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A HERITAGE WORTH REMEMBERING

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Greetings to all of you who are in some sense alumni of Heritage! I say “in some sense,” because you are a bit like a nation composed of three tribes. Some of you belong to the London Baptist Bible College and London Baptist Seminary tribe, some of you to the Central Baptist Seminary & Bible College tribe, and some to the Heritage Baptist College and Heritage Theological Seminary tribe. That’s a mouthful, so let’s just say London, Central, and Heritage.

One of the good things about the “Heritage” name is that it reminds us that we do have a heritage worth remembering. I was a part of the Central stream, but over time I developed strong friendships with colleagues in the London stream, and I became convinced that a merger of the streams would please God and serve our churches much more effectively. So Heritage is a fulfillment of that dream, and I am grateful that I have been able to be part of it.

My experience in theological education and itinerant preaching for close to forty years has brought me into contact with many of you who have been serving Christ and his church faithfully in many different places.

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Some of you are serving as pastors, some as cross-cultural missionaries, some as denominational leaders, some as scholars taking the baton from people like me, and some of you are using your education to serve the church in non-vocational ways. All I have to do to see the merger of the streams is to walk into the FEB Central office on the Heritage campus, and there I find Bob Flemming (Central) and Tom Haines (London) giving vital leadership to a growing body of gospel-driven churches.

I hope you will join me in appreciating the legacy of all the tribes in this nation. The path that brought us to this point had plenty of roadblocks and detours on the way, but God has been doing something significant through these schools, and you are the result of that. We thank God for the legacy of these schools as we look to the past, but we are grateful for amazing things that God is doing today, and we look forward with great anticipation.

PLANTING A CHURCH WHO PLANTS CHURCHES

Alumni Todd & Cheryl Dugard are faithfully serving Christ and His Kingdom at Harvest Bible Chapel Barrie

Todd Dugard (BTh 1990, LBBC; MTS 1998, Heritage) and Cheryl (nee Kerr; BRE 1984, LBBC) live in Barrie, Ontario having moved there in 2001 to plant Harvest Bible Chapel. Todd serves as the church's founding and lead pastor and Cheryl manages the busy hospitality team.

As with most church plants, Harvest started out in rented facilities and over the first 16 years of her history, did weekly set up and tear down at two different locations. In that same period of time, the staff found themselves using 9 office locations. By God's grace, in August of 2017, the church finally moved into their own facility after purchasing and renovating an old military veteran's hall in the heart of the city.

Of far more importance than the building, Harvest is seeking to make more and better disciples who love God and love people. And so, Harvest has been directly involved in planting new churches in Muskoka, Scotland and Cameroon, as well as supporting, coaching and encouraging other church plants in Canada, the U.S., the Caribbean, and Europe. The church is also passionate about local partnerships in the city of Barrie that show the compassion of Christ to the marginalized of their community.

With the new facility came an existing full commercial kitchen and, during construction, a new café was added. Cheryl looks after all aspects of a centralized hospitality team, which supports the needs of all the other ministries of the church.

Todd and Cheryl have three adult children who are all married and who love and serve the Lord with them at Harvest, and they recently added their first grandchild to the mix.





SOARING TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OTHERS

Heritage graduate Nick Frey is helping spread the Gospel with isolated people as a missionary pilot and manager for Mission Aviation Fellowship in Congo

Nick Frey graduated from Heritage in 2009, having completed the Certificate of Christian Studies. In the summer of 2009, he met his wife, Jocelyn, while flying sky divers.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has been in Congo since 1961 and their mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ with isolated people through aviation and technology so that they can be spiritually and physically transformed. The Frey's have been serving with MAF in Kinshasa, Congo since 2011.

"We were able to bless a local ministry, including a Congolese team of four, to fly them from Kinshasa to Inongo where they spent 4 days training local Sunday School teachers on how to do Sunday School as well as VBS. There were a total of 1194 kids that came for the training and learning."

Nick Frey, Heritage; CCS, 2009

When Frey first arrived, he was serving as a missionary pilot on their Cessna 206, 5 seat aircraft, flying for a wide variety of partners and clients. During that first year, he also began to help out with IT work, assisting their Congolese team of two technicians. In 2012, Nick and Jocelyn went back to Canada for a couple months for the birth of their daughter Ruth, and once they had her passport and visa, the Frey's returned to Congo and continued to fly and work IT.

In 2013, Nick and Jocelyn were selected to serve as Program Managers for MAF in Congo. After completing further training with MAF, and the birth of their son, Pascal, the Frey's returned to Kinshasa to begin serving in the role of Program Manager, overseeing four aircraft, seven missionary families and national staff.

Nick's job has him interacting with the government on official documents and building overall relationships with their host country. He also oversees the staff, coordinating the team while ensuring their wellbeing as they serve. Jocelyn helps with coordinating team building and training events and exercises for the team, while managing the media, design and photography used to tell the stories of the team, and assists with fundraising efforts.

For Nick, a part of the job he really enjoys is interacting and collaborating with passengers, clients and partners, as well as various church and mission organizations. Frey sees his role as a manager as an opportunity to ensure that MAF is in a healthy position to continue to serve in the Congo now, and for many years to come.





COMMITTED TO THE CHURCH

President of The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada and Central grad Steven Jones remains passionate about the Church

Rev. Steven Jones, a graduate of Central Baptist Seminary in 1984, has been married to his wife Marilyn for 34 years and they have three grown children.

After 30 years of pastoral ministry, all in Southwestern Ontario as a Youth Pastor and later Lead Pastor, Jones became the National President of The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada in 2011. The Fellowship serves over 500 member churches from coast to coast.

As President, Jones serves as a vision caster for the critical stake holders of the Fellowship, while using his shepherd's heart to serve and come alongside leaders, whether at home or abroad.

A key part of Jones' role is to also be in constant communication with Fellowship partners across Canada, seeking to inspire forward mission

effectiveness, and preserving the identity and mission of the movement.

Jones also serves as a team builder throughout the country, seeking to put the right people in the right positions, and continuing to work with those he connects with; to keep them accountable and on mission while cheering them on. His role involves a great deal of networking and travel as he strives to build strategic relationships, partnerships and alliances; to help build a highly motivated and fruitful team working in the same direction, that loves and prays for one another.

After completing eight years in this role, Jones remains stubbornly and ruthlessly committed to the singular truth that the Church of Jesus Christ remains the hope of the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Preview Day - November 2, 2019

LEAD Conference - January 11, 2020

Ministry Leadership Day -
March 26, 2020

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