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## Ambrose University (College)

We are very pleased to announce that there has been a slight — slight, but very significant — change to our name. We have been authorized by the Province of Alberta to function as Ambrose University and no longer use the “university college” designation.

This has been some time in coming. The “university college” designation has been a common way for the provincial government to reference smaller, private, and typically faith-based institutions. But it has been problematic in that many wondered if this suggests that an institution like Ambrose is either part of a full-fledged university (the college of another university) or that Ambrose is a junior institution and not a full university. We have often had to explain that indeed Ambrose is a full, degree-granting university.

So it is good news to have received word from the Premier of Alberta and Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education that Ambrose can be called what it is; we are a university and it only makes sense that we be designated as a university.

Ambrose offers higher education very much in continuity with its history — viewing education as anchored within the Christian theological and spiritual heritage, and also recognizing that the university years present a wonderful opportunity for spiritual formation, discipleship, and leadership development. Ambrose degree programs also equip graduates with all the best that comes from university studies in the humanities, the sciences, the fine arts, and the professional schools (education and business)... all offered alongside our strong School of Ministry (undergraduate) and Ambrose Seminary.

Ambrose is very pleased to be a university — offering quality higher education in a full range of disciplines, all done within a Christian biblical context and vision for studies that brings glory to God and empowers students to serve Christ in all walks of life.

**Dr. Gordon T. Smith**

*Ambrose University  
President*

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## Jo-Ann Badley Named Dean of Theology

Jo-Ann Badley joined Ambrose University on August 1 as Dean of Theology and Professor of New Testament. Prior to arriving at Ambrose, Jo-Ann taught New Testament and hermeneutics at The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology.

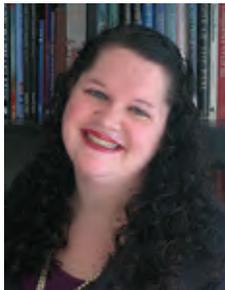


"I look forward to hearing how Ambrose understands its particular contribution to the work of the reign of God, and to encouraging new visions of what theological education can contribute to the church in Canada," notes Jo-Ann.



Jo-Ann's research interest is in understanding what it means to read Scripture for the purpose of Christian formation, as something that is distinct from yet still incorporating historical or literary study. She is also working on a Protestant theology of Mary, and thinking about faith and food. Jo-Ann holds a PhD from St. Michael's at the University of Toronto (Toronto School of Theology) and a Master's in New Testament from Regent College.

Outside of work, Jo-Ann enjoys weaving and walking, and hopes to find connections into both these communities as she settles in Calgary. She and [husband] Ken are excited to be returning to Canada and look forward to renewing old friendships.



## Beth Stovell Joins Ambrose University

Beth M. Stovell recently joined the faculty of Ambrose University as Assistant Professor of Old Testament. Previously, Beth taught three years in biblical studies at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Florida. Beth received her Bachelor's in English Literature and Classics at

University of Texas, her Master's in Interdisciplinary Studies at Regent College, and her PhD in Christian Theology with a concentration in Biblical Studies at McMaster Divinity College.

Beth has published two books and is currently working on three research projects on interpreting biblical language, biblical perspectives on motherhood, and a commentary on the Minor Prophets.

"I look forward to getting to know the Ambrose community and am excited to be back in Canada," says Beth. "After working in diverse ministries for 15 years, I am also excited to be teaching and mentoring those who feel called to ministry."

In her leisure time, Beth enjoys exploring new music, reading fun books, creating food that is an "adventure," and loves spending time with her husband, Jon, and their two adorable kids, Elena (7) and Atticus (4).

## Farewell to Dave Brotherton

Youth ministry professor Dave Brotherton and his family moved to Ontario's cottage country this summer, where Dave will serve as senior pastor at Sauble Christian Fellowship (SCF) in Sauble Beach, Ontario. SCF is a church of approximately 300 in the winter and

800 in the summer, as cottagers and vacationers come to the beach in the resort town of approximately 1,000 permanent residents.



The move is a homecoming for Brotherton, who grew up in Ontario and previously served as pastor at nearby Owen Sound Alliance Church. In addition to teaching youth ministry courses at Ambrose for the past eight years, he also served as director of the annual student-led Legacy Youth Conference, as well as national director of youth ministry with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

Reflecting on his time at Ambrose, Dave shared that one of his greatest blessings has been to "see young people graduate and successfully navigate careers in full-time youth ministry. There are hundreds of youth pastors that I have regular contact with. It's [been] a treat to be part of that process."



Sauble Christian Fellowship, Ontario

## English Graduate Wins Killam and SSHRC Scholarships

Denae Dyck, who graduated *summa cum laude* this spring from the English program at Ambrose, received an Izaak Walton Killam predoctoral scholarship for graduate study in English at Dalhousie University. The Killam group of awards are Canada's premier awards in the fields of health sciences, natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, and humanities.

Denae also earned a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) MA scholarship at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and at Dalhousie



Denae Dyck

University. SSHRC awards recognize excellence in scholarly ability and research potential. Denae accepted the award offered by Dalhousie, so she will enter her MA program in English as both a SSHRC recipient and as a Killam scholar.

Speaking about her Ambrose experience, Denae says "the English program provided wonderful opportunities to grow as a thinker and writer. I have been challenged by the program's rigour, and I really appreciate the English faculty's investment in me." Although Denae's recent successes are outstanding ones, they belong to what is now a pattern of high academic achievement from graduates of the English program at Ambrose.



## Ambrose President Receives Honorary Degree

**Dr. Gordon T. Smith was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on Monday May 12 at the Wycliffe College convocation ceremony in Toronto. His selection for this degree recognized his earlier career role in establishing theological schools in the developing world. Dr. Smith also delivered a keynote address at the school's Refresh! conference on Tuesday May 13, and hosted an evening reception for alumni in the Greater Toronto Area.**

*Ambrose President Gordon T. Smith (R), one of three honorary degree recipients at Wycliffe College.*

## Congratulations to the Class of 2014

The 73rd undergraduate convocation and 43rd seminary convocation was held on Saturday April 26. The ceremony saw 128 graduates receive their degrees, 93 from the Faculty of Arts and Science, 16 from the School of Ministry, and 19 from the Seminary. Dr. Melanie Humphreys, president of The King's University in Edmonton, delivered the convocation address.

Humphreys encouraged each graduate to keep an eternal focus in all of his or her future endeavours. "Know that you have something of value to share that is uniquely yours to contribute. God has set eternity in your heart. You are not more or less than anyone you encounter. You each have the same amount of eternity. May your confidence be rightly placed." She ended her address with a call for graduates to keep their identities rightly ordered and to glorify God in all that they do.



## Lions Athletics to Attain Full ACAC Status in 2015

The men's and women's basketball teams were approved this spring for play in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) beginning in fall 2015. Previously, the futsal teams joined ACAC in 2011, while the volleyball teams begin ACAC play this fall. "The ACAC is regarded as one of the top collegiate leagues in Canada, so our student athletes will have the opportunity to play against some of the best players in the province and beyond," noted Ryan Willison, director of athletics and campus recreation at Ambrose. The increased level of competition raises the profile of Ambrose across the province and provides increased opportunities for student athletic development. ACAC consists of competitive member teams from colleges, technical schools, and universities across Alberta. "This will... contribute to and help create a vibrant atmosphere on our campus and [within] our community," added Willison.



