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Letter from the *President*



"God is equipping believers for active Christian service through their time at ABC."

ABC Family,

What a privilege to send you Christmas greetings from Alberta Bible College again this year. I am delighted to share with you the ways God is moving at ABC.

Since the pandemic, students, faculty, and staff have been working together to figure out what God is calling us to be and do on campus, in churches, and beyond.

This year, our renewed calling is gaining some clarity.

This past year, we have welcomed a group of new students into our College program who have brought a renewed energy. They are excited to study the Scriptures and serve the Lord. Our community has grown closer despite the financial strain on students related to inflation and housing demands.

We have found ways to minister to those in need in our midst, including the new ABC Community Kitchen which provides food to students, their families, and communities. ABC Community Kitchen is run by staff, students, and community volunteers.

ABC students have experienced transformational service opportunities through the Fall Ministry Experience to Gentle Road Church of Christ in Regina, SK, which serves the indigenous inner city population of North Central Regina. Earlier this year, the students did their Spring Ministry Experience at Pine Lake Christian Camp, where they helped prepare the grounds for the summer season.

Ongoing Field Experience has included service at the Mustard Seed, Calgary Chinese Baptist Church, WorldShare Thrift Store, and the Brentwood Care Centre here in Calgary. ABC students have also enjoyed preaching opportunities at Clyde Christian Bible Church, Rosscarrock Church of Christ, the Lutheran Church of the Saviour, and more.

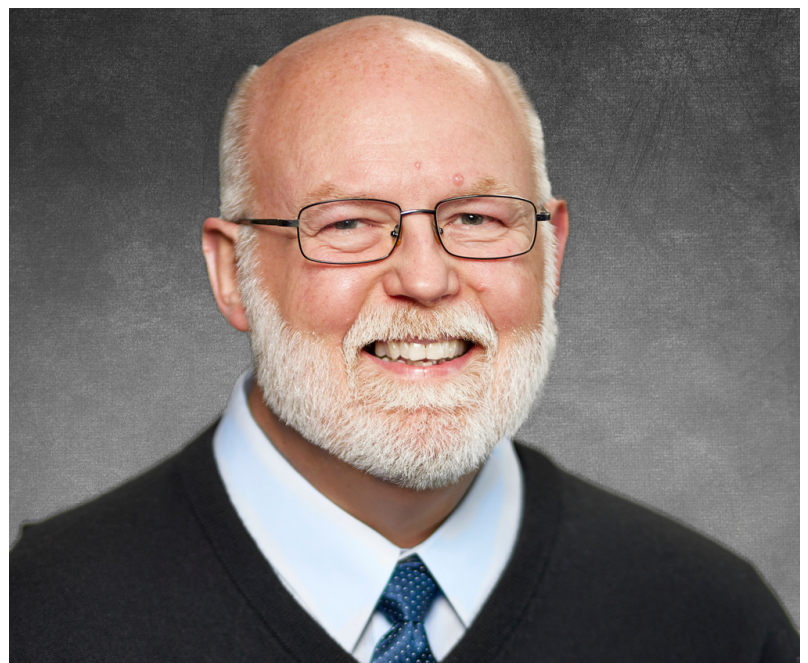
I hope you enjoy the following stories in this year's Christmas Evangel and are encouraged by the dedication and vision of the alumni and students featured. God is equipping believers for active Christian service through their time at ABC and I ask for your continued support in this work. If you have been blessed this year, please consider giving to ABC so we can continue to meet rising costs while maintaining affordable access to life-changing Christian education.

Please continue to share about Alberta Bible College with your friends, family, and church communities and thank you for your continued support through prayers and donations. Your encouragement has meant so much to me and the team here at ABC.

We could not do it without you!

Stan Helton

PRESIDENT



A group of children are jumping in front of a dense green wall, with their arms raised in the air. The scene is captured from behind them, showing their backs and legs as they jump. The overall image has a blue tint.

Refuge OF HOPE

By Rachel Hart

Featuring:
Vienna Moilliet (ABC Alum, 2012)
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Vienna Moilliet (left) is a professional midwife, missionary, and co-founder of the Tabuk Refuge of Hope, where she currently serves as Financial Officer.



rowing up on a sheep ranch in Vavenby, BC, Vienna was part of a large family. She and her brother, Seth, attended ABC's Emerge Youth Event as part of the Vavenby Christian Church youth group before she became a student. Vienna says she felt a calling to missions and social justice as a young adult.

