



The Link

MBCI Alumni Newsletter - Keeping You Connected



Life Well Learned.

Dive into the new MBCI Brand: What it means and how you can be a part of it.

By: Sherry Sukkau - Director of Advancement and Recruitment

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we are very excited to introduce our new brand! Some of you have been asking, what was wrong with the old brand? Through the re-branding process and talking with many of you about your experience at MBCI and what the school means to you, we recognized there was a need to develop a better way of telling our story – a story that reflects who we are, what we do and how we do it.

70 years ago, MBCI was founded as a place where children could learn about and grow in their relationship with God in a school that offered high academic standards. We remain committed to this and the foundational verse of 1 Cor. 3:11 *“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”* We believe in excellence and having a high standard – we always have and we always will. We are also committed to preparing our students for

post-secondary education and helping each student achieve their God-given potential. In addition to a Christ-centered learning experience, we are also deeply committed to equipping students with values such as principles, purpose and passion.

As we celebrate this noteworthy anniversary, we also look ahead to our next 70 years! We hope you will take the opportunity to reflect on your experience with your alma mater and the impact it had on your life’s journey. Take a moment to share your story with us!

It is our hope that students leaving MBCI will be equipped with an academic, spiritual and emotional foundation that they will take with them in their journey through life to live a **Life Well Learned.**

CELEBRATING

70

YEARS
1945-2015

Help us celebrate 70 years by telling us how you’ve been living a **Life Well Learned.** Email info@mbsci.mb.ca and share your story - it could be published in the next issue of The Link or online at mbsci.mb.ca/alumni.



Potential



Principle



Passion



Purpose

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Calendar of Events

2014/15	MBCI's 70th Anniversary
June 25	Graduation Ceremony
Aug. 21	20th Anniversary Golf Tournament
Sept. 3	1st day of School HS BBQ
Sept. 22-26	Spiritual Emphasis Week
Sept. 23	Opening Program 7:30pm
Sept. 30	AGM 7:30pm
Oct. 16	Grandparent Day
Nov. 5	5th Annual Fashion Event 7pm
Nov. 12	Fall Band Concert 7:30pm
Nov. 20	German Night 7:30pm
Dec. 9	HS Christmas Concert 7:30pm
Dec. 16	MS Christmas Concert 7:30pm
Dec. 22 -Jan.2	Christmas Break

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Here & Now

We always love to hear what MBCI alumni are up to once they leave MBCI - that includes you! Have you moved? Started a new job? Added members to your family? Let us know and share with your fellow alumni! Email your update to **Mary Unruh** at munruh@mbcimb.ca

1970's

George Toews ('70) passed away on May 13/14. George was currently serving as pastor of the Portage Avenue Church. Our condolences to his wife **Carla**, their children and the PAC congregation.



On Dec. 23/13, **Reginald Albert Litz ('76)** with wife **Lois** and daughters **Sara** and **Rachel** beside him and the words of blessing still in the air, Reg moved into eternity. Reg was the son of **Albert & Helen (Wilms '50) Litz**, brother **Conrad (Barb)** and sister **Lori (Litz '74) Shand (Doug)**. Reg was a professor at the Asper School of Business - teaching and research. While proud of obtaining his Doctorate, when asked what he did, he would simply reply "I teach".

In his final week, his face lit up at the thought that he might see Jesus before the New Year. Pancreatic cancer shortened his life, but faith gave him the courage to prepare himself and his family and to truly believe that his life was in God's hands. He died a whole man, having said and done all the important things and having surrendered the future of those he loved to God. Reg's greatest gift was his genuine love of people. His greatest regret was that his illness took him from his family too soon. In the words of C. S. Lewis, he has moved "higher up and further in," to what is infinitely more real than what we now know. "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God - Micah 6:8." (Taken from the obituary.)

