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MB Biblical Seminary

### Enrolment Fall 2006

#### MBBS-ACTS (Langley, B.C.)

72 Students

- 48 Mennonite Brethren
- 60 Canadian

#### Fresno Campus

197 Students

- 36 Mennonite Brethren
- 9 Canadian

#### Winnipeg Centre for Ministry Studies

25 Students

- 6 Mennonite Brethren
- 6 Canadian

It is a pleasure to report to you on behalf of your seminary, and the more than 250 students, along with faculty and staff, who are part of this ministry of pastoral leadership training, spread across two countries and three campuses, and impacting people all over North America and around the world.

When Mennonite Brethren leaders opened the doors of the MB seminary in 1955, they could not have dreamed of the worldwide impact that graduates from their school would have on the Mennonite Brethren church and other denominations and church groups. Through your consistent support, in prayer and with your generous donations, MB Biblical Seminary continues its mandate of inspiring and equipping men and women to serve and lead in the church and in the world.

At this juncture in the seminary's history, just past the half century mark, we as a seminary community are asking ourselves some fundamental questions. Chief among them is, how can the seminary work with individual churches like yours and with the larger conference to call, prepare, equip and send out those men and women who will serve in pastoral leadership?

There continues to be a great need to train new pastors. The Canadian MB Conference alone estimates that 50 new pastors and associate pastors will be needed every year if we are to keep up with new church planting and replace pastors who are retiring. The seminary is committed to being an important partner in raising up and equipping those leaders. Our desire is to work with you, individuals and local churches, to help men and women hear and respond to the call of God on their lives.

Several things will be important for this partnership to work effectively. First, we all must elevate the importance of good pastoral leadership. Serving as a pastor is a noble and important calling, and we must remind ourselves that being called to serve as a pastor is a call to a work of significance in the Kingdom of God.

Second, in our churches, we must continue to expect God to call out leaders and to look for those whom God is calling, encouraging them to hear and respond to the call. Ministry Quest, a program operated by the seminary, focuses entirely on helping young people to listen for God's call on their life. If your church is not involved in Ministry Quest, please contact the seminary for more information.

Third, the seminary and the church will need to work together to decide the best methods of training pastors. We are partners in this enterprise and we each must bring our strengths to the endeavor. The seminary gives a solid biblical and theological foundation for the work of ministry, and the local church provides the laboratory for the testing of skills and the evaluating of success and growth in ministry. We as a seminary will work with the church to give the best training possible.

Finally, we must provide mentoring or coaching to those who are moving into ministry. The Canadian conference has already taken significant steps in creating a coaching model and implementing it. The seminary joins with the conference in wanting to make the entry into ministry as meaningful and as positive as it can be.

The ministry of the seminary will go forward with your prayers and your generous financial support. This is the time to invest in the training of pastoral leaders. Please encourage your church to include leadership training through the seminary as part of your annual stewardship plan. We will invest your dollars carefully in preparing the men and women who will lead us as we serve our God.

### MB Biblical Seminary alumni serving in Saskatchewan

Pastoral	7
Missionary	2
Teacher / Educator	4
Other Capacity	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

# Financial Picture 2006-07

(in U.S. Dollars)

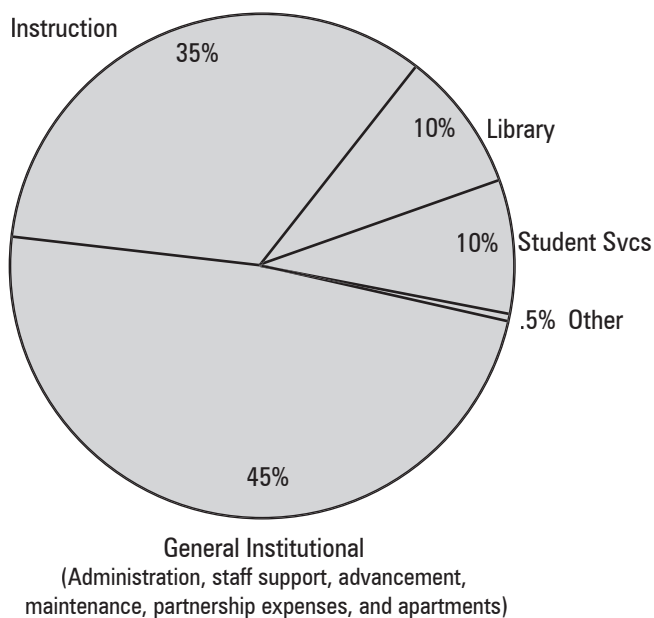
## Income

	6 month Actual	12 month Budget
Tuition	435,593	953,150
Church Giving	199,400	530,000
Individual/Corporate Giving	145,680	650,000
Other	148,168	368,006
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$928,841</b>	<b>\$2,501,156</b>

## Expenses

General Institutional	452,427	1,135,761
Instruction	477,769	866,025
Library	4,814	245,919
Student Services	119,568	240,450
Other	4,697	13,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,059,275</b>	<b>\$2,501,155</b>

## Expenditures as % of Total Budget



## Student Profile: Brian Cool

Brian Cool's desire to enter pastoral ministry began as a child growing up in Hepburn, Saskatchewan. That desire grew as he studied at Bethany College and University of Lethbridge (Alberta), participated in a short term ministry assignment in Lithuania, and spent three years in the workforce.

Last fall, he enrolled at MB Biblical Seminary's campus in Langley, BC. His greatest goal is to learn how to study and interpret the Bible. "There is substantial relevance and necessity for good theology in my life," he says. "Right thinking leads to right action."

Midway through his first semester, Brian is excited about how Seminary is preparing him for ministry. "There is substantial relevance and necessity for good theology in my life – right thinking leads to right action. As much as Seminary is an academic challenge and pursuit, it is a constant encouragement and challenge in my own heart."