She originally travelled to the Philippines for training and realized God was calling her to serve there. Refuge of Hope was born as a safe place where women could find healing from the trauma of sexual abuse. Vienna and her friend, Ellora, founded the organization in June 2020 during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Refuge of Hope works alongside the local Department of Social Welfare and Development and other nonprofits to provide quality care through programs overseen by Cheryl Domingo (right) who serves as Director and is a Registered Social Worker.



Alberta Bible College

STUDENT STORIES

By Rachel Hart

Alberta Bible College students share about their educational and spiritual journeys...

Ivy

is a 4th year Bachelor of Theology student. Ivy, when asked how her faith has changed during her studies replied, "I feel that I know God better which helps my relationship with him through learning about him... the details in the Bible that one would not typically notice are amazing and really show how God truly plans for things." Her advice for new students: "Come in person when you can! Gas is expensive and time is limited but the conversations both in and out of class are so much more fulfilling..."



Josh

is a 3rd year Bachelor of Theology Student. He reflects on the most valuable aspect of his time at ABC: "I came here to figure out what I wanted to do and get a degree and learn a bit more about the Bible but the most valuable part by far is the community. I've gotten close to my peers, the professors, and I try to attend every event to hang out and have good fellowship with everyone."

His advice: "Go to every community event and talk to as many people as you possibly can. Every single person in this place cares about you and is interested in your well-being, your education and what you have to offer." After ABC: "... what I want to do is get my Masters and come back here and teach... and eventually get my PhD. I'm particularly interested in New Testament Scripture."



Elizabeth

is a 1st year student in the PACE Bachelor of Christian Ministry specializing in Pastoral Care.

"I want to grow more in the knowledge of God and His Word... and share His message of hope and love with the broken world."

When asked how her class experience has affected her faith journey: "My understanding of God had a substantial shift specifically during the OT Literature course. I gained valuable insights about the character of God, His love for His people, and His dream for His Creation."



...and what God is calling them to next.

Roman

is a 2nd year student in the PACE Bachelor of Christian Ministry specializing in Leadership.

“As a parent of a special needs child, my schedule is often busy and unpredictable... the formatting that ABC offers with PACE is amazing.” Roman chose the Bachelor of Christian Ministry “...so that I can work towards a career in ministry, and I felt it was the best path for deepening my knowledge and understanding of God and the Bible.”

“With each class I work through, I learn something new about... the Bible... What I find so remarkable about this is how a deeper understanding of the history behind what was written helps me to make sense of applying the lessons to a contemporary situation.” His advice: “I would tell new students to believe in themselves... You don’t need to be an expert to come to the class and learn, but a willingness and excitement to learn will go a long way.”



Kyle

is a 1st year student in the Bachelor of Christian Studies specializing in Biblical Studies. He came to ABC because “...it had the best courses on diving deep into the Bible.” After ABC, “I plan on becoming a youth pastor and ABC is preparing me with both practical and good theological experience.”

During his studies, “One of the biggest challenges has been writing papers and studying. But with the amount of academic support that the staff offer... [it] makes getting help and grace on assignments a simple process.” He says his understanding of God and faith “...has been challenged and become stronger and more nuanced than it was before.”

ABC Community Kitchen

The new ABC Community Kitchen provides food to students, their families, and communities.

As costs have risen, ABC students and many others have felt the financial pressure. The Calgary Foundation's annual Quality of Life Report notes that 29% of Calgarians can't afford healthy food, up from 21% in 2022.

Knowing that many in our immediate community are effected by food scarcity, students and staff at ABC decided to do something about it.

In partnership with the Spin-A-Round program, the ABC Community Kitchen provides fresh produce, bread, dry goods, and more to members of our community and their families.

Every Tuesday morning, volunteers from ABC rise bright and early to

make the trek to the Calgary Community Kitchen, where the Food Recovery program has collected donations from local merchants and suppliers. Our volunteers gather food and bring it back to campus for student access. If you'd like to support this ministry, please contact us!



Remembering MARