



Exciting Library Developments

By Jim Holston

Having access to a good library is indispensable to a good academic education. We are working hard at GLBC to continually improve our library. The last few months have been an exciting and busy time.

This summer Ashley Hibbard and I completed cataloguing the Western Christian College collection. We have now catalogued almost 7000 volumes in our library.

In recent months we received a major book donation from Don Shackelford, estimated at 2000 plus volumes. Other donations have come from Michael Ensley, Glen Robins, Ashley Hibbard, and me. All of these high quality books are waiting to be processed.

To accommodate the new volumes we have been blessed with a new/used set of bookcases donated by Great Lakes Christian High School.

In addition to those mentioned above, I wish to thank the following people: Lionel Weir and David Carruthers for transporting and assembling the new bookcases, Art and Ruby Ford for cleaning and polishing the bookcases, Moises Velasco, Ron Garner, Dave Knutson, and Ashley Hibbard for moving boxes, David Nিকেle for serving as a carpenter's assistant, James Holston for helping to create an inviting study area and for work on the library computer, Eric Knutson and Dave Knutson for computer work, Ron Garner and Kim Huliganga for unboxing and shelving books, Dave Knutson for boxing the Shackelford collection for delivery here, and Samson Ling for assistance in transporting the Shackelford books from Arkansas.

Our library is in the best shape ever and the very best is yet to be.

Glory to God!

Study area



Shelves installed by Dave and Lionel



Waterloo experience

Paul Rasmussen

When I started my post-secondary education, I had no plans to become a preacher. Considering the way that things are turning out, I wonder if perhaps God was amused when

he saw what I'd mapped out for myself. I spent a lot of hours making plans and then more hours worrying, especially when things did not go at all according to plan. What I have learned over the past few years is that the Lord's plans for me have turned out to be quite different from my own. For that I am eternally grateful.

Currently, I am interning with the Waterloo church of Christ and it has been a wonderful experience. My activities range from organizing and planning ministries, to working one on one with people whose lives are all

about their personal walk with Jesus. This has been a real blessing to me. GLBC has prepared me for this work by honing my skills and my knowledge. It has taught me how to be a student, how to organize my days, and how to get assignments in on time and to meet deadlines. Perhaps more importantly, I have come to a broader and deeper knowledge of God and of his word. I have learned to depend on God and to seek his will for my life.

On behalf of the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul asked the Lord that they might: "be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col 1:9).

I feel that God has used the Bible College as a vehicle to help me discern my life and the world around me with spiritual wisdom. I have a long way to go, but the Bible College has given me an excellent foundation for a life of service and spiritual discernment.



Ottawa experience

David Nickelle

I spent 11 weeks living with Rob MacRury and his family while working with the Riverview Park Church of Christ. I summarize my experience by saying, "I learned more of what not to do, than what to do." I preached eight Sundays for the Riverview Park

Church, the West Ottawa Church and the Spanish Speaking Church. Each of them wished I could spend more time with them.

Preaching taught me valuable lessons that I have taken to heart and put into practice. The most important is that Jesus should be paramount in any sermon. If Jesus is not the focus, can it really be considered a sermon? Perhaps I am still young to be making a bold statement like that, but this is something I have discovered .

In addition to preaching I also led devotions with the youth. We started with only a handful and grew to about fifteen. I focused mainly on introducing Christianity, and the doctrines and practices of Christians to an audience of mostly unbaptized young people in Christian homes. In addition to this, time was dedicated to indoor/outdoor games, hanging out and snacks provided by sisters in the church.

I started a Men's Accountability Group, mainly for prayer, discussion, confession, accountability and when needed, correction. This group has remained small, but I have faith that it will grow as men in the church see its value.

During the Sunday night and the midweek services I taught the young peoples' class. Although difficult, it went fairly well. As we studied Ruth, I learned that I too am still a student. I regret not knowing more going into the teaching portion of my time. The young people in Ottawa are full of questions and are not afraid to voice their opinions and beliefs. I appreciate their openness and gained wisdom from their insights.

I miss Ottawa because of its beauty. I miss the church even more. The brothers and sisters I met there will remain in my heart until the Day of days comes. I hope to visit them again in the near future to encourage them as they have encouraged me. As a third year student, I could not ask for a better internship than the one granted me by God and the Ottawa church. I thank them and encourage anyone passing through to stop in if they want to be welcomed with a brotherly handshake and sound insight into the Word of God.

Overall, my experiences were full to the brim with brotherly love and welcome from the churches there. I learned a great deal from Rob and his family in those few short months about the trials and blessings of being a member of God's kingdom on earth and being a member of a family within the body. Rob's work at church, in members' homes, in outreach and in helping me with my personal struggles gives me great insights into my future work with the church.

Spending time with the brothers and sisters of the three churches in Ottawa showed me that though we may not all agree on the same things or speak the same languages, we in the kingdom all love God and do our best to serve him.

Your Church and Internship

David Knutson

Jesus planned for his work to continue long after he went back to heaven. For that to happen, someone had to stay and do the work. So Jesus chose twelve disciples and mentored them. He singled them out for special training. He immersed them in his teachings and engaged them in ministry to such an extent that neither doctrine nor practice was allowed to take on a life of its own.

It's no surprise then that the apostles of Jesus used his method of leadership training. When the time came, the apostle Paul chose Timothy and Titus. They joined his mission team and learned both by hearing and doing. Long after they were ministering on their own, Paul kept on mentoring. We get an inside look at that whole process in the letters that he wrote to each. Perhaps most important of all, he insisted that they 'pay it forward'.

To Timothy he wrote:

“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Tim. 2:2)

As long as faithful men, teach faithful men who in turn do the same, there will be faithful leaders in the church. Leaders in the Lord's church are responsible for training other leaders. This method has served the church well. But the catch is that there are no shortcuts. It takes time and effort to raise up leaders who are worthy of the work, and who look to the future by training others.

The question is, “where will our next generation of leaders come from?” Will they choose themselves, teach themselves and train themselves? Or, will faithful men, teach faithful men and so on and so on? While there may be exceptions, this is not currently our practice. Most of the students at Great Lakes Bible College have chosen themselves and in that sense are on their own. They have not been chosen by mentors or sent by their home congregation.



Now let me clarify something about the role of Great Lakes Bible College. We exist as a resource for churches. We are not a substitute for the church nor do we assume the responsibility of the church. It's not our job to find and motivate your leaders. Yet leadership training is what we are about and academic studies are what we do best. Students of God's word may compress many years of learning into just a few by studying with us. At the same time, there is no substitute for on-the-job training. The school cannot do what only the church and its leaders can.

God is calling all of the leaders in his church to find and mentor other leaders. As you do, Great Lakes Bible College wants to help with their training. Right now, we have some students without mentors. They have come on their own and need a place to serve. Please invite them to learn from you and to minister in your congregation.

This is a partnership with a future. May we work together for the glory of God.

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Thanks to those who responded in the Spring. If you didn't, we're giving another opportunity. Please take a moment now to reply if you wish to keep receiving these Newsletters.

We are facing dramatic increases in the cost of postage in 2014. Yet we want to keep you informed of the good work of GLBC; however, there are ways to decrease our costs and improve the effectiveness of each dollar we receive. This can be done in two ways.

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