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COVER: Taylor student Carmyn Effa, with two new Zambian friends. May 2009.

A Note from the President



The spring semester is over, graduation has come and gone, and now we move more forcefully into the new day which is Taylor's future. In this edition of *The Bridge* you will find the story of some of the exciting things that are continuing to happen in and through Taylor. Let me summarize some of them for you.

Taylor Seminary is alive and well and continuing to serve the church in profound and multifaceted ways. In this edition you will hear some of the stories from the most recent mission's trip. What you may or may not know is that we are in the process of adjusting both our seminary curriculum (from 96 credit hours down to 77) as well as our delivery system (by offering more intensive short format courses as well as more on-line courses) in order to better prepare people who are already in local church or professional ministries. We are excited about these changes and the excitement they have created among those who have wanted to get a seminary education from Taylor but have been unable to do so due to their distance from Edmonton.

The **E P Wahl Centre** is a soon-to-be-launched initiative through which we respond to the educational needs of the local church by offering educational opportunities which don't fit easily into graduate or undergraduate educational programs. This ministry initiative has been developing over the past couple of years as we at Taylor have spent time listening to our constituency to find out ways we can better serve your educational needs. Although the formal launch of this new ministry will not be held until this fall, already we have been offering educational opportunities for several months. In the winter we offered programs for youth leaders, Sunday School coordinators and

directors, as well as those interested in engaging leading edge thinking within the Emergent Church movement.

May brought another instalment of E P Wahl programming in the form of Fusion's Foundations course and the Community Transformation and Global Community Transformation and Leadership programs. This international training program was a great success, as you can read in these pages. We are excited about the opportunities God is opening up for Taylor through our work with Fusion, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship that serves the Kingdom here in Edmonton, across Canada, as well as around the world. Stay tuned for what promises to be a great time of service together.

Taylor College is the last of the emerging "new things" that will continue to be a part of the new day at Taylor. It is true that we no longer offer university degree programs, but as we have done for many years, we are still able to offer a broad range of university transfer courses that will allow students who want to take some courses here transfer into university programs elsewhere. Along with those transfer courses we are re-developing an intensive discipleship program that will allow students to get solid biblical and theological training in a context that focuses on their spiritual growth, personal discipleship, and service to the Kingdom.

The spring has brought much that is new to Taylor and we hope that you are as excited about what God is doing here as we are.

Shalom!

David Williams, Ph.D.
President, Taylor College and Seminary
Director, E P Wahl Centre

On the phone recently, a parent described the impact that Taylor has had on her daughter, a first-year student.

"I cannot begin to thank you for the incredible gift you have given her over the past year – what an unbelievable blessing! Especially in light of the circumstances, with the closure of the University College: what an example of how to experience loss, of how to end well!"

This mother described the growth she saw in her daughter during her first year of studies, and thanked the Taylor community from the bottom of her heart. Although God's grace has been very evident, it has not been an easy year, and it meant a great deal to have such an encouraging phone conversation.

Thank you for the role you play in changing lives through education and ministry preparation.

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Change and Growth at Taylor

by Tim Willson

When Dr. David Williams was installed as Taylor's new president in the fall of 2008, the event was called *'The Start of Something New'* – but none of us knew how true and how wide-reaching that phrase would be. In the months since—and continuing today—Taylor has been going through a season of change, but what is emerging is a vision of a strengthened, revitalized institution that not only remains *true* to its legacy, but *builds* on it.

Taylor Seminary is the cornerstone of our academic offerings this fall, and the incoming class is on target to be the largest in a number of years. Bolstered by two one-year professorial appointments, the core faculty of five members is looking to improve accessibility to theological education by taking more courses online and by offering more modular (intensive) courses. These changes will allow students in other locations, and those with full-time ministry commitments, to continue to learn.

More than 100 courses will be offered at the seminary this fall, in almost a dozen programs or concentrations (including two one-year diploma programs). A modest number of these courses will

also be cross-listed with Taylor College, allowing credit for students who want to work towards an undergraduate degree.