## Fourth Annual Research Conference Celebrates Scholarly Excellence

Students, faculty, and alumni were featured presenters at the 2014 Ambrose Research Conference held March 31 at Ambrose. The fourth annual half-day conference consisted of panel sessions as well as poster displays from several disciplines — behavioural science, biology, business, Christian and biblical studies, education, English, history, intercultural studies, music, and theology.



"We want to celebrate research and scholarly activity, which are at the heart of academic life. Scholars create, rethink, apply, and reflect on knowledge, and we pass that knowledge on in our classrooms," explained Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose history professor and research committee chair. Jantzen went on to add that, "The Ambrose Research Conference gives our students a chance to participate in this scholarly activity, sharing the results of their research and learning how to communicate that in a public setting."

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## New Additions to the Faculty and Staff Team

Ambrose extends a warm welcome to the following individuals joining the Faculty of Arts and Science as lecturers in September 2014:

Monetta Bailey  
*Sociology*

Graeme Gissing  
*Biology*

Elizabeth Gripping  
*English*

Ambrose is also pleased to welcome Ben and Kari Elliott on staff this fall as international workers in residence (IWR).

A blue rectangular advertisement for Xerox. The text "Proud partner of Ambrose University." is centered in a large, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, the website "xerox.ca" is written in a smaller white font. In the bottom right corner, the Xerox logo (the word "xerox" in lowercase with a red and white globe icon) is displayed. At the very bottom, there is a small line of fine print in white: "©2014 Xerox Corporation. All rights reserved. Xerox, the Xerox name and Design are trademarks of Xerox Corporation or its affiliated companies in various countries."/>

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# Floods *and* Fire

## Natural Disasters in the History of Ambrose

by Sandy Ayer

### NBC/CNC Floods

Few people in the Ambrose community know that Ambrose's Nazarene and Alliance ancestors have each had potentially life-threatening brushes with natural disaster. First was the Nazarene school, which was renamed Northern Bible College (NBC) when the new Red Deer campus opened in 1929. The first building constructed had two stories and housed a residence, a dining hall, classrooms, offices, and a chapel, and was later known as the South Dormitory.

To accommodate NBC's growing student body, a three story building was built in 1932. Known as the Men's Dormitory (and later as the North Dormitory), it had a chapel in the basement, classrooms and offices on the main floor, and rooms for male students on the second and third floors. NBC changed its name to Canadian Nazarene College (CNC) in 1940.

Like a good part of the town, NBC's campus was situated on a flood plain. This ominous fact was unwittingly celebrated in the school song (which was sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic):

*Just a moment while I tell you,  
though indeed perhaps you knew.  
Of the Northern Bible College  
on the banks of Waskasoo.*



Ernest R. Wells

The Red Deer River and its tributary, Waskasoo Creek, tend to overflow their banks during spring break-up. Floodwaters reached the campus in 1936, 1943, and 1947.

Although the three floods caused six deaths and extensive damage throughout the town, campus publications fail to mention them. CNC's yearbook, *The Portal*, which began publication in 1945, has only two photos of the 1947 flood, neither of which shows the campus. More significantly, *Vine of His Planting*, Dorothy Thomson's history of CNC published in 1960, completely ignores the floods. Perhaps the CNC community, having lived through both the Great Depression and World War II, regarded the floods as merely a temporary inconvenience. Perhaps it was simply a case of "pump out the chapel and get on with life."

Fortunately, the great Calgary flood of June 2013 left Ambrose unscathed, so the campus was able to provide a temporary home for scores of elderly people who had to evacuate their downtown apartment building on



short notice. Ambrose's comfortable dormitories, modern dining facilities, and dedicated and compassionate staff gave it the reputation of being a "Hilton" among the various shelters that were set up for evacuees.

### CBC/CTS Fire

At about 1:15 p.m. on February 17, 2003, students in Dr. Kelvin Friebe's I and II Samuel class, which was being taught in AD-1 (Klemke Hall), began to smell smoke. Five minutes later, smoke began to issue from the false ceiling, and the fire alarm went off. Minutes later the entire class was standing outside in the snow, while two men inside tried in vain to fight the fire with the building's fire hose.

As smoke and flames began to issue from the eaves and roof, fire trucks, police cars, and an ambulance converged on the building. Not far behind them was a team of cameramen and reporters. Over the next four

1 View of the lawn of the NBC campus during the flood of April 16, 1936  
(Red Deer & District Archives, P3568)

2 Looking east at the flooded Canadian Nazarene College campus likely on April 3, 1943.  
(Red Deer & District Archives, P5753)  
Photographer unknown

3 View of the flooding from the CNC campus on March 9, 1947  
(Red Deer & District Archives, P4018)  
Photographer unknown

4 CBC/CTS Klemke Hall fire and bookstore damage



Heather Holtslander



Heather Holtslander



Brett Klassen

### Were you there?

Share your memories of the floods or fire with the Ambrose community. Photos or stories from any of these events can be sent to [anthem@ambrose.edu](mailto:anthem@ambrose.edu).

All submissions will be reviewed and may be published in a future issue of *Anthem*.

hours the firefighters managed to bring the blaze under control and kept it from spreading to other campus buildings. However, by evening, Klemke Hall, which had served as the campus chapel until the early 1980's, was a steaming pile of ash and jumbled timbers. Fire inspectors determined that the blaze had been caused by faulty wiring in the aging building. Like the rest of the original 4th Avenue campus, Klemke Hall had been constructed in 1956 from recycled lumber from abandoned army barracks.

The losses were considerable: most of the IT hardware except the servers, most of the inventory of the campus bookstore, and a good portion of the personal libraries of the faculty and staff who had offices in the basement of the administration wing.

Former bookstore employee Heather Holtslander expressed the grief that many felt: "I stepped inside

the store, took a few pictures, and wept... I loved working there... Now the store no longer exists."

Fortunately, the disaster did not affect the sale of the Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary (CBC/CTS) campus, which Western Christian College (WCC) of Dauphin, MB, had bought just two weeks earlier. WCC received enough money from the insurance settlement to rebuild the damaged administration wing. CBC/CTS also received a settlement, which was used to buy new equipment for the Calgary site.

The fire also brought non-monetary benefits. Chief among these was a sense of emotional and even spiritual closure with respect to the move of CBC/CTS to Calgary, which was less than four months away. According to then-president George Durance,

"[It] energized us and brought us together as crises always do a healthy community. Those who were leaving and those who were staying worked together in a way that broke down the eddies of tension which were swirling around us. I think there was a confidence which was born in us as well: we said to ourselves, so to speak, 'We can manage change, disruption, and chaos, so we can manage the move which lies ahead.'" □

