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If there's one good thing about darkness, it's that it makes the light shine brighter.

Over the past year, our world has continued to grow darker. Racial rifts. Economic upheavals. Emotional meltdowns. Domestic abuse. All exasperated and exaggerated by COVID.

Still, when the sky is darkest, the stars shine brightest. The Bible says Christians are to "shine as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:15). We are to light up the world with the light of Christ.

At Heritage College and Seminary, rather than curse the darkness, we are sending out the light.

This spring we graduated over 80 men and women. These graduates will serve Christ as pastors, missionaries, and key ministry leaders in their churches and communities.

At this year's graduation service, our graduates were not only given a diploma but also a Bible and a candle. They were commissioned to walk by the light of God's Word (Psalm 119:105) and shine brightly in a dark world (Matthew 5:14).

More than ever, our world needs Christians to shine bright with Christ's light. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Heritage College and Seminary as we partner with churches to send out bright lights for Christ.

Warmly,



Dr. Rick Reed



Sharing the Light of the Gospel to the Nations

Heritage Graduate Rebecca Johnson reflects on how her time studying at Heritage and serving in the ESL program has deepened her relationship with God and her heart for the nations.

As a recent graduate from Heritage, I am currently in a season of reflection. Over my four years I have learned so much and experienced so many unique opportunities that have grown my relationship with the Lord.

One specific example began during my second year. I was helping with the ESL program. I remember being so nervous, as it was something I had never done before. Little did I know though that this day would end up being something the Lord would continually use from there on out to deepen my relationship with him and serve the nations.

Once my final year arrived, I needed to complete an internship. After much prayer, my mentor and I decided that continuing in ESL would be the perfect fit. This year stretched me far greater than I ever would have expected- especially having to navigate through COVID-19.

With COVID-19 restricting how we gather, the ESL classes begun being held over Zoom. It was a little strange when we first began switching from in person to online, but it ended up turning into a blessing for the ministry.

Being online allowed us to have multiple classes a week, which turned into the opportunity to share the gospel multiple times a week. This season of uncertainty with

COVID, turned into a season of fruit and celebration.

One of my most memorable experiences was during Easter. I had the opportunity to plan an event for our students. Originally, I planned a socially distant event, as it complied with restrictions, however a few days prior, the restrictions changed and we were no longer able to continue with the event. This change in restrictions was not the end. The ESL team and I just needed to be a little more creative on ways to still present the gospel.

We ended up putting together some cards, flowers, goodie bags and printouts explaining the true meaning of Easter. With these gifts, we went to each student's home to do a curb side drop off. To each of our students, it was a great surprise, as they felt both loved and valued by their teachers. I firmly believe God used this to strengthen the ministry.

There have been countless moments in this ministry that share the Lord at work, and I can't praise him enough for having me be a part of them!

And so, as I move forward from my time at Heritage, I look forward to continuing to serve the Lord through ESL ministries, sharing the light of the gospel to the various nations.

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Preparing to Plant Churches

Recent Bachelor of Theology graduate Nathan Kapteyn shares how Heritage has prepared him and his wife Elaine to pursue a shared desire to plant churches.

From the time that I started high school, God put it on my heart that he was calling me into pastoral ministry. In talking with trusted friends and mentors, they confirmed this calling in my life, and strongly encouraged me to pursue further training in ministry at Heritage.

During my time at Heritage, God used the courses, the community, and the staff to teach me so much and prepare me for the ministry that he had in store for me. I learned a new appreciation for God's Word and developed a deeper passion for the church. Heritage is also where God began to clarify the calling to ministry that He had put on my life and brought me together with my wife and ministry partner, Elaine.

He gave Elaine and I a desire to pursue church planting as a ministry opportunity together, seeing the need for new churches to be established in areas of our country where people have had less exposure to the Gospel. Now, five years after my adventure at Heritage began, I have graduated from my program and have begun working full time as a church planting apprentice alongside my wife at Liberty Grace Church in Toronto.

I am so thankful for the time that God allowed me to have at Heritage and the way that He has used my time there to further develop my walk with him and equip me for the ministry that He has called me to.

Growing to Serve the Local Church

Norm and Holly DeBoer look back at how God has used their time at Heritage Theological Seminary to grow them for faithful service in the local church.

Norm has been a student at Heritage for the last 8 years. Last year, Norm completed his Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Studies, and this spring he has graduated with his Master of Theological Studies. Holly began attending Heritage in 2019 and graduated this spring with a Graduate Certificate for Women in Ministry.

Norm and Holly both have a background in law enforcement, and Norm recently retired from 30 years with the Waterloo Regional Police Service. Norm currently serves as an elder at Benton Street Baptist Church in Kitchener, where Holly is also on staff as the Director of Children and Youth Ministries.



Having the opportunity for formal theological training from Heritage has been a blessing to Norm and has connected him with many believers over the years who have helped him to grow in his faith and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Holly is thankful that Heritage offers a program specifically geared to women who are already serving in ministry but would benefit from formal biblical education. This is a great introduction into graduate studies and helps women of all ages gain confidence in their leadership abilities and valuable training from the Word of God.

Norm and Holly are looking forward to this next season of ministry where they can continue to serve and protect.



Help Heritage Send More Lights for Christ into the Dark

In a world that desperately needs the light of Jesus, Heritage continues to send out graduates to live out the hope of the gospel in life and ministry. We remain faithful to our mission to stoke the flame of the gospel in each of our students and see them kindled by a devotion to God and His Word in all that they do.

This Spring, we ask you to invest financially in Heritage to help us send out more men and women to serve Christ and shine bright for Him.

Pray for Heritage College & Seminary

- Pray for our college and seminary students serving this summer in several churches, camps, and ministries.
- Pray for our students who are taking classes this Spring & Summer Semester.
- Pray for our incoming class of students as they prepare to begin their studies at Heritage.
- Pray for our staff and faculty as they prepare for in-class and hybrid learning for the upcoming Fall 2021 Semester.



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Andrew Fuller Centre for Baptist Studies
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October 29, 2021

Ministry Leadership Day with
Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer -
March 31st, 2022