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by ANDREW SIEBERT

"I don't expect you to fail! I expect you to go on with God!"
The words of Gary Fullerton, KBI staff member, rang with purpose and conviction at the graduation banquet.

Kicking off the 2013 Spring Conference & Graduation weekend, the KBI graduation banquet was a wonderful time of affirming and celebrating our two diploma graduates, Steve Sullivan and Chris Viola. We had an uplifting time together of recognizing God's work in their lives, and encouraging them to continue. "It's not what we've done," they replied. "It's what God has done in us. We give Him the glory!"

We give Him the glory, too! As the weekend continued, we were challenged and encouraged with messages from Greg Cornelsen and Juan Manigault, directors with Teen Challenge Alberta. Both of our 2013 KBI graduates had previously completed the Teen Challenge program, so it was a unique blessing to hear about the organization which helped prepare them for KBI.

Saturday night was a highlight of the weekend. It was a special time of remembering what God has done here, and giving Him glory.

As the evening progressed, we heard about the early Bible camps and informal Bible school in Unger's basement; we heard Bill Friesen describe the official start of KBI in 1973; we heard Jimmy Keesic share about being the first student here; and we heard about the impact of KBI on so many people through the years.

We can't help but praise God! He is so wonderful, so good, so great, so deserving of all glory and honor. He has truly done great things through this ministry, and we are so blessed to be part of what He has done in staff and student hearts! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! I can't say it enough! Although it's not easy to say goodbye or think of KBI closing down, and although it wasn't our desire, we do rejoice in what

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Bill & Shirley Jackson



Steve Sullivan, Jimmy Keesic, Chris Viola - 2013 Grads and 1st Student



Eric & Michelle Sinclair



Teens



Friends



Moberlys & Vera Bobocel*



Beven Ward



1st & 2nd Years

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God has done here over the years. Even through the tears of disappointment and the sadness of closing this ministry, we give God glory.

Sunday afternoon brought the last graduation of Key-Way-Tin Bible Institute. One last time we set up the chairs, stage, sound system. One last time the graduates filed down the aisle, received their diplomas and gave their speeches. One thing was new, however – because the first- and second-year students couldn't complete their three years at KBI like normal – we gave certificates of recognition for their time here.

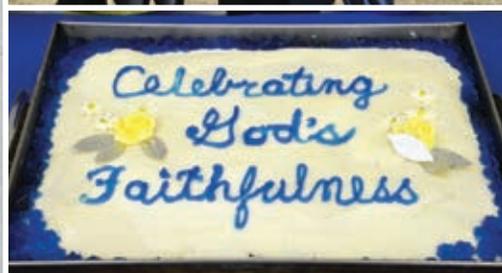
One last time the post-graduation mixture of joy and sadness fills our hearts with conflicting emotions. We rejoice in seeing these students go on to the future God has for them; but there is sadness as we say goodbye and as our KBI family is broken up again, for the last time. God is still present, though, and in ways sometimes large and sometimes small, He continues to work. We know that He has and will continue to be faithful. To Him be the glory! ●



KBI Jersey



Old Friends



*Vera Bobocel and her husband were the previous owners of some of the KBI property.





Ross & Marianne Amy

We do not have long-term plans at this time. Pray that God would lead us day by day and show us what His will is.



Myrna Patenaude

Lord willing, I will be going to Roach, Missouri to attend New Tribes Mission's Missionary Training Center. This training is what NCEM requires for new candidates and encourages for present missionaries. The training will be three semesters: August 2013 to June 2014, and August 2014 to December 2014. Pray that I would continue to rest in the Lord to take care of my family back home; for the move from Canada to the States; and for all the transitions that go with the move. The Lord is trustworthy!



Ron & Sandra Eagles

We are very thankful that we have had this opportunity to serve at KBI. It has been a rewarding experience. After Melissa (our daughter) & Andrew's baby is born, we are planning to return to our home in New Brunswick. Future plans are uncertain, but we would like to be involved in a ministry of evangelism. Please pray for clear direction.



