



# Spring & Summer Newsletter 2023

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## My Most Joyful Moment at Heritage



In my ten years at Heritage, I have experienced many joyful moments—talking with students on campus, worshipping the Lord in chapel services, and training young preachers in homiletics courses.

Still, my most joyful moment happens each year at our graduation ceremonies. I am overjoyed as I stand on the platform and look at the faces of college and seminary graduates. When I look at each of these men and women, I see bright hope for the future of the Church.

It happened again this year. On Saturday, April 29th, we celebrated the 87 students who successfully completed a degree or certificate program at Heritage. Each graduate will serve the Lord Jesus in ministry and marketplace settings in Ontario, across Canada, and around the globe.

This year marks an important milestone for the school—our 30th anniversary. For three decades, Heritage has prepared spiritual leaders to serve Christ’s Church and his global mis-

sion. With the addition of this year’s class, Heritage has now graduated 1668 college and seminary students in the past 30 years—take a moment to think of the combined kingdom impact represented by these graduates.

I know many of you who read these words see the strategic and valuable role Heritage plays in serving churches in Canada and beyond. For this reason, I’m happy to invite you to continue supporting this vital work through your faithful prayers and generous donations. As we approach our fiscal year end on June 30th, I ask that you please consider investing again in the ministry of Heritage College and Seminary. Your support helps us continue to support Christ’s Church.

Warmly,

Dr. Rick Reed



# Prepared to Serve Him with Humility and Joy

*Bachelor of Religious Education graduate Anna Bowman reflects on how her time at Heritage—both in The SERVE.experience and in her degree studies—has prepared her to now serve at Grace Church in Newmarket, Ontario.*

My time at Heritage has been a very unique one. I went to Heritage for one year after high school when I completed the SERVE.experience while living on campus. I learned a lot about people that year. I made new friends and met people from backgrounds very different from mine. That definitely widened my horizons, which previously had been very narrow. But that one year was the extent of my plans for Bible College - emphasis on my plans because God had other ideas for me.

Four years later, I returned to Heritage. After serving overseas as a missionary with The Fellowship and then getting hired at my church as the Children's Ministry Coordinator, I

decided to get my degree. I completed the Bachelor of Religious Education program completely online while working at my church. Doing school and ministry at the same time has been extremely beneficial to me. I have been able to immediately apply the principles I learned in class and from my professors to my ministry. Every semester, God seemed to line up what I was learning in my courses with what I was doing in ministry.

In this way and through God's work, I think my time at Heritage has prepared me to continue serving him in ministry with humility and joy for what I hope is the rest of my life.

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# A Renewed Passion to Serve

*Master of Divinity graduate Dan Andrade looks at how God used the lectures and assignments at Heritage to equip him for a new stage in his ministry in Canada.*



I started at Heritage in a time of much grief and confusion: the Lord had brought us suddenly and unexpectedly out of ministry in North Africa through a critically sick child. As we recovered from the shock and sought to use the season in treatment wisely to become better equipped to serve Him, I started the MDiv in January 2020.

Through the turbulent waters that ensued, the Lord began His healing work in my heart – assignments helped me re-learn to take the next step of faithfulness in front of me. The actual academic equipping was excellent, but the values and passion I saw in professors: from deep confidence in God’s Word to sacrificial love for Christ’s bride, to the importance of

character and walking with God as the foundation for ministry, to the blessing of intentional ministry friendships and accountability – were hugely formative.

As He continued His work, the Lord began renewing my vision for the need for faithful servants in Canada and re-kindled my passion for the health of His Church here. In His perfect timing, and because of the academic and spiritual equipping I received at Heritage, He opened this new door for ministry in Guelph, where we hope by His grace to serve faithfully. Heritage has been a tremendous means of God’s grace to us, and as I nurture the relationships I’ve made here and continue to learn, I trust it will continue to be!

# Preparing for a New Home

*Design and Facility Manager for the new Heritage Theological Seminary project David Switzer shares an update on the work being done to prepare for construction.*

While there is much behind-the-scenes activity, it is the visible activity that we still long to see more of. As we await the completion of the permit process, we are grateful that some work can proceed. In particular, the construction fencing has been erected, and the remaining trees on the lot have been removed. Construction trailers that will serve as offices will be in by the time this document is published. So that is an encouraging step forward.

We have also secured numerous trades through a thorough tendering process, all of which are as eager to get started as we are. While we are grateful for God’s provision, we ask you to join us in praying for the issuance of the actual building permit. Please pray that this process will move quickly and efficiently and that our ongoing fundraising would go well so we can move full steam ahead with this exciting build.



## Before & After

Above is a picture of the property that is currently being prepared for the construction of the new home of Heritage Theological Seminary. Below is a rendition of what the final version of the seminary building will look like after construction.



# Graduation 2023



## A Transformative Year

*Certificate of Christian Studies graduate Emma Driedger shares how God has used her time in this one-year program to grow her heart for Him and fuel a deep desire to bring glory to God in all of life.*

My one year at Heritage has been an amazing year of spiritual growth and heart transformation. Through the theological teachings and strongly bonded community, the past eight months have stretched me out of my comfort zone, equipped me to stand firm in my faith, and taught me what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus.

