

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

Our team continues to pursue our mission **"Releasing...to serve and lead."**

We have lift off!

In this past year the MLDT supported...

- 3 Part-Time Seminary students with bursaries of \$200 each
- 1 Bethany Student with a \$500 bursary
- 1 Full-Time Seminary student with a \$500 bursary
- 2 Churches (West Portal & Hepburn) with Internship Grants of \$1500 each (\$1200 to the church for the intern & \$300 for the coach of the intern)

It is exciting see action from our "Releasing" plan.

Our team structure still functions with four focus areas:

1. Information (Darren Holland)

- ..raise awareness of the available bursaries for part and full time Seminary
- ..fine tune the bursary and internship application process so that it best serves us. The up to date bursary info can be found at <http://sk.mbconf.ca/index.en.html>
- ..keep in touch with the Canadian Conference Matching Leadership Grant Program & Ministry Quest.

2. Training (Rob Neufeld, Dwayne Barkman)

Develop a Multiplication Mindset

We desire to see Leadership enhanced through multiplying disciples who become multiplying leaders who lead multiplying churches.

Dialogue on the Key Communities Initiative

These discussions began last year (2004) but have struggled in knowing how to focus them. We don't have the big cities that other provinces have, plus we have this growing conviction that churches should plant churches with conferences coming alongside to empower them. The MLDT is working together with the Board of Church Extension to flesh out a church multiplication proposal. An initial proposal will be presented to this convention and time will be put into developing it during the course of this next year. We would anticipate its implementation in early 2007.

3. Finances (Larry Speiser)

- ..10 part time seminary student bursaries of \$200 are available (\$2000)
- ..1 Bethany student bursary of \$500 is available
- ..2 full time seminary student bursaries of \$500 are available (\$1000)
- ..2 internship grants for churches are available (\$3000.00)

4. Tracking (Jeff Peters)

- ..work together with agencies (i.e. Bethany, Redberry and West Bank)

We also have received valuable contributions from Ralph Gliege (who processed all bursary and internship applications), Phil Gunther and Gary Sawatzky (dialoging with Board of Church Extension) throughout this year.