Dave & Dorlene Petkau

The Lord is leading us to Big River, SK. Age-wise we may be "re-tired," but energy and calling-wise we are "re-treading" for new opportunities of ministry, including Big River Bible Camp. Pray for the sale of our house and our move.



Tony & Janet Ens

We are planning to return to Whitehorse, Yukon, where we moved from five years ago to come to KBI. We look forward to reconnecting with the people there. Pray for the working out of various details, for all the adjustments that come with any move, and for God's clear guidance in regard to ministry focus.



Andrew & Melissa Siebert

We are thankful for the privilege of serving at KBI and sad that it is closing. However, we are anticipating the arrival of our baby around June 20th, and then plan to begin three semesters of missionary training in August at Durham, ON. Pray for quick adjustments to life with a baby, and for a wise balance of family life and training.



Gary & Elaine Fullerton

We have been asked to remain on campus along with one other couple. For the next year we anticipate helping to do general maintenance, grass cutting and snow plowing, and some outreach. Please pray for us to have direction to work with whatever organization takes over the campus, or to move on somewhere else.



Frank & Lori Ward

Greetings! We have not made a decision yet as to what we will be doing. We are so thankful for a Sovereign God who knows all things. We desire to teach God's truth, possibly in a pastoral role. Pray for God's leading, and for our children to transition well. ●



Bobby & Veronica Moberly

We will be staying on campus to help keep it maintained. We hope to visit nearby communities. This summer we will be helping out at Pine Ridge Bible Camp for two weeks of Junior Camp. Pray with us for God's direction in future ministry.



A Special Place

Tony Ens

On behalf of the KBI Executive Committee

“Ambivalence” (according to Wikipedia) is defined as: “a state of having simultaneous, conflicting feelings toward a person or thing.” Stated another way, ambivalence is “the experience of having thoughts and/or emotions of both positive and negative valence toward someone or something.”

That’s an accurate description of how I felt before our Spring Conference & Graduation. On the one hand, I was the last person who would want to oversee the last Conference & Grad at KBI. On the other hand, when it came to being involved in recognizing and celebrating the achievements of our students and sending them off into God’s plans for their futures, there was no other place I would rather be! And it was this second emotional response that dominated, making the Conference & Grad a blessing to oversee.

Questions do come to mind as the Bible school ministry here shuts down. When we took a year off (back in 2010-11) to retool and rethink how we might make KBI more effective, we also had informal coffee shop discussions about questions like: What would effective discipleship look like if there were no Bible schools? Could discipleship continue to happen as Christ builds His Church, even if there were no Bible schools?

KBI has been a special place for many people. I’m reminded of another special place: the temple in Jerusalem. After it was built, Solomon gave a prayer of dedication in 1 Kings 8. Included in that prayer is this question: “But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!” (1 Kings 8:27 NIV).

Herod’s temple of the New Testament times was also quite special. It impressed at least one of Jesus’ disciples. Mark 13:1-2 says: “As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!’ ‘Do you see all these great buildings?’ ... replied Jesus. ‘Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down’ (NIV). The temple would not be needed for what God was going to do through the Church.

Some may conclude by these words that I feel that the era of Bible schools is soon coming to an end. I personally don’t feel that will happen in the near future. True, other Bible schools are seeing declining enrollments and other challenges. But some Bible schools are doing very well, even opening an extension

campus, in one case. And there are certain advantages to setting aside time to learn and grow at a Bible school.

Ultimately, though, I think it is healthy for church leaders to ask, “How can we better disciple and train believers in the Word of God in our churches?” I think of these words in Acts 2:41-42: “Those who accepted (Peter’s) message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (NIV).

I feel the above Scripture is a brief summary of discipleship. How devoted are we to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer? I am especially concerned about whether we as believers in Canada have neglected some of these things, especially the apostles’ teaching and prayer.

I’m not sure exactly how God will use the KBI staff as we move on from here. But my hope and prayer is that we will still be used by God to effectively disciple believers ... wherever we are. ●

This is the final Kontakt. Thank-you for your interest in the ministry and for faithfully praying for KBI through the years. Please continue to pray for NCEM leadership as they determine God’s will for the KBI property.

