

Family Album

1950s

Whisler, Dave (HS '54, BC '57) is married to Janice and is currently semi-retired from translating with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Throughout his career, he translated the NT into the Tatuyo language in Colombia, helped with training in Dallas, TX, taught in MK schools in Mexico, and taught English and Spanish at the Rio Grande Bible Institute. Dave holds two Masters Degrees and lives in Springdale, AZ.

1960s

Friesen, Bonnie (BC '64) retired from missionary service with GEM in Europe in 2007, her last assignment being Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. She says she is living her "bucket list" and that God has given her good health to volunteer in her church and community in Grunthal, MB.

Hoath, Daniel (HS '64, BC '68) now has dementia and is unable to walk as of September 2021. He still loves singing hymns and knows every word, every verse, and his voice continues to praise our Lord. Though not much for conversation, he is content and enjoys company and letters in his care home in Calgary, AB.

Morgan, Ruth (**Egerton**, BC '66) resides in a small town in the Hudson Valley of New York. She retired from being a legal secretary ten years ago. She attends Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Rhinebeck, NY, where she taught children's ministry for many years, and a leader in the women's ministry.



Paulics, Gail (BC u'67) moved to BC in 1973 with her husband Anton. They had an orchard in the

Okanagan until 2001. Now they have returned to Alberta, living in Sundre thanks to the leading and guiding of God.



Powell, Lorna Dell (**Boler**, BC '68, former staff '69-'71) has been happily retired since 2016. Along with her husband Bill, they enjoy praying for friends, especially those in ministry, and to come alongside family who are struggling. Their favorite thing right now is porch visits in Astorville, ON.

Sanford, Enid (BC '67), in Edinburg, TX, has been serving at Rio Grande Bible Ministries since finishing a one-year Spanish course there in 1985. Now working part-time, she still writes and edits their three publications: *Prayer Calendar*, the *Intercessor*, and the *Rio Grande Magazine*.

Stogsdill, Linda (**Sawka**, HS '63, BC '67) lives with her husband Skip in Overland Park, KS. Though they had lived

elsewhere, they returned to where Skip spent 19 years with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and where they raised their children. Their daughter is now a Presbyterian minister and their son is a lawyer in Kansas City. Linda and Skip care for their neighbors and spend time with family in their retirement. They love being able to spend more time on prayer and focusing on spiritual life.

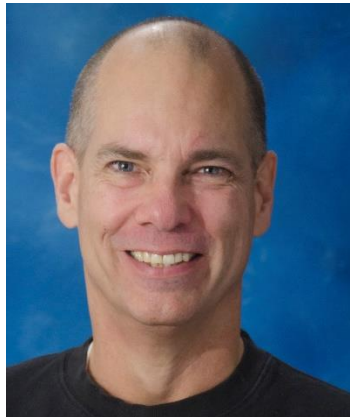
Swartzendruber, Virginia (HS '62, BC '67) served for 35 years with the South America Mission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, teaching missionary children at Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center. She is now retired and living with her sister Evelyn Troyer in Hesston, KS.

1970s



Alford, Grant (BC u'73, former staff '77-'10) is employed by the *Three Hills Capital*, covering news and arts events in

Three Hills and the surrounding communities. He also does a lot of Facebook interaction. He and his wife Jean (**Hannah**, BC '70) are in the process of moving the Golden Hills Lodge retirement facility.



Beckett, Paul (HS '78) has been married to Heather for 40 years and they live and work in Maple Ridge, BC. They have three daughters and are recently grandparents. Paul is an elder and worship leader at Northwest Langley Baptist Church and works full-time in the field of addictions medicine after serving as a medical director in BC Corrections and an ER physician. As a teenager, he left a home of violence and addiction to attend PHS, then studied at Northwest Seminary and did medical studies at the U of Calgary. His two years at Prairie were life-changing as he came to

Christ and developed spiritual disciplines that have lasted a lifetime.”

Boyle, Brenda (**Chorley**, HS '77) is a nurse practitioner specializing in psychiatry and holds a Doctorate in Nursing from the University of San Diego. She is now faculty at Loma Linda University in California and manages the Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic in Addictions for SAC Health in San Bernadino, CA. She is married to Byron **Thomsen** (HS '77, BC '82).



