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“When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’” (Matthew 9:36-38, HCSB).

Jacques & Martine Avakian
Pierrefonds, Quebec

By Ann-Margret Hovsepian

In describing the spiritual condition of the people of Quebec, where he has been overseeing church planting since January 2009, North American Mission Board (NAMB) church planter Jacques Avakian calls to mind the boat crew in the story of Jonah.



“People in Quebec are spiritual and they’re seeking something, but they’re not seeking the right spirit,” he says. “The people Jonah met on the boat were spiritual but they didn’t know the right God because

no one was sharing the truth with them.”

Avakian points out that many people in Quebec are bitter because of past experiences with organized religion. “They’re not letting the walls be broken,” he says. “I want to challenge everyone to look forward and remember that God heals the past. It’s my personal mission that every soul who lives in the province of Quebec be reached... to pray that God would remove the strongholds in Quebec so that when people hear the gospel, they respond to it instead of react to it.”

The main challenge of working in Quebec is the shortage of laborers.

“We’re really short on people and resources,” says Avakian. “If people outside of Quebec invested in ministry here, we would see great things happen.” Still, Avakian believes evangelicals in Quebec need to live by faith and trust that God will provide the resources. “We need workers who are willing to give up everything to serve God.”

“People say Quebec is one of the toughest mission fields and I agree, but what mission field is easy? I don’t believe anyone is beyond hope, no matter how tough they are. I haven’t met one person in Quebec who didn’t want to listen to what I was saying. If every believer in Montreal committed himself or herself to reaching one person a year, we would double ourselves in one year!”

Read more about church planting in Quebec in the *Baptist Horizon*, February/March 2011.

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Mel & Marybelle Cruikshank Edmonton, Alberta

Mel and Marybelle Cruikshank have served as NAMB missionaries since their appointment in October 1989. After 25 years of ministry as local campus minister in Edmonton and Calgary, Mel took over as the national university ministry leader for the CNBC.



Marybelle serves as manager for Hope Mission (www.hopemission.com), an inner city ministry providing housing, food and spiritual support for over 800 homeless people each day in Edmonton. Through Hope Mission Community Church, over 50 people came to faith in Christ in 2010.

Mel supports churches and campus ministries in:

- planting university community churches on strategic campuses
- offering leadership training for collegiate leaders and students
- organizing retreats and camps for students
- establishing clubs, chaplaincy, and church based ministries
- providing student ministry resources
- coordinating missions opportunities around the world
- supporting local networks of youth and collegiate ministers

In 2010 CNBC campus ministries had:

- Collegiate ministry on 36 campuses across Canada
- 1,866 college/university students participating in campus ministries
- 46 individuals leading campus ministries across Canada
- 66 individuals come to know Christ through university ministry
- 34 collegians preparing for church vocations
- 566 collegians involved in Bible study groups
- 213 interna-



- tional students involved in collegiate ministry
- 21 collegians serving in summer or semester missions
- 75 collegians serving on short-term mission trips

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"God has blessed me with the best job in the world, to help Canadian churches in reaching out to our university and college campuses," says Mel. "I believe a key to planting hundreds of churches across Canada is in discovering the dedicated Christian leaders needed to lead these churches. We need to discover them in the harvest field. This is the vision that has guided me during 30 years of campus ministry."

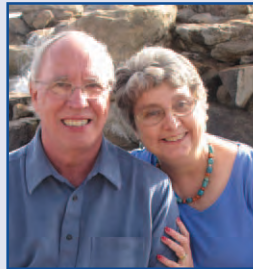
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Pray for students to answer God's call to be on mission and that more churches will be planted and ministries established on university/college campuses.

Gary & Carol Oaks Vancouver, British Columbia

Gary and Carol Oaks currently serve as church planting network coordinators in Vancouver, British Columbia. As NAMB Mission Service Corps missionaries, they support and encourage 40 church planters in the Vancouver Metropolitan area.



Prior to their time in Canada, Gary and Carol served as International Mission Board (IMB) Masters missionaries in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. They lived in Arizona for 30 years where Gary, a civil engineer, worked for the City of Tucson and Carol worked as a public relations project manager. They retired early from their careers to focus 100 percent on God's work. Gary and Carol have four children and ten grandchildren who live in Arizona.

Gary coordinates the WestCoast Baptist Association's church planter monthly network meetings and Carol keeps track of a lending library of block party supplies. They also teach English and build relationships at the Middle Eastern Friendship Centre in Surrey.

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Gary also serves as director/teacher and Carol as teacher for the West Coast LEAD360 ("Leaders Equipped and Deployed") program (www.lead360.ca). They are using this online discipleship training program developed by the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and CNBC as a means of training leaders in church plants and demonstrating to them a method for maturing their members for leadership roles.



Through prayer and God's blessing, teachers and students have grown in their spiritual walks and are now discipling others to do the same.

Pray that the Lord would continue to grow LEAD 360 and continue to touch lives and prepare all church members to be on mission with Christ.

Pray that the Lord would continue to use Gary and Carol to encourage church planters and their wives.

Pray that they would build relationships and look for opportunities to share Christ with their English students.

Wendy Tsai Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Wendy Tsai is a single Chinese minister who was born in Taiwan and is now serving in Prince Edward Island. She was called to plant the first Chinese (Mandarin speaking) church on "The Gentle Island" and is now serving as a Nehemiah church planter.

Since 2007, thousands and thousands of Chinese immigrants have been immigrating to PEI, but there was no Chinese minister sharing the gospel to these people, using their mother language. Because of that,



Wendy took a mission trip to PEI in September 2009 and took *The Ten Commandments* film for Chinese people to watch.

After watching this film, one woman told Wendy that her son wanted her to tell him something about God. The woman told Wendy, "I don't know how to answer my son."

That touched Wendy's heart. She asked herself: "Who is going to help this lady to find out who God is?"

Someone told Wendy that her first name might have a little to do with it. Her real name is Wen-Pei Tsai. This person said it's like a message since "PEI" is part of her name. So, Wendy said, "I guess it is meant to be."

When she was officially sent to PEI to serve God's people in March 2010, there were only four Christians attending the Chinese Sunday school. But now, God has used Wendy and others to establish the first Chinese church with around 60 people attending.

This new church, Providence Evangelical International Church (PEI Church), in Charlottetown, is now providing Sunday school for all ages. More than fifteen people have been baptized at this church!

Pray that more Chinese immigrants will hear the gospel and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

Pray for the Chinese immigrants who move from PEI to other big cities in Canada, that they can successfully become a part of CNBC churches.

Pray that God will use the PEI Church to start a Chinese church planting movement in the Atlantic provinces.



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