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## A Note from the President



Exciting, isn't it, when you sense God leading in new directions, opening doors and asking you to stretch your wings?

Taylor continues to be presented with numerous opportunities to serve, and we have spent considerable time and effort this winter discerning the best use of our resources and seeking God's direction. We have embraced a new

role as home for the White Cross ministry in Canada, accepted teaching opportunities for seminary students in a number of communities, evaluated partnership proposals from various people and organizations, and continued to grow in our role of providing educational services for the Church.

At times, resources seemed scarce but we have been heartened by the overflowing generosity of friends who are passionate about this ministry. In just the past few weeks we have seen a surge of donations that put us within striking distance of our fund-raising goal for the year. We are reminded yet again that the God who calls is the God who provides, and it is an exciting time to be part of Taylor.

Part of God's provision to us has been the team of men and women who work here, and I would like to pay special tribute to three members of the Taylor administrative team who are leaving us. Vice-president Dr. Terry Fossen, Registrar Craig Weston and Director of Library Services Wayne Wicks all happen to be leaving at the same time, and we owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

Terry has been invaluable as a liaison with our alumni and supporting churches. Known across the conference, he has been a key ambassador for this institution during the time

that we needed him most, and he has also shared generously from a wealth of leadership experience. He is moving back into pastoral ministry but has affirmed his strong support of Taylor—in fact, I am pleased to say that he will be serving actively with the Taylor Alumni Association, helping our alumni stay in touch with one another and serve together.

Craig Weston has accepted an offer to serve Concordia University College of Alberta as their Director of Enrolment Services. Craig's experience and insight were critical during the past few years of transition; he leaves us well prepared to seize the opportunities before us.

Wayne Wicks has served our library patrons faithfully through a season of significant change. His steady hand and willingness to go the extra mile ensured that our students and faculty were given excellent service even when resources were scarce.

Taylor has always been blessed with extraordinary people, and I want to pay tribute to these three special members of our community as they move on: thank you for serving with us.

Shalom!

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

P.S. We aren't quite "there" yet in hitting our fund-raising goal, and I invite you to be part of a strong finish for the year ending June 30th. Please use the enclosed card to respond as you feel you should—*Thank you!*

You will notice that this edition of *The Bridge* is thicker than normal—16 pages instead of our usual 12. Even so, we couldn't fit everything in!

It's been exciting at Taylor, with many different events and opportunities, with a growing list of students and prospective students. Taylor Seminary and the Wahl Centre are both 'happening', and Taylor College is re-emerging with transferrable courses and credits. The Conservatory of Music continues to attract talented students and offers frequent concerts and recitals. Benke renovations are nearly complete, a kitchen makeover is in the works, and our campus will soon be the official home to the highly-respected White Cross ministry.

We had to add some pages, but if everything He is doing were written down, *The Bridge* could not contain it all; it's good to be where God is at work.

Tim Willson  
Communications and Marketing Director  
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# Growth and Opportunity at Taylor

Careful planning is the order of the day as Taylor moves forward

by Tim Willson

**O**n a sunny, cold December afternoon, Taylor president Dr. David Williams was thinking about a familiar issue: How to ensure the sustainability of the institution?

Having recently seen Taylor's debt wiped out through the sale of part of the campus, and with strong enrolment numbers at Taylor Seminary and solid support for Wahl Centre events, the year was off to a great start; nonetheless, Taylor was still heavily dependent on donations for operating expenses, and he knew that reliance had become unhealthy.

But just before leaving for a Christmas vacation with his family, Dr. Williams intensified his thinking about efficiency – especially on how we could work with other institutions to maximize our effectiveness by sharing our resources.

## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Giving had slowed down through the winter, and there was real concern that we might face a new deficit – but the strange thing about that December afternoon was it was happening while there were so many positive developments surrounding Taylor.

- Taylor Seminary exceeded enrolment targets

for 2010-11, and tuition revenue was up.

- Seminary courses offered in other locations (Grande Prairie, AB and Kelowna, BC) were successful, and invitations to new locations were being received.
- Facilities rentals were up, generating needed revenue.
- A waiting list for dorm space in Muller Hall was started.
- The Conservatory of Music at Taylor was enjoying a successful first year.
- The Wahl Centre was on track to double attendance from the year before (3,500 attendees were projected to attend Wahl Centre events in 2010-11).
- A part-time 'Events Coordinator' was about to be hired for the Wahl Centre (see page 7).
- Invitations were being received to take Wahl Centre events to other communities.
- White Cross officially became part of Taylor, adding a significant new way for the institution to serve our churches.
- Much-needed renovations to Benke Hall were

## Benke Hall Renovated as Office Space and Home of White Cross

### Volunteers work tirelessly to see project to completion on a shoestring budget



As any of the "Benke Boys" can attest, there would be some great stories to tell if the walls could talk! Benke Hall, which served as a men's dormitory for decades, has been converted to office space. Taylor Seminary faculty, which moved to the first floor of Benke more than a year ago, are being joined by various staff members who will occupy the second floor. (Some second floor offices will become a revenue source as rental space.)

Several rooms on the main floor are also being re-purposed as the new home of White Cross Canada, a humanitarian organization whose roots run back more than 90 years, and which exists to supply bandages and medical supplies to Africa. <sup>TB</sup>

Right: Alfred Krinke cuts window openings in Benke's doors as part of a major renovation and upgrade in the spring of 2011. The first floor was converted to offices in 2009, and this second phase of the project was completed far below budget thanks to the generosity of volunteers who did drywall, framing, paint and even electrical work under the supervision of a general contractor (who also contributed by way of a greatly reduced fee).

getting underway, powered by a dedicated team of volunteers whose work reduced the cost by over \$50,000 (almost half of the total).

#### A CAUTIOUS APPROACH

Dr. Williams led his administrative team through a very conservative budgeting process and began exploring ways to work with other institutions, including Carey College, Sioux Falls Seminary and Vanguard College.


This process has been very productive, and while some discussions are ongoing there are some developments that can be reported.

1. Taylor has found a strong partner for library services: Vanguard College has agreed to house and manage the Schalm Memorial Library collection, which will significantly benefit both institutions (see page 7).
2. Taylor enjoys a closer relationship with both Carey and Sioux Falls, both seminaries with whom we have much in common, and continues to explore ways to work cooperatively with them.
3. This conservative budgeting process has resulted in some pleasant surprises, with somewhat higher revenue than expected and somewhat lower costs.

Taylor has seen a significant outpouring of support in terms of prayer and financial giving in recent weeks and, despite the mid-winter slowdown in giving, we are back on track, and there is now a very real possibility of hitting our Annual Fund target.

The new efficiencies and cost-savings found in our partnership opportunities will contribute to Taylor's bottom line and free up resources to ensure that we are effective in reaching our primary objectives. As Taylor's newly increased endowment begins to generate revenue, Taylor's financial future should become even more secure; that, in turn, will allow the school to continue to develop more effective ways of serving the Church.

Dr. David Williams is determined to chart a sustainable course so that Taylor will continue to serve the educational needs of the church well into the future and to fulfill the mission of developing Christ-minded leaders.

The winter of 2011, marked by prayer, planning meetings and creative thinking, has given way to a very hopeful spring, and once again it is the friends, supporters and partners of Taylor who have been instrumental in standing in the gap. 




## Taylor Says Farewell:

### *Personnel changes involve several senior staff*

More personnel changes are taking place at Taylor with the coinciding departures of three senior staff members. Vice-President **Dr. Terry Fossen**, who has been serving here for over three years, has been significantly involved in the launch of the Wahl Centre, in our church and alumni relations, and as part of the administrative team. Terry has accepted a pastoral position at Greenfield Baptist Church.

Director of Enrolment Services and Registrar **Craig Weston** has accepted a position at Concordia University College of Alberta. Craig will continue to be involved at Taylor behind the scenes, sharing his knowledge and expertise with those who will take over his responsibilities.

**Wayne Wicks**, our Director of Library Services, is leaving as the result of an agreement to share library services with Vanguard College.

We are also wishing adjunct professor **Dr. Stefano Piva** well as he heads to the lower mainland to accept a pastorate. 

Right: **Dr. Terry Fossen** has been serving as Taylor's Vice-President, as well as Associate Director of the E P Wahl Centre. He has been a key part of External Relations, and plans to stay actively involved through the Taylor Alumni Association.

# E P Wahl Continues to Grow

by Heather Breitzkreuz

**N**o doubt you have heard of ‘apps’? In our high-tech, media-driven, smart phone toting world, we increasingly have available to us an amazing, perhaps astonishing, array of tools at our fingertips. These tools are called “Apps” - short for applications, and they are transforming our world.

Want to track your mileage? There’s an app for that!

Want a daily Bible reading plan? There’s an app for that!

Want to get in shape? There’s an app for that!

Want to know what to make for supper with only three ingredients? There’s an app for that too!

Yep, there’s an app for just about anything.

## Responsive

The key to the success of any app is its timely responsiveness to a need. The successful app developers—those who are able to actually get their product noticed and bought by consumers—are those who get their product to market when it is most needed or wanted. This ability to be responsive is the difference between a best-selling app and one that never sells.

Likewise, one of the Wahl Centre’s key principles is to be “responsive to meet the educational needs of the church, equipping the people of God for the mission of God.” Throughout a successful year, the Wahl Centre has been responding to needs.

- Want to re-invent your Sunday School program? There’s an app for that! (*The Fabulous Reinvention of Sunday School*)
- Want to improve your administrative support team’s effectiveness and understanding of their vital position? There’s an app for that! (*Church Administrative Professionals Symposium*)
- Want to be trained in how to minister with compassion to the sick or dying and their families? There’s an app for that! (*Pastoral Care Visitor Training*)
- Want to increase your own learning and ‘sit’ at the feet of some great teachers? There’s an app for that too! (*onWord* weekly series and conference)

This past year the Wahl Centre has seen 3500

participants come through our doors looking to have their needs met, and we have been able to meet those needs.



Key to responsiveness is constantly looking ahead, anticipating what future needs might be. So while we count the many blessings we’ve experienced this past year, we also look forward to next year and all the opportunities it holds.

## Some Upcoming Events (“Apps”) to Watch For:

### June 12-17 – Half Speed Retreat

Speakers and artists from a variety of Christian churches will spend a week together to collaborate, worship and slow down together at King’s Fold.

### September 10, 17 – Pastoral Care Visitor Training

This two-day training sold out each time it was offered last year, and there is already a waiting list for the next events. (Other dates will be confirmed.)

### September 23-24 – *onWord, the Conference*

Pastor John van Sloten (author of *The Day Metallica Came to Church*) and worship leader Randy Stonehill will be featured. Numerous workshops will also be presented (more info on pg. 15)

### September 27 – *onWord* weekly series resumes

### October 1 - Congregational Care – Edmonton, AB

The Wahl Centre and the Urban Sanctuary are working together to present a series of training days (three per year) for those in church leadership. Focusing on spiritual health and Christian character, topics will include: *Hearing the Voice of God, Strengthening Spiritual Relationships, Engaging in Meaningful Spiritual Conversations, The Battle Between the Flesh and the Spirit, Discerning a Deeper Sense of Call, and The Nuts and Bolts of Congregational Care*


### October 17 - CAPS – Winnipeg, MB

### October 19 - CAPS – Calgary, AB

The *Church Administrative Professionals’ Symposium* brings together office staff from churches for a day of refreshment and encouragement.

### March 9-11, 2012 - Healthy Soul Conference

The Urban Sanctuary hosts a conference that offers opportunities for spiritual formation; speaker will be Gordon T. Smith.

Register or read more at [www.Taylor-Edu.ca](http://www.Taylor-Edu.ca). 

## White Cross on the Move

### 90-year old Ministry Finds a new Home

by Heather Breitzkreuz

*"Thank you so much for your significant role in this important ministry. White Cross greatly benefits a lot of ministries and individual lives here in Cameroon."*

*– Calvin Hohn, CBC/NAB/CMF Field Director,  
Cameroon Baptist Convention*

**T**he White Cross has a new home in Canada! Headquartered on the campus of Taylor College and Seminary and under the direction of the E P Wahl Centre, White Cross continues to provide compassionate care ministry to the NAB hospitals in Cameroon and Nigeria. For decades White Cross has provided rolled bandages, baby layettes and other hospital and medical supplies to assist in the medical mission work being done. It is truly a life-saving humanitarian service and a vitally important supplier to these African missions.

This transition is part of a wider re-organization at the NAB. The denominational headquarters have moved from Chicago to northern California, and the NAB is focusing on fewer areas of ministry. At the same time, Taylor has been embracing new opportunities for training and serving, and the White Cross ministry is a good fit with the E P Wahl Centre.

Volunteers at Taylor are working with staff and administration in establishing the new Canadian operation, and within a few months the first container bound for Cameroon will leave Edmonton, filled with life-saving supplies.


The NAB's White Cross ministries in the United States have been handed off to a church in Texas. The Quest Church in Royse City, which has warehouse space and other resources ideal for handling White Cross shipments, will work cooperatively with (but independently of) Taylor.

As a part of this transition, Taylor is currently undergoing renovations in Benke (see pg. 3) to house the White Cross Ministry. Once complete, we will have access to a spacious location for our staff and volunteers to work in as they receive and process these important shipments.

If you want more information about how you can contribute to this valued ministry, check out the White Cross page on the NAB website at: <http://www.nabconference.org/resources/white-cross-forms>

You can also get your questions answered by email:

[whitecross@taylor-edu.ca](mailto:whitecross@taylor-edu.ca) .

White Cross continues to be a valued ministry of our NAB churches serving our missions overseas. The changes being experienced right now will make this ministry even more effective. 

## A Reader Responds to Dr. Sonnenberg Tribute

*In response to our cover story about Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg in the last issue of The Bridge, we received the following from one of our alumni, Pastor Ken Walker of St. Albert. Pastor Ken graciously agreed to let us share his note.*

Thank you for a beautifully written article about "Dr. Joe". Your mention of Dr. Sonnenberg planting the trees on campus reminded me of working alongside him to plant those trees. As we got our hands dirty doing the work I remember how impressed I was with our then President's dignified but warm and kind manner. I also recall how ably Dr. Joe took over the teaching of the Old Testament one semester when we were without a professor in that field.

Five years later when I was stretching my wings as a church planter Dr. Joe came to my rescue. The incident is long ago learned from and forgiven on my part, but it demonstrated Dr. Sonnenberg's deft wisdom, compassion and care and courageousness to help me when I was still relatively new to the ministry.

The matter involved some unfounded statements regarding my ministry that an Edmonton area leader was spreading that apparently was putting my ministry (and that of NABC) in a bad light. Never will I forget how courageously Dr. Sonnenberg reached out to said leader on my behalf and put the matter to rest permanently!

Who can guess how many other wise decisions of Dr. Sonnenberg's helped those of us who were or are currently doing ministry?

Rev. Ken Walker,  
'69-'73 (NABC), '80-'82 (NABDS)  
New Hope Community Church

# Taylor in Talks to Share the Schalm Memorial Library

*Significant savings to be realized; collection will be housed at Vanguard College (Edmonton)*

*by Dr. Joost Pikkert, Academic Dean*

**T**aylor is entering into a milestone agreement with Vanguard College to share library resources between the two institutions. This allows both institutions to maximize principles of good stewardship of God's resources while providing significant shared savings to Taylor (likely more than \$100,000 per year). The arrangement preserves the Schalm Memorial Library collection, provide space and staffing to house and manage the collection, and provides ongoing access for Taylor students.

Terms of the arrangement are agreed in principal at this writing, and details are being finalized to allow students at both institutions access to the enormous holdings through the NEOS system of Edmonton University Libraries.

Students on the Taylor campus are expected to have full access to NEOS and all the books in the Edmonton University Library System, as well as to the Schalm Memorial Library collection. In addition, a small portion of the books will be stored at Taylor in a reference room that will be located in Benke Hall. All other books can be checked out, but will

now be stored at Vanguard College. Students who want to 'walk the stacks' can do so through the internet or by visiting Vanguard College (12140 - 103rd Street).

The relocation of the books will take place during the summer months – a significant project that will involve the coordinated effort of both institutions – and (hopefully) volunteers.

Taylor is excited about this developing partnership with Vanguard College. For years, these institutions have shared instructors and worked together on course and program development projects, and now these two evangelical institutions can more effectively maximize savings while promoting their God-ordained commission to train men and women for service in the kingdom of God.

Continue to pray for Taylor as we seek to partner with like-minded institutions to build the kingdom of God in a manner that maximizes God's glory, encourages good stewardship and builds unity in the body of Christ. **TB**



**Heather Breitzkreuz** (above, also on the front cover) is Taylor's newest employee, and the first employee of the E P Wahl Centre as "Event Coordinator"; she also oversees the ministry of White Cross in Canada. Heather lives on a farm west of Edmonton with her husband, **Renn**.

## Meet Heather Breitzkreuz, Wahl Centre Staff

*Okay, Heather, let's start with this: Where are you from?*

My father was in the Air Force, so I was a so-called "Base Brat." I've lived in Edmonton, Winnipeg, PEI and Germany. Now I live on a farm by Onoway.

*We know you love to read: name your favourite book, author, and website.*

A gift from my husband was the book, *The Tiger*, by Canadian author John Vaillant who is an incredible story-teller. It is the true story of a man-eating tiger set in Russia, which probably doesn't sound appealing, but was a book I devoured (pun intended!). *Author?* I am a big Donald Miller fan: his "non-religious thoughts on Christian spirituality" speak to this somewhat cynical Gen X-er. *Favorite website?* That's easy: Twitter. I follow my favourite authors/thinkers. Twitter is my personal learning network.

*Can you talk a bit about your experience in adult education?*

I've been with the University of Alberta, Faculty of Extension as a facilitator for a number of years, and I also work as a consultant doing Instructional Design and Course Development for numerous clients. A couple of years ago I realized that there is a hunger and a need for on-going educational opportunities for the Christian community too. I believe the Wahl Centre has a tremendous opportunity to be at the forefront of helping me see this vision through to reality – it's why I'm working here now!

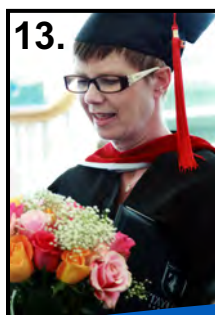
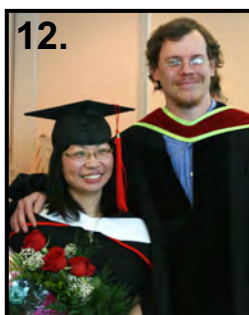
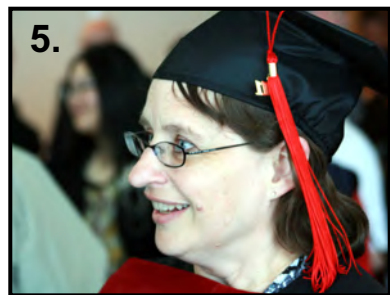
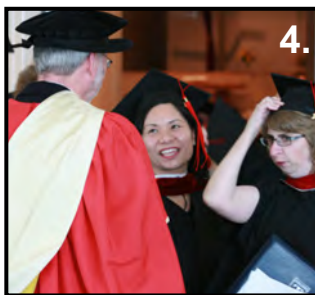
*What are the top three things on your Taylor 'To Do' list?*

I would love to host a Christian Women in Business Conference. I want to keep cultivating our current pool of talented and dedicated volunteers and recruit more to join us. And I want to keep getting the word out about the great things happening at the Wahl Centre. (If anyone feels anything is missing I'd love to talk to them about it.)

**Come and learn with us!**

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1. Taylor Seminary Class of 2011 stands with Mayor Stephen Mandel just before the grad ceremony. | 2. Valedictorian Ryan Schnee holds his daughter Kaija. | 3. Dawn Cunningham-Hall receives her diploma. | 4. New Testament Professor Dr. Syd Page congratulates Kit Ling Yau and Christine Enfield. | 5. Susan Hunter accepts congratulations from a friend. | 6. Dr. Doug Harink of the King's University College delivered the keynote address. | 7. Christine Enfield and Dawn Cunningham-Hall exhale after the ceremony – done! | 8. Lorna Pawluk reaches up the staircase to get hugs from friends. | 9. Kit Ling Yau receives flowers and hugs. | 10. Vui Ming Chee shares a laugh with adjunct professor Len Thompson (Urban Sanctuary). | 11. King Man "Philip" Chow shakes hands with President Dr. David Williams. | 12. Marine Kwan stands with Associate Professor Dr. Randal Rauser. | 13. Debra Karman admires the bouquet she received after the ceremony. Like many students, Debra was active in ministry throughout her studies.





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14. Some of the members of the **Class of 2011** are seen sitting in the front row as the commencement address is delivered by **Dr. Doug Harink**. 15. **Norma Pawluk** is beaming as she celebrates her MTS degree. 16. The evening before graduation, **Kit Ling Yau** announced at the graduation banquet that the Grad Gift for 2011 would be a contribution towards a new commercial dishwasher for Taylor. 17. **King Man "Philip" Chow** stands with his parents, **Kinlock and Janny Chow** of Hong Kong; Philip is now serving in the pastorate in Hong Kong. 18. Taylor President **Dr. David Williams** shares a laugh with a guest at the 2011 Grad Banquet.

