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Tyndale Fund Update

Thank you for your support and partnering with Tyndale to shape a generation who is able to interact with the world in relevant ways. A generation who is resilient to resistance they face as salt and light. Your support makes it possible to continue preparing students with disciplined minds, transformed characters, and passionate faith. Thank you!

To date, 21%* has been raised of the Tyndale Fund's \$1.8-million need this fiscal year. Your gifts support the Tyndale experience by impacting programs, scholarships and bursaries, faculty, staff, activities and infrastructure. Real, practical needs are met today so that the needs of tomorrow can be met by Tyndale graduates who will go out into the world. Together with your faithful support, Tyndale can ensure the quality Christian post-secondary education it provides will continue. Please prayerfully consider joining us now and in the months to come.

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*As of August 31, 2016

Our need this year
is \$1.8 million by
April 30, 2017.

\$1,427,761 needed

\$372,239 raised as
of August 31, 2016

A New Kind of Missionary Call

The social and religious landscape of Canadian society has changed radically in the last decade. The dramatic decline in church attendance, and the growing numbers of religious “nones” has led to the West becoming a mission field. We can no longer assume our neighbours have any understanding of the Christian faith.

Dr. Janet Clark, Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary, says that a new kind of missional call is needed for this generation of students. We need the skills to understand culture, to speak faith from the margins, to move into neighbourhoods and live faithfully with those around us. “Being in mission with God is to be in relationship with people,” says Dr. Clark. The sacrificial love of Christians continues to draw people to Christ.

Students and alumni of Tyndale Seminary are embracing the new missional call. They are grappling with how to live out their faith in their neighbourhoods and communicate with people for whom the language of faith is a foreign one. As Dr. Clark says, to be missional, “We must be able to translate the Good News in ways that can be heard and understood.”

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Honouring Rev. John Kao

Tyndale University College & Seminary, with the support of the Association of Christian Evangelical Ministries (Canada) (ACEM) and generous supporters, officially dedicated the John Kao Global Leadership Study Centre this past spring.

"We are celebrating the legacy of an incredible Christian leader and his visionary approach to ministry in Toronto and around the world," says Dr. Gary Nelson.

Rev. Kao's legacy is strongly felt today. He was integral in church planting in Toronto, where he and his wife, along with six other families, initiated a movement that grew into the ACEM, with 12 churches and a Sunday attendance of over 8,000. He had a heart for education and the preparation of the next generation.

"We make a good investment to prepare the hearts of our young people so that the seed of the words of God may grow."

- Rev. John Kao





Planning Pays Off

Caleb Courtney [MTS - Pentecostal Studies 2016] is a husband, father of four, high school teacher, worship leader and also the first Tyndale Seminary student to complete the Master of Theological Studies program in just one calendar year.

He knew he could only afford a one-year leave to complete his masters, so he began planning six years ago. Caleb has seen God open every door along the way. A percentage of his salary was saved over several years to fund a leave from his teaching job. He also received several scholarships making it financially viable. During his studies, staying organized and taking advantage of flexible course modes made it possible for him to still put his family time first.

Caleb is now returning to work and plans to take on more of a teaching role at his church. "People have this idea of full-time ministry as being full-time in a church," he says. "I think every believer is called to be in full-time ministry in whatever their life situation."

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Breaking Barriers

While finishing his final university semester at Tyndale, **Curtis Hartshorn** [BA Biblical Studies and Theology 2016] taught a class of 20 seminary students in Malawi, some of whom had disabilities that were not being accommodated. One of his students was a young blind man struggling to remember the material. Curtis gave the student a voice recorder so he could listen again to the lectures and record notes. The young man achieved a top score on the final exam.

The Baptist Seminary in the area where Curtis was staying had found themselves short of one Church History professor, and the principal asked him to step in. Curtis designed an entire course curriculum in two weeks and then taught it over the next 10 weeks.

The seminary continues to use the curriculum he developed for them. He says that the experience affirmed his calling that he first discovered at Tyndale – to pursue ministry. “In Malawi, there are so many restrictions ... blind, poor – but the people don’t see barriers,” Curtis says. “I think I invent barriers. I realized after spending time there that I can do ministry right now.”

While in Malawi, his wife **Sylvia Hartshorn** [BA Business Administration - International Development 2017] interned with Disabled Women in Africa (DIWA) and developed an evaluation framework to ensure the government follows through with policies that empower disabled women.

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God is My Rock

"I think one thing Team Canada is known for is the comeback," says **Sonja Hotke** [BA Psychology 2011], a member of the national ball hockey team. "We might be down a couple of goals, but we don't give up." Over the past four years, Sonja has also coached the Junior Team Canada and introduced ball hockey at a children's summer camp in Slovakia.

She helps her team grow in athletic ability and in character. "The way you act off the court reflects how you act on the court," she says. "It's important to support the other players even though you may not be the first-line player." This year the Junior World Championship garnered media attention. "It was a defining moment in the players' lives that they will always remember," she says.

