



2020 Vision Launched with \$2 Million Fund

Submitted by ACOP President, Rev. Wes Mills



In April 2008, Mrs. Helen Breen passed away and the name of the endowment fund was formally changed to the **Daniel and Helen Breen Memorial Church Planting Endowment Fund.**

By the end of April, \$600,000 had been committed to the Breen Endowment Fund, and as we neared the end of May, the fund had grown to \$750,000. On May 27th, Jim Pattison called me to confirm his attendance at the Conference and to confirm that we had raised the full \$1 million. I told him that we were at \$750,000 but that we would have the full million in place by the celebration service on June 5th. He said, *“Alright, I’ll bring a cheque for*

\$1 million dollars. Don’t disappoint me by falling short of your goal!” I had a sense in my spirit that if we could have \$800,000.00 in place by the start of the Conference, we could raise the remaining \$200,000.00 at the Conference.

On Friday May 30th, we had \$785,000 committed to the Breen Endowment Fund, and our Conference would begin on Monday – that meant we were \$15,000 short of what I sensed we needed to have in place. Just before our office closed that day, we sent out a final prayer appeal to members and churches asking them to pray for the release of the full \$1 million. That evening I received an email committing \$1,000; Sunday morning I had a text message



The Daniel & Helen Breen Memorial was unveiled at the 2008 Biennial Conference.

committing \$5,000; and as I was driving to Eston on Sunday afternoon, I received a call on my cell phone committing another \$10,000 – bringing the pre conference total to \$801,000!

During the week of Conference, donations continued

to come in to our office by mail, telephone and through our website. Two large offerings were received at the Conference, bringing our total to \$899,000 on Wednesday evening. Thursday at noon, a large commitment came

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in and brought the total to \$949,000. After lunch, I met with the District Directors and told them where we were at. The districts responded, as well as a number of churches, taking us to \$1,000,211.48 at 2:00 pm on Thursday June 5th – just hours before the celebration service was to begin!

I am deeply grateful to the Lord for releasing \$1 million dollars from across our Fellowship and I am thankful for the 264 individuals and businesses, 89 churches and 10 districts that responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and gave – often sacrificially - to see this goal achieved. I am also thankful to Mr. Jim Pattison for his generous matching gift to our Fellowship.

Now that the \$2 million Breen Endowment Fund is in place, we can turn our attention to training church planters and planting churches. Please pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send church planters into the Canadian harvest field. 2020 will mark the 100th year of operations for the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada. Please pray that we will exceed our goal of planting 50 reproducing churches that plant reproducing churches by that time.

Rev. Wes Mills was elected to his second 4-year term as ACOP President by a unanimous vote of the membership at this year's Conference.



Left to Right: Mr. Grant Breen, Mr. Ross Breen, Rev. Wes Mills and Mr. Jim Pattison.

multiplication – Theme of the 83rd ACOP Biennial Conference



Eston Full Gospel – Host Church of this year's General Conference.

*Submitted by Rev. Keith Powers,
Chancellor & Former Vice-President of
Eston College*

The 83rd General Conference of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost was held in Eston, Saskatchewan, June 2-5, 2008. The conference was hosted by the Eston College and the Eston Full Gospel Church. Delegates arrived from all over Canada to enjoy the hospitality of the College and the town of Eston.

A stand-up reception at Eston College kicked off the Conference. It gave everyone opportunity to say hello to old friends and to make new ones. The reception was followed by *Leaving Ruin*, a one man play by Jeff Berryman of Seattle, WA. It is the story of a pastor who is facing an impending congregational vote. It examines the issues the main character faces as he thinks about his future. *Leaving Ruin* also probes some of the inner struggles faced by people in ministry. It was an excellent performance. *Leaving Ruin* gave us a thought provoking start to conference.

MULTIPLICATION was the main theme of the Conference. The sessions looked at the subject in many different ways. Rev. Dan Duncan looked at multiplication through mercy and love in community transformation. Two church planters - Gary Chupik and Bob Cowie - shared their vision and enthusiasm for church planting. They showed us a couple of different ways multiplication is being done. David MacFarlane, from the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, shared on multiplication through evangelism. Debbie Cooper led a session on multiplication through small groups.

Two events took place on Tuesday evening: The inauguration of the new President of Eston College, Brian Fuller, opened the service. Brian assumes the Presidency in August, 2007. Having the Conference in Eston provided the opportunity to tie his inauguration into the Conference. The members of the Fellowship were able to participate in this historic event, and to pray for his commissioning.

The second item on Tuesday evening was the keynote address by Rev. Wes Mills, President of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost. Wes challenged us with the importance of multiplication throughout Scripture. His illustration of the tiger lily showed how all living organisms multiply.

Networking was the focus on the morning of day three. The delegates divided up into 14 different groups which met in various parts of the church. The time was spent getting to know others based on affinity, as well as sharing and ministering to one another. The business session was the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon. After the business session the ladies had gathered for a special tea at the College.

Dr. Robert (Bob) Logan, of Los Angeles, CA, was the keynote speaker of the Conference. He is an expert in the area of church planting and multiplication. Dr. Logan is a church planter himself. He stretched our thinking in how and why we need to be involved in church planting.

On Thursday Bob Logan led in four sessions. Many were hands-on sessions. One session focused on multiplication through prayer. The delegates were divided up into smaller

groups. They spent time praying for an ACOP region, the churches and pastors. The groups then changed prayer cards and prayed for a different region until all four regions in Canada were prayed for.