### **2011 Scholarships and Academic Awards**

#### **Faculty Scholarship:** *Christine Enfield\**

This scholarship is awarded to the individual who achieves the highest grade point average during the two semesters of the current academic year. \*This is the second year in a row that Christine won this award.

#### **The Taylor Alumni Association Scholarship:** *Dr. Aaron Au*

This award acknowledges a student who has performed at an exceptional academic level, whose behaviour and conduct are exemplary, and who is seeking placement in full-time vocational ministry.

#### **Doris and Gerald Borchert Scholarship in New Testament Studies:**

*Wie "Evan" Yang*

This scholarship awarded to a second-year student who distinguishes him/herself in New Testament Studies.

#### **Dewey Intercultural Studies Award:** *Paul Chugg*

Former Taylor President Marvin Dewey and his late wife Becky established this scholarship to be awarded to the student who demonstrates competence in and concern for intercultural ministry.

#### **Sonnenberg Leadership Scholarship:** *Dr. Aaron Au*

This scholarship, established by the late Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg (former president), is awarded to a second-year student(s), to recognize outstanding leadership ability.

#### **William Sturhahn Preaching Award:** *Ryan Schnee*

Made possible by the family of Dr. William Sturhahn, this scholarship is for a graduating student who demonstrates special proficiency in preaching.

#### **Dan Leverette Memorial Scholarship:** *Jon Pettinger*

This scholarship is given to a Master of Divinity student committed to the practice of youth ministry and who is preparing for full-time vocational ministry with youth.

#### **Canadian Bible Society Award for Public Reading of Scripture:** *Susan Hunter*

Each year the Canadian Bible Society awards a Bible to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the public reading of Scripture.

We are deeply grateful for the friends of the seminary who have made these scholarships and awards possible. We thank you for your generosity.



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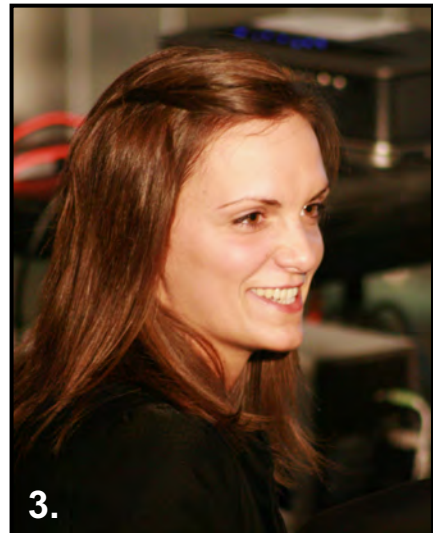
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**ABOVE:** 1. Calgary pastor (and Taylor alumni) **Ken VanderMeulen** (left) performs as Goliath – complete with Swiffer spear – in a hilarious training exercise during the *Fabulous Reinvention of Sunday School* with author **Aaron Reynolds** (right). The Calgary portion of the weekend event (March 12) was the Wahl Centre's first event outside of the Edmonton area, with more to come! | 2. The 'mother of all icicles' hangs from a roof drain on campus during a stubbornly long winter. | 3. **Natasha Korner** chats with a fellow student at the Sydney Awards, a campy awards program named for long-time professor **Dr. Syd Page**.

**BELOW:** 4. **Dr. Allan Effa** and some of the members of a study/missions team heading to Zambia in May took part in a "Concert for Compassion", a fund-raising concert that raised over \$10,000 for a medical clinic in Kakulu. | 5. **Dr. Randy Ritz** discusses Jesus' crucifixion with his audience after performing his one-man play *Barabbas* as part of the *onWORD* series at the Wahl Centre. | 6. Taylor student **Amy Israelson** visits with fellow students during the Sydney Awards. | 7. **Dr. Syd Page** eats with students and fellow faculty members as part of the Sydney Awards, named in his honor. The evening was an 'over-dress' affair, and elaborate clothing and costumes were encouraged. | 8. **Dr. Aaron Au** showcases an unusual talent during the Sydney Awards: he played his violin with the bow between his knees, moving the violin up and down the bow. | 9. Taylor student **Megan Jackins** wore a great hat for the Sydneys. | 10. **Dr. Stef Piva** was one of the winners at the Sydneys; Dr. Piva is pastor of Greenfield Baptist Church and an adjunct professor at Taylor, but he is moving this summer to the lower mainland. | 11. Taylor Seminary student **Nick Thiessen** was among the presenters at the Sydneys.



# News and Notes

## In Sympathy

**Henry Wirch**, who was one of Taylor's earliest students, passed away in January. He attended CTI in the early 1940's. Two of his children graduated from NABC (**Craig** in 1980 and **Darlene** in 1983) and one grandson, **Tyson** from Taylor University College (2002).

We also remember **Gertrude Otto**, who passed away on March 16, 2011.

Since we last published *The Bridge*, we received word of the passing of these other members of the Taylor family who passed away in 2010:

**John Sept** of Calgary, AB passed away in April 2010. His daughter, **Jeanette Lang**, wrote to say:

"My dad worked at NABC from 1978 to 1988 in the maintenance department. His name was John Sept. He passed away April 21, 2010 in Calgary after a struggle with Alzheimers. He is survived by his wife, **Lydia** (*nee* Bachler, CTI 1948) and a large extended family."