*Sandy Ayer is the director of library services and archivist at Ambrose.*

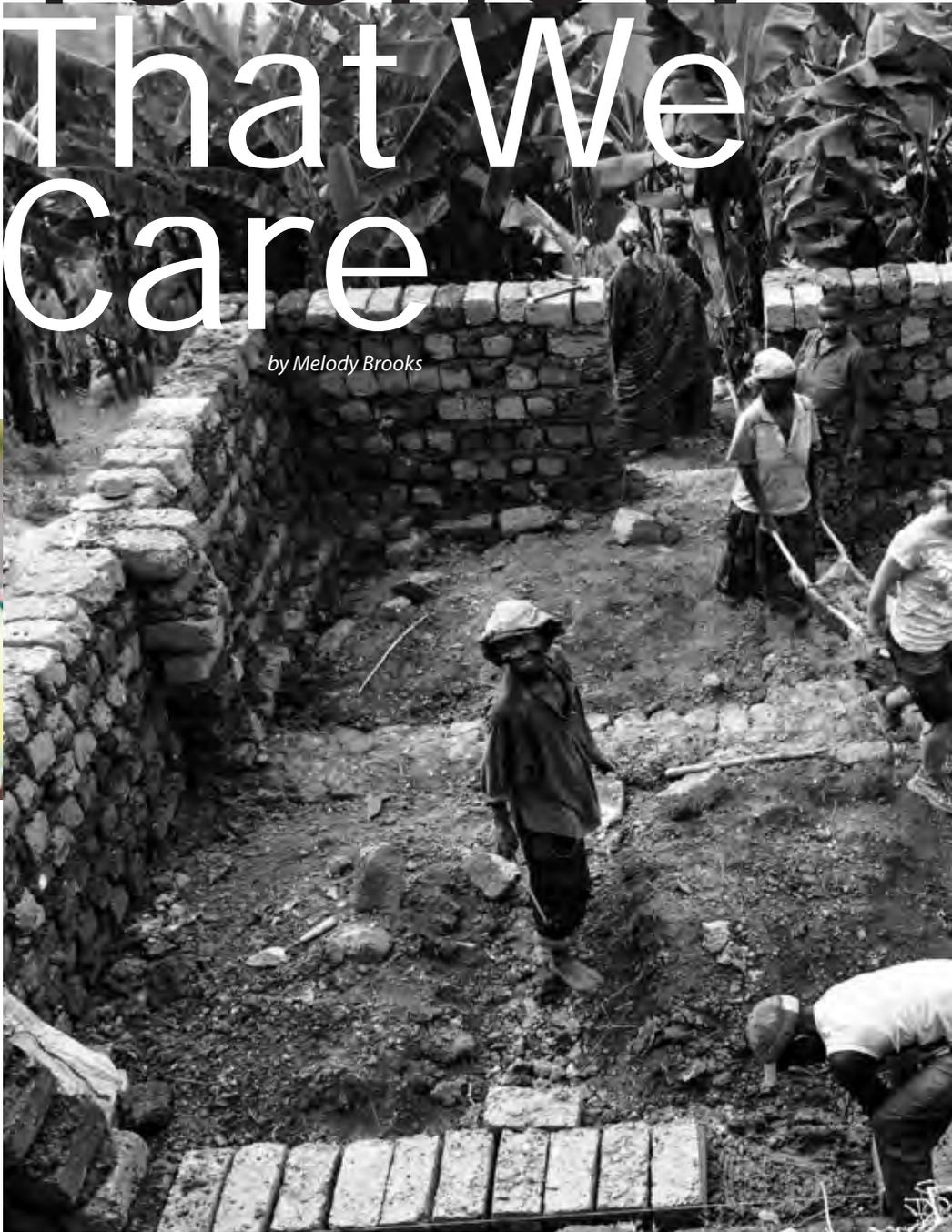
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# To Show That We Care

*by Melody Brooks*



LOVE



**“Because you have come and because you have loved us, we can accept and understand God’s love for us.”**

Batwa elder, speaking to a Harvest for Christ Ministries staff member



*Building houses in Busiga with the Batwa people*



*Photos courtesy of Loveworks*

*Working in Busiga*



As the poorest and most marginalized people group in Burundi, the Batwa people call themselves the forgotten people; for many years they have not considered themselves to be human or to be Burundian. Through the efforts of Harvest for Christ (HFC), a Burundian ministry organization dedicated to mobilizing the local church, the Batwa people are experiencing Christ's love through a community development initiative that is addressing needs in the areas of housing, food security, health, and education.

The transformation in the Batwa village of Busiga is remarkable: all of the children are now in school, life expectancy has increased, clean water is available in the village, farmers have developed the knowledge and skills to improve agricultural management practices, financial literacy has improved, and a spiritual community is flourishing as a result of discipleship training. As HFC staff and partners walk alongside the Batwa and listen to their dreams and ideas for their future as a people group, the Batwa now feel valued.

One of the HFC Burundi partners is Loveworks, a Canadian ministry that empowers young people to change the world by turning their passions and talents into campaigns that raise awareness and funds to end extreme poverty and bring hope to those in need. Whether it is longboarding across Alberta and B.C., organizing a benefit concert, having a bake sale, hosting an art auction, or running a half marathon, Loveworks helps individuals and teams create and implement campaigns that seek to transform communities around the world. Often times, a campaign also results in an equally significant transformation of the individual(s) behind the campaign.

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# To Show That We Care

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Photos courtesy of Loveworks

Bukeye coffee washing station



**“Everything I learned at Ambrose ... and the time that the faculty took to invest in me as an individual prepared me to step into my position at Loveworks.”**

Michelle Moody

**Michelle Moody** (Bachelor of Arts '12), special projects and events manager with Loveworks, describes her role at Loveworks as “helping young people discover what it means to pursue justice as a way of life...and helping them discover how their skills and gifts have value to effect change.” In addition to facilitating campaign development, Loveworks also equips youth pastors and school leaders to mobilize young people toward ending human injustice, and performs speaking engagements at camps, conferences, youth groups, and schools. The development of curriculum resources is also underway.

Moody’s passion and enthusiasm for equipping and empowering youth to be change-makers is clearly evident, and she notes that “everything I learned at Ambrose ... and the time that the faculty took to invest in me as an individual prepared me to step into my position at Loveworks.” As the first full-time staff member of Loveworks, Moody was instrumental in developing the structures and systems for the organization in its early stages, and

now (under the leadership of Loveworks founder Graeme Watt) oversees the day-to-day implementation of the Loveworks vision.

Along with empowering young people and leaders in Canada, Loveworks also partners with local development organizations in other countries to create sustainable change in communities of greatest need, primarily in Burundi and Cambodia. As part of these partnerships, all funds raised through the youth-run campaigns are directed to one of the partner projects. In May 2014, Moody and **Colin Kubinec**, assistant director of athletics at Ambrose, co-led a team of nine to Burundi to come alongside and encourage the ministry partners on the ground, and to learn first-hand about the success stories, the needs, and the work that is ongoing.

In addition to visiting the HFC development project in Busiga, another ministry





## Burundi by the numbers...

Population: **10.2 million** (2013)

Two-thirds of Burundians live **below** the national poverty line (2006)

Over 80% live on less than **\$1.25 per day** (2006)

Foreign aid makes up **42%** of the national income, the second highest rate in Sub-Saharan Africa

Over **200,000 people were killed** during a civil war that lasted from 1993 to 2005

Sources: CIA World Factbook, World Bank

*Homes of Hope orphanage in Gitega*



*Making bricks in Busiga with the Batwa people*



partner the Loveworks team visited was the Homes of Hope orphanage in Gitega. With a vision to raise up youth to be the future leaders of the country, Homes of Hope takes in orphans from across Burundi and provides them with education, godly role models, and the love and stability of a caring community. Reflecting on the impact the visit had on him, Kubinec came away with a deeper understanding of what it means to “see people for who they are becoming,” while adding that “true and lasting change always takes time.” This was further impressed upon Kubinec as he came to appreciate the vision and commitment that is needed to raise young orphans into future leaders of the nation:

As we seek to help others, being willing to walk alongside them for the long haul, having patience in the vision for who they will become (all that God created them to be), and being willing to stick it out through thick and thin in order to see them grow are all important and so very worth it.