Since becoming a student at Bible College, I've felt pressure to show that I've grown in my knowledge of the Bible. Almost like people expect me to know everything there is to know about God and His Word. But, through the community at Heritage, I have come to realize that being a follower of Christ doesn't mean showing off what I know

about Him. It's about how I live out what I know and use my knowledge of the Lord to bring glory to Him in everything I think, say, and do.

This year at Heritage has given me a longing to grow closer to my Saviour, a deep love for the Lord, and a burden for those around me that need Jesus. As I head to Conestoga College in the fall for Office Administration, it's my prayer that, above all else, Christ will shine through me and use me for His purposes as I continually seek to be transformed more into His image. I hope to impact my new school for Jesus so that others may find hope and experience the grace, mercy, and love of God in a powerful way.



## Photos from Graduation 2023



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## Shaped to Lead, Shepherd, Preach, and Teach

*MDiv graduate Emmanuel Gwayumba looks back at how his studies at Heritage have both grown his desire to behold Christ in his study of Scripture and formed him for his current ministry as Associate Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church Cornwall.*

As a recent graduate and fairly new pastor, I thank God for Heritage's instrumental role in equipping me for ministry.

I am grateful for the professors I had at Heritage. Each was a professional in their area of expertise, but also passionate about Christ and His church. Time and time again, I witnessed the study of Scripture lead to the worship of God right in the classroom. These experiences have been instructive, provoking a greater desire to behold Christ in my study of Scripture and then present Him to others.

I am also grateful for the breadth of courses I was able to take at Heritage and the depth of learning required in each

of them. Coming from a career in technology with no prior theological training, I needed a deep dive into the study of Scripture and ministry—which is exactly what I received. My studies have been instrumental in shaping how I lead, shepherd, preach and teach in my role as a pastor today.

Lastly, I cannot overstate the value of the friendships that have grown out of my time at Heritage. Already, I have found these relationships to be encouraging and refreshing as we connect and encourage one another.

### College Awards 2023

The Certificate Program Academic Proficiency Award:  
Lydia Berghuis & Danielle Babbey

The Fourth Year Academic Proficiency Award: Mitchell Mowbray

The Zondervan Hebrew Award: Mitchell Mowbray

The Zondervan Greek Award: Alex Guenther

The Lehman Strauss Expository Preaching/Teaching Award:  
Joshua Stanley

The Wilson Banks Music Award: Courtney Bachert & Tyler Kunica

The ABWE Missions Award: Anna Bowman

The Craig Simmons Missions Award: Melissa Jonkman

Delta Epsilon Chi, Honour Society of ABHE: Alex Guenther

The Field Education Award: Jadynd Kendrick & Brandon Snider

The Norman W. Pipe Evangelism Award: Branden Wiebe

The Gerry Benn Award for Christian Education: Anna Bowman

The Pastoral Ministry Award: Peter Lambert

The Elsie M. Lawson Awards: MacKenzie Franche &  
Mitchell Mowbray

The Marvin Brubacher Citizenship Awards: Kyla Bryant &  
Joshua Slotegraaf

### Seminary Awards 2023

The Graduating Academic Proficiency Award:  
Daniel Sales de Andrade

The Harold Stainton Hebrew Award: Michael VanEgmond

The Zondervan Greek Award: Daniel Sales de Andrade

The Heritage Seminary Preaching Award: Ryan Oh & Liam Wilson

The Charles & Olive Tipp Church History Award: Ryan McCann

The Denzill E. Raymer Old Testament Award: Adam Buchwald &  
Carly Buchwald

The W. Gordon Brown New Testament Award: Sarah Penner

The William & Leila Whitcombe Theology Award:  
Daniel Sales de Andrade

The Irene Robertson Loveday Christian Education Award: Ashley  
Kreuzer

The Jack H. Watt Pastoral Ministry Award: Daniel Sales de Andrade

The Jack Scott Award: Sean Sheeran

The Mr. & Mrs. Alex McCready Award: Kevin Deane



# Join the Mission of Heritage

We invite you to join us in continuing our mission to help Christians major in the Word of God so they can help churches make a world of difference. With your financial and prayer support, Heritage can finish the fiscal year end strong, help more students grow in their knowledge and love for God and His Word, and live on His mission wherever God may send them.

You may donate by returning the enclosed envelope or by using one of the options on our Donate webpage:

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## Celebrating 10 Years

Chair of the Heritage College & Seminary Board of Directors Doug Blair celebrated Drs. Rick and Linda Reed's 10 years of service at the college and seminary at this year's Graduation Ceremonies with a special gift. We are thankful for Dr. Reed's service as President and the ways the Lord has used and continues to use him to lead our school.

Pray for our Current Students—that they would serve God well this summer whether they are serving in churches or the workplace and return this Fall prepared to learn and grow.

Pray for our Future Students—that more men and women would be led to take one year or four to major in the Word of God so they can help churches make a world of difference.

Pray for our Faculty and Staff—that they would rest and prepare to continue teaching and serving our students.

**Pray for Heritage**



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## Upcoming Events at Heritage

Convocation - September 12, 2023

Heritage Preaching Lectures with Julius Kim - October 5, 2023

Andrew Fuller Centre for Baptist Studies Annual Lecture with Dr. Megan DeVore - October 27, 2023

Ministry Leadership Day with Darrell Bock - March 28, 2024