While studying at Tyndale, Sonja played on the floor hockey team, where Christian sportsmanship was key, and it prepared her to be a better player and coach. "No matter what happens on or off the court, God is my rock and support," she says.

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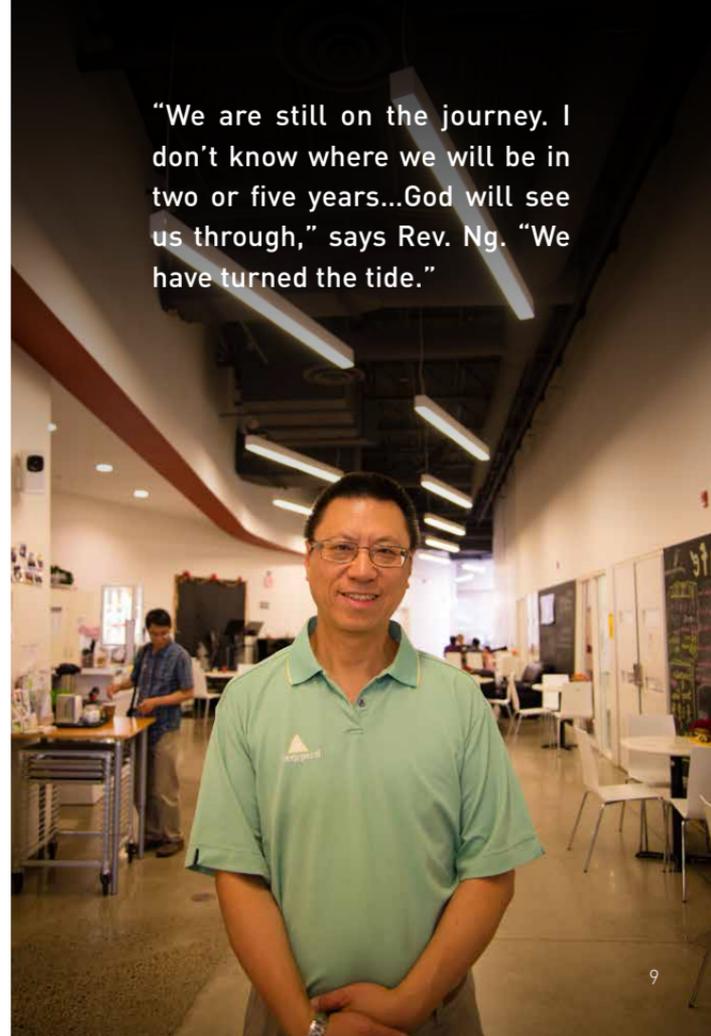


Turning the Tide

The vision of **Rev. Harding Ng** [M.Div. 1989] and the Toronto Christian Community Church is to see a reduction in school drop outs, crime and elderly neglect in their community. They opened the Gibson Centre three years ago and the impact is immeasurable. The heart of the community centre is, as Rev. Ng puts it, "to go into society and roll up our sleeves to serve according to the needs of the community".

The road has not been an easy one. "Some naysayers left the church...we probably lost over 200 people. So there have been some hard times," says Rev. Ng. The community is hearing the gospel as they engage with the outreach programs, including a youth centre, drop-in centers, community classrooms, a thrift store and a seniors' wellness program that has grown to a weekly attendance of over 400.

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Boundaries on the Frontline

“If you walk down Yonge Street or anywhere in Toronto, there will be a place where someone is being exploited,” says **Arleen Gomez** [MDiv Counselling 2015]. “[Exploitation] is so much around us that we don’t even know the extent of it. And it’s in our own backyard.”

In the daytime, Arleen works on the frontlines with the marginalized in downtown Toronto at Yonge Street Mission. In the evenings, she is the live-in housing coordinator for another non-profit organization helping women who have been sex-trafficked or exploited in other ways. “In counselling, you only see the client for an hour once a week. The live-in role is working with clients towards a goal and seeing them every day. It’s less structured, and it’s more natural,” she says.

During a season of rest at Tyndale Seminary, Arleen also learned about boundaries. “When you are serving the vulnerable, you are bound to burn out,” she says. “It’s easy to become jaded. What I learned was how to retreat and refresh.”

Upcoming Events

Mental Health First Aid: For Adults Who Interact with Youth // October 5 & 12, 2016

The Wounded Healer Leadership Workshop // October 15, 2016

Faithful Fathers, Determined Daughters: A Parenting Seminar for Dads of Girls // October 22, 2016

Christmas in the Chapel // December 3, 2016

Family Systems and their Ability to Cope with Death & Grief // January 18, 2017

Spiritual and Biblical Resources to Cope with Death and Loss // February 24 & 25, 2017

Canadian Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Conference // March 31, 2017

Spring in the Chapel // April 1, 2017

Wesley Studies Symposium // April 24, 2017

Celtic Spirituality Study Tour // May 21–31, 2017

John Wesley Study Tour // June 4 –13, 2017

500th Anniversary of the Reformation // September 16, 2017

Homecoming // September 30, 2017

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