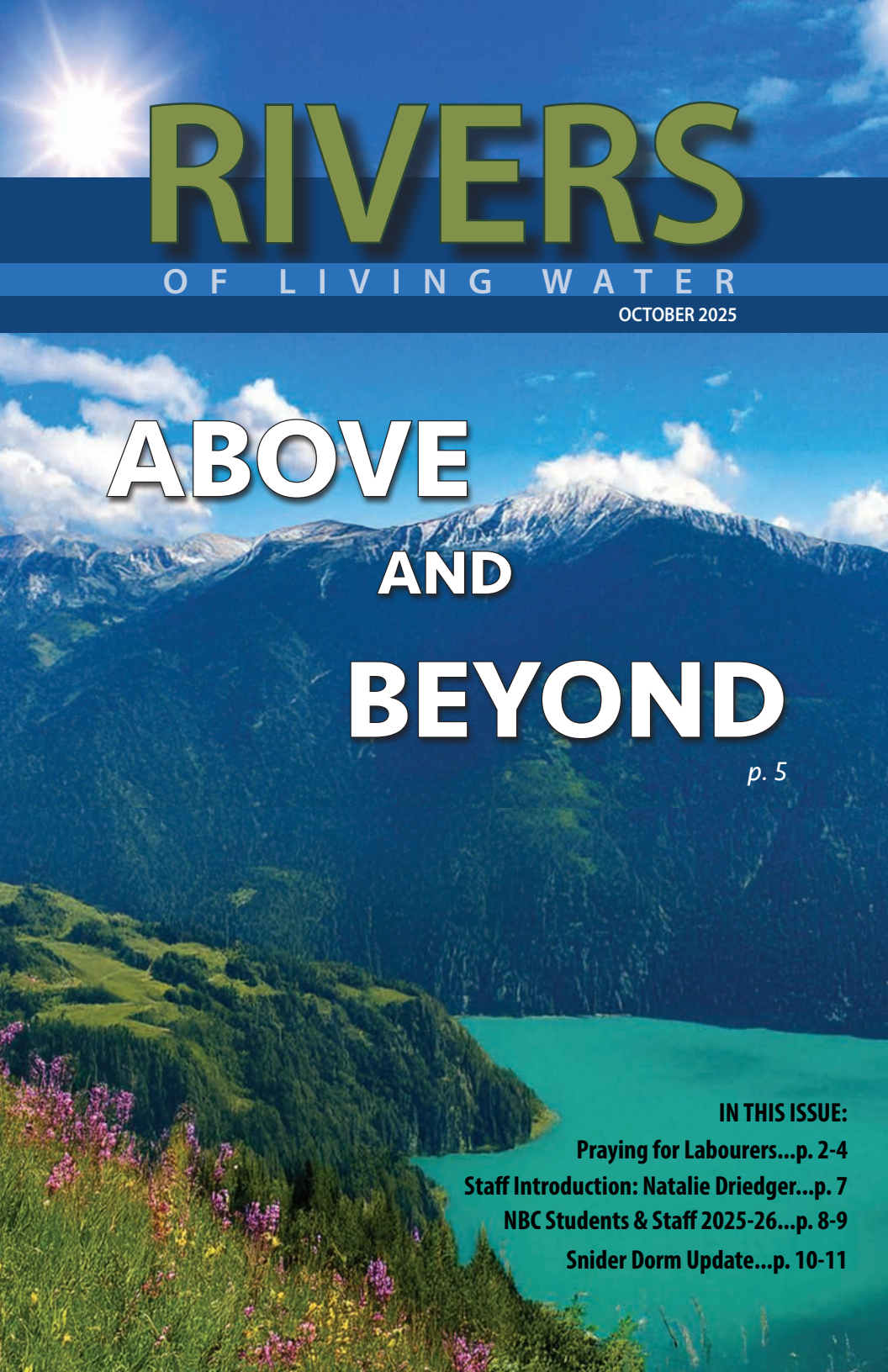




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Praying for Labourers in God's Harvest



Jordan Bergen
Academic Dean

I still remember the first time I cried in seminary. It was during Hebrew class, in my first year. It

wasn't while flipping through a Hebrew lexicon or trying to discover which letters had dropped out for "weak verbs" (though those things brought me close to tears a time or two!). We had painstakingly worked through the book of Jonah, and my eyes were opened to insights I had never noticed before—like the sheer privilege that "the word of the LORD came to Jonah." After the translation, our instructor summarized the story in a way that has haunted me ever since. He pointed out everything and everyone who was obedient to God: the sea, the pagan sailors, the fish, the Ninevites, and even the plant that shaded Jonah. The only character in the story who was not obedient was God's prophet.

