, BC.

Tiede, Geraldine (Carmack, BC’45) and her husband Leon (BC’45) spent five years with the West Indies Mission in Jamaica where they helped to found a Bible college. They also spent a short time church planting on the island of St. Vincent before returning to Pennsylvania and then to Calgary, AB where Geraldine served as a pastor’s wife until their retirement in 1990. Cancer claimed her life on April 4, 2005.

The Prairies Harvesters Fall 2005
Private collection takes on worldwide ministry

by TED S. RENDALL, 
Chancellor Emeritus

Ever since reading Paul’s instructions to his companion in gospel ministry and son in the Faith, I have thanked God that the Apostle was a lover of books. You may recall his words in II Timothy 4:13: “Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you were a lover of books. You may...

Ted and Hester Rendall put the wraps on the first stage of a dream come true.

Carrubber’s Close Mission, situated in Edinburgh’s Royal Mile. He had decided to emigrate to the United States and could not take his entire library. Later I was able to send these books to Canada. Knowing the importance of a library to any center of learning, I resolved to build a library that became a permanent part of my collection. When faculty members retire, their books become available; when senior citizens downsize, they dispose of books for which they no longer have room. I have selectively bought books from many bookstores and have even found some treasures in thrift shops! As a result, my collection represents both classic and contemporary writers and preachers—Calvin, Luther, Edwards, Wesley and Whitefield on the one hand, Lloyd-Jones, Havner, Ogilvie and Swindoll on the other.

I am now seventy-two years of age and you may be wondering what I am going to do with my library. Dr. Stephen Olford, a close friend ever since he spoke at Prairie in the early 60s, recognized the need for expositional preaching and founded the Institute for Biblical Preaching located in Memphis, Tennessee. It has been my privilege to teach there periodically over the last eight years and recently I accepted the position of Minister and Professor in Residence.

Part of Dr. Olford’s vision for the center was a library majoring on Bible exposition, preaching, revival, missions, and the Christian life. When God provided money to build a structure that would contain accommodation, chapel/classroom, and offices, space for a library was included. But there was a problem: there were very few books available to fill its shelves! When we were invited to join the faculty the Lord made it clear that my vision could complement and complete Dr. Olford’s dream, and the two became one.

Several weeks ago a moving van from the U.S. arrived in Three Hills and 18 pallets containing 40 boxes of books were loaded onto the truck—a total of 32,300 volumes representing about half of the total. It was interesting to note that the books were shipped on August 29, the first anniversary of Dr. Olford’s Home going.

Now this wealth of knowledge will be available to Christian workers from around the globe who will study at the center. We envision pastors in Memphis also making use of the library, to be known as “The T.S. Rendall Collection” of Olford Ministries International, and that passion of my youth that some of my friends called a mania will now be known as “The T.S. Rendall Library.”

Helen Dowd (Splane HS’50, BC’56) has recently published her first full-length book entitled “If You Only Knew!” Built around the story of her pioneer mother Jesse Hudson through the days of the Great Depression, it also features the lives of her father, Allyn Splane (BC ’34) and her brothers and sisters, all of whom attended either Prairie High School or Bible school. Copies can be purchased through www.PublishAmerica.com or directly from hmdowd@telus.net, (604) 796-3367.

Alma McDonald (HS’78, BC’82, former staff) is now assistant Vice-President of Financial Centre Services with Freedom 55 Financial (London Life). Her career in financial services began at The Prudential and in 1997 she became regional administrator for western Canada. Now based in London, ON, Arlene is responsible for the staffing and operational effectiveness of financial centers across Canada and provides training for operational teams and managers and serves as a consultant for financial security advisors.

At the Altar

Pastershank on June 25, 2005. Myrna works in accounting and Willard is a welder with Morra Industries in Minnedosa, MB. willpast@gms.net

Johnson, Tracy (BC’90) married Anthony Friesen on April 2nd, 2005, and they are living near Mission, B.C. Tracy works for a software company in Vancouver and Anthony as an agricultural research technician in Agassiz. tracy.friesenz@shaw.ca

Sisson, Erik (BC’04) and Karine (Barthol, BC’02) were married on May 21, 2005 in Yakima, WA.

They are living in Sandpoint, ID where Erik works for Quest Aircraft Company. kumi_orl@juno.com

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The young men and women attending Prairie’s summer worldview conference focused intently on their speaker as he led them step by careful step through the maze of moral issues facing believers in today’s society. There would definitely be new thoughts to ponder by the time he was done. Addressing Summit students on a regular basis is a challenge that Dr. Paul Chamberlain (HS’73, BC’77) relishes, along with the seminars and classes that allow him to walk audiences through current issues and sort out their questions. The positive response to his approach prompted the writing of Paul’s latest book, “Talking About Good and Bad Without Getting Ugly.”