Others fondly remembered include:

**Werner Pankonin** – July 29, 2010

**Gerald Richter** – August 11, 2010

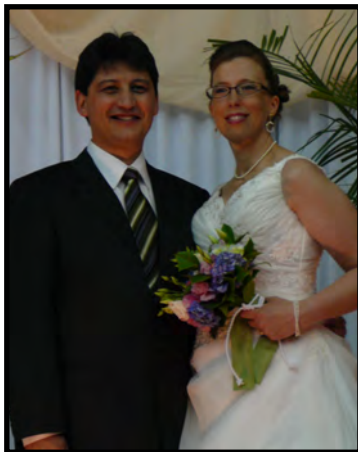
**Mavis Goehring** – Sept. 21, 2010

**Marion Sheppard** – November 16, 2010

**Arley Dickau** – November, 2010

## Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lyndell Campbell** ('90), who was married in Brazil on November 27th to **Paulo André**



**Réquia**. Lyndell and her husband work as church planters in Brazil, but until recently she has been serving as an NAB missionary in Brazil and working as Chaplain and Professor at the Rio Grande do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary. She has a long history with Taylor, having been a student at

NABC from 1986-1990, Women's Residence Director from 1992-1994, Associate Dean of Students and later Dean of Students from 1998-2002.

Other recent marriages to note:

**Andrea Neufeld & Cameron Reirson** – June 26, 2010 (both were Taylor alumni)

**Jennifer Hansen & Jeffrey Reirson** – August 28, 2010 (both were Taylor alumni)

**Correction:** In the Fall 2010 edition of *The Bridge*, we inadvertently got a bride's name wrong. **Nathan Nichols**, in fact, married **Chantel Taylor**. (The "Chantalle" we

mentioned, as lovely as she is, was not part of this wedding. Terrible, we know and, yes, we see the irony of getting the name wrong for someone named "Taylor"!)

## Alumni News

**Charmaine Jickling** ('93-94, NABC) (*nee* Bubenko) is currently living in Sacramento, California with her husband **Glen**. They are enjoying (most days!) the learning curve of parenting their 6-month old son **Cason**.

## John Bauer Issues a New CD



Singer/songwriter **Jon Bauer** released his latest album May 10th. *Forevermore* is Jon's 4th CD, and his US debut.

Featuring 10 worshipful songs (including eight written by Jon), it was produced by Dove Award-winner Rusty

Varenkamp. Visit [www.jonbauermusic.com](http://www.jonbauermusic.com) for more.

## Faculty and Staff News

### Rauser Book Published

**Dr. Randal Rauser** is celebrating the publication of a new book. *You're Not as Crazy as I Think* is a plea for Christians to find more agreeable ways to disagree. You can watch an interview with Dr. Rauser at Taylor's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/AllThingsTaylor](http://www.youtube.com/AllThingsTaylor)

### Lyle Buyer, PhD

Taylor congratulates adjunct professor **Dr. Lyle Buyer**, who has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation. Dr. Buyer, pastor of Edmonton's McKernan Baptist Church, teaches homiletics at Taylor Seminary.



### The Word in 2011

Taylor has published a new collection of sermon summaries from the start of the year. *The Word in 2011* followed a similar book last year, and is a compilation of pastoral vision for the new year.

The books are published online:

[www.taylorseminary.ca/newsarchives/159-the-word-in-2011](http://www.taylorseminary.ca/newsarchives/159-the-word-in-2011)

## Campus News

### Concordia High School Moving to Campus

A 90-year old Christian high school is moving to the Taylor campus, using space now owned by Eminata. Concordia offers Grade 9-12 programs in a residential setting; classes will begin this fall. [www.concordiahighschool.com](http://www.concordiahighschool.com).



## Alumni Updates

We invite you to 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](mailto:alumni@Taylor-Edu.ca). Telephone: 780-431-5200

# Alumni Profile - Mark Wollenberg

by Tim Willson



*Taylor alumnus Mark Wollenberg ('80) visited the campus recently to discuss the work of International Justice Mission, where he serves as Western Canadian Regional Representative.*

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a stirring in the church  
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**Student:** NABC '80 (BAR) (attended 1975-76, 1977-80)

**Hometown:** Langley, BC

**Home Church:** North Langley Vineyard (*pastored here for 10 yrs*)

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**Q: Mark, you are working with International Justice Mission, a highly-respected justice ministry -- can you take a moment to explain IJM's mission and what your role is as part of that organization?**

A: IJM is a Christian human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression in 13 countries, with 17 field offices around the world. Teams of IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local officials to ensure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators and to ensure that public justice systems - police, courts and laws - effectively protect the poor. These teams work tirelessly to intervene on behalf of those who suffer at the hands of human traffickers and business owners who profit from their businesses on the backs of slaves. In many places in the world there simply is no enforcement of the rule of law, especially for the poor. IJM takes the biblical call to “Seek justice and encourage the oppressed” (Isa. 1:17) as God's desire for his people to join him in this work of bringing justice to those who have no voice.

My role in serving at IJM is as the Western Canadian Regional Representative for IJM Canada. My role is to raise awareness about the work that IJM does by educating people in churches, schools, and businesses and to engage people to begin their own justice journey. I live in Langley, BC with my wife Brenda.

