



Jim Holm, President of
MB Biblical Seminary

Enrollment as of February 1, 2008

Fresno Campus

- ♦ 156 Students
- ♦ 34 Mennonite Brethren

MBBS-ACTS (Langley, B.C.)

- ♦ 48 Students
- ♦ 34 Mennonite Brethren

Winnipeg Centre for Ministry Studies

- ♦ 6 Students
- ♦ 4 Mennonite Brethren

Greetings to the Saskatchewan Conference Convention from the Board, Faculty, Staff and Students of MB Biblical Seminary.

When God calls a body of believers to a big task, he also gives them a big vision. MB Biblical Seminary has been called to the big task of partnering with our churches and conferences in helping to prepare men and women across Canada for leadership in the church. It is a bold and vast challenge, and our vision is that every pastor and ministry leader in every MB church in Canada will be impacted by the seminary in a way that enhances and empowers their ministry.

That vision takes concrete shape in a variety of ways. Ministry Quest helps high school young people across Canada to consider God's call on their life. To date, more than 100 Canadian high school youth have participated in this program. The Lilly Foundation has awarded the seminary a \$600,000 matching grant to sustain Ministry Quest. We are currently seeking to raise the matching amount and are on the way with more than \$200,000 in hand.

But the vision of the Seminary is broader than Ministry Quest. We offer complete degree programs at the Langley and Fresno campuses, and we are moving toward a complete degree to be offered in Winnipeg. Another goal is to add more online courses. In addition, we are packaging courses in shorter blocks of time, to enable pastors to come to one of our campuses for a short-term seminary experience.

Increasingly, churches are offering sabbaticals to their pastors, giving the pastor and spouse an opportunity to rest, relax and become reenergized for ministry. When you are thinking of a sabbatical for your pastor, please think of the Seminary. Inside the classroom, your pastor will be challenged and encouraged. Outside, there will be opportunity for sharing in community with other students. "As iron sharpens iron," so your pastor will be sharpened for continuing leadership.

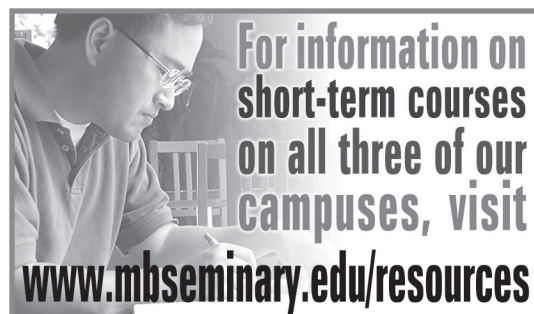
There are other ways our vision partners with you. Through an arrangement with the Canadian conference, the seminary offers short courses at every New Pastor's credentialing event. Through involvement on the Board of Faith and Life, the Seminary seeks to enhance the discussion of matters of importance to the ministry of the conference.

In all of this, we continue to offer the most high quality and affordable training that we can. We have five goals for the students in our program. First, we desire that every student learn the Content of the scriptures, "correctly teaching the word of truth." Second, we want them to learn to understand the cultural Context in which they minister. Third, they should develop certain Competence, in preaching, teaching, administrative leadership, vision casting, counseling, and other areas.

Fourth, we desire that our students experience the church as Community, in contrast to our society's emphasis on individualism. Finally, and very important, we desire that our students develop the Character of Jesus, falling passionately in love with Jesus and growing daily in that relationship.

This is a big vision, for a big task. And we do it in partnership with you. We are grateful for your prayers and your support. I invite you to peruse the rest of this report as you have time.

Thank you for the privilege of being in partnership with you to inspire and equip men and women to serve and lead in the church and in the world.



Financial Picture 2006-07

Income

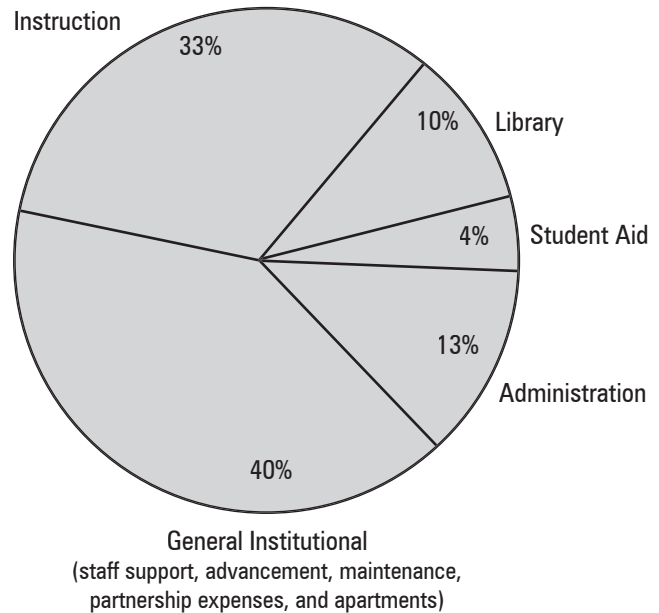
	Actual	Budget
Tuition	874,823	953,150
Church Giving*	508,153	530,000
Individual/Corporate Giving*	691,444	650,000
Other	521,955	368,006
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,596,375	\$2,501,156

Expenses

Administration	318,246	325,211
General Institutional	1,037,370	974,000
Instruction	869,835	866,025
Library	242,599	245,919
Student Aid	101,409	90,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,596,375	\$2,501,155

*U.S. and Canada

Expenditures as % of Total Budget



Carl and Kathy Heppner with children Joel (4), Kezia (3) and Asha (3 mos.)

Student Profile: Carl Heppner - Winnipeg

Carl and Kathy Heppner have always felt a clear call to pastoral ministry as a couple, and there was never any doubt in their minds that pastoral ministry included anabaptist theological training.

Carl has taken courses on the Seminary's Winnipeg, Manitoba campus for the last five years. "Taking courses part time gave me something more to focus on outside of ministry," says Carl, "and it gave me new perspective on my ministry."

The Heppners moved to Fresno to broaden their family's experience of diversity in daily experiences, and in theological reflection, but have also experienced a supportive, helpful community living on campus.

Carl is pleased to be close to finishing his degree. It may be the end of his degree, but not the end of his studies. "What you learn at seminary is not just theoretical knowledge. I can apply the things I learn directly to my ministry."