In the next few months, work will continue on other aspects of the new Taylor College. For decades, we have offered transferrable post-secondary courses, focusing on Bible courses and other subjects that prepare young people for ministry and future study. To these offerings, Taylor College will add intensive discipleship and hands-on leader training. As these plans continue to develop, Taylor continues to invite input from interested students, parents, church leaders as well as from potential partners: how can we prepare young people to meet the changing needs of our time? How can we best structure teaching and discipleship programs to earn the support and participation of today's students? What other organizations can work cooperatively with Taylor to jointly offer programs that are theologically sound, practical, and cost-effective? These and other important questions are being considered carefully.

The E P Wahl Centre continues to take shape as a

Introducing Taylor's (slightly) New Name, Institutional Logo

Taylor's restructuring has necessitated a name change, given that the phrase "university college" no longer applies. The Board of Trustees has renamed the institution Taylor College and Seminary; the change is slight, allowing us to preserve our identity with students and supporters, but it also highlights Taylor's

intention to rebuild a post-secondary experience that will establish believers with Biblical training and Christ-centered development and service.

The new logo does not use the full legal name, but rather highlights the three branches of service, Taylor Seminary, Taylor College and the E P Wahl Centre. It continues to include the motto *Pro Deo et Veritate (For God and Truth)*.



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Taylor's new institutional logo (top) is similar to the previous design, but includes all branches of the new Taylor in a bold, readable style.

"In common usage, we have been simply 'Taylor' and that is going to continue," says President David Williams. "Our mission statement and core values remain the same, and Taylor is building for the future. We want to lay a solid foundation as we move forward, so that we can continue to develop Christ-minded leaders who make a difference in the world."

place where short-term training and ministry preparation takes place. A number of events were held in 2008-2009, and a formal launch is being planned for fall. A workshop to teach people how to use sound systems more effectively will be announced soon, and details on a new children's choir are almost ready. The Taylor Community Choir, which has attracted as many as 70 members, will also continue as an educational and ministry service under the E P Wahl Centre banner.


These three branches of Taylor are closely aligned with our heritage, in line with the vision of founder E.P. Wahl. His vision was of an institution where the practical training needs of the church were offered alongside post-secondary courses in a biblically-based context. Rev. Wahl sought to work across denominational lines, to help people establish their faith, to offer sound theological training, and to respond to the changing social needs of society. Taylor's restructuring has brought us back to these ideals, and shapes our vision today.

There continues to be progress towards the sale or lease of the Taylor campus, which will unlock the significant financial resource that is represented by this extraordinary property. A number of substantial re-development proposals have been considered and, at this writing, a short list of partners is being seriously considered. It is anticipated that Taylor will continue to have a permanent home on our current site, although staff, faculty and students will be consolidated into a smaller footprint to permit other uses of surplus space.

These changes at Taylor have also necessitated a number of office moves – in fact, nearly every employee is changing offices this summer; most will be located in the Seminary (including Benke). The Taylor community will be brought into closer proximity through all this, allowing a fresh community spirit to take root. Another positive change has been the establishment of a daily, campus-wide prayer time. Offices are effectively closed for 30 minutes as the Taylor family comes together for prayer, led by Dr. Terry Fossen.

It has also been refreshing to host Fusion

International this spring. This Australia-based ministry has been offering a series of community development certificate programs for 40 years, and is finding an open door of ministry in many countries (including official invitations to China). Fusion's training event at Taylor, offered under the E P Wahl Centre banner, was their largest-ever international event, and attracted participants from five countries.

It has been a remarkable spring at Taylor. Staff and faculty transitions, graduations, major structural change and even campus re-development possibilities -- and through it all, to see God so clearly at work has been a blessing! 

The Fusion Experience: A Calgary student is challenged




One of the participants in Fusion's *Foundations* course was Leah Uptigrove of Calgary, a young member of Brentview Baptist. She heard about Fusion during the Alberta Baptist Association meetings at her church, and she was intrigued enough that she decided to attend. The week-long course left her permanently changed, and said the course was both intense and challenging.

"It stretches you in all kinds of ways, not just about understanding God and People, but it's how you understand yourself. It's been powerful to grow with other people. The whole experience of being part of a community has been powerful, to go through this together."

In Leah's case, the week-long training included a sense of God's call to work with Canada's native populations, possibly with the Fusion team in Regina. She encourages others to get involved, perhaps with a 'Breakfast Club', which is a group that offers breakfast for low-income students at schools and housing projects.

