

Alumni Profile

David Reimer

By Steven Friesen

Quick Facts:

- Attended NBI/NBC from Fall of 2001 to Spring 2002
- Served as Alumni President from Spring 2003 to Fall 2006
- Married to Marsha Leanne on August 8, 2009
- Children – Grayson Calvin born June 8, 2010
- Lives in Osler Saskatchewan
- Works at the Saskatoon University in the animal science dairy unit
- Hobbies/Interests include building a life with his family, sports, being creative in working with wood and metal, and also creativity in improving plants species and in increasing milk production in cattle.

Steven: Wow, it is almost ten years now since we were both in the same first year class together at NBC. Is there something from that year that really stands out in your memory?

Dave: When I came to NBC I was super naive! I think growing up in the Mennonite culture really gave me tunnel vision. Throughout that year it became increasing more incredible to see God work in so many different ways than I could have imagined. Watching the lives of so many young believers from others cultures gave me a scope of God's grace and His creative ways of calling people. Mr. Martin Blumrich who was on the faculty at the time was a very real man living a very real life. I felt that I could relate to some of the realities that he faced, and I really appreciated that. God bless him.

Steven: Many people who first attend Bible College come right after having completed high school. You came to NBC after you had been out of grade school for awhile. What made you decide to attend Bible College at that point in your life? What would you say to people of different ages who may be contemplating whether to attend Bible College or not?

Dave: In the fall of 2000 I was in a very deep soul searching time of my life. I realized Christ's imminent return, not necessarily that it would be that year or in the near future, but I was doubting my salvation at that point if I was to pass away. I always had a keen interest in prophecy and end times or Revelation, which brought me to attend a few end times' conferences. After a weekend of hearing bible prophecy and making a recommitment I began searching for a congregation to fit in with, and simultaneously knew, supernaturally, that I was going to attend NBI. After hearing the bible prophecy and realizing the truth of God's word and my lack of Bible knowledge, it confirmed for me my need to go to Bible College.

As for people of different ages contemplating Bible College, age has no bearing on our need for Bible knowledge. If God calls you to attend a class at 65 or 75 or 85, go for it! An old farmer once told me, "Investing in one year of Bible College has a lifetime of returns and benefits."

Steven: After your year at NBC you were involved on the Alumni Association serving as president for four years. What were some of the blessings and benefits of serving and supporting the school in this way?

Dave: The blessing of serving on the Alumni association was the communication with the alumni, their friends, and the children of alumni. Seeing the impact that NBC has on the lives of missionaries, pastors, and the average working person and how society benefits through these people, that is huge! I will never undermine the calling of a missionary or pastor, but to watch a lay person dedicating his life to what God has called him to do and using that to fulfill the great commission in his own way is a special thing to see for me.

Steven: What importance do you see for us as Alumni to remain active and connected to the school even after we have moved on to the next chapter of our lives?

Dave: Simply put, every ministry needs money. I have the greatest respect and admiration for staff, faculty, and the board of directors. The work that they do is really incredible. I have never felt the need to do an activity to provide financially for an organization, but the Holy Spirit does remind me when and to which organization I need to invest in, sometimes with urgency. Another important reason for alumni to remain active is to be spiritually encouraged. If this does not happen at the alumni retreat please keep reading the NBC letters. Mr. Wes Fehr writes great stuff with passion and that always encourages me.

Steven: There have been a lot of things that have happened in your life in the past couple of years. It wasn't that long ago that you were seeking God's will and praying for Him to bring a soul mate into your life, now you are married and have been blessed with a son, tell us a bit about that.

Dave: Marsha my soul mate is very special to me. Words cannot express that enough. If you can imagine a prayer being answered after asking God for thirty-two years, that's awesome. I must say God isn't done with me yet. I still need a lot of sharpening and refining. I must have spent over five years reading all the books on dating and marriage, but there is really no better information than listening on bended knee and finally hearing the direction from God Himself.

The woman I married is more skilled than I had asked for. Her skills and talents surpass those of many women. I must say her mothering instincts are 100%. Watching her interact with Grayson, God's creation through us, is incredible and makes me feel like a king. There are not many greater feelings of stability than of coming home to the same women every day, to have here beside me every day to conquer our portion of the world.

Steven: What words of encouragement/wisdom would you give to those out there who may be struggling in their singleness and wondering if God will bring a spouse into their life?

Dave: Wow. That is a deep question that touches more lives than many people imagine. Marriage's, divorce's, singleness, common-law's, one nighters', friendship's - society has grossly confused the parameters of all of these relationships and stages of life. It use to be that the most negative portions of relationship were somehow confined to stardom, but today they have become so commonplace that our neighbourhoods, families, and even churches fall apart because of it.

It is not just singleness that involved struggling. Struggling can happen in any stage of life. It is how you see your struggle that determines the outcome because God knows where you are at. It is human nature to wonder about a future spouse and/or just the future in general. Wondering can be good, but struggling can be filled with worry, and we know what the Bible says about worrying.

If I was to speak wisdom it would be that not everyone will get married, and this may be best according to the Apostle Paul as he says in Corinthians. Not that we like that answer, but that could be the reality for some. The curious nature of wondering sometimes brings hope, and hope is powerful. As for encouragement cling to the hope that is in you. I can only imagine most singles wanting to be loved and give love as intended by a spouse because I feel that it is through my spouse that I realize my full humanity and my created significance through God. Marsha and I pray for our single friends on a regular basis.

Steven: What kind of things has God been teaching you in your life right now?

Dave: The verses in Proverbs 3:5-6 on trusting the Lord and not leaning on my understanding have become very real to me in almost every area of my life. My schedule, like most people's, is really full. These verses become really important in encouraging one to do well in life. Being a new husband and father changes my perspective on how I respond to different situations in my life. God gave the world to Adam for him to conquer, and a wife to do it with, including teaching children. For me to exclude the pull of society and worldwide turbulence, and to see and focus on only my portion of the world to conquer, gives my life a whole lot of meaning. Some of the

things that I see as my portion in this life are living daily life with people, exchanging help with others, sharing my resources of tools and machinery with others, teaching my skills to others, and hosting people for meals or a wiener roast. My wife Marsha and son Grayson have helped me in gaining these perspectives.

Steven: What church is your family attending right now? What kind of things is your family involved in within your church?

Dave: We attend Osler Mission Chapel. Right now we are youth sponsors for the Senior Youth there. Marsha also teaches grade two Sunday School, and has a passion to reach out to other women, especially those new to the church. We are also involved at the board of director's level at Torch Trail Bible Camp, which is one of the camps that our church supports.

Steven: Thanks so much for sharing with us. I hope that your words can be a blessing to all of our readers. Do you have any closing remarks?

Dave: NBC staff and students have given me thousands of words of encouragement over the year, which is a portion of the college environment that I really miss. May God bless these words to someone and lift their heart today, just be encouraged, and praise be to God for the many blessings he gives to us without our asking. I enjoy more things in this world than I have asked God for. Praise the Lord!