Congratulations to **Dr. Warren Froese ('79)** on receiving the Dr. Jack Armstrong Humanitarian Award. He was recognized for the many years of selfless humanitarian service he contributed to the Bon Berger medical clinic in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

1980's

I live with my son and daughter in Morden MB and work as an Outpatient Nursing Coordinator and Clinical Research Nurse at Eden Mental Health Centre. I also do mental health consultation for the Southern Health region. A move back to my old stomping ground in Winnipeg is on the horizon as my kids will both graduate in the next two years and my family remains there. I have done some mission work as a nurse in the past years and hope to accommodate more of that into my travel as I enter a new phase of life!
Heidi Toews ('87)

1990's



"In Oct./13 the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba (APEGM) welcomed **Dr. Marcia Friesen ('90)**, P.Eng. as the new Council President for 2013/14. Marcia is the Program

Director of the Internationally Educated Engineers Qualification Program at the U of M, and will lead the Association's Council in regulating the practices of engineering and geoscience on behalf of the people of this province." (News Release - *The Keystone Professional*)



On Saturday, May 24/14, **Tim Woelk ('93)** passed away suddenly while hiking in the Whiteshell. He enjoyed church, Bible studies, the outdoors, sports, his friends and family, and playing his bass

guitar. Tim was faithful, loyal, genuine and humorous. Most of all, it is encouraging to know he was a faithful follower of the Lord. Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time. He was such a joy to all of us who had the privilege of knowing him. We look forward to seeing him in glory.

Paul H Boge ('91)



Singer **Tim Neufeld ('94)** of Abbotsford received a Juno Award for his first solo album "Trees" on March 30/14 for Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the

Year. He was the former lead singer of the Canadian Christian band Starfield. Tim is married, with two children and is currently touring across Canada.

(The News - Serving Abbotsford & Mission BC)

Edson and Teresa Sanecki are thrilled to announce the engagement of

Mark Sanecki ('97) to MaryAnn Aceti.

Mark lives in St. Catharines, ON where he is president and CEO of a Plumbing Heating & Cooling Co. The wedding will take place on June 27, 2015.

2000's

Jeremy Epp ('00) - Is currently completing his fourth season as principal timpanist in the WSO. In May/14 he recently performed with the WSO in Carnegie Hall (NYC). Jeremy plans on moving to Detroit where he was hired by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

After grad, I went on to complete a B.A. in Anthropology at the U of W in '06 and an M.A. in Museum Studies at the U of Oklahoma in '08. In '08, I spent several months in Mesa, Arizona doing an internship at the Arizona Museum of Natural History. Upon the completion of my studies, I worked as the assistant curator at the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach, MB. My husband, **Matthew Lehotsky**, and I were married on Jan. 9/10 and we welcomed our daughter, **Heidi**, in the summer of '12. On April 13th, **Jeremy David** joined our family!
Jocelyn (Dewar '02) Lehotsky

2010's

Adam Schriemer ('13) was among the 2014 Canada West men's volleyball award recipients. Adam won Trinity Western's Rookie of the Year award. Congrats!!

Send your updates,
questions or comments to
Mary Unruh,
MBCI Alumni Coordinator
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For the Record

Class of 1949



The MBCI Class of '49 returned to MBCI to celebrate their 65th Anniversary Reunion on Wed. May 21/14. The agenda included a time of informal sharing, a delicious dinner from Homers Restaurant and a short program. **Mary Unruh** (Alumni Manager) welcomed the class and opened the evening with a prayer. **Henry Klassen ('80)** brought greetings from the MBCI Board. Principal **Fred Pauls ('71)** shared a few thoughts on MBCI Today while **Sherry Sukkau** (Director of Advancement) presented a PowerPoint presentation called *Then & Now* - reflecting back on life in 1949 to MBCI in the present. The evening included an opportunity to introduce our new website and branding through a video of alumni sharing values they learned at MBCI and use in their life today. A video of staff focused on how they teach those values and students shared how they learn these values daily. **Fred Pauls** concluded the evening with a short tour of the recent campus expansion. The Class of '49 had a special evening together and MBCI was pleased to host them for this occasion.