The Conference wrapped up with a celebration service Thursday night. The evening honoured the memory of Rev. Dan and Helen Breen, with members of the Breen family and Mr. Jim Pattison taking part in the service. Mr. Pattison told of his experiences church planting with Dan Breen. The evening was capped off with a message from ACOP Missionary, Rev. Märt Vähi of Estonia. Märt preached on the need for passion in church planting. He inspired us with many first hand examples of how God was, and still is, at work in the multiplication of the churches in Estonia.

It was a great Conference, with lots of opportunities to be stretched for ministry and for fellowship. The delegates were challenged, inspired and sent out to do the work of church planting and multiplying the Kingdom of God. We look forward to the multiplication God has in store for ACOP.

Rev. Keith Powers is the Pastor of the Eston Full Gospel Church. Keith is also adjunct faculty with the Eston College. He is married to Nancy, who is a Youth and Child Counsellor with the Sun West School Division, based out of the Eston Composite School. They have two girls, who enjoy playing hockey. Keith and family have been in Eston for four years.



Henry Motta, Matthew & Winnie Low



Conference Fellowship Hall.



Evening worship service.

Eston College Names Brian Fuller New President

Submitted by Willard Mitchell, Chancellor & Former Vice-President of Eston College



Foreground: Left - Rev. Dan Duncan, Eston College Board Chair; **Centre** - Rev. Brian Fuller, President-Elect of Eston College. **Background: Left to Right** - Rev. Alan Mortensen, Former Eston College President & Chancellor; Willard Mitchell, Eston College Chancellor & Former Vice-President; Rev. Todd Atkinson, Former Eston College President & Current Lead Pastor of River of Life Church, Lethbridge; Rev. Wes Mills, ACOP President & National Director; Rev. Lauren Miller, Outgoing President of Eston College.

The installation of the fifth president of Eston College took place during the ACOP General Conference in Eston. Rev. Brian Fuller of Lethbridge, Alberta accepted the charge of leading the College in a moving ceremony on Tuesday evening, June 3, 2008.

Dan Duncan, Board Chair, hosted the event and paid tribute to Lauren Miller for the impact he has made in student's lives during his nine years as president, and for the leadership he has given. Dan then delivered an historical overview of the College and outlined the challenging opportunities for the future. The new president responded with humility and expressed a deep desire to see men and women fulfill their full potential for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Three former presidents were present to affirm Brian in this new calling on his life. Todd Atkinson prayed for the blessing of God upon Brian and Shelly and their family. In prayer Todd released Brian and Shelly from the River of Life Church. Willard Mitchell led the assembled ministers and guests in prayer for God's blessing on his leadership and ministry at Eston College. It was significant that a number of individuals were in attendance who had been mentored by Brian when he was their youth pastor and who continue to view him as a motivating influence in their lives. People from Brian's present church, River of Life in Lethbridge, were in attendance as well.

As a College, we are extremely thankful to the Lord for preparing such a capable and committed servant to lead the College at this time.

A Brief Biographical Sketch of Brian Fuller

Brian was raised on a farm near Castor, Alberta. After graduating high school he attended NAIT in Edmonton, Alberta and obtained his diploma in Marketing. His first careers were in retail and then banking. During the 1980's, he attended FGBI and was called as a youth pastor to the Bowness Full Gospel Church, the Veteran Full Gospel Church, and the Regina Apostolic Church, respectively. In 1985 Brian married Shelly Perrin, of Beechy SK, whom he met at FGBI. In the late 90's, Brian continued his post-secondary journey in Saskatchewan and then completed a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in Political Science at California State University, Bakersfield. He obtained his teaching credential and then a Masters degree in Education Administration from Fresno Pacific University. He was employed for 10 years with the Kern High School District, first as a teacher and then a school administrator. Presently Brian is serving as Pastor of Community at the River of Life Church in Lethbridge, Alberta. Brian and Shelly enjoy life with their two wonderful children, Katie and Josh.

Prayer Matters in Cross-Cultural Ministries

With the vision of “Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom to Every Nation”, ACOP actively supports 25 missionaries around the globe. We invite you to join with us in prayer for their ministries.

This month’s prayer focus:
Garth and Myrna Knapp, Cross-Cultural Ministries



Garth and Myrna Knapp, Cross-Cultural Itinerant Ministries.

Garth & Myrna Knapp both graduated from Full Gospel Bible Institute, Eston SK. Garth received his diploma in Business Administration from Red Deer College and earned a Bachelors degree in Religious Arts (Practical Ministry) from Logos Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida. They have two married children and four grandchildren.

After working various jobs in the secular field, Garth began his pastoral ministry in Forest Lawn Full Gospel Church in Calgary in 1971 with Rev. R.T. Wilson. In January 1977 Garth & Myrna relocated and pastored at Banff’s Full Gospel Church.

From 1981 to 1995 they gave leadership to Queens Avenue Apostolic Church in Victoria, BC. In 1995 Garth & Myrna moved to Calgary and served as Senior Pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle.

In September of 2000 after 29 years of pastoral ministry, Garth resigned and together they took up the challenge of an International Itinerant Cross Cultural Teaching Ministry.

They presently reside in Calgary with Full Gospel Tabernacle as their church home. They have travelled to many countries where Garth teaches pastors, leaders, bible colleges, congregations, etc. Garth recently returned from ministry in Trinidad and Tobago, teaching in the three newly established bible training centres. Their purpose is to enable Nationals to further equip their own people. They have found this area of the “Harvest Field” very challenging and greatly rewarding.

Their vision is to continue to function in this ministry until Jesus comes.



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