Then he asked a simple, convicting question: "How many lost people are not hearing from God because God's people are being disobedient?"

That question struck me deeply. The Word of the Lord has come to us through the Bible. We are all stewards of God's message to a lost world. We are called to obedience, not only for our own growth, but to ensure the message of God's mercy and redemption reaches those who have yet to hear. That question has become a constant reminder of both the privilege and responsibility entrusted to me—and to all of us—to contribute faithfully to the Great Commission.

Reflecting on Jonah, I am reminded of how these realities play out in the Canadian church today. There is a significant pastoral shortage across the country. Rick Hiemstra noted in *Faith Today* (Spring 2024), that Canadian evangelical colleges and seminaries need to train 625 new pastors annually just to keep up with retirements. However, Rob Chartrand, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry at Briercrest College and Seminary, estimates that seminaries currently produce only 100–200 new pastors each year in his article, *Where Are Tomorrow's Pastors?* from February, 2025. This leaves approximately 400 unfilled pastoral positions added to the existing vacancies every year.

What accounts for this gap? Logically, there are two possibilities: either God is not calling people into these positions, or His people, like Jonah, are not listening. Scripture suggests strongly that the latter is often the case. Now, I want to be clear that when I talk about "calling" I do not

only mean the Burning Bush or Damascus Road experiences. God may make it very clear to some, as a gift to sustain them through ministry. For most others it may be better termed an “aspiration” to pastoral ministry, or having God’s heart for the need that exists and recognizing that He could use them to meet that need! However, fewer and fewer are taking that path.

At Nipawin Bible College, we are not immune to this reality. This year, our student body is smaller than in past years. This is not unique to NBC—it reflects the broader trend affecting seminaries and colleges across Canada. Yet, even with fewer students, we serve an amazing God who accomplishes great things with little. We witness daily what He did through twelve ordinary men who left everything to follow Him. We serve the same God who spoke through Ezekiel to exiles who felt as dry and dead as bones, promising new life to those who turned to Him (Ezekiel 37).

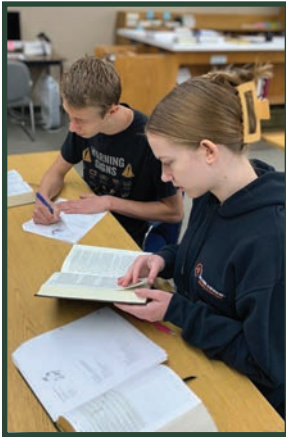
I believe God is still calling the necessary people to ministry. The question is how many potential laborers are being diverted into “safer” pursuits. We live in challenging economic times, and ministry work rarely promises financial security. Additionally, cultural priorities subtly influence our decisions, often steering us away from God’s call. Each year in my Spiritual Formation class, I play a clip from John Piper’s sermon *Don’t Waste Your Life*, and I am reminded that worldly voices can drown out

God’s call if we are not intentional. Are we inadvertently nurturing a generation of Jonahs who avoid obedience, not out of defiance but out of distraction?

I have personally experienced the benefit of a counter-cultural voice in my life. Looking back on how God guided me to NBC, I remember the influence of a friend’s father, who urged me to consider Bible college. In my years at NBC, God gradually redirected my life towards His will. Yet, I can see now how easily I could have gone a different route. I am so thankful for bold words spoken to me at a crucial point of my life!

This is where supporters like you play a crucial role. Will you pray to the Lord of the harvest for laborers to enter the field? Will you prayerfully encourage people around you to consider Bible college or vocational ministry? Would you consider the same things yourself? Your involvement could be the nudge that turns one of the 400+ “Jonahs per year” in Canada into a faithful, obedient servant of God’s mission!