- **Mary Unruh** (Alumni Manager)

Pictured L to R (alumni are seated) Harold Neufeld (Verdeen), Agnes Dyck, Katie (Konrad) Epp (John), John Stoesz (Ellen)

Class of 1974



Nine of us from our class who still remain friends went to Las Vegas for the weekend. It was great fun. We went to see a couple of shows, we shopped and enjoyed the exotic sites of Vegas. Looking forward to our next adventure.

Pictured L to R Back Row: Susan Wiebe (Derksen), Lillian Schmidt, Irene Enns (Dahl) Colleen Braun (Penner), Faridat Etoroma (Sule Koiki), Silvia Kozak (Steendam) Front Row: Sharon Voth, Cheryl Kornelsen, Ursula Wiebe (Mireau)



Paul and rescued girl Charity at MCF



Paul's Gr. 7 Math Class at MCF

Q & A With Paul Boge

By Rod Nickel ('89)

Paul Boge graduated MBCI in 1991 and went on to a career as an engineer in Winnipeg. Along the way, he developed a passion for film and writing. He is now the author of five books – three biographies and two novels. Paul is also planning to shoot his third film, in Kenya, and is the founder of the popular Winnipeg Real to Reel Film Festival. He is a member of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, where he occasionally preaches. Paul is also chairman of Square One World Media Inc., formerly known as Family Life Network.

Q: First of all, how does a person end up blessed with the gifts to be both a practicing engineer and a prolific author/filmmaker?

Paul: I can only give credit to Christ. Ephesians 2:10 says that God prepared work in advance for us to do. And I just want to be obedient to serve Him with the gifts He has given me.

Q: Tell us about how you became a writer and a filmmaker. What were the key events or revelations in your life that put you on this path?

Paul: My father gave me my love for filmmaking and my mother gave me my love for writing books. My dad took my brother and I to see films like *Treasure Island* at Victoria Beach Clubhouse Theater and *Empire Strikes Back* in Winnipeg. Those films really inspired me about the power of film. My parents would take my brother and sister and I swimming at Victoria Beach and my mother would read *Tower of Geburrah* to us and it just amazed me how an author could write like that.

Q: What role has adversity played in shaping your life?

Paul: I was turned down 236 times as a screenwriter before my first book got picked up. Adversity is everything. It has taught me that God's timing prevails. Life isn't so much about being successful, as much as it is about being faithful. And trusting God when something does not work helps me grow in my walk with Him

Q: Two of your books are about the Mully Children's Family (MCF), a ministry that rescues street children in Kenya, and your upcoming film and children's book will tell that story as well. How has **Charles Mulli's** story changed your life?

Paul: He has completely inspired me to follow Christ more closely - to be willing to surrender everything to Him and to allow Him to do whatever He wants in my life. Mulli lives out the joy of the Gospel. He taught me that we are born to serve. And he has so many memorable lines, "*Success is fleeting and image is nothing. Years from now, no one will ever even know that we were here. So my question to you is: what are you living for?*"

Q: How would you describe your first visit to the Mully ministry in Kenya?

Paul: Completely eye opening. Seeing children in slums revolutionized the direction my life was going. Being with Charles Mulli at MCF showed me how much impact God can have when a life is surrendered to Him. I made great friends with the Mullis and totally fell in love with the rescued street children. It really is beyond description. It just so instilled a passion for serving at MCF.

Q: What do you find the most rewarding about writing books and making films?

Paul: It is a great challenge and a lot of fun. But the most rewarding part about filmmaking and writing is when people say they are closer to God because of something I had the privilege of being a part of. God is the real author anyway, so it motivates everything I do when someone encounters God through what He has used me to write.

Q: What are the most important things you took from your MBCI years, other than a diploma?

Paul: The friendships with students and the Christian example of the teachers. Plus I had a lot of fun (especially when the teachers let me make movies for class projects instead of having to do essays)!

Volunteering – It's Great for Your Health!