"It doesn't matter what age you are. So far the people who have made the biggest impact on young people are older. It doesn't require a hip college person to make a difference – it just needs to be someone who cares about them."

Leah says Fusion emphasizes relationships; "Help people grow, because people matter – that's Fusion's thing," she says. The daily emphasis on personal time with God, in conjunction with transparent relationships within a caring community, has given her a hunger for more: "Once you have an experience with God, it makes you want to continue it." 

REPORT ON THE TAYLOR African Missions Trip

by Dr. Allan Effa

From May 14 – June 3, 2009, I had the privilege of leading a team of four Taylor University College students and three Taylor Seminary students on a study tour entitled *Experiencing African Christianity*. Because this was a course, students were expected to complete selected readings prior to departure, and this was quite specifically an opportunity to learn first-hand about the strength and vitality of the church in Africa.

With the delay in obtaining visas for Nigeria, we had to make last minute plans to take our group to Zambia, instead. The Northmead Assembly of God Church of Lusaka, graciously agreed to make all of the arrangements for our group including booking of accommodations, arranging for transportation, planning a daily itinerary and providing one of their staff members as a companion each day.

The itinerary consisted of visits to a variety of churches, youth, women's and men's meetings, three theological training centres (Baptist, Reformed and Inter-denominational), two orphanage projects, an AIDS Treatment/Clinic centre, a rural church plant in an impoverished area, as well as two days of sight-seeing in the Livingstone/Victoria Falls area. Each evening I was able to spend time with



Dr. Allan Effa of Taylor Seminary (right) stands with Raymond Nyirenda, an associate pastor of Northmead Assembly of God in Lusaka, Zambia. Northmead stepped in on very short notice to serve as the host church for Taylor, offering invaluable assistance in helping students experience African Christianity.
Photo by Carmyn Effa, 2009

the students doing cultural and theological reflection as well as spending time in prayer.

Our students were very deeply impacted by what they learned and experienced. The spiritual vitality of the church in Africa is not confined to a particular denominational tradition, but equally evident in Anglican, Pentecostal, Reformed and Baptist churches. There is a passion for God and a wholehearted commitment to church planting. A Bible School we visited requires every student to plant a church in the second of their two year program. They also teach students farming, business and electrical skills so they can be self-supporting church planters upon graduation. One church we visited in a shantytown of Lusaka has ten branch churches, one of which is led by the senior pastor's wife.

After our team shared testimonies and preached, fifteen people received Christ and another fifteen committed themselves to world missions. Then the pastor asked business people to come forward and



Taylor students spent two days with a remote community of subsistence fishermen during their study trip to Zambia, and were greeted with remarkable hospitality. *"It was like a scene out of a National Geographic special..."* Photo by Carmyn Effa, 2009

commit to financially support those who would go into missions. Another 20 or so people came forward to register their support. Immediately after the service these three groups received special instruction on the next steps to follow up on their commitment. Out of their poverty, a tremendous spiritual vitality is emerging!

The experience of African Christianity would not be complete without spending some time among the rural poor. From the capital city of Lusaka we travelled about 6 hours on a road that became little more than a cow path leading to the village of Chipepo. We arrived at the church property just before sunset to a raucous chorus of women singing and dancing a welcome song. They had been waiting for our arrival for nearly six hours. The next two days would be spent sharing life with them, telling our stories, preaching and singing, and playing with the many children. Eating freshly caught fish around the campfire at night was like a scene out of a National Geographic special. These subsistence fishermen live in tiny round huts with no sanitation and few earthly possessions. Most of the children had tattered rags to cover their malnourished bodies. Despite grinding poverty, these brothers and sisters have a joy and a tightly-knit sense of community that made us jealous. Along with gifts of clothing, blankets and Bibles, we were able to contribute US\$1,500 from our team funds toward the building of a church for them. One of the reasons the church in Zambia is so alive is that its lay people are empowered in ministry.