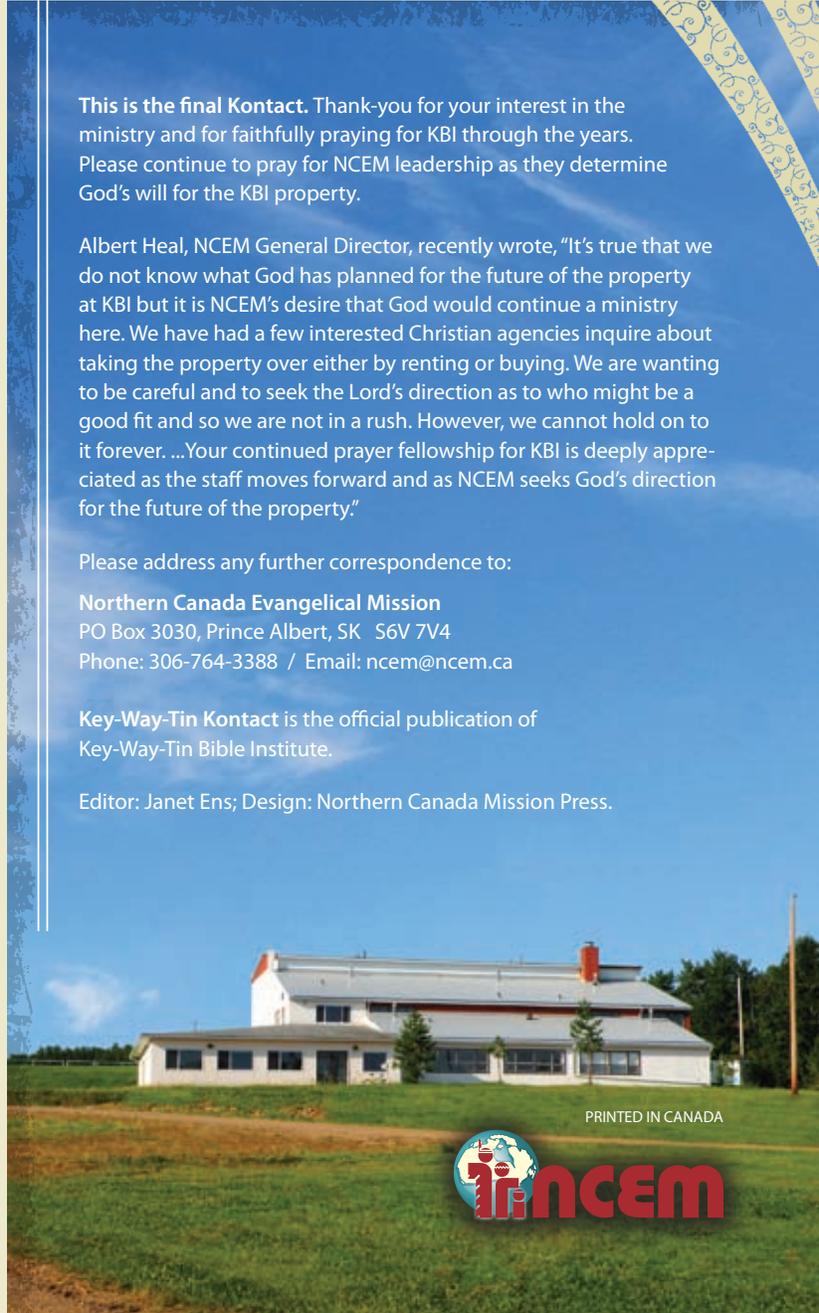
Albert Heal, NCEM General Director, recently wrote, “It’s true that we do not know what God has planned for the future of the property at KBI but it is NCEM’s desire that God would continue a ministry here. We have had a few interested Christian agencies inquire about taking the property over either by renting or buying. We are wanting to be careful and to seek the Lord’s direction as to who might be a good fit and so we are not in a rush. However, we cannot hold on to it forever. ...Your continued prayer fellowship for KBI is deeply appreciated as the staff moves forward and as NCEM seeks God’s direction for the future of the property.”

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