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A FRUITFUL LIFE
IN THE SPIRIT



Message From The President



*“...let the people
know”*

Navigating on the water years ago, my grandfather used a compass and observed the stars to identify his location. Today my nephew uses GPS (Global Positioning System) based on microwaves from twenty four satellites that orbit the earth. When my grandfather was out at sea he was not able to let anyone at home know his location. Today with a cell phone, you can let people know where you are anywhere in the world.

This August I will have served as President of Maritime Christian College for eight years. It has always been my policy to *let the people know* where we are in all matters pertaining to the College. First, I want to thank each one of you for your generous support for the College. The stewardship you provide, through financial support and prayers, positions the College for a first-rate future. Therefore I want to let our supporters know where we are financially.

We have a \$60,000 overdraft with our bank. In order to navigate safely around this overdraft, please stop where you are and pray a prayer of thanks to God and send a sacrificial gift to the College.

Second, the response to the K.T. Norris Lectures has been quite positive. Here are a few comments I have received: *“Great encouragement...much needed...very encouraging...it serves me well socially, and provides me a feast spiritually.”* As you can see people enjoyed the Lectures and we will continue to invite dynamic speakers who can encourage and lift up believers in the Maritimes.

Third, there has been interest in the new position at the College. Churches have contacted the Christian Education Resource Director to set up consultation meetings. It is a great blessing that God has given us so many resources who can help build up His Kingdom for the future.

If my grandfather had been able to use GPS his family would have known where he was if he ever got into trouble. I am so thankful that our GPS (God’s Providential Support) is up and running through countless supporters who continually pray for the College and the students.

Fred C. Osborne

Dr. Jerry Taylor spoke on "A Fruitful Life in the Spirit." Hundreds of people came to hear Dr. Taylor in the morning and evening services. Worship Teams from around the Maritimes led the evening worship services. Each evening there was special music, with a community choir singing on Tuesday and Thursday.

Dr. Taylor led the audience in a version of "This Little Light of Mine" on Wednesday evening. The audience was mesmerized by Dr. Taylor's a cappella song leading. *"The speaker's technique and information was top notch, but more impressive was his humble, loving manner,"* said Wayne & Julie Thomas of Weymouth, NS.

The Alumni enjoyed a dinner at the College where their memories were put to the test with a trivia game compiled by Chris Darrach. Brenton Dickieson acted as Game Show Host and Mari Lynn Darrach and Fred Osborne supplied a delicious meal. *"The MCC Alumni dinner was a precious gift,"* said Andy Rayner ('90).

Greg Nicholson ('83) commented, *"I can't tell you how long it's been since we last had a significant gathering of MCC Alumni like we did at the Alumni Dinner. The food, the trivia game, the prizes, and the fellowship were amazing."*

The MCC Hammers challenged the Alumni to a "fast-paced" basketball game. The Alumni squeaked by with a four point lead. The playing field was leveled this year due to a basketball court instead of a hockey rink. The alumni jumped to the challenge and once again let the MCC Hammers know who are the kings and queens of the court.

Attendance was high for this year's Lectures, over 180 in the mornings and 450 in the evenings. Stewart Lewis ('69) said, *"The overall enthusiasm and excitement surrounding this year's Norris lectures seemed to be the highest seen for several years. The messages of Dr. Taylor seemed to hit an accord with each hearer."*

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Faculty & Students Visit Poland



Eileen Tanner, Christian Education Resource Director, and three College students, Praymore Chareka, Courtney Saunders and Samara Stockton traveled to Krakow, Poland over the March Break.

The MCC team visited Graceland Ministries led by Jay Bowyer and Colette Ladan in Krakow, Poland. Graceland Ministries is 'Teaching English as a Second Language' using Bible curriculum developed by Jay and Colette and their creative team. Krakow is a fast growing city in southern Poland with a population of close to 1,000,000. Praymore Chareka said, "Having the ability to go to Poland would be a great opportunity. I would love to have the opportunity to know that I was able to leave a part of what I know to someone else. I would also love to represent Maritime Christian College."

The itinerary for the trip is busy:

- March 14 – outreach Music night
- March 15 – outreach with children's art classes
- March 16 – attend church and outreach discussion group
- March 17-20 – one-on-one English conversations with children's, youth and adult classes
- March 21 – tour of historic Krakow and Auschwitz concentration camp
- March 22 – teaching session on religious culture of Poland
- March 23 – assist with the church
- March 24 – fly to Frankfurt, Germany
- March 25 – return home to Charlottetown

"The reason I would like to go to Poland is because it is a great learning experience and a great way to meet new people, experience a new culture . . . and experience something great and lasting with my fellow MCC Classmates," said Courtney Saunders.

In order to visit Poland, the MCC team held fundraising events: the Speaker's Luncheon during K.T. Norris Lectures; a Music Night and Ice Cream Sundae Social; and a Leap Year Dinner at Central Christian Church. When asked about the trip, Samara Stockton said, "I think this opportunity is amazing. I want to go to Poland because I think that God has given me many gifts to share with others."



Winter Rally

Robbie Sevilla and President Fred Osborne flew to Ontario in February to



attend Winter Rally where high school students descended on a snow bound campground to worship, have fun and learn God's Word. "I've been to Winter Rally many times before becoming a student here at MCC. It is truly a privilege to be sent away for a few days to spend time with kids that I've known and met for the first time," said Robbie.



This is Fred's first time at Winter Rally. "I got the sense that the people putting on the rally were dedicated and wanted to be there for the youth," he said. "It provided an opportunity for us to be there and invite them to come back and visit us."

Alan M. Smith Summer Session

Deuteronomy

Critiquing the Book for Sermon Preparation

July 7-11, 2008



Dr. Jeff Snell
Lincoln Christian Seminary

"Join us for a detailed study of this book, which is often referred to as 'the Romans of the Old Testament,'" said Dr. Jeff Snell.

To register please contact the College at 902-628-8887 by May 15, 2008.