“My passion to write the book was sparked from meeting many people who would like to engage their friends on current social and moral issues,” says Paul, “but they find themselves confused and frustrated by the pitfalls they encounter; things like the changing moral landscape, the demand to be tolerant of all viewpoints, and the dilemmas resulting from expanding technology. My goal is to clarify the issues, demystify the questions, and demonstrate ways that we can respond confidently to them.”

Paul is director of the Institute of Christian Apologetics and professor of apologetics, ethics and philosophy of religion at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC. He believes it is important that Christians stay positive even in negative battles. “We’re in favor of certain things and we want to stand for them,” he says. “We’re celebrating life, and the human spirit.”

To order a copy of Paul Chamberlain’s new book, please see the enclosed envelope. If your church would like to host a seminar on Navigating the Moral Maze, contact Dr. Chamberlain at pchamberlain3962@shaw.ca

On October 3, 2005 the Prairie community in Three Hills gathered for a time of prayer and thanksgiving with a special focus being given to God’s financial provisions. In September 2004 it was projected that the school would face a deficit of close to $750,000 due to a drop in new student enrollment. After being led to II Chronicles 20, Prairie’s leadership determined that God was asking us to trust Him to provide the necessary funds to meet the year’s financial obligations. Upon completion of the final audits on June 30, 2005, the accounts report showed that God had provided an extra $850,000 to cover the expenses for last year! In keeping with the Biblical account from II Chronicles, the Prairie community joined together to worship God and give Him thanks for His blessings.

Note: In response to last year’s enrollment, the Prairie administration readjusted the budget for this year to realistic levels and is pleased to note that current student numbers are in line with the projections.
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20 safety in travel and ministry opportunities for Praise & Worship on extension today.
21 Student Finance Officer, Georgine Nadeau, as she finalizes first semester statements for students.
22 continued safety and good weather as Prairie Aviation moves into the winter flying months.
23 Fellowship sponsored by the Enrollment Department, taking place on campus today.
24 The Fine Arts Music Night production which begins tonight through the 27th.
25 students away from family on this American Thanksgiving weekend.
26 Book Room staff preparing the store for the Christmas season.
27 those on our staff or their family members who are currently facing serious health problems.
28 small group leaders as they minister to fellow students.
29 safety, courage and boldness for those involved in student ministry trips throughout the school year.
30 strength for our Housekeeping crews as they care for our facilities.

DECEMBER Please pray for:

1 those participating in the Fine Arts student recital this evening.
2 the Fine Arts presentation of a guitar ensembles concert on campus today.
3 good fellowship for those attending the Bible College Christmas banquet tonight.
4 a good financial finish to the semester.
5 our international students as they adapt to new weather, culture and language.
6 our night watchmen as they take care of our campus each night.
7 our students that they will seek the Lord as they set priorities and that they will apply themselves to their studies.
8 Discover students as they prepare to leave for Guatemala for language training.
9 wisdom and organization for marketing staff as they serve the many departments within the college.
10 many students needing finances to be able to return to school in January.
11 our athletic teams that they will build good relationships and be witnesses for Christ on and off the courts.
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13 PBC radio staff as they plan and implement their programming mini-season.
14 God's leading and supply for Bible College students graduating this month.
15 safe travel for students as they return to their homes for Christmas break.
16 prospective students still making decisions regarding attending college next semester.
17 Finance & Operations staff preparing year-end income tax information.
18 members of the Prairie maintenance team as the cold weather becomes a factor in the upkeep of our buildings.
19 God's supply of workers to handle visas, make financial arrangements and other travel arrangements.
20 the coordination of the ministries of the Discover team as they work together with the national church leaders in Guatemala and El Salvador.
21 international and MK students who are not able to be with their families for the holidays.
22 Feet and Grounds crews as they service Prairie's vehicles and keep up with snow removal.
23 Enrollment counselors as they confirm new students for the winter semester.
24 alumni and friends worldwide who are faithfully support the ministries of the College.
25 hearts filled with gratitude for God's precious gift to us of His Son.
26 sufficient housing opportunities for new student families arriving for the winter semester.
27 the provision of staff and faculty to fill various positions on campus.
28 a restful Christmas break for students and staff in all divisions.
29 Glenn Loewen as he plans the college chapel ministry for the upcoming semester.
30 four international students planning to attend Prairie as they secure visas, make financial arrangements and other travel arrangements.
31 open, willing hearts to God's leading in the new year.

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True Strength

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