We are blessed to have the support of many alumni, parents and friends of MBCI! Without the assistance of our volunteers we would be hard pressed to carry out many initiatives we undertaken. Two of our long-time volunteers, **Lisa (Fast '83) Loewen** and **David Unruh ('74)**, were asked to briefly share why they choose to give back in this way.

Lisa (Fast '83) Loewen



Involvement: Development Team – including designing trophy cases, choosing paint colors, and gym clothing; alumni relations, Annual Benefit Dinner, Open House, Fashion Event, Gr. 6 Field Trip Parent Chaperon.

I have been instilled with the idea of giving back ... It's something taught - a learned trait. Volunteering and giving back has been and continues to be exemplified by my parents, family, friends, and colleagues. I've grown up in a business community and have seen it all my life. Once I started volunteering at MBCI and the reason I stayed involved is I saw the passion of others at MBCI. Those working there want to make amazing things happen and impact lives for Christ! I saw the incredible people and the amount of energy and effort they put into their work and that made me want to be part of it. I've also seen alumni (the very people I went to school with over the years) impacted by their time at MBCI and know it's made a difference in their life, our Winnipeg community and the world. On a personal note I enjoy taking up the challenges ... MBCI always has needs and causes worth my time and attention!

David Unruh ('74)



Involvement – Coaching, Fundraising Golf Tournament

The reason for volunteering is to give back as many before us already have. They gave unselfishly so we could enjoy the freedom and standard of living we have today. It is our turn to ensure our children and grandchildren continue to experience the blessings we have and are daily seeing the fruits of their labour.

When I answer my phone, and after the initial chit chat, I usually respond "And how can I help you today?"

How does this mesh with volunteering? When I was between 7-12 years of age, our church volunteered to visit the residents in the Selkirk Mental Hospital. We played games and crokinole for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon. We brought smiles to their faces!

Later, my career included playing and coaching different sports and using my construction skills with Habitat for Humanity. The camaraderie, pursuit of a team goal and physical exertion made us confident and proud of our accomplishments for and with others. It brought smiles to our faces!

At MBCI, I have the privilege of volunteering through fundraising and in the past, coaching! When support is given - be it financial or otherwise - that brings smiles to the students faces!

Now, as a new grandparent, I look back and see the significance of the volunteer events in my life gave me more joy than any "paid" accomplishment. I know I have helped make the world a better place for my grandchildren. That brings a smile to my face!

So next time your phone rings ... "How can I help you today?" It just might bring a smile to your face!

The Link is Going Green!

At MBCI, we are always trying to find new ways to be eco-friendly and to serve our alumni better. We are currently working to switch *The Link* to electronic distribution and we need your help!

If you would like to start receiving *The Link* by email we ask that you sign up today either by emailing info@mbci.mb.ca or by calling **Mary Unruh at 204.667.8210 ext. 2109.**

For more alumni news and information go to mbci.mb.ca/alumni.

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Celebrating MBCI Annual Benefit Dinner

On May 2nd, over 375 people gathered at the RBC Convention Centre for a special God-honouring event as we celebrated MBCI's 70-year history. Highlights included a reveal of MBCI's new brand and website (mbci.mb.ca), emcee - **Kyle Rudge ('99)**, a live auction with auctioneer **Ken Morrow ('76)** and of course the opportunity to reconnect with so many in the MBCI community. A record-breaking **\$160,000** was raised in support of our campus expansion. We are grateful to God for His continuing faithfulness and to the many sponsors, guests, volunteers and students who helped make this a special celebration!