Yet another story of community transformation unfolding in Burundi is that of the Long Miles Coffee Project in Bukeye, where the construction of one coffee washing station has improved the lives of 2,500 farmers and their families. Moody speaks of how the washing station has provided farmers with employment that includes a fair and livable wage, which has in turn provided families with access to education and medical care. “The [Long Miles] farmers are treated with a level of respect that hasn’t [previously] existed in Burundi ... the community is now filled with hope for the future ... and that’s something that didn’t exist before,” shares Moody.

One aspect of Burundian culture that stands out to both Moody and Kubinec is the freedom with which Burundi people converse and relate to one another, and how the primary focus is on showing care for the well-being of others in the community. In many ways, this is in contrast to a North American culture that is more noticeably defined by schedules, clocks, and an emphasis on productivity.

For Moody, seeing a community of Burundians care for one another and having the opportunity to personally encourage ministry partners on the ground excites her even more toward equipping young people in Canada to make a difference. “It really is about seeing that transformation in their lives and empowering them to advance the kingdom in the ways that they feel God has called them.”

For Kubinec, seeing the day-to-day freedom that exists in Burundi culture was refreshing, and being able to come alongside and care for others as a focus of the trip meant that he was able to experience aspects of that freedom first-hand. It also inspired deeper reflection on God’s design for community. “Showing people you care about them, their life, their work, and their situation is perhaps the most important thing you can do for them.” □

**Visit [ourloveworks.com](http://ourloveworks.com) to learn more about Loveworks.**



Photos courtesy of TEARS

**In May 2014, business administration and behavioural science students spent two weeks in La Vega, Dominican Republic, learning about the stories and dreams of the people who live and work in one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the country. Three participants in the travel study share their experiences of seeing a community transformed as people are restored to right relationship with God, self, others, and the environment.**



## How Development Works

by Marie Picard

This development study has been absolutely incredible. Our host organization, TEARS (True Evangelism Always Requires Sacrifice), have done so much for the nearby *barrio* (neighbourhood) of Maria Auxiliadora in the 20 years that they have been here. It's also been inspiring to know that TEARS had to go through failures and many trials to get to where they are today, recognizing that this is how development works — there are ups, downs, failures, successes, and a need for flexibility, change, and an open mind. By seeing their work, observing other projects, and seeing many different locations of the Dominican and varied aspects of its culture, all of the development theories and practices that we learned about in class have truly come to life.

Walking through the *barrio* made the issues and struggles we learned about visible and real. We saw the TEARS school and water filtration system, two development practices we studied and that TEARS has implemented so well. We also toured two factories in the free zone. These tours were a rare occurrence and it was fascinating to see how these factories are run, and to learn about and discuss how they impact the development of the Dominican people working in them or living nearby.

We also split into small groups and met with individuals who live in Maria Auxiliadora, hearing their stories and how they run their businesses. This was putting into action the practices of appreciative inquiry and asset mapping that we had learned about, and it was an honour to just listen to these people and understand more about their lives, as well as encourage them in all their gifts and talents.

Mapping the assets from every area that we observed was so refreshing, and taught us to find the gifts and the resources in a community before even thinking about what they might need. Positivity and seeing potential

are essential when approaching development work. In terms of people, the sense of community in the *barrio* was an example of what I think God meant when he designed us for community — helping out a neighbour in need, being loyal to the people you grow up with, and desiring what is best for each other.

I've learned that development is about seeing opportunity and potential instead of despair, assets instead of needs, talents instead of things to be fixed, and hope instead of sorrow. It was a blessing to be in the Dominican experiencing and seeing all these things with this new perspective. The success of the projects that TEARS has initiated in the Dominican Republic was so encouraging in knowing that good development can happen through perseverance and prayer, and the stories of success we heard from so many local people renewed a sense of hope in me. □

*Marie Picard is a behavioural science student at Ambrose.*

## The "Girl Effect"

by Kyle Payne

Near to the beginning of our stay in the Dominican Republic, one of the couples that work alongside TEARS was mentioning that drop-out rates among Dominican men in high schools and universities are drastically increasing. With this as a local reality, they were reflecting on the fact that the majority of business owners, lawyers, and other professionals that they come into contact with are women. This reminded me of the "girl effect," and how women are being targeted and promoted as the initiators of change and development in their communities.

It is very encouraging to hear how women are being increasingly

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**It was an honour to just listen to these people and understand more about their lives.**

# Community Rising

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valued and utilized across the world, and to hear that they are stepping into the fulfillment of their purpose and vocation.

Yet, the reality of the statistic regarding Dominican men cannot be ignored. It weighs on my mind when

I recognize that many men walk with a lack of purpose and leadership. Of course, this may be a reflection of many underlying issues, but it does lead me to question the “girl effect” and its level of holistic benefit. A problem cannot be solved by replacing it with another problem. Thus, how can men and women be equally empowered to walk in fullness of life and purpose? It cannot be

considered truly successful to see an increase in the empowerment of women if it is resulting in the disempowerment of men. There must be a holistic solution.

Whatever your view on the “girl effect,” I bring up this conversation simply because it gives a glimpse into the complexities that pervade development initiatives. During the first week home from this condensed time of learning, memories such as this one continued to remind me that there is no simple fix to the poverties that exist within our societies.

Whether we are dealing with material, relational, spiritual, or personal poverty, all attempted solutions must consider holistic approaches.

Working alongside TEARS and hearing the history of (TEARS founders) Rod and Twila’s involvement in the Dominican has revealed the necessity of longevity within holistic community development.

In all of our conversations with local community members, leaders, elders, and youth, the way in which Rod and Twila chose to live “as the people,” build relationships, and ask the right questions has played a crucial role in the positive local development that has taken place over the last 20 years.

The dedication that the entire TEARS team displays toward their community has challenged my perspective, both as I consider my commitment to my current community and as I continue to consider how to be involved in international community development in the most beneficial way in the future. □

*Kyle Payne is a business administration student at Ambrose.*

## Seeing Beauty

*by Tiffany Wiedrick*

There are many things I have learned, discovered, and experienced during our time in the Dominican Republic. One theme that has stood out the most for me is the beauty that true community can bring to one’s life. Community is not just living in the same neighbourhood and sharing the occasional baking ingredients, although that is certainly one component. Community goes much deeper than that — it is intentional, it is relational, it involves learning, encouraging, discovering, and growing to bring about the best in one another and the best for all.

This kind of community has been expressed and has enriched the lives of the TEARS team and the members of Maria Auxiliadora. These people have provided an example that I have learned and benefitted from over a short two weeks of observing their lives. I was amazed by how well everyone not only knew each other’s names, but knew what they did, what talents and strengths they had, and where they had needs. No one was afraid to ask for help and share their burdens.



*Photos courtesy of TEARS*

People looked for ways to give back to the community and take care of those that had the least. This was demonstrated in our conversations with university students from La Vega who had dreams for a future of Maria Auxiliadora that could include a centre that provides support for those with physical and mental needs, and a sports education program for the kids in the *barrio*.

By their example, I was challenged to think about my own city and what dreams I have for my own neighbourhood. I keep coming back to the vision of a place that demonstrates true community. I would love to see my neighbourhood full of people who rely on each other, and who share struggles,



**It is very encouraging to hear how women are being valued and utilized across the world.**



Visit [tears.org](http://tears.org) to learn more about the ministry of True Evangelism Always Requires Sacrifice.

Learn about good development in *Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development*

by Bryant Meyers (2011, Orbis Books)

Talking with business owners in the Dominican Republic ▼



successes, and plans in how talents can be shared in the pursuit of individual and communal dreams.