Mature believers are expected to share testimonies and preach the word of God on a regular basis. Because of this, our students had many opportunities to speak and develop their spiritual gifts. Some of my seminary students commented that they preached more in the three weeks they were in Zambia than in the previous 26 years of their lives! One of our students was given the opportunity to present an evangelistic message to the chief and the entire tribal council of the region of Chipepo. Through the sharing of our testimonies, Zambian youth were able to open up to our team members and share some of their struggles and pain and receive encouragement and prayer support. Another unexpected bonus of the trip was that I was able to observe my students in ministry and offer them feedback and encouragement.

All of our students were deeply changed by this experience. A few are considering returning to Africa, one as a seminary student, one as a development worker and another student is pondering her role in reaching the thousands of unreached Chinese immigrants in Zambia (there are no Chinese churches in the country).

Some of the funding for this trip came from the Northern Alberta Mission Conference; other funds came from the 2008 Taylor Alumni Homecoming and Reunion, as well as other sources. Thank you for your investment in our Taylor Team once again this year. It has produced dividends for the kingdom of God in Zambia and also in the lives of our students. TB



Taylor student Vivian Houg gets a warm embrace from a Zambian woman as a group of children looks on. Photo by Carmyn Effa, 2009

Alumni Profile - Joanne van Beek

by Tim Willson

Student: Taylor Seminary '05

Hometown: Leduc, AB

Home Church: Leduc Alliance Church

website: www.riseupministries.ca

“I want to bring Christ’s hope and healing to those who have been broken by abuse...”

When Joanne Van Beek entered Taylor Seminary, she had no idea that she would launch a ministry to address the issue of domestic violence. Now, four years after graduating with a Master of Divinity degree, she and her young organization have just held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new facility.

“It wasn’t in my mind when I entered the seminary,” she says, “but over the years I’ve worked a lot with women, and I came to realize that the issue of abuse was a recurring theme.”

Studies indicate that abuse is prevalent in all parts of society, including in the Christian community. Tragically, Joanne says, Christians sometimes fail to recognize and intervene in abusive relationships, and victims can feel like God approves of what is happening. She says she longs to see the church be more assertive in protecting the abused and vulnerable.

The name Riseup Ministries comes from the story in Luke’s Gospel in which Jesus reaches out to touch a woman who is described as having been “bound.” When he touches her, she is able to stand up straight. She believes the church can be a haven for those burdened by family violence. Riseup Ministries offers peer support groups for women affected by domestic violence, and offers presentations and seminars to the Christian community at large. Clients include those who are dealing with past or current abuse, concerned friends and relatives, and even those who realize that their actions in the home are destroying others.

Joanne says her time at Taylor Seminary was “hugely instrumental” in shaping her ministry. She was president of the student body during her studies and loves to stay in touch with professors and former class-mates TB



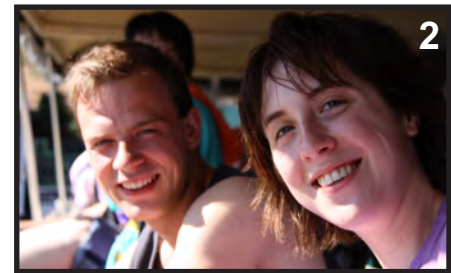
Taylor alumna Joanne Van Beek ('05) has founded a ministry that seeks to educate and empower individuals and communities to end family violence and abuse. For security reasons, she asked us not to use her photo.

Class Assignment Turns into a Book

When Taylor theology professor Dr. Jeff McPherson assigned a group project in his class this spring, he didn’t expect a book to be the result, but that’s what he got.

Jeremy Cook, Lindsey Trueman, Devon Black and Carmyn Effa took their assignment seriously, and spent a good deal of time with inmates at the Edmonton Women’s Prison. After spending time with the inmates, hearing their stories,

asking about the things they’ve learned and finding out about their needs, the students compiled the project into book form and had it published. For their final class presentation, they brought three inmates to campus, accompanied by a guard and the prison chaplain. Though none of the students had been involved in prison outreach before, they say they intend to stay in touch with their new friends. They will also present copies of *Behind These Prison Walls* to the inmates. “We overlook so many things,” says Cook. “How hard is it to go for coffee or be a penpal?” TB



ABOVE: 1. Taylor student **Joshuah Clayton** bungee jumps in Zambia. Taylor students spent three incredible weeks ministering and learning in Africa (see pages 5-6). | 2. **Vivian Houg** and **Paul Hartman** enjoying African-style transport in Zambia. | 3. **Residents of an Edmonton community** play tug-of-war at a community festival organized by Fusion students; **Steele Heights Baptist Church** is in the background. | **BELOW:** 4. **Theodore Peters** receives an award for academic excellence by the Religion and Theology department (**Tyler Williams, Keir Hammer** and **Jeff McPherson**). Peters, who graduated this spring, is an Alliance youth pastor. | 5. **Fusion International** recently held it's largest-ever training event outside Australia (see pages 3-4). | 6. **The Class of 2009, Taylor Seminary**, at West Meadows Baptist Church following the graduation ceremony. | 7. **Andrea Neufeld** (left) and **Rochelle Weigl** (right) with Student Development Director **Terry Opperman** at the 2009 Taylor University College Awards Chapel. | 8. Members of **Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church** stand with their new pastor, **Felix Lim**, as he graduates from Taylor Seminary. | 9. **Dr. Randal Rauser** appeared on a US television show to discuss his new book about *The Shack*. | 10. Fusion Founder **Mal Garvin** speaks on "The Glory of God" at Stencel Hall. 11. UC Grad **Michelle Hudson** | 12. Seminary grad **Hughson Ong** delivers the valedictorian address to fellow students. Hughson came to Taylor after hearing Dr. Allan Effa speak at his church in the Philippines. | 13. **Dr. Anita Helmbold** presents **Jennifer Hazin** with an award as the top English student (4-year) at Taylor University College.



News and Notes



Above: The Taylor Community Choir performs on Palm Sunday at a packed Lendrum Mennonite Brethren Church. The program, A Jubilant Song, included new compositions, oratorio choruses, anthems, and arrangements of traditional spirituals. The Taylor Community Choir will reunite this fall as part of the E P Wahl Centre.

Alumni and Student News

In Sympathy

Taylor alumna and former board member **Debbie Kullman** (*nee* Kern) passed away in April, shortly after being diagnosed with cancer. The funeral was held at the Evangelical Free Church in Lethbridge on May 4, 2009.

Taylor Seminary alumnus **Perry Chernesky** ('02) passed away on July 5, 2009 after falling ill with the H1N1 influenza A virus. Chernesky had been serving as pastor at Oakbank Baptist Church near Winnipeg.

Becky Dewey Health Update

Becky Dewey, wife of former Taylor president Dr. Marvin Dewey, was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. By all accounts, Becky and Marvin remain in good spirits as they explore treatment options.

Short Film shot at Taylor



Edmonton film-maker **Shane Lawrence** (at left) recently shot a short film at Taylor, using the Seminary Commons to represent the public space of a senior's

home. The working title of the film is *The Other Six Days*, referring to the way we live between Sundays. Actor **Dallas Mix** is in the foreground.

Glasspell (*nee* Congo) In Peace River

Laura Glasspell ('93) and her family recently moved from the lower mainland to Peace River, Alberta, where she is working as a psychologist; Laura is working with children

and young people. She and her husband Chad have three boys.

Faculty and Staff News

New Academic Dean for Taylor Seminary

Taylor Seminary is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Joost Pikkert** as Academic Dean. Dr. Pikkert is a professor of Intercultural Studies, with experience as an anthropologist, pastor and missionary in various parts of the world. (Joost is pronounced *Yost*, which rhymes with 'most'!)

Professor Tyler Williams wins award

At the 2009 Canadian Society of Biblical Studies meeting in Ottawa, **Prof. Tyler Williams** was awarded the Norman E. Wagner Award. The award recognizes the innovative use of technology relating to biblical scholarship and was primarily for Tyler's website and blog:

<http://biblical-studies.ca>.



Dr. Allan Effa Runs Boston Marathon

Dr. Allan Effa took part in the 113th Boston marathon in April. His time was 3:44:05, good for 11,209th place out of more than 22,000 runners. It's a finish that likely places him in the top 5% of marathoners in the world.

Online Learning Survey Launched

Taylor Seminary recently launched a survey to ask students (potential students as well as current and past students), supporters and friends about the interest in offering courses online. Click on the survey link at www.TaylorSeminary.ca to let your voice be heard!