Celebrating MBCI Team - Tanya (Ewert '90) Boge, Christine Capitano, Lisa (Fast '83) Loewen, Norma Pauls, Eleanor Ratzlaff, Tamara (Fast '86) Roehr, Janis Banman - Advancement, Sherry Sukkau - Advancement, Mary Unruh - Advancement

Event \$10,000+

Urban Effects by Norcraft Cabinetry -
Mark ('83) & CariLyn (Friesen '83) Buller

Olympic Building Centre -
Garry ('86) & Tamara (Fast '86) Roehr

Cornelius ('60) & Tamira Martens

Red Carpet \$7,500

Universal Gems - Gem Trading Corporation -
Robert (Bob) Wiens ('60)

Dinner \$5,000

Norm ('80) & Sherry Sukkau

Dessert \$3,000

FT3 Architecture Landscape Interior Design -
Jerald ('87) & Jennifer Peters

Reception \$3,000

Palliser Furniture Ltd. -
Art ('61) & Leona DeFehr
Dave ('64) & Ester DeFehr
James ('88) & Heidi DeFehr

Diamond \$3,000

Richard ('81) & Bonnie Olfert

Friends of MBCI

Print \$2,500

Regehr's Printing Ltd. -
Reynold & Karis (Neufeld '90) Regehr

Candy Bar \$2,500

Best Care Dry Cleaners -
Kevin & Lisa Hiebert

Platinum \$2,000

Raymond S.C. Wan Architect Inc. -
Raymond & Connie Wan

Boge & Boge (1980) Ltd.

Irwin Homes Ltd. -
Andrew ('87) & Krista Koop

The Bill ('55) and Margaret (Redekopp '61)
Fast Family Foundation

Gold \$1,000

Phil ('81) & Michelle (Enns '83) Pauls

EnviroForce Group Inc. -
Kal & Lisa (Fast '83) Loewen

Ted ('84) & Carrie (Wall '84) Geddert

Wendi (Ronald '83) & Richard Thiessen

Century 21 - Bachman & Associates -
David & Susan Unruh ('74) and
Chris Unruh

Will & Leona (Hiebert '72) Rew

Friends of MBCI

Hans E. ('90) & Tanya (Ewert '90) Boge

Neil ('48) & Gerda Fast

Henry ('80) & Ebonie (Toews '84) Klassen

Urban Effects by Norcraft Cabinetry -
Phil ('92) & Rachele (Dueck '92) Buller

Michelle R. Redekopp -
Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP

MBCI Board Member

Fred ('72) & Linda Pauls

Perimeter Industries Ltd. -
Rick ('83) & Charlotte DeFehr
DeFehr Furniture Ltd. -
Andy ('86) & Leona (Reimer '88) DeFehr

United Therapies STRIVE -
Eugene & Christine Capitano

David & Hermine Olfert and
George ('53) & Sylvia Martens

Andrea (Buller '96) & Justin ('95) Neufeld and
Neil ('69) & Joyce (Riediger '68) Buller

Silver \$500

Lakeview Insurance Brokers Ltd. -
Anthony Reimer

Friends of MBCI

Bronze \$250

Deloitte - Richard ('81) & Bonnie Olfert

Friends of MBCI

Floral

Dress It Up Events - Amanda Mueller



Kyle Rudge ('99) Emcee



**Jeremy & Jodi (Krueger '96) Kosman and
Tamira (Peters '94) & Mark ('94) Penner**



Ron ('72) & Irene (Dahl '74) Enns

Time to Reunite

Class of 1954

60th Anniversary Reunion

We will meet at MBCI Aug. 28, 2014 at 3 pm and begin with a school tour. Dinner will follow at 5:30 pm. Look forward to seeing many of you there!

Planning Committee:

Dorothy Huebert – contact 204.334.4728 or htdhuebert@gmail.com, **Elfrida Penner** and **Mary Reimer**.

Class of 1964

50th Anniversary Reunion

July 25-27, 2014

25th – Meet & Greet

26th – Brunch and Dinner

27th – Tour & Worship Service @ MBCI 10 am

Questions?

Contact **Ann Wiens** 204.788.4883 or annwiens@mymts.net.

Class of 1989

25th Anniversary Reunion

An event is being planned for Fall 2014. If you are willing to assist with planning it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact **Paul Dueck** at paul@usana.com or 204.227.4691.

Class of 2004

Save the Date – Sept. 13, 2014

It's been 10 years and your 10-year letters await you!

Jeff Mathew and **Carlos Mezquita** are working on plans for getting together.

Contact – jeffreymathew2@gmail.com or carlosmezquita4@gmail.com to register.

Class of 1950

65th Anniversary Reunion

MBCI would like to host your Reunion!!

Please contact **Mary Unruh** @ munruh@mbsci.mb.ca for more information (204.667-8210 Ext. 2109).

Your Reunion is coming up!

1955 – 60th

1965 – 50th

1990 – 25th

2005 – 10th

Please contact **Mary Unruh** at munruh@mbsci.mb.ca to plan for a reunion!!

Staff Awards



Congratulations to **Brian Plett** on being awarded the 2014 Peter Dick Award for work within the school system (April 6 at the 2014 Coaching Manitoba IMPACT Awards). Brian was also awarded the Sport Manitoba Coaches Award and the Global TV Award.



Jon Goossen ('81) Was honoured to coach the AAAA graduating basketball Allstar game this year. He was also very excited to have three of his own players selected onto the team. These players were **Derek McKnight ('14)**, **Gurinder Gill ('14)** and **Matt Dyck ('14)**. Congrats!

Celebrate

Join us for MBCI's 5th and Final Curtain Call!

FASHION SHOW
DESSERT RECEPTION
RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION



JUBILEE PLACE 173 TALBOT AVE.

Take & Read

A book-study group delivered by CMU and MBCI in cooperation.

Public Prophets:

Thinking Theologically About the "Opinion-Shapers"

Time: Wednesdays at 7 p.m., October 8th, December 3rd, February 4th, and April 8th.

Place: The Library at MBCI - 173 Talbot Ave.

Price: \$120 per person includes the four books and desserts
\$40 for a second person sharing the same books

For more information go to cmu.ca/takeandread

Books to be discussed:

- Marilynne Robinson, *When I Was a Child I Read Books* (2012)
- Malcolm Gladwell, *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* (2013)
- Christian Wiman, *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Christian Believer* (2013)
- Thomas Lynch and Thomas Long, *The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care* (2013)

MBCI's Legacy Walkway



Join us as we celebrate our **70-year history** by putting a brick in the MBCI Legacy Walkway! This is a meaningful way to mark a special occasion, honour a loved one or a great gift idea!

Don't miss this chance to be part of this lasting legacy! Order your personalized brick now and join over 300 celebrations already in the walkway! Proceeds go to our campus expansion – helping build a bright future for our students!



Every Brick Builds our Future!

- Create a personalized message
- Eligible for a full tax receipt
- Receive a commemorative certificate with each brick purchased

Bricks purchased before July 31 will be installed in Summer 2014.

Buy Your Brick now at mbci.mb.ca/giving or call 204.667.8210

August 21, 2014 **MBCI 20th Anniversary Golf Tournament**

Register Now!
Contact Mary Unruh
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\$200 ENTRY FEE

Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club
Lunch 11 am Golf 12 noon Dinner 6 pm

Staff Updates



Estelle Berard - I have been at MBCI since 2008 and have been teaching French, Advanced French and English. My plans for the future are to teach at College Louis Riel in the DSFM (Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine). I have learned so much from students and staff during my time at MBCI. Thanks everyone! God Bless You!



Angela (Wiebe '02) Diboll - **Zack** and I are expecting our first baby this summer. We feel so blessed and can't wait to meet the little guy/girl and start our family. I have been teaching Physical Education here at MBCI for 3 years and will definitely miss the athletics, the community, and all of my students. Our baby will be forced to start bumping and setting at 6 months old to get my fix of sports in. MBCI has been a huge part of my life for many years as a student and now as staff. I hope to see you all around while I'm on maternity leave.



Rob Visch ('80) - After 25 years of service (15 years teaching, 10 years Student Services) I am leaving MBCI to pursue some other opportunities. Next year, I am going to be principal of St. Aidan's Christian school. While it is difficult to leave, I carry many fond memories of a place that has shaped me in inexplicable ways. I have learned much from students over the years and from colleagues I have had the privilege of working with.



Melissa (Blieske '05) Rewucki - Over the past year I have had the privilege of being able to stay home with our daughter **Rosalie** and watch her grow up. With that said, I have decided to continue to stay at home with her and consequently have chosen to resign from my position as the High School Gr. 9-11 Science teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and administration for their unconditional support in my decisions and to the students who made my job so enjoyable and memorable.



Marilyn Riediger - I came to MBCI in August 2012 and have been a part-time Administrative Assistant. I have enjoyed serving students and staff over these years!



Stuart Koslowsky ('02) - I am very excited to have the opportunity to take a parental leave after the birth of my first child. My wife **Haylie** is due in the middle of June. I will be on leave from the beginning of September until Spring Break next year.



David Pinto ('01) I had the opportunity to teach Gr. 6, 7 and 8 Phys Ed. It was a great experience, and some of the highlights for me were working with and coaching the Varsity Boys Basketball team and the Gr. 7 badminton team. I am looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities that God has planned for me for next year.

MBCI Today



Piece by Piece ...

Brick by Brick

Over the past months, the Gr. 7 class created a Celebration of Human Rights blanket! Their teacher, **Shawna McDowell**, had the students design human-rights-themed squares which were then sewn together. The quilt was one of seven items auctioned off at the May 2nd

Celebrating MBCI Benefit Dinner. The final live auction bid came in at \$5,200. Half of the total was allocated to MBCI's campus expansion and the remaining portion went to Free The Children - Buy a Brick program. The class was thrilled to reach their goal and beyond, bringing their total to \$3,285! The cost of building a school in Kenya is \$10,000. In August, **Mike Neufeld ('84)** along with eight students, are heading to Kenya to work with Free the Children in building schools. (Excerpts taken from *The Herald*, May 7/14 Edition by Dan Falloon)

Pictured L to R: Signe Roehr, Lauren Herman and Shawna McDowell

Serving Manitoba

Our Middle School students left their classrooms on May 6/14 and made their way to a variety of service opportunities. Some traveled to Camp Arnes for a major camp clean up! Others stayed local and helped out at Inner City Youth Alive and they were challenged about the way they view poverty and the North End of Winnipeg. Another group of students had a great time helping to sort donated clothing for Union Gospel Mission.



Let's Focus on Diseases

Biology 30S - Disease Project. Everyone has been touched by disease in some way. This year **Laura (Hall '03) O'Brien's** Biology 30S class created an installation of life size shadows

to represent the physiological and emotional impact diseases had on loved ones. Each project included a motivational piece about the loved one affected by the disease along with information pertaining to the biological impact of the disease. Being an awareness piece, observers were asked to participate by placing a sticky note above the shadow's which represented diseases affecting their loved ones. One week after the display went up clusters of names gathered above shadows representing breast cancer, Parkinson's and depression to name a few. It was meaningful for students and teachers to walk past this exhibit and pause to reflect on the wide ranging impact disease has had on our community. Students were also able to make connections in **Stuart Koslowsky's ('02)** Applied Math class, as they poured over statistics related to their disease of study. For more information check out the March 5th 2014 issue of the *Canstar Herald*.

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MBCI Today Continued

On Top ... of Spaghetti!

Provincial Spaghetti Bridge Competition was held on March 15/14. Congratulations to Grade 11, **Carolyn Lese** and **Katie Friesen** on their win (\$250). Their bridge held 266.06 kg (586 pounds!) and broke every record made up to this point in this competition for the last ten years! Thanks to **Carolyn (Wall '84) Geddert** and **Glenn Penner ('84)** for testing the final bridges as part of the competition put out annually by APEGM (Associated Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Manitoba). **Steve Warkentine/Physics Gr. 11**

SOCIAL JUSTICE INSPIRATION

Tony Campolo's vision of the future is inspiring! On Feb. 3/14 he challenged the MBCI community to live a conscientious life! He shared stories of his life as a professor buying a certain share of a Haitian based company that allowed him and his students to force that company to be more socially just. When asked what he thought was the world's biggest issue, his response was poverty! Living conditions of third world countries is unimaginably inhumane and if we, as a world, work together we can change that.