In the end, community starts with a mindset that looks to the interest of others, and is not a call to be perfect but provides freedom to fail, to learn, and to grow. Looking to TEARS and the *barrio* of Maria Auxiliadora as examples, I hope one day more people see the beauty of community and share in its splendour. □

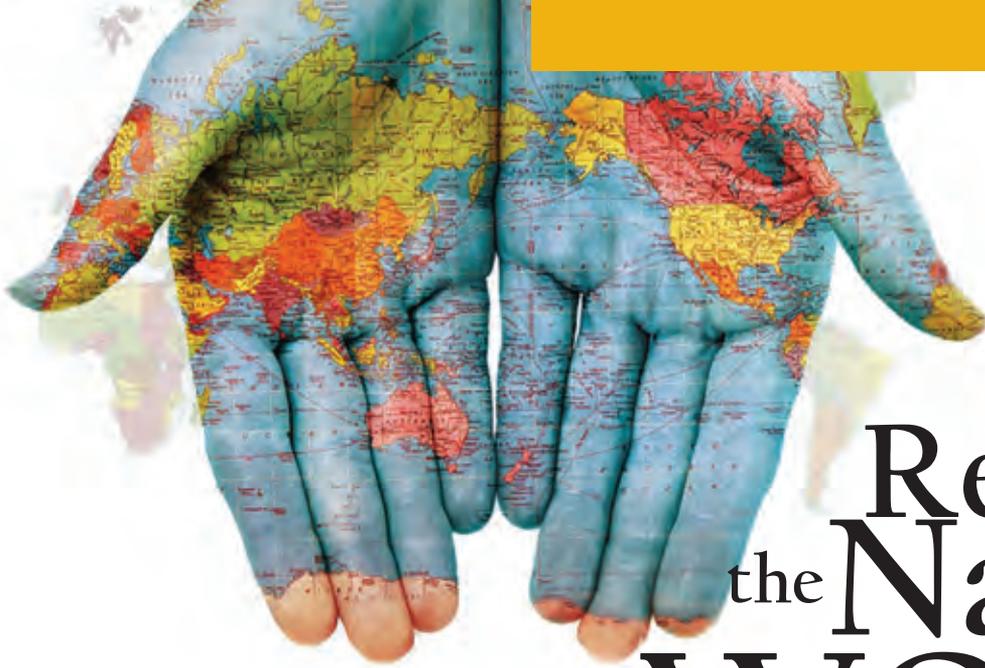
*Tiffany Wiedrick is a behavioural science student at Ambrose.*



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▲ *The Ambrose team using appreciative inquiry and asset mapping to learn more about the dreams and talents of the local people.*



# Reaching the Nations of the WORLD

by Melody Brooks



**“Over and over again we have heard people say that ‘this place is different.’”**

Ashwin Ramani

**Ashwin Ramani** (Master of Divinity '12) remembers the day in 2009 when he and his family immigrated to Canada from India. Arriving on a student visa to begin classes at Ambrose Seminary, he experienced months of transition and adjustment to life in a new country. Feeling overwhelmed, lonely, and struggling to adapt, there were times when Ashwin and his wife questioned whether they had made the right decision. What Ashwin didn't know at the time was that God would later use that experience to give him the vision to establish a community ministry that would come alongside other new immigrants who are adjusting to life in Canada. “The nations are moving here and people are coming from all around the world. What a wonderful opportunity it is for the church to partner with God to make disciples of all nations, right here in our own backyard,” says Ashwin.

In May 2013, the New Canadian Friendship Centre (NCFC) officially opened in northeast Calgary. Sponsored by Centre Street Church, where Ashwin serves as a community pastor, NCFC offers new immigrants the support they need to transition smoothly into a new life in Canada. All programs are provided free of charge, including English language classes, computer skills workshops, family support workshops, settlement services, weekly Bible studies, homework help, career mentoring, and youth drop-in activities. The centre also offers free community services including a clothing corner, a café area, and a children's play space. The activities of the centre are all co-ordinated

by a team primarily made up of volunteers — families, retirees, small groups, and individuals from the community who desire to encourage and bless others.

Coming alongside and caring for new immigrants in a way that makes them feel valued for who they are is what sets NCFC apart. “Over and over again we have heard people say that ‘this place is different,’” notes Ashwin. The friendly ambience of the in-house café, where guests can share their stories and enjoy conversation over coffee and refreshments, creates part of that difference. Such conversations with the staff and volunteers serve to demonstrate Christ's love, and are what keeps bringing people back to the centre. “Here they know that we genuinely care for their needs,” says Ashwin. “People feel like they belong.”

One question that guests often ask in these conversations is “Why are you doing this?” Staff and volunteers are happy to respond that it is their love for Christ that motivates the team at NCFC, planting seeds of the gospel in the process. The message of the gospel has been shared in action and word over the past year with people from around the globe, including those from traditionally unreached areas such as Tibet.

Behavioural science student **Abby Landon** has experienced first-hand the impact the centre is having in the lives of the people it serves. Landon, who is working as a summer intern at NCFC and will be doing her practicum placement there in the fall, recounts a phone call she received from a woman who had recently been baptized





(Left) Ambrose student Abby Landon with a NCFC immigrant family.  
(Below) Visitors celebrate Canada Day at NCFC.



and was looking for help to find the Scripture verses on the fruit of the Spirit so she could encourage and challenge her unsaved friends. "People have come to know the Lord and be disciplined through friendships at NCFC... The joy of life with Jesus is so clearly seen here," says Abby.

While much of the success of NCFC can be attributed to the staff and volunteers who help build the sense of community that draws people in, its location in a residential neighbourhood also makes NCFC more visible and accessible. "We are going to where the people are and that has made all the difference in my mind," says Ashwin. Visitors can conveniently access the centre via public transit, and nearby moms and dads with strollers and tots in tow will walk to the centre several times a week to gather in the café for adult conversation while their kids enjoy the play space.

The decision to base the services of NCFC in a strip mall rather than in a church building has also increased the willingness of new immigrants to embrace what the centre offers. Ashwin shares the following insights on the cultural sensitivities involved when ministering to people from other faiths:

The concept of sacred space is very strong in their minds and they don't know what to expect when entering a [North American] church. They have lots of fears and past experiences that keep them from entering a church building... People from other faiths feel comfortable coming here; Muslim women come here wearing their veils because they feel safe.

The neighbourhoods surrounding NCFC consist of up to two-thirds visible minorities, and places of worship for people of other faiths predominate. While this represents an immense opportunity, Ashwin admits that this dynamic also presents a challenge for a ministry like NCFC that wants to be a Christian presence. The key, he insists, is to look holistically at what people need and genuinely desire the best for them. Sensitivity to how God is at work in each conversation is essential, where one looks for the God moments and responds accordingly with gentleness and truth.

As Ashwin and the team at NCFC continue to meet the physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of Calgary's immigrant population, they are buoyed by the stories of life transformation that result.

"These are people who would not normally go to a church or have a relationship with a Christian... It's such a joy to see God using us to make a difference." □

**Visit [nfccentre.com](http://nfccentre.com) to learn more about the outreach of New Canadian Friendship Centre.**



Photo by Abby Landon



Photos courtesy of HART

# Changing the Heart of Eastern Europe

Alexis Tjart (Bachelor of Business Administration '13) never considered that she would one day be working in the not-for-profit sector. One year after her graduation from Ambrose, she finds herself working in what she calls an "amazing career" at

Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART), a ministry mobilization organization that serves the people of Eastern Europe. Anthem recently connected with Alexis to learn more about the work of HART and her own reflections on its ministry.



