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Every November poppies are in full bloom in Canada. At least the plastic kind we wear on our jackets. These bright red poppies help us remember the men and women who were sent into harm's way to protect our freedom.

When November gives way to December, poppies get replaced by poinsettias. At Christmas time we remember how God sent Jesus into harm's way to purchase our freedom. "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14).

At Heritage College and Seminary, we do our share of sending as well. Last year, we sent out over 80 new graduates. Many were sent to serve local churches across Canada. Some were sent to mission postings around the globe. All were sent into harm's way, into a spiritual battlefield where the need is great, and the risk is real.

Most people think of Heritage as a training centre. Certainly, we are. But we train in order to send.

This Christmas, I would ask you to send up prayers to God for our faculty, staff, and students. If you are able, I would also invite you to send in financial support for this ministry. Your investment allows us to continue shaping and sending Heritage graduates to serve Christ, His Church and His global mission. Thank you so much for your interest and investment in Heritage!

Warmly,

Dr. Rick Reed



Reaching the Karen People with the Good News

Pastoral Intern at James North Baptist Church and Heritage College student Klosay shares how God is working amongst the Karen people in Hamilton and how studying at Heritage has equipped him to share hope.

Klosay's heart is for his fellow Karen people to know the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

As a Pastoral Intern at James North Baptist Church in Hamilton, Ontario, Klosay lives out this desire through connecting with local Karen families, inviting them to learn from God's Word, and walking with them as they grow in their faith.

After living more than 20 years in a refugee camp on the border of Burma and Thailand, Klosay and a group of Karen people were brought to Canada in 2006. It was while he was residing in the camp that Klosay and other Karen came to faith in Christ after hearing the gospel from American and Australian missionaries.

When he settled in Hamilton, Klosay was a part of a group of Karen Christians that began to gather as a church and have been working with James North since 2011.

Today, he has the blessing of serving this Karen church with the pastoral team at James North. From helping with Bible studies with Pastor Dwayne Cline to serving in the Karen church services at James North, Klosay has the joy of sharing the hope of the gospel with many in the community.

While serving at James North, Klosay has also been learning and growing in his own knowledge and faith in God in his

studies at Heritage College & Seminary. To have the opportunity to gain a foundation in the Bible allows him to better share Biblical truth and gospel-centred hope with those in the Karen community.

"The way I understand God is more clear," says Klosay. "I feel like I am blessed by God with what I study and learn at Heritage from the Bible, which is why I also want to share what I learn with families, friends, and people who want to know more."

Currently, much of his ministry focuses on serving families who desire to learn more from God's Word and sharing the hope of the gospel with their youth who are often struggling with their faith.

"One of the best things I can do is invite people to come to church and hear the teaching," says Klosay. "Some will still struggle, some will come and disappear, and some will keep coming to church – but I will always encourage more people to come."

Though the ministry comes with its challenges, Klosay says that God is working amongst the Karen people. He explains that there have been many Karen people attending ministries to hear the Bible taught in their own language and that they have seen 15 young people baptized.

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Living as a Disciple Wherever God Has Us

*Bachelor of Religious Education – Intercultural Studies student
Tori Lesniara reflects on how God has equipped her to serve Him
and share the hope of Christ in life and ministry while at Heritage.*

I remember the first time my heart was truly grieved at understanding the fact that people would be born, live, and die without hearing the gospel. That moment was a marker of the way God has been shaping my heart through Heritage.

Over the past few years, God has stretched me, demonstrating that He is the one who is always in control, always faithful, loving, and kind. I also remember my first day at ESL - excited to meet new people and minister to them. This past Wednesday, I finished the latest ESL class, having fellowshiped with some of the students there for over two

years. We have walked through life together, from baby showers to baptism to a pandemic, always focusing back on God and being reminded of His heart for us.

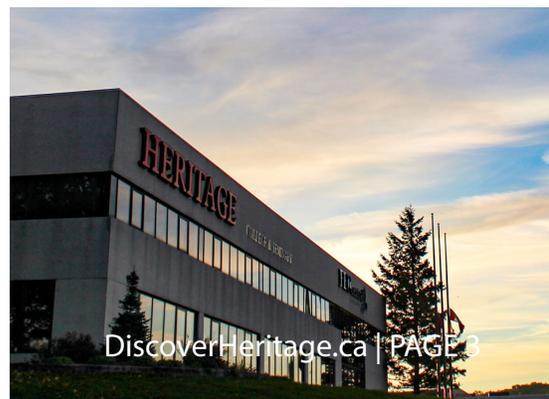
Heritage has shown me that all Christians are called to make disciples wherever God has us at the moment. God is currently providing discipleship moments for me through ESL and in my role as a Residence Assistant. He is also reminding me that He is at the heart of discipleship and community, giving us the strength to bear one another's burdens intentionally and joyfully, always resting in His presence.



Help Heritage continue its mission to train and equip men and women for life and ministry.

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Together We Can Help Students Grow to Go

Each year, we continue to see how God is using Heritage to grow students in their faith to send them out to live on mission for Christ. From seeing our current students serve their community and churches to watching our graduates share the hope of Christ nationally and globally, we see how God is using Heritage to build up disciples for life and ministry.

Would you join our mission to see students grow in faith to go on mission this Christmas? Your investment helps Heritage raise up pastors, missionaries, church leaders, and faithful Christians to serve Christ, His church, and His mission.

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From the students, staff, and faculty of Heritage College & Seminary - Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Thank you for supporting Heritage through your continued prayers and financial gifts.

*“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.”
Luke 2:10*



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