

RIVERS

OF LIVING WATER

October 2019



FROM THE PRESIDENT

John & Audrey Loge

Yesterday there was a downpour of rain mixed with hail at our farm outside Nipawin. Normally I love storms. This year, however, I felt what many of you have felt—my hay crop is being ruined! Swaths of winter feed for our small herd of dairy cattle had not been baled yet. It was not the first rain on my first crop of hay.

Two things caught my attention in the middle of the rain: the beautiful double rainbow in the eastern sky and my wife praising the Lord for the rain. One is a recurring evidence of God's faithfulness (never has God sent another flood over the whole earth—He keeps His promises!). The other is an appropriate response to whatever God sends our way. Ephesians 5:20 says, *"Always give thanks to God for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* The Word (Philippians 4:6) also tells me not to be anxious for anything, but *"in everything with prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God."*

I began to pray and have thanked God for the rain. Our garden (in very sandy soil) loves the regular rains. The 40-foot evergreens in front of our house did not become giants without consistent

water. The rainbow and my wife's response to the storm helped me to refocus. God will take care of the hay. My responsibility is to give thanks, petition, and not be anxious.

Recently, NBC has seen its share of difficult times. However, it has caused me to focus on what I am responsible for: giving thanks, petition, and not to be anxious. We have 43 students God has entrusted us with. We are launching a new program, starting fall of 2020. The staff of the college is devotedly fulfilling its responsibilities. We are teaching the Word of God to the people of God. In an era when young people need to be grounded in the Word, churches need to be taught the uncompromised Word, and followers of Christ need to live the Word, we at NBC will proclaim the Word and train people in the Word so all of these can be accomplished more fully. I am thankful for a team that loves the Lord Jesus Christ and wants to serve him faithfully. I am also thankful for a team of alumni and supporters who pray, give, volunteer, and send students to us.

Rainbows are a reminder of God's faithfulness. He has been and will continue to be faithful to NBC. I am excited to see what God is going to do this year and onward as we serve Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. I look forward to the growth that will take place after the rain.



John Loge
President
Academic Dean

UPCOMING EVENTS

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 7-9

Mission Reps • Workshops

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DECEMBER 13 & 14

Theme: Come and See, Go and Tell

three60five YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 6-8

A youth retreat for Grades 9-12



REKINDLE 2020

MAY 29-JUNE 1

An alumni reunion for those who attended in the 1970's

ENCORE RETREAT

JUNE 1-5

A senior's retreat for ages 55+

www.nipawin.org
for more details

Tell us a bit about your family.

I graduated from Nipawin Bible Institute in 1974, married Carole in 1977 and began full-time cross-cultural ministry in Sept. 1979. Part of that journey included moving to East Africa in 1982 where we are continuing to serve with Africa Inland Mission. Our son Nathan, his wife Karen and little Joey are working in the San Francisco Bay area. Our daughter Alicia and her husband Matt, have recently been accepted to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators (their assignment is still pending). We are currently building a house in Eldoret, Kenya, which is now our home.

**What are some highlights of your time in ministry?**

We have been blessed by having a variety of ministry opportunities including: missionary aviation, training western and African missionaries, researching and reaching unreached people groups, and more recently, coming alongside African emerging leaders who are birthing African discipling movements. We are blessed by an amazing support team and young African leaders who have invited us to walk life with them as [the] Father raises them up for kingdom purposes.

What have been some challenges?

During these past few months, we have been travelling across the USA and Canada during our home assignment. We are challenged and concerned about the degradation of long term mission engagement and vision coming out of the NA context. We are also challenged by the lack of senior leaders (both within African church communities and our own western mission agencies) who have a vision and are equipped to mentor and coach young African leaders who are longing for older brothers and sisters who are willing to walk life with them.

What has God been teaching you personally lately?

The crucial part of my abiding intimate journey with Jesus - without which I have no influence/impact on those within my spheres of influence. Without Him, I can do nothing!

How did your time at NBI prepare/impact you?

During my time at NBI, [the] Father got a hold of my life and I made a covenant with God...Anything, Anytime and Anywhere. I learned many other lessons but I think this was the main one. In addition, I built lifelong friendships at Nipawin which have been a blessing down through the years.

How can we pray for you?

Pray with us as we seek to come alongside young African leaders through mentoring, coaching, teaching, and training. Pray that we will have wisdom to know how to step back or initiate at the appropriate times. Pray for the many young African leaders whom [the] Father has brought across our paths...we are blessed!