### **Anthem: What is your role at HART?**

Tjart: My role at HART is the communications coordinator. I enjoy connecting with donors and trying to get the word out about what HART does and who we are. I also have the opportunity to help out at the events we do such as our annual summer camp auction in the spring. Working at HART has been a great opportunity to practically use the skills I learned at Ambrose on a day-to-day basis.

### **A: How did your time at Ambrose prepare you for the work that you now do?**

T: The two greatest things that played into my role at HART today that I was able to do through Ambrose was going on the Business in the European Union travel study and working on Legacy Youth Conference (LYC). Through our travels to Europe I was able to understand the economy, the need for change and healing, and the culture. The trip was a real eye-opener to the needs in Eastern Europe. Working on LYC as business director helped me gain confidence in my leadership skills and it was a chance to use all of the tools I had learned through my studies at Ambrose in a practical manner.

### **A: What are some of the struggles and challenges of life in Eastern Europe?**

T: After the fall of communism in Ukraine, there has always been great poverty, displacement, and struggles for those in need. Many Eastern Europeans struggle financially and with addictions. As well, there are many pastors and ministries that cannot afford to provide their ministry services without outside assistance and funding, therefore they are forced to find other jobs outside of their field of work.

### **A: How does HART serve the people of Eastern Europe?**

T: HART has a unique way of operating: instead of sending Canadians over to do missions work, we support national pastors and partners who already know the culture, language, and communities where they live and work. HART seeks viable partners who are carrying out God's work and provides them with the training, education, and support that they otherwise wouldn't be able to receive. HART has a wide variety of partnerships in Ukraine and Moldova that cater to the needs of the poor and marginalized including orphanages, medical care projects, prison ministries, anti-human trafficking programs, pastor sponsorship, child sponsorship, and more. Whenever a need arises, HART connects partners and those in need.

### **A: What are some of the immediate needs?**

T: Right now our main focus has been Ukraine's refugees fleeing from the unrest in eastern Ukraine and those who were injured or families of those who died in the Maidan protests. It has been increasingly difficult for many people, including orphans and the elderly, to access basic needs such as food, clothing, water, medical care, and shelter. Many people as well as entire orphanages have been evacuated from the eastern parts of Ukraine and are seeking refuge in shelters in the west where it is safer. HART is raising funds to ensure these people are taken care of and provided for.

### **A: What has encouraged you most about the stories of the Ukrainian people served by HART?**

T: The most encouraging thing about the stories of the Ukrainian people served by HART is that what we do is real, and is working. You always hear stories of ministries like this, but until you actually meet the people that are being helped and hear their stories first-hand, it's hard to imagine. The people we serve are real, and have a

desperate need for aid. I am always blown away by the success stories and change that is happening every day.

### **A: What are some of the success stories of HART?**

T: Our president and founder Lloyd Cenaiko just returned from his annual trip to Ukraine and he was able to visit a maximum security prison where they only let the prisoners outside of their cells with handcuffs and irons on their feet. Many of Ukraine's top criminals and murderers reside in this prison, but HART's partners have been able to visit and minister to these men regularly and recently baptized two of the worst murderers of Ukraine. Talk about community and repentance! These men otherwise would not have anyone there for them and have often been abandoned and rejected by their families and communities.

Another success is our child sponsorship program (CSP). The local churches know the families of greatest need in their area, regardless of if they attend the church or not, and are able to reach out to them. These families are welcomed into the church community and encouraged to participate in the fellowship. Through the CSP, HART administers food packages, medical needs, clothing, and birthday gifts to these families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford these "luxuries." Many families come to faith through this program.

### **A: What is most fulfilling about the work you do?**

T: The most fulfilling thing about working at HART is knowing that everything I do, no matter how big or small, is being used for the glory of God and the furthering of his kingdom. All of my passions, skills, and talents are being used to help others, and that's always something I've dreamed of being able to do. □

**Visit [hart.ca](http://hart.ca) to learn more about the ministry of Humanitarian Aid Response Teams.**

# M History at the MOVIES

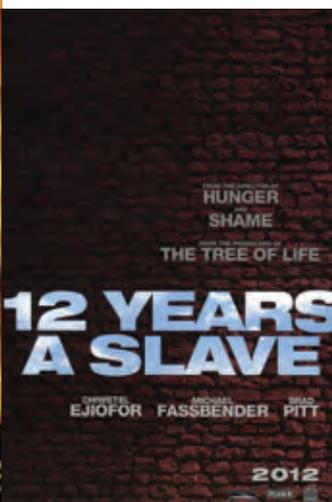




**It's summer time, and for many of us that means it's time for some extra movie watching. As a historian, I tend to pay the most attention to the many historical films produced each year — especially the ones that use history to say something important about our world today. These are the kinds of films we study in *History at the Movies*, a course I teach every other year.**



by Kyle Jantzen



**B**eyond their entertainment value, why should we watch (or study) history movies? And how can we learn to think more carefully about what we're watching?

First off, movies are culturally important. The good ones question our assumptions about ourselves and others, challenge our prejudices, and spark political debates. Older readers will remember how the 1977 mini-series *Roots* confronted North American society with the dislocation and degradation of the slave experience, as told from the black perspective. This past year, the award-winning film *12 Years a Slave* — based on Solomon Northup's 1853 memoir — did something similar, reminding us just how much racism, personal humiliation, sexual violation, and arbitrary violence were necessary to maintaining slavery as an economic system. This kind of thing happens time and time again. *Lincoln* (2012) presents a model of statesmanship that shone an embarrassing light on the petty partisanship of present-day politics. *Saving Private Ryan* (1998) illustrates the shattering nature of war as experienced by the common soldier, while asking probing questions about the value of a single human life and the definition of a life well lived. *Amazing Grace* (2006), the William Wilberforce abolition movie, reminds us of the importance and difficulty of fighting for justice. And *Defiance* (2008) challenges the common assumption that all Jews died helplessly in the Holocaust, by telling us the story of the Bielski brothers and their resistance movement that saved over 1200 Jews in the forests of Belarus.

For the public at large, historical films are far and away the most common way we encounter history. But most filmmakers aren't primarily historians, and while some are careful in their handling of the past, others are not.

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# History at the Movies

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All of them want to make entertaining films that millions of people will pay money to see, so drama sometimes runs roughshod over history, as in the case of Mel Gibson's *Braveheart* (1995), which contains so many fundamental errors that there's virtually no room for any history! In other cases, filmmakers have political agendas for which they employ history. Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven* (2005) tells a story from the twelfth-century crusader era, in which Christian and Muslim heroes are all tolerant moderates and the villains on both sides are the religiously violent extremists. In asserting the need for moderation in contemporary Middle Eastern politics, Scott oversimplifies and distorts the complex history of medieval Muslim-crusader relations.

The historical film genre has certain advantages over written forms of history. Movies present the past as a unified whole, bringing all the complexity of the past together in one story, place, and time. They make meaning and draw clear lessons from the past, which we can use today. Most especially, movies are rich and immersive experiences — we're made to feel like we are there in the midst of all the drama and action. They bring history to life, drawing us in through interesting drama, characters, dialogue, locations, costumes, and props. We experience movies — we don't think our way through them.

But think is exactly what we need to do. In order to draw us into their movies, the makers of historical films must make guesses about or invent everything from the locations, weather, costumes, and props in their films. They must choose which events they will depict. They must decide which characters to include, then give them mannerisms, voices, and dialogue which may or may not have existed. Add to that the lighting, sound, camera angles, shot types, special effects, and editing, which all shape the final product. These fictions are

never randomly chosen but always consciously determined by the filmmakers.