**Q: You have a background in pastoral ministry and now in "para-church ministry" -- tell us more about where your ministry journey has taken you and about the lessons you have been learning.**

A: I was a pastor and church planter for 25 years before I began working with IJM. One of the things that stuck with me from my New Testament theology class at Taylor was that Jesus was focused on the proclamation and demonstration of the Kingdom of God. One of the defining marks of that kingdom was a bias towards the poor (Luke 4:18). As a pastor, I was constantly guiding our church communities to find various ways to remember the poor around us.

I also began to travel to Asia and India where I encountered a whole new level of poverty existing in the world. However what I also saw in my travels was that poverty makes people vulnerable to those who can (and often *will*) abuse their power and take advantage of the poor. I noticed children were forced to work in slave-like conditions in sweat shops, and that young girls and women were forced into prostitution. Not only did I notice these conditions, but I observed that it did not seem as if anyone was defending the interests of the most vulnerable people in the world.

Upon returning to Canada after one of these trips I began to look at the scriptures again to see what God had to say about injustice. It is very clear when you look at what he says - He *hates* it! I remember preaching through the Book of Amos and realizing that not only does he hate injustice but he also gets upset when his people do nothing to oppose it. I began a journey of thinking about how the church can once again orient itself around a text like Micah 6:8 (“*Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God*”) or the restating of this verse by Jesus in Matt. 23:23.

I have come to believe that the mission of God to restore and redeem a broken world must include what we have called evangelism (helping people walk humbly with God), loving mercy by alleviating suffering that comes from people lacking the basic necessities of life (food, basic medical care, education, clean water), and ALSO a commitment to act justly - which requires us to defend the vulnerable and intervene on behalf of those who are oppressed.

I think the church has done quite well in the first two requirements. But right now I am seeing a stirring in the church to grow in the knowledge of what it means to act justly. This is why it is such a joy for me to work with IJM at this time. There is a readiness to begin to engage in a lifestyle of justice. It means we think about what we purchase and consume and ask ourselves was this product made on the back of a slave in another part of the world. If it is then we can choose not to buy it and look for an alternative choice. Acting justly also means that we look at issues of trafficking of women in the sex trade in our own cities and towns. I recently met a mother whose daughter was trafficked from Calgary to New York and then to Las Vegas where she disappeared. We need our city, and federal politicians to take seriously these issues that occur here in Canada as well as in other parts of the world.

***Q: What is your sense of how well the church is responding to the great needs of the world (human trafficking, human rights abuses, poverty, hunger, etc.)? Churches are sometimes portrayed as being less engaged with than we have been in the past (or than we could be); in your view, is that a fair characterization?***

A: I answered this earlier, but let me expand. The church is starting to realize that acting justly is something that is required of us by scripture, but many of us have little knowledge about the kind of injustice that takes place in the world today. I think again of Jesus' words in Luke 4:18 when he quoted the prophet Isaiah and said that he had come to bring freedom to the captives and release for the prisoners. Today, most of us live without the knowledge that there are approximately 27 million slaves in the world. Most people do not know that there are more slaves in the world today than the 1800's, when slaves were ripped out of Africa in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. These are people who are forced to work in cocoa and coffee plantations, brick kilns and rice mills, or in brothels and they have no option to leave. They are literally owned by someone else who sees them as a source of revenue for themselves. After drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest illegal enterprise in the world today (The ILO estimates the total market value of human trafficking to be in excess of USD \$32 Billion a year).

There are people today who need an advocate, someone to raise their voice on behalf of the voiceless, and say “Slavery must come to an end.” While I do not want to make huge generalizations I would say that those who are in their 30's and younger really get that the “gospel” message must include this required aspect of seeking justice. If the church wants to find relevancy and resonance with this generation then it must begin to look at how it will disciple people to act justly, along with loving mercy and walking humbly with God.

The last church that I pastored was very involved in learning what it meant to act justly. It created some great conversations as well as ministry outlets for our people to begin to live this out.



***Q: If I recall correctly, your roommate during your Taylor years was none other than Harry Lehotsky: what was that like?***

A: Yes, I did room with Harry Lehotsky for two years at NABC, and he certainly did have an influence upon my thinking about justice issues. We used to have these long conversations about what would happen if the church would see that justice was not a side issue for the few radicals, but a mainstream part of the life of a community. I think Harry was more courageous than most of us and went and lived among the poor right out of the starting blocks. When Harry was in seminary—and then when he graduated from seminary—he knew that he needed to live where the need was greatest. It took some of us a little

longer to get to where he was, but more and more we realize that the good news of the gospel truly is good news to those who are poor, oppressed and enslaved (and I am not just talking about *spiritually* oppressed).

I have heard stories and met individuals who were rescued and released from brothels where they were raped up to 20 times a day for the profit of their owner. The Kingdom of God breaks into our world when they are set free from those places of evil and darkness and given the opportunity to heal and begin a new life. I have a picture of a little girl who was born into slavery in a rice mill, but then the very next day after her birth she was rescued by our IJM team and local police. Her future has been forever altered. Before, it was one that had no hope—her parents were slaves and it was likely she would continue to suffer a similar fate in this same rice mill. But everything changed that day she was proclaimed free. Every time I look at her picture it reminds me that the good news we proclaim is truly good news to those who are enslaved.

One final comment about Harry. Harry really did give me a picture of “what could be” when the gospel—that includes justice—is proclaimed and demonstrated in the world.