DEVELOPING PASSIONATE FO

NBC Students, S

63% of our current students served in camp ministry this summer!

53% of our current staff served in camp ministry this summer - four staff members served full time!

What was one thing that God taught you through your ministry this summer?

God showed me more of His power. I am now much more confident in what my God can do. It gives me hope for what He can do in my life in the future.

Isaiah Stetski, 1st year student

The biggest thing that God taught me while I was serving in Mexico City this summer was that God is my comfort zone. Despite the crazy circumstances and all the unknown, God was a constant, Someone I could always rely on.

Dana Dyck, 1st year student

He taught me a lot about His faithfulness. When faced with difficult tasks or situations, He has shown me that I can rely on Him and that He will not leave me stranded in those times.

Makenna Haghighi, 1st year student

I need to trust God in all the things - big or little. Handing over control to God is one of the best things I could have learned.

Fionna Fehr, 2nd year student

God taught me to trust Him more. It was a very exhausting summer where it was easy to question things but, choosing to trust God was a lot easier than stressing out about things!

Jeralee Bernard, 2nd year student

God taught me to rely on Him lots this summer while working at camp... there were times where I was thrown into leadership roles that I'd never been in last minute, and I just had to trust that God would give me strength and wisdom to push through.

Zach Rempel, 3rd year student

It became more clear to me how crucial it is to rely on God's strength and not my own. I was also encouraged to worship Him while I ministered, and not just view the ministry as a task to be completed.

Caitlyn Watson, 3rd year student

One thing we learned in Mexico City is that God provides inward peace when we are obedient to Him, but that does not always guarantee external comfort.

Kendall & Melisa Dyck, Staff

God reminded me that He is in control, and that as I worked at the daycare, He called me to love these kids. As I worked, I got a glimpse of God's love for me in a new way.

Julie Fehr, Staff



FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST WITH A HEART TO SERVE

Staff and Alumni Serving in Ministry & Missions

ALUMNI PROFILE: DESTINY SAWATZKY (NBC, 2015)

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I am from near MacGregor, Manitoba, which is where I grew up with my parents and seven siblings. I like reading, cooking, going on walks, and enjoying the outdoors.



What led you to NBC?

When I finished high school I didn't have any intentions of going to Bible college, but my cousin was planning to go to NBC and my mom encouraged me to consider it as well. I knew it would be a good investment, but I was nervous about the academics. I applied, thinking that since it was the end of July there was no chance of getting accepted for the fall, but I was accepted.

How did NBC make an impact on your life?

During my three years at NBC, God taught me a lot, not only about understanding the Bible, but also about living as a follower of Christ and how necessary it is to continually be growing and deepening my relationship with Him. Through being part of the community at NBC I also learned how much we as Christians need each other. I saw the encouragement and the support we can be to each other both through good times and hard times.

Where will you be going and what will you be doing?

From September 2019 to September 2020 I will be in Kotido, Uganda, serving with Africa Inland Mission. While I am there, I will get to homeschool the children of a missionary family and be involved in the community and local church. Much of the area I will be living in is still completely unreached with the Gospel.

How can we pray for you?

You can pray that I would have humility in serving, wisdom as I adjust to the culture, and that God would give me a love for the people I will be living and working with.

STUDENT PROFILE: JENNIFER WIELINGA

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I grew up in a Christian family with my parents and 4 sisters in Southern Ontario. Three years ago, my family and I moved to Saskatchewan when my dad got a job at the Youth Farm Bible Camp and we now live on-site at the camp. A few of the things that I enjoy are animals, being outside and reading.



What led you to NBC?

I was led to attend NBC after high school because my faith in God didn't have an impact on my life like I wanted it to and I didn't know how to change that. I also didn't know what I wanted to do after high school, so Bible school seemed like a good way to spend a year.

What led you to do a 3rd year missions minor?

There are so many things that have led me to pursuing the 3rd year missions minor. Already when I was young, I had a heart for those in need and wanted to go to Africa someday. In high school, I went on multiple week-long overseas missions trips, which all deepened my desire for missions and to serve in a third-world country. In the past 2 years that I have attended NBC, God has used many different events and moments to keep nudging me towards missions. At the beginning of my 2nd year, I began thinking about the 3rd year missions minor and as much as I tried, I could not forget about it. It was also during this time that missions was brought up in many sermons, conversations, and classes. With all of that, I finally agreed to where God was leading me and decided to do a 3rd year missions minor.

Where will you be going and what will you be doing?