Geis, Francis (BC '73) is living in Arvada, CO. Even in unforeseen journeys, he has experienced the Lord's goodness and faithfulness throughout his life. Francis has taught Sunday school, served on church committees, been a delegate to denominational conferences, and served as associate editor of the *Journal for Biblical Equality*. More recently, he

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has written and published two books and is currently working on a third.



Israel, Laurie (Groh, BC '74) did both secular and mission work in OH, PA, and NE for 20 years after graduation. God then sent her to Raleigh, NC, where she met her husband, David. They have been active in their church's mission program and with Samaritan's Purse. As David retires this year, they are looking toward to how God will use them in this next season.

Peters, Milton (BC '75) went to Glennallen, AK, for a summer ministry as a carpenter with what was then Central Alaskan Mission (now Send International). That turned into 47 years of missionary service. He and his wife Kathy have six children and ten grandchildren. Now in Palmer, AK, with Alaska Bible College, Milton hopes to continue maintaining their campus

as long as the Lord allows him to see the commitment of young people serving the Lord.



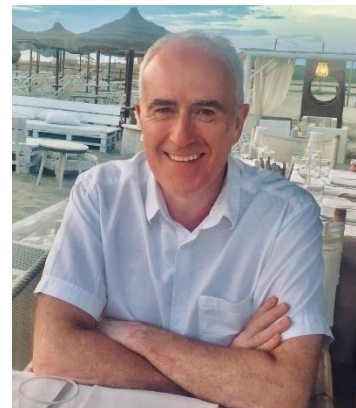
Toliver, Patti (Barthelemy, BC u'72) lives with her husband Rich in Branson, MI. Though semi-retired, Rich ministers at Branson Bible Church as associate pastor. Patti continues with women's ministry, teaching Bible studies and speaking at women's events. She also works part-time as a nurse at the local clinic. They have 4 children and 20 grandchildren.



Van Allen, Robert (BC '79) retired recently after eight years with New Tribes Mission and 27 years teaching. He and his wife, Linda, moved to Elk Grove, CA, to be near their

grandchildren. Bob is currently involved in leading a life group and teaching classes for their church.

1980s



Palmer, Don (BC '85) graduated from Tyndale Seminary in 2010. He and his wife Kirstin live in Edinburgh, Scotland, where Don recently started a new position as the Lead Pastor of Central Church.

1990s



Powell, Tom (BC '98-'02) and his wife Rachelle have a son and a daughter. Tom works at Energy Northwest, which currently operates the only nuclear power plant in the

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northwestern U.S.

Rachelle is taking classes in biblical studies from Prairie. They make their home in Kennewick, WA, and keep busy with their children's activities as well as helping with a local church plant.

2000s



Alexander-Luna, Tina (BC u'07) says that Prairie provided her with a great foundation of faith, lasting friendships, and preparation for life. She studied voice at the U of Lethbridge, and then went on to complete her Masters at U of Ottawa and a Doctorate in Voice at U of Toronto. She met many Prairie alumni while working as a worship director and teaching at a Christian college in Toronto. She is now full-time faculty in northern AB.



Browne, Harold (GS '07) is the Vice President of the Christian Service Brigade Canada and resides in Windsor, ON. He is grateful that God's hand was on him following a bike crash. He recently had neuro surgery, and now praises the Lord for his full recovery.

2010s



McCarthy, Graham (BC '15) says that he is "beyond blessed" in his post-Prairie life. He works for Union Gospel Mission in Vancouver, BC, with children and their families in Canada's poorest neighborhood. He has

completed his MDiv and he supports churches who have no pastors through pulpit supply and other supports. Though life has turned out differently than he hoped, he acknowledges the Lord's providence.

2020s

Parkinson, Bethany (Brandon, BC u'21) is excited to announce that her husband Zac (BC '19) has given birth to a new EP—*Never Arriving* is a "labor of love and hard work." [Give it a listen!](#) After studies in Prairie's Song Writing and Theology programs, Zac is now an Admissions counselor for the college and Bethany is assistant to the Director of Development. She continues to experience God's grace while dealing with the effects of Long Covid.