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*-Mark Wollenberg ('80)*

**Q: When you think back on your student days, what stands out to you? What were some of the blessings from that time that have borne fruit for you?**

A: Probably the things that stand out for me about my time at NABC were the friendships and relationships that came from that time. I still count some of my closest relationships as those that were formed at NABC. While I may not see these people as much as I used to there is a deep bond that was established in my 4 years at NABC.

**Q: What are some of the things you are learning or the ways in which you are being stretched right now?**

A: I am thinking about how the call to act justly actually engages us as followers of Jesus in conversations with those who do not know him yet. I spoke at the UVic Law School in January of this year (the Christian Law Students invited me to come in and hosted a lunch for any other law students who wanted to join). There were about 60 people who ended up coming. I was warned that students (in particular law students at UVic) were pretty anti-Christian and that I should be prepared for some negative reaction when I mentioned that IJM was a Christian Human Rights organization. What I found was completely the opposite: the law students were very intrigued by what IJM was doing in the world. They asked about how my faith informed the work that IJM does in rescuing people who are oppressed. I think that if there is a way to show the world that we as followers of Jesus are engaged in the work of justice—and in many cases going to the most violent and evil places on earth—we can have a wonderful opportunity to help others along on their own faith journey.

**Q: Finally, how can the Taylor family be part of your ministry at IJM -- what are your needs and opportunities?**

A: Taylor can be a part of the work of IJM by doing what you already have done. You hosted a lunch time discussion with one of our IJM staff members who served in Cambodia as an aftercare worker with young girls (some as young as 5 or 6) who had been rescued from brothels. You are training leaders who will hopefully convey God's passion for justice and his desire to see his followers join him in the work of seeking justice.

You can also encourage people to check out our IJM Canada website at [www.ijm.ca](http://www.ijm.ca) and to find ways to support the work of justice around the world. IJM also has opportunities for people to do internships with us. While some of those internships are for people who have completed social work or law degrees there are a variety of other opportunities (communications, church relations, and government relations). TB



*Mark Wollenberg is the Regional Representative (Western Canada) for International Justice Mission. Before joining IJM Canada, Mark was a pastor for 25 years, leading established churches and developing four new church communities in Edmonton, AB and Yellowknife, NT; he most recently served as senior pastor of the North Langley Vineyard Church.*

*Mark has coached pastors and church planters in Canada and a number of countries in Asia, and has helped lead various city-wide inter-church events. He holds degrees from Taylor and Regent College. Mark and Brenda have five children; they reside in Langley, BC.*

*Churches in Western Canada that would like to have Mark come and share about justice and the work of IJM can contact him at [mwollenberg@ijm.ca](mailto:mwollenberg@ijm.ca). People in Central and Eastern Canada can email the office at [engage@ijm.ca](mailto:engage@ijm.ca). In the US, email [contact@ijm.org](mailto:contact@ijm.org).*

# Fall Courses at Taylor

## Semester Classes

Taylor's Fall Semester begins August 30th, and most semester classes will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the needs of the typical, working student. Classes will range from **CH 420 Church History** to **PL 633 Essentials of Christian Leadership** – check online for course details ([www.TaylorSeminary.ca](http://www.TaylorSeminary.ca), then follow the links to the Registrar's home page).

## Online Courses

A number of courses will be offered online, allowing students anywhere in the world to easily take courses such as **OT 417 Old Testament Intro**.

## Modular/Hybrid Courses

Week-long modular courses will be offered the weeks of September 26-30, October 24-28 and January 2-6 and 9-13. Courses on topics such as church planting, pastoral care, preaching and more.

## Weekend Courses

Invest a Friday evening and a Saturday on three different weekends this fall, and you'll have a full seminary course under your belt! It's a great option for the busy student.

<b>PC 536 Basic Counselling Skills</b>	Sept. 16-17, Oct. 14-15, Nov. 18-19	Edmonton
<b>PT 540 Spiritual Formation</b>	Sept. 23-24, Oct. 21-22, Dec. 2-3	Kelowna, BC
<b>NT 416 New Testament Intro</b>	Sept. 23-24, Oct. 28-29, Dec. 2-3	Medicine Hat, AB

Visit us online, call us at 780-431-5200 (800-567-4988) or email [Rick@TaylorSeminary.ca](mailto:Rick@TaylorSeminary.ca) for more information on these educational opportunities.

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THE EVERYWHERE GOD  
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the conference

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***Out of the Believer's Heart***, Julie Drew  
Oil and Ink on Handmade Paper and Canvas; 30x 15, 36x 18, 30x 15

#### **ABOUT THE ARTIST**

**Julie Drew** (BFA, Pacific Lutheran University) was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Edmonton with her family in 1997. For her, art is an exploration into God's creation, an adventure into the depths and nuances of color, light, shadow and shape, and she loves to combine art and worship. She and her husband Sam are connected to Taylor through the Urban Sanctuary. Of this triptych, which is based on Ezekiel 47 and John 7:37-39, she writes:

*The water flows from the temple and where it goes it brings life. In John, the water, living water (Holy Spirit), flows out of the believer's hearts. As the Spirit works through us, in us, surrounding us with His love, we are part of the bringing of life to the world around us.*

*Although it may be difficult to tell from this reproduction, the dry desert part of this painting is handmade "onionskin" paper and the lower land area is a yellow "Cottonwood seed" paper, both of which I made and used for added texture; the rough edges end at the bank of the river.*

This painting is part of the Living Water series, and is presently on display at Taylor.

*Calling All Artists!*

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