I have been accepted by an organization, Across Borders for World Evangelism (ABWE Canada), in order to go to Togo, West Africa for a portion of this school year. Throughout my time in Togo, I will be helping the teacher of the missionary kids there and also helping out with a variety of ministries with the local children living in Togo. In the center of the missionary compound where I will be living, there is a hospital, so I will also have the privilege of participating in ministries with those who are at the hospital.

How can we pray for you?

You can pray that God will bring in all of the funds that I need to raise and that I will be able to fight the fears and doubts that come. You can also pray that God will use this trip to show me if full-time overseas missions is something that I need to continue to pursue and that I will come back from Togo closer to God than I was before I went there.



We encourage you to cut here and use this page as a prayer card.



NBC Staff Team

Front Row (L-R): Valerie Moulton, Hope Vion, Jennifer Enns, Melissa Dyck, Julie Fehr, Myra Schmidt; Back Row (L-R): Kendall Dyck, David Smith, Tim Stodolka, Jeremy Loseth, Brady Lytle, Noah Wahlstrom, Jason Elford, John Loge, Peter Barber

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:4-5 (ESV)



Students & Staff 2019/20



Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Enns, Jason Elford, AnnaRose Lawrence, Emily Dyck, Becky Jo Brown, Shaylynn Peters, Dana Dyck, Cole Penner, Wyatt Reader; 2nd Row (L-R): Tim Stodolka, Megan Thaxter, Hannah Brown, Caitlyn Watson, Brooklyn Diamond, Tiana Richardson, Fionna Fehr, Rhianna Penner, Julie Nelson, Madison Bueckert, Kelly Fehr, Jeralee Bernard, Gabe Mak, Karsyn Dudgeon, Jordan Jarvie, Takoda Peters, John Loge; 3rd Row (L-R): Julie Fehr, Valerie Moulton, Melissa Dyck, Hope Vion, David Smith, Darwin Harder, Micah Hildebrandt, Isaiah Stetski, Jesse Martell-Fehr, Makenna Haghighi, Cassandra Quiring, Evan Stensrud, Damian Neudorf, Brittany Sawatzky, Myra Schmidt, Peter Barber, Brady Lytle; Back Row (L-R): Kendall Dyck, Jeremy Loseth, Zachary Rempel, Perry Siddons, Noah Wahlstrom, Ted Siddons, Dallas Mehrer, Drew Bueckert, Malachi Boucher, Joshua Bondoc, Jordan Tymchak, Wyatt Penner, Jordan Dudgeon, Zane Abrahamson; Missing: Jennifer Wielinga

NBC ALUMNI & FRIENDS PLEASE PRAY...