Courtney Stevens ('14)

IMPROV-TASTIC!

The Gr. 12 Mennonuts had a fantastic season. **Andrew Brown ('11)** returned to coach our team. When the Provincial Improv Finals rolled around in March, we placed 3rd in Manitoba for the top High School Improv teams. For the first time, we established a Junior Improv Team (affectionately called "Mini-nuts") of very talented Gr. 9 students coached by a former Mennonut **Anders Lysack ('12)**. Thank you to the alumni that come back to coach our teams. The Gr. 12 team has been together for three years and ended off the year as a tribute to **David Torok ('11)** who passed away on Nov. 18/13.

Tiana Northage ('14)

HISTORIC KPAC Soccer Championship



Congrats to the MBCI girls soccer team who after four straight shut-outs, captured the KPAC soccer championship title!! In the Championship Tournament they won over Murdock McKay, Garden City, and Selkirk. They rounded out the finals defeating West Kildonan 0-0 (3-2) in a penalty kick shoot-out! The Hawks came up short in the Provincials losing 3-2. Thank you coaches - **Kevin Kessler, Marvin Dubon, Josue Dubon ('13)** and **Amanda Mathwig ('13)**.

Landfill Never Sounded So Good!

The opportunity to be able to play with the Recycled Orchestra from Paraguay was, in short, absolutely amazing. They played instruments made from trash found on the landfill in the slums of Paraguay. We only had about an hour and a half to put together our concert repertoire with them, which included four short solos in which a Paraguayan player was paired up with an MBCI player with the same instrument. Even though there was a language barrier, the whole afternoon was full of smiles, laughs and of course, music.

Alex Czehryn ('14)

MHSAA – AAAA Basketball - Final Four

The MBCI Varsity Boys team was trailing by 21 before going on a 22-0 run to take the lead. Glenlawn came back and managed to move on to win 90-82. **Jon Goossen ('81)**, who just finished his 21st season as a coach commented that in all his coaching career, he has never seen such a close Top 10. The Hawks were 27-7 this season, including tournament wins at the Notre Dame Tournament in (Calgary) and the Maples Tournament (Winnipeg). Things look promising for the 2014/15 season with half the MBCI team remaining. Congrats on a great run!!!

(Excerpts taken from The Herald, April 2/14 Edition by Dan Falloon)

MBCI Spring Concerts

On Tuesday, May 27 various choirs, ensembles and bands treated the full house audience to a fantastic senior high concert. The evening closed with a number of alumni joining the Concert Band for two pieces - *Spaseniye Sodetal* (Salvation is Created) and *Pas Redouble*. The Middle School concert followed on June 3rd. Thank you **Andrew Klassen ('82)** & **Tim Taves & Greg Cooper** - amazing effort on the part of all involved!

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The MBCI Music Department Music Tour 2014 included Washington, D.C. and New York City as two of its major destinations. The tour occurred Wed. April 9 to Saturday April 19/14. Check out the article at <http://www.northernvatimes.com/culpeper/article/sing-sing-sing>. We made some exceptional memories!!!!

Andrew Klassen ('82) & **Tim Taves**

Heading for the "Hills"

On June 26-July 4/14 a group of 21 Senior High school students along with **Reynold Buhler, Hannah Charnock ('13), Alexa McAdam ('12)** and **Brian Plett** will head for the Rocky Mountains to the Alpine Club of Canada in Canmore AB - our base camp. **Brian Plett**



ART - Easter Challenge

All art students from Gr. 8 - 12 were given a monthly challenge prior to Easter. They were all required to read Matthew's account of the Easter story from the New Testament and create a piece of art based on a part of the

passage with which they connected. Each student developed an artist statement and sixteen of the pieces were presented by the artists in the Easter Chapel last April. The variety of artwork and thinking behind the art was outstanding and many people were moved and impacted by the depth and creativity of these students. **Merlin Braun**