There are also certain disadvantages to depicting history through film. Movies aren't very good at communicating the complex forces that shape historical events or the ways in which things could have or almost did turn out differently. The shape of conventional Hollywood film plots means that movies must start with some problem, move through various conflicts to a climax and arrive at an uplifting ending, but history doesn't always run that way. Most importantly, a single movie doesn't really provide much history, even if it gives us that impression. While historical films are often over two hours long, most historical film scripts are only about 100 to 120 pages in length. That's the equivalent of three or four academic book chapters or journal articles — a mere fraction of the history written on any topic of importance. We would do well to use historical movies as starting points for our journeys into the past rather than as final destinations, and ask lots of questions along the way.

How do we do this? When my students and I analyze historical films, we recognize that movies are constructed shot by shot, and that the dialogue, characters, and plot lines are all matters of choice. Take the movie *Luther* (2003), for example. Why does the film begin with Martin Luther caught in a thunderstorm? Probably because the filmmakers see Luther's personal crisis of faith as the starting point for his involvement in the Reformation. Why cast the emotive Joseph Fiennes in the lead role? Perhaps this kind of actor helps bring out Luther's spiritual struggles as the source of his quest for reform. But why include the fictional characters Hanna and

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Greta? Their character arcs represent the responses of “the common people” to Luther's new theological ideas. Indeed, that's why we find them dead after the violent Peasants' War scenes, when the German princes crushed the “popular Reformation.” See how the dark shots accentuate Luther's struggle? Hear how the stirring music highlights his triumphs? On and on we could go, pulling the film apart in order to understand how its makers are interpreting the great reformer. Then, when we read written histories about Luther and the Reformation, we can see how others have tried to account for his life and achievements.

By engaging with historical films in this way, we understand how all historians approach the past with particular questions in mind, choose certain evidence to examine, and bring their own personalities, values, and concerns into their interpretation of the past. In going beyond the surface of what we see on the movie screen, we learn not only about what really happened in the past, but also about how it shapes our world today. □

**Kyle Jantzen is a history professor at Ambrose. His research interests include religion and nationalism in Nazi Germany, and Christian responses to the Holocaust.**

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# EVENT calendar

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September 16  
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Elbow Springs Golf Club  
Calgary, Alberta

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## Spiritual Emphasis Days

### Public Lecture

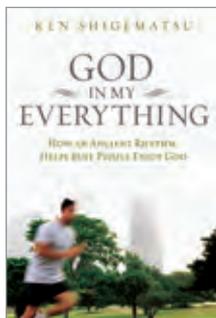
September 24  
7 p.m.



### Swimming With Sharks: How to Keep Your Soul in a Culture Out to Kill It

Ken Shigematsu, pastor at Tenth Avenue Alliance Church in Vancouver, and author of *God in My Everything: How an Ancient Rhythm Helps Busy People Enjoy God* (Zondervan, 2013).

How can we thrive in mind, body, and spirit in a competitive society that pressures us to achieve? Come hear how your soul can flourish in a world that threatens to crush it.



## Soul of the Next Economy Forum

October 3 – 4

The forum brings together leaders and future leaders to learn, network, share best practices, and discuss future directions for sustainable development, corporate social responsibility, and social enterprise, both in Canada and internationally. Sponsored by Ambrose University, The Fig Tree Foundation, and The Calgary Microcredit Conference Ltd.

[nexteconomyforum.com](http://nexteconomyforum.com)

## Behavioural Science Fall Lectures

David G. Myers, Professor of Psychology, Hope College; Holland, Michigan

October 7  
4 p.m.

### Psychological Science Meets the World of Faith

7 p.m.

### The Scientific Pursuit of Happiness

Myers will explore the things that do, and surprisingly don't, predict people's feelings of well-being. Does happiness favour those of a particular age or sex? Does wealth enhance well-being? Does it help to have certain traits, have an engaged religious faith, have close friends, or be married? New studies explore some myths and reveal the marks of flourishing lives.

## Fall Music Tour in B.C.

November 1 – 2

Come hear Ambrose choirs and musicians perform in the B.C. Interior:

November 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Penticton Alliance Church

November 2, 10 a.m.  
Mission Creek Alliance Church (Kelowna)

November 2, 7:30 p.m.  
Oliver Alliance Church





### Orchestra and Vocal Concert

November 7  
7:30 p.m. • Location TBA

Be delighted by the talents of Ambrose music students at this fall performance in Calgary.



### Open House

November 15  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Prospective students and parents are invited to tour the campus, meet faculty, and learn about Ambrose programs.

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### Tackling Inequality: The Precariat Charter

November 20  
7 – 9 p.m.

Guy Standing, Professor in Development Studies, University of London; London, U.K.

Come hear a world-renowned poverty expert speak on an effective strategy to eliminate poverty in Canada and around the world. Dr. Standing is also co-president, Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), and author of *The Precariat, The New Dangerous Class* (Bloomsbury Academic 2011).

### Christmas Concert

December 6  
7:30 p.m.

'Tis the season to celebrate the sounds of Christmas with the Ambrose orchestra and choir.

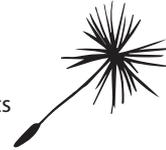


2015

### Inspirare

February 5 and 6  
7 p.m.

A Celebration of the Arts  
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### DOWNEY

#### 2015 Lectures

Amos Yong,  
Professor of Theology and Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary; Pasadena, California

February 11 and 12  
7 p.m.

The Coming Global Christianity



### 2015 Pastors' CONFERENCE

February 17 – 18

#### Featured Speakers:

Rev. Mark Buchanan, Ambrose University; Calgary, Alberta

Rev. Darrell Johnson, First Baptist Church; Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. Charles Price, The Peoples Church; Toronto, Ontario

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### GLOBAL iMPACT DAYS

March 3 – 5

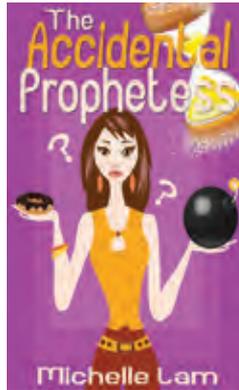
Jeff Van Duzer, Provost, Seattle Pacific University; Seattle, Washington and author of:

*Why Business Matters to God (And What Still Needs to Be Fixed)* (IVP Academic, 2010).



# ALUMNI news

**Michelle Lam (AUC '06)** released her first ebook, entitled, *The Accidental Prophetess*, earlier this year. "I've always loved a good story. *The Accidental Prophetess* is my first full-length novel, and it was a ton of fun to write. I hope people like reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it," notes Michelle.



The story is of Natalie Richards, a marketing guru who knows how to make a video go viral. But when she's fired over a dish soap ad, she complains and the words she uses activate an ancient prophecy. She gets abducted, whisked underground, and proclaimed to be a long-lost prophet destined to save the world. The threats against world peace are real, but then again, so is the need to breathe fresh air and have a decent haircut.

The ebook is available on Kobo Books, Amazon, iTunes, and Barnes & Noble. Visit [michellelamauthor.wordpress.com](http://michellelamauthor.wordpress.com) to read Michelle's blog.