The pastoral shortage is urgent, but the need extends beyond Canada. The global mission field cries out for laborers, and NBC

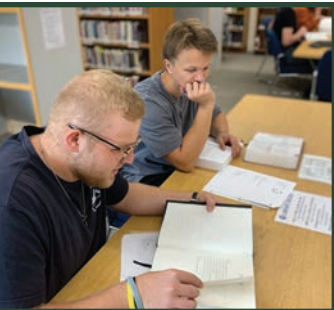


seeks to equip students to answer that call. Doug Harkness serves on staff at NBC, but he is also a missions representative for Ethnos. Doug frequently brings reports of people groups around the world who are begging for a missionary to bring the gospel to them. There just aren't enough people willing to go! Through financial support, prayer, mentoring, and encouragement, you participate directly in preparing students for the harvest. Your partnership allows God's Word to move into the lives of those who may never hear otherwise.

As this new academic year begins, I am reminded that God's mission will be accomplished—look at what He

accomplished through, arguably, the worst recorded sermon in the Bible (Jonah 3:4)! But it is our obedience, our willingness to serve and to send, that determines how many hear the message of His love today. I pray that each of us—students, staff, and supporters alike—will be faithful in our part, that God's laborers will rise up to bring in the harvest, both at home and around the world.

Let us not waste the privilege we have to be part of His work. Together, we can equip, encourage, and send those whom God is calling to obedience. May this year be a year of answered prayers, faithful preparation, and abundant fruit for His kingdom. ✨



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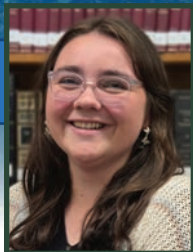


Eph. 3:20-21



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2025-26 Theme

Marybeth Masich
StuCo President

This year, student leadership chose the theme “Above and Beyond.” This theme is based on Ephesians 3:20-21, *“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”* (CSB)



This year at NBC, the student body is very small, and the student leadership team even smaller. During leadership week, the staff reminded us that in the Bible God continually used small amounts of people to do great things. They encouraged us that God can use our small leadership team to do great things. After that discussion, we looked at Ephesians 3:20-21 and the theme basically jumped out at us. We

realized that there is a huge task in front of us as leaders, and that we desperately need God's

help to succeed. Not only did we realize we need His help to succeed, but we realized that He is faithful to provide that help, and that it will be better than we could have thought. Thus, “Above and Beyond” became our theme— a declaration that we trust God will do above and beyond in us and through us.

Our hope this year is that the student body won't feel overwhelmed by the tasks ahead of them but that they will understand that God is the One who is able to do great things in and through them, and all He wants is their willingness and obedience. Our desire is for each student to personally grow in their trust in and reliance on God. We want to be able to look back at the end of the school year and clearly see that God really did do above and beyond all that we think or ask, by His Spirit, and for His glory. ✨



Natalie Driedger

RESIDENT DEAN OF WOMEN



After graduating with her Bachelor of Christian Ministry in 2024, Natalie spent the past year as an intern at Valley View Bible Camp leading their discipleship program. She feels privileged to serve alongside the staff at NBC and to take the opportunity, in her role, to point young women to love Jesus and live fully for Him.

Q: What led you to join the NBC staff team?

A: I could spend a lot of time sharing all the steps that led up to my decision, but when it comes down to it, God was preparing my heart for this opportunity for a while, so by the time I learned about an opportunity to join the NBC staff team, I was already prepared to pursue it!

Q: What is something about your role at NBC that gets you excited?



A: God has grown in me a desire to disciple women and point them to Jesus. Getting to do that as my job is something that makes me so excited! I get to have a front row seat to watching God work!

The full interview with Natalie can be found in the October 3, 2025 edition of The Pulse: <https://nipawin.org/the-pulse-at-nbc/>



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We encourage you to remove this page and use it as a prayer aid.

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STAFF TEAM



FAITHFUL PRAYERS

Snider Hall Dorm Project Update

Thanks to many faithful prayers and generous donations over the summer, construction on the new ladies' dorm has begun again. When available funds were used up earlier in the year, progress on the project slowed down for much of the spring and summer.