Congratulations to Sioux Falls Seminary!

Congratulations to **Sioux Falls Seminary**, which celebrates its 150th Anniversary in July. The school is also celebrating the opening of an all-new campus. Sioux Falls Seminary and Taylor are the two educational institutions affiliated with the North American Baptist Conference, and the two schools have much in common.

Alumni Updates

We hope you will share your news with us -- marriages, moves, careers... we want to note these important events! Please stay in touch by email: alumni@Taylor-Edu.ca.

MEET TAYLOR'S FACULTY

ALLAN L. EFFA

Ray and Edith DeNeui Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies
Dr. Effa has a heart for ministry, having served churches in North America as well as in Nigeria, where he served as a professor at Mambilla Baptist Theological Seminary. His teaching and research interests include mission, evangelism, anthropology, spiritual formation, and African theology. Dr. Effa and his wife, Karen, have two children, Carmyn and Corrie.

JEFFREY A. McPHERSON

Assistant Professor of Theology
Dr. McPherson is a theologian with a keen interest in the history and development of evangelicalism, and with a background in philosophy. His past research has included a study of the development of Western religious thought. He is married to Michelle, and they have two daughters, Abigail and Amaris.

SYDNEY H. T. PAGE

Professor of New Testament
After serving a church in England for five years, Dr. Page came to North American Baptist College in 1977. From 1981 to 2000 he served as Academic Vice-President of Edmonton Baptist Seminary. He is the author of "Powers of Evil: A Biblical Study of Satan and Demons." He and his wife, Faith, are the parents of Jonathan and Kathryn.

JOOST J.J. PIKKERT

Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies, Academic Dean
Dr. Pikkert has ministered in the areas of community development, literacy and Bible translation for over 10 years in Southeast Asia. He has been an Associate Professor at Trinity Western University (Canada), Satya Wacana Christian University (Indonesia), and I.S. Kijne Seminary (Indonesia). His interests include mission history, community development and language development. He and his wife Cheryl have two children, Charlotte and Quinn.

RANDAL RAUSER

Associate Professor of Historical Theology
Prior to coming to Taylor Seminary in 2003, Dr. Rauser completed his PhD in systematic theology at King's College, London, and taught at Briercrest Bible College. His passions include developing a biblically sound apologetic theology that meets the challenges of secular western culture. In 2008, he wrote and published "Finding God in the Shack." Randal is married to Jasper and they have one daughter, Jamie.

DARREN SCHMIDT

Assistant Professor of Church History
Dr. Darren Schmidt is originally from Calgary, so he is pleased to be back in Alberta after spending a number of years in Scotland. Research for his PhD included a study of the history of early evangelicalism. He is married to Cara, and they have three children.

JERRY E. SHEPHERD

Associate Professor of Old Testament
Prior to joining the faculty at Taylor Seminary in 1993, Dr. Shepherd served as a part-time instructor at Manna Bible Institute, the Center for Urban Theological Studies, Westminster Theological Seminary, Deliverance Evangelistic Bible Institute, and Philadelphia College of Bible Graduate School. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of Jennifer, Joel, and Timothy.



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CH 421 Church History to 1500 – An introduction to the historical development of the ancient and medieval church from its apostolic beginnings. Two credits.

Twenty MISSION COURSES, including:

MI 432 Theology of Mission – A study of the biblical foundations of mission, the nature of mission theology and some of its contemporary expressions. Three credits.

Fourteen NEW TESTAMENT COURSES, including:

NT 411 New Testament Foundations I – A study of the political, social and religious background of the New Testament and an introduction to the Gospels, Acts, Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation. Three credits.

Eleven OLD TESTAMENT COURSES, including:

OT 415 Old Testament Foundations I – An introduction to the study of the Old Testament, with particular attention to critical methods, canon, theology, relationship between the Testaments, and the use of the Old Testament in Christian proclamation. Special attention will be given to the Pentateuch and Historical Books. Three credits.

Seven PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING COURSES, including:

PC 538 Biblical Perspectives on Human Transitions – This course is a study of the experience of human transition as documented in the Scriptures. The stories and literature of the Exile period will be studied in order to understand and better care for people in our congregations who are facing such transitions as: honest sadness, rootlessness, despair, moral incongruity and the perceived absence of God. Three credits.