1. For **Laura Drake ('07)** as she is involved with two youth groups and a kids club. Please pray that they and their families would come to know Jesus as their Saviour and for wisdom for her as she works with them.
2. For **NBC Faculty** as they prepare for classes and meet with students to discuss assignments.
3. For **Walter & Cindy Selke ('85)** as they work with new candidates with NCEM and with Healing Hearts Ministries. They want to train and equip them well for serving in First Nations ministry.
4. For **Bill & Janice Dyck ('79)** during their travels as they visit with family, friends and supporters until December. Pray that the ministries in Bolivia will thrive during their absence.
5. For **Gordon & Carole Sawatzky ('71)** as they seek to come alongside young African leaders through mentoring, coaching, teaching and training with Africa Inland Mission.
6. For **Colin & Miranda Meikle ('00)** as they settle back into Canadian culture and take on their new role with WEC International of training potential missionary candidates.
7. For **David & Nicole Guenther ('08)** as he teaches school in Taiwan, leads a youth Bible Study and as they await the arrival of their second child. Pray as there were complications early in the pregnancy.
8. For **Andrea Fehr ('14)** as she waits for her monthly support to reach 100% in order to begin serving with Power to Change on the UoFS Campus.
9. For **Abe & Debbie Koop ('67)** as they travel to the Peruvian highlands Oct. 3-23 to connect with field partners. Pray that they would adjust quickly to the altitude and be an encouragement.
10. For **Carl & Brenda Ens ('83)** as they continue to minister with their drama ministry and with Healing Hearts ministries in Aylsham, SK.
11. For the **NBC Mission Leadership Team** and president, John Loge, as they bring leadership to the different departments at NBC.
12. For the **NBC students** that they will grow deeper in their love for Jesus while they diligently study and serve others.
13. For **Tim Stodolka and Jason Elford (NBC Admissions Team)** as they oversee recruitment and do a lot of external travel. Pray for good fruit from their labour and that NBC would see a good sized freshmen class for fall 2020.
14. For **7-24 Discipleship Groups** that students and staff will be open and honest with God, themselves and others as they meet weekly to pray and dig into God's Word together.
15. For continued wisdom and direction for the **Board of Directors** as they bring leadership to NBC.
16. For **NBC's Student Council** that they would work well as a team to serve the student body.
17. For **4th year off-site internship students: AnnaRose Lawrence, Dallas Mehrer, Ted Siddons and Jordan Tymchak** as they work in ministries in SK & MB, attend classes at NBC, and complete course work.
18. For the **NBC Students** as they serve in their student work roles on campus throughout the week, growing in maturity and servanthood.
19. For the **children of NBC Staff & Faculty** that attend public school in Nipawin, that they would grow in their faith and stand for what they believe.
20. For the **NBC Alumni Executive** as they meet throughout the year and seek to help alumni engage with what God is doing at the College.
21. For the **NBC Staff families** who are homeschooling their children, that they would all learn and grow together, for the children's focus and love, as well as energy and patience for parents as they teach.
22. For the **staff and their families** that serve at Nipawin Bible College, as they seek to properly balance time at home with ministry at the college, and local church involvement.
23. For **NBC Student Ministry** as students learn and grow as they minister each week in local ministries.
24. For **4th year on-site internship student, Brittany Sawatzky** as she oversees student work, works alongside the student life department and completes her course work with the other 4th year students.
25. For **4th year Biblical Studies student, Perry Siddons** as he completes independent studies as well as module courses with the other 4th year students.
26. For the **finances of NBC** that donors would rise up and give to the General Fund.
27. For the **Cantata choir, band, pianists, and drama participants** as they prepare for the performances in December—that the Gospel will be heard and received well.
28. For the **NBC Student Life Department** as they meet with students on a regular basis, working on issues in their lives.

We invite you to submit your requests throughout the year at 888-862-5095 or info@nipawin.org. Find more requests at www.nipawin.org/praise-n-prayer



INVITE US OVER!

Nipawin Bible College wants to connect with you and partner in your ministry. Whether it be a youth night, Sunday morning service, or another event, we have a few teams that might fit well in your setting. Living Proof, our drama team, is ready to perform biblical, biographical, time-flexible dramas with your group of any age, while our worship band, FaceDown, is able to lead music for a youth group, Sunday service, or other event. There is also potential for us to offer pulpit supply or teaching workshops in your setting.

Please contact the College at 888.862.5095 for more information.



REFRESH

We want you as alumni to stay refreshed in classroom learning while having an opportunity to reconnect with the College.

NBC is offering one free course audit per college year to NBI/NBC alumni. Credit hour fees would be waived, but alumni would be responsible for their room and board. Some restrictions apply. To register for a course, call 888.862-5095.

1970s Alumni Reunion

Rekindle 2020: May 29-June 1, 2020

A reunion for all alumni and staff who attended NBI between 1970-1979! For more information or to register, check out www.nipawin.org/rekindle.

35 registrations have already been received!

REKINDLE

ALUMNI WEEKEND

November 22-24



Guest Speaker:
Mark & Joni Leppington
(Staff '84-03)

Featuring:

TRADEMARKS OBAH NIGHT

Silent Auction • Childcare & Activities • Worship Night
Indoor Soccer Tournament • Alumni-Led Mini Sessions
Presidential Pie Challenge • Coffee House • Talent Show

Register online at
www.nipawin.org
(\$5/adult for registrations after Nov. 4)

CAMPUS DAYS

October 27-28

Come get a taste of life at NBC!

At Campus Days you'll meet our staff, spend time with our students and overnight in dorms, get a campus tour, and take in some classes. Campus Days is for any Grade 11&12 student or any recent grad.

Check out our website to find out more!

www.nipawin.org

or talk to Tim Stodolka
(888.862.5095)



November 25-29

MODULE CLASS

Sexual Ethics - Dr. John Loge

The class will delve together into the Bible to respond to the challenges to modern believers in the areas of sexuality.

Open for credit (Gr. 12 students - adult)

Free to audit - open for Gr. 9 students to adult
(Gr. 9-11 students must be accompanied by a parent)

NBC extends a special invitation to pastors and youth leaders to attend this course

Registration deadline is a week prior to the start of class. Please call 888.862.5095 if you would like to register or have questions. \$600 for course credit.



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