Between the lack of funds for the dorm project and projected cuts to the general budget, NBC staff, along with several board members and supporters, met several times over the summer to fast and pray during lunch. Prayer for God's wisdom and provision was the focus for how we steward all the resources God has given us as a college - finances, infrastructure, and people. The NBC Board of Directors connects regularly on Monday evenings to pray for the College and finances are part of that prayer time as well. And we know that many of our supporters have been praying faithfully for the needs of the College, which we are so grateful for.

God heard these prayers and answered through the generosity of His people. While we haven't reached the amount needed to complete the project, the donations received this summer have allowed many things to either be completed or to begin:

- **Exterior stucco** - completed! Thank you to Larry Rempel ('77, staff '89-94) and Jake Rempel (staff '76-94) and

their helpers for all their hard work!

- **Landscaping** - Matt Thiessen ('01, staff '05-08) raised up and leveled out the grounds surrounding the dorm this summer.
- **Interior painting** - completed. Thank you to Jason Elford, Stan Masich, Ken Leonard and others for their work.
- **Kitchen & laundry room cabinets** have been installed by Doug Kroeker ('96) with finishing touches to be completed soon.
- **Eavestrough** installation has begun by Barry Larson ('82).

More work is planned to begin later this fall and early winter. Tiling in the kitchen, entrance and guest suite bathrooms is anticipated to happen in November. And more work on the plumbing will continue this winter with the next steps of installing radiators, boilers and bathroom appliances.

Steven Friesen (Director of Operations) and Jason Elford (President) have been in conversations with various companies to determine how to proceed with requirements for water and sewer. They are hoping to confirm plans before Christmas so that work can begin

in the spring.

We are thankful for the donors who donated new appliances for the kitchen area. We are looking for new laundry

PROJECT FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Project Budget: **\$1,500,000**

Initial Estimate: \$900,000

Expenditures to date*: **\$991,660**

Money on hand committed to spend on project*: **\$247,082**

Additional money needing to raise for completion*: **\$261,258**

** As of October 23, 2025*

appliances, bed frames, mattresses and night stands for the dorm. If this is something that you would like to help with, please contact Steven Friesen (steven@nipawin.org) about the particular items we are looking for.

Also, we're grateful for the donation of many of the interior light fixtures. If you have the skill set and time to help install the lights or help in other capacities on the project, also contact Steven Friesen.

Please continue to pray for this project. Along with prayers for financial provision, please continue to pray for wisdom in knowing how to proceed in its completion and how to use the finances well. If you are willing to donate financially, every little amount helps us get closer to completion.✠

Myra Schmidt

*Exec. Assistant &
Music Director*

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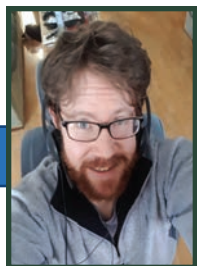
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joshua Nickel
Alumni President
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Alumni weekend
(November 21-23)

is fast approaching and we are looking forward to another great year. The weekend is going to be a great time to connect with others who have gone to the College in the past and find out more about those who are at the College now. We, as the executive committee, have been working hard getting people in place to help out with the weekend and things are starting to come together well.

Registration is open - check out www.nipawin.org. Attendees will be listed on the website as well, so if there is someone you want to visit with, they may already be planning on coming. We hope to see your names on the list too!

We're looking forward to hearing from Mark Leppington as our speaker on Sunday morning, as well as taking part in several workshops on Saturday: "The Good, the Bad and the Grad" by Jeremy Sherwood ('11) and "Biblical Counselling" by Jay Postnikoff (staff). Josh Bondoc ('17, staff) is working with a group of fellow alumni to lead us in music to praise the Lord over the weekend. We have also been getting materials together for our "Around the World" theme for OBAH Night, so remember to get a costume together.

This year, we are hoping to provide some clarifications concerning alumni project finances and to possibly make some modifications to our alumni classifications, so we hope you have the chance to come out and make your voice heard. There are also some positions opening up on the alumni executive committee.