Eight PREACHING AND WORSHIP COURSES, including:

PW 431 Introduction to Preaching – A course consisting of a study of the foundations and fundamentals of biblical preaching. Learning how to develop biblical sermons will be the primary focus of this course. This course will also give students the opportunity to preach in class. These preached sermons will be evaluated by the instructor and by the class. Prerequisite: BI 412. Three credits.

Ten THEOLOGY COURSES, including:

TH 534 Christian Worldview – An introduction to the concept of worldview and the lineaments of the Christian worldview and Christian mind. The course will include both an introduction to the way that Christian belief impacts all Christian thinking as well as a critical analysis of major challenges to the Christian worldview such as atheistic naturalism, postmodernism and consumerism. Three credits.

Three WORLD RELIGIONS COURSES, including:

WR 640 Understanding Islam – An introduction to the teachings, practices and historical developments of Islam, with special focus on the barriers that challenge the Christian mission. Historical and contemporary models of mission to Muslims will be studied and critically assessed. Three credits.

Three YOUTH MINISTRY COURSES, including:

YM 433 Essentials of Youth Ministry – Following a relational model of ministry, this course assists students in evaluating and enhancing personal effectiveness in working with young people and their families, while developing a biblical philosophy of youth ministry and discovering some necessary youth ministry skills and resources. Three credits.

...PLUS dozens of other courses in other subject areas!

Studying at Taylor Seminary

If the course listing at left caught your attention, consider joining us at Taylor Seminary! There are some important details for you to keep in mind, including:

Applications are being accepted throughout the summer, and the Fall Semester begins August 31, 2009.

Former students of Taylor (CTI, NABC, NABDS, EBS, Taylor) can take advantage of a new alumni benefit: a free class! Call for details on this new offer.

Spouses of current full-time students can take up to three credits per semester for free (must apply and be accepted to qualify for this bursary).

Seniors (65+) qualify for a 50% tuition discount.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

Classes Begin:	August 31
Registration Period for January Intersession:	October 19-30
Registration Period for Winter Semester:	October 19-30
Last Day of Classes:	December 4th
Final Exams	December 7-11
January Intersession	January 4-15, 2010

Classes Begin	January 18, 2010
Registration Period for Spring Session:	October 19-30
Registration Period for Fall Semester:	October 19-30
Last Day of Classes:	April 23
Final Exams	April 26-29
Spring Session	May 3-14, 2010



To learn more about studying at Taylor,

phone Admissions Counsellor Rick Heavenor at 780-431-5215, or contact him by email: Rick@TaylorSeminary.ca

Did you know? Rick Heavenor is a Taylor alumnus and a former pastor.

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A Final Word

Taylor's roots go back to 1940, when CTI's first campus opened its doors. Interestingly, in his history of Taylor, *For God and Truth*, former president J. Walter Goltz writes:

"In the fall of 1939 a short-term Bible School was already being held in the incomplete building."

As we approach the 70th anniversary of that first class, we are once again facing institutional change, yet we continue to find joy in serving students. As in 1939, we are excited about *'the start of something new.'*

We remain deeply committed to our purpose – to develop Christ-minded leaders who make a difference in the world, and to remain a kingdom-building agent for believers of all denominations and cultures. For nearly 70 years, this institution has impacted thousands of lives, and this is just the beginning. As we adjust to the changing needs of students, we are working hard to build a solid foundation so that this educational ministry will continue for another 70 years – and beyond.

We invite you to be part of what God is doing as we respond faithfully together. Thank you for your encouragement and faithful support!

-David Williams, President



Girl in Wheelbarrow (2009),
Carmyn Effa, Digital Photo

ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Carmyn Effa ('09) is a gifted amateur photographer. The above photograph was taken in Zambia in May 2009, during a study trip by Taylor students. It is an intriguing image that captures so much personality in a moment of simple fun.

Carmyn was among the 2009 graduates of Taylor University College with a BA in English, and was selected by her peers as valedictorian; she hopes to continue her studies and become a teacher. You can view more of Carmyn's portfolio on her website: www.carmynjoy.com.

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