**Lorne Schwartz (CNC '80)**, who has served as an RCMP officer for the past 34 years, was appointed by the Governor General of Canada into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces (OMPF) earlier this year. The OMPF recognizes leadership and exceptional service or distinctive merit, and commitment to Canada as demonstrated throughout a member's career. Over the years, Lorne has provided policing services to a G8 Summit, Air India, and the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. He currently serves as a superintendent with E Division in Vancouver.

Congratulations to **Eugene (CBC '69)** and **Alice (CBC '63) McKenzie** who celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 24, 2014.



**Donald Dirks (WCBI '56)** reports that, "Since the passing of my wife Elma in March 2007, I have made eight mission trips — two trips to the University of Nations in Kona, Hawaii, two trips to Burkina Faso, and four trips to Guinea, Africa. The purpose of these trips has been to assist with computer repairs, upgrades, and installations. On every one of these outings there have been opportunities to serve and minister in churches and in Bible Institutes."



Visit [didirks4help2wa.wix.com/cyber-matters-guinea](http://didirks4help2wa.wix.com/cyber-matters-guinea) to read Don's blog.

## In Memoriam

**Harry Julius Hotz (WCBI '51)** passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Saviour on February 26, 2014 at the age of 91. Harry was born in St. Boswells, Saskatchewan on April 1, 1922. While serving in the army, he met and married Edith Joan Fox of London, England. After graduating from WCBI, Harry went on to serve



the Lord through lay preaching, pulpit supply, and later as an elder for 40 years at Living Hope Alliance Church in Regina, before he and Joan moved to Edmonton in 2009. Harry is

survived by his wife of 68 years, **Joan (WCBI '48)**, son **Trevor (CTC '75)** (Merla), daughter Cheryl (Paul Dewaalmalefyt), three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

## Mabel Janet Johnson (WCBI '46)

passed away on April 27, 2014 at the age of 96. Born on January 10, 1918, Mable graduated from nurses training in Winnipeg in 1942 and then enrolled at WCBI. After graduating from WCBI, she immediately left for Angola (Portuguese West Africa) to serve as a nurse with the South Africa General Mission. Her life was marked by a gracious, godly, gentle spirit. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and home church, Living Hope Alliance in Regina.



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**Evelyn Bernice Kroeker (WCBI '48)** passed away peacefully on March 20, 2014 in Oshawa, Ontario at the age of 86. Born in Chicago, Illinois in

1927, Evelyn was raised by various family and friends after the death of her mother in 1933. While attending WCBI, Evelyn met Nick, a soldier who was boarding at the campus. After they married, Nick and Evelyn served the Lord together in pastoral ministry at Alliance churches in Hopeville, Hamilton Beach, and Chatham, Ontario until **Nick (WCBI '49)** passed away in 1958. Evelyn embodied the teachings of the Bible she so strongly believed in. She was gentle and quick to forgive but she would not tolerate abuse or neglect of the weak and helpless. Evelyn is survived by her two sons Kenneth and Richard, by three grandchildren she cherished, and by her many Christian brothers and sisters.

**Hazel Steinert (WCBI '55)** went to be with the Lord on June 1, 2014 in Polson, Montana. Born in Roundup Montana, Hazel felt God's call to



prepare for a spiritual ministry career and became part of the newly organized Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Ronan, Montana. There she met Arnold Steinert, who also felt God's call to his life. They married in 1951 and then attended WCBI. After graduating in 1955, Arnold and Hazel began 40 years of pastoral ministry in the Rocky Mountain District. Hazel's life passion was exhibited through her gifted Bible teaching ministry, her music ministry as church pianist, and by her leadership as district-wide President of Alliance Women. Her life is celebrated by her husband Arnold; their children: **Susan (CBC '79) (Randy) Hodgins, Timothy (CBC '84) (Violet) Steinert,** and Crystal Pratka; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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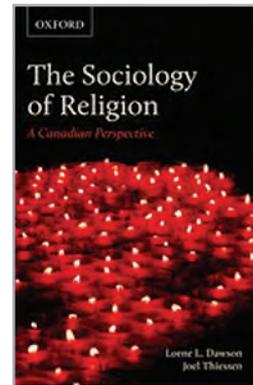
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Joel Thiessen and Lorne L. Dawson (Oxford University Press, 2014)

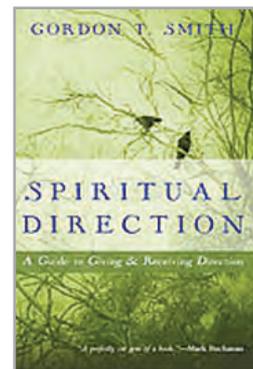
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### **Spiritual Direction: A Guide to Giving and Receiving Direction**

Gordon T. Smith (InterVarsity Press, 2014)

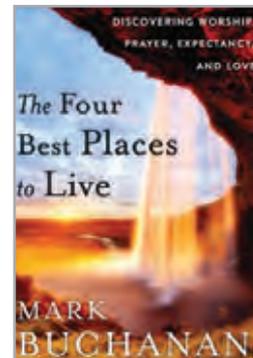
God is present with us. And God gives us companions on the journey. A spiritual director is one such companion, offering spiritual guidance to help make sense of the faith journey, interpret the significant markers on the road, encourage us, particularly through the more difficult transitions and valleys of our pilgrimage, and, most of all, to notice the ministry of the Spirit in our lives. Whether you are a director, a directee, or simply someone who wants to learn more about this ancient ministry, you will find this book to be a helpful guide.



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Mark Buchanan (Brilliance Audio, 2014)

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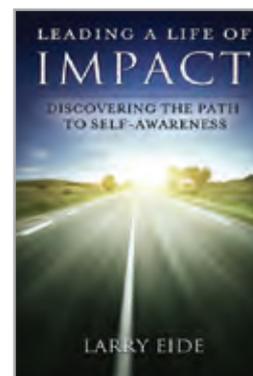


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# Being Love

by Melody Brooks

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

**We love because he first loved us.**

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

The most beautiful thing about being made in God's image is that we were created in love and for love — our innate nature longs to love and be loved. Story after story in both the Bible and life today shows how love transforms and redeems lost and broken lives. Jesus lived out his message of love on earth and commanded us to likewise love others. But what does God's love for us and, by extension, our love for others, look like in everyday life?

Over the past couple of months I have been meditating on the words of the feature stories from this issue, as well as experiences from my own life journey, and am warmed by the images of love that I've seen. One thing I have come to see is that love is closely intertwined with two other concepts — freedom and fullness.

Specifically, love is giving others (and oneself) the freedom to be and become who they are made to be in Christ. This includes the freedom to fail and make mistakes along the path of growth, to share struggles, to hope, and to dream. Love sees the potential and talents of others ahead of their weaknesses, walks with others, and encourages them in their journey. Love meets needs, and love empowers others. To love and be loved in community with others is to be free and full — abundantly full.

Whether in a *barrio* in the Dominican Republic, a Batwa village in Burundi, an orphanage in Ukraine, an immigrant centre in Canada, or the stories from one's own life, it is inspiring to see the difference that love makes and the joy that comes from loving others in community. And for anyone who, like me, has made their share of mistakes while trying to love others, we can take heart in knowing that the mistakes we make are what God uses as opportunities to show us his grace, as he patiently models for us and faithfully fills us with the love we are to be toward others.

I'm so thankful that there is one who never stops loving you and me; one who loves you and me even in all our failures and imperfections. If you look to do one thing well in life, may you daily seek to know more of God's love and acceptance of you so that you can more fully be love to a spouse, child, other family member, friend, neighbour, colleague, and a world that is longing for the freedom and fullness that love provides.

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