

INTERSERVE CANADA

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THE CHANGING PARADIGM OF MISSIONS

A LETTER FROM BOB MORRIS - MISSION CONSULTANT

Recently I had the privilege of attending a conference that spoke on the changing paradigms of mission. What I heard confirmed what we at Interserve have been experiencing over the past several years. God is building up leaders and disciples in countries where He was once unknown and is calling them to go out and share the love of Christ in other parts of the world.

Interserve is privileged to be on the cutting edge of this new mission movement! We not only send workers overseas into the Arab and Asian worlds, we now are accepting overseas workers into our traditionally "sending countries" to engage the Asian and Arab populations there. I am excited about this new chapter in mission and am happy to see God directing Interserve in this way, for these people groups in Canada continue to grow and need the Lord here as much as they did in the countries from which they came.

Going forward, I ask you to keep supporting us in your prayers as we engage in ministry to the Arab and Asian worlds, both overseas and here in Canada. Pray that we will have wisdom as we welcome this new missions' paradigm. We also rely on your continued financial support that enables our partners and staff to engage in God's work around the world. Thank you for partnering with us in these ways.

THE MISSION MINDSET HAS BEEN TO SEND BELIEVERS "FROM THE WEST TO THE REST". BUT NOW, MISSIONS IS "FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE".

MINISTERING IN THE NEW PARADIGM



Meet Owen and Beth Brown who returned to Canada from their placement in Asia in the spring of 2009 as their visas were not renewed in the country they were serving, and their two sons needed to acquaint themselves with Canadian culture.

As Owen and Beth were considering placement back in Asia, Owen had a heart attack in September of 2011, and the complications from that event prevented them from pursuing service overseas. Since then, God has revealed His plan and has called Owen and Beth into ministry in Canada.

They now work with the 400+ international students at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in Prince George, BC. Every other Friday night during the fall and winter semesters, Owen and Beth run a dinner and bible study hosted at a local church. In addition, Owen leads several Bible based leadership training groups with the student leadership team. Other activities include, gym nights, traveling to local sights and visiting places like Jasper.

INTERVIEW WITH BETH AND OWEN

A COUPLE MINISTERING IN THE NEW PARADIGM



Q. What vision has God developed in your heart?

A. God has developed a vision in our hearts to reach the international students for Jesus that come to Canada to study. We work specifically in UNBC.

We seek to empower international students to impact the world through Jesus.

Q. How are you seeing God move in your ministry?

A. Jesus is being presented through Focus Club presentations and one-on-one, life-to-life encounters with international students. I regularly pray with individual

students each week at UNBC. They are very appreciative of those prayers.

Also, we are currently mentoring a keen student from Burma and are thrilled to see God developing her into a Christian leader.

Q. What are some of your greatest challenges and opportunities?

A. We haven't seen many come to Christ through our direct ministry. It is a bit discouraging at times. We try to push the envelope of asking "What does your spiritual journey look like?" and encourage them to consider how the one true Creator God wants to be involved in their lives....

Q. How can we pray for your Canadian Ministry?

A. Pray that we would have opportunities to clearly engage the students in dialogue by asking appropriate questions that lead them to a decision point to follow Jesus.

NEW ROLES IN INTERSERVE



Interserve Canada is pleased to have appointed Candice Little to the role of Communications Manager in January of this year. Candice graduated with a Honors of Communications Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University. Subsequent to that she worked in marketing, then travelled to Thailand to work in an orphanage. Candice is delighted to see how God has led her to Interserve Canada and asks for your prayer as she continues this steep learning curve!

Interserve International is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Bijoy Koshy as its next International Director. This is an historic moment as Interserve started working in India in 1852 and now, nearly 163 years later, an Indian has been entrusted to lead this international mission! Previously, Dr. Koshy served as the Executive Secretary of Interserve India and then as Regional Director in the International Leadership Team. His wife Premila is a trained primary school teacher who was involved in leading the Grihashiksha Home Schooling Movement in India.