Come find out about ministries, communities, and mission fields that have a strong Christian presence because of the equipping that is happening at NBC. Staff and students, present and prior, are in need of our prayers and Alumni Weekend is a great place to get informed.

Not only do these people need our help, but the facility does as well, and the Alumni Project helps with this. We will again vote on items to raise funds for in order to help give the College some of the practical things needed to run smoothly. Through Alumni Project funds in the past, we have helped provide dishwashers, water fountains, gym equipment, funds for renovations to various buildings and much more! But there is always more to be done.

Just a quick plug for another way we can help support the College financially: NBC greatly benefits from the steady stream of support by any who are a part of the Many Hands program of regular giving. It gives an amount that can be relied on that helps when making plans for the future. To sign up, check out the website or call the college for more information.

Please keep the executive committee in your prayers as we prepare for another great weekend. And I want to encourage you to continue being God's hands and feet in all the places that He has placed us. God bless.

Josh has been the Alumni President since 2024. He was a student at NBC from 2008-2012, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.



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Jay Postnikoff
NBC Faculty



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NBC Alumni & Friends Please Pray For...

1. **Colin & Miranda Meikle ('00)** as they take a time of sabbatical before beginning their new roles as directors of WEC Canada in January 2026. Pray for rest and balance.
2. **Sharmyn Abrahamson ('15)** as she grows in her new role as executive assistant for the leadership at Ethnos Canada headquarters. Pray for a humble heart, a learner's attitude, and a heart dependent on the Lord in all things.
3. **Michael & Sharlene McDonald ('95)** as they continue to build their ministry and connect to their community in Duncan, BC with Commission to Every Nation.
4. **Caylea Selke ('11)** as she serves with NCEM as director at Big River Bible Camp. Pray for wisdom and that the gospel would continue to spread in Big River.
5. **Irv & Mari Penner ('93)** as they continue to serve with Commission to Every Nation in El Cacolote, Mexico. Pray for the funds needed to finish the new ministry centre they are building.
6. **Terry & Rosie (Dyck) Banman ('88)** as they continue to serve with Ethnos Canada. Pray for their travel and speaking engagements at churches, Bible colleges and conferences.
7. **Skyler Knudtson ('21)** for the Lord's direction as he begins preaching once a month at his home church (Humboldt Alliance Church) for pulpit supply.
8. the **Mission Leadership Team (Jason Elford, Bradly Lytle, Jordan Bergen, Steven Friesen)**. Pray for God's wisdom to lead us in making decisions while Jason is on sabbatical. Pray for joy and unity as we serve Jesus together in leading the college.
9. the **NBC students**. Pray that the Lord would give students wisdom as they connect in the NBC community. Pray that our students would be blessed as they are hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt. 5:3-12).
10. the **Student Life Team (Bradly Lytle, Josh Lees, Lorenda Friesen, Natalie Driedger)**. Pray that the Lord would give Spirit-guided wisdom and insight in directing our students to the hope they have in Christ (Eph. 1:17-18).
11. **NBC Finances**. Pray that the Lord would continue to provide for the general budget. Pray for the ability and wisdom to operate within the tighter budget we have this year for the general maintenance and operation of the campus.
12. **Snider Hall Building Project** and the finances needed to complete the project. Praise God for the finances that have come in as well as the many supporters who have helped with the gifts of time and ability. Pray for wisdom in knowing what projects to complete first with the money we do have for the dorm.
13. that **Affia Stead & Josh Bondoc (NBC Admissions)** would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to form genuine, meaningful connections as they travel and meet with potential students. PRAY for wisdom, efficiency, and focus as they carry out the many tasks before them in promoting the school—especially when the to-do list feels never-ending. PRAY for continued safety and protection as they travel.
14. **NBC Academics** that each class period and assignment would be a time of worship as the students (and instructors) encounter the living God through His living Word. Pray for continued wisdom as each instructor seeks to direct students towards God in class and the work that is assigned. Pray for us and for our students as we seek how best to equip them with practical tools to help them use their time at school well.
15. that **NBC staff and students** would grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, applying the truths they learn from God's Word.

We invite you to submit your requests throughout the year to 306-862-5095 or info@nipawin.org. Find more requests at www.nipawin.org/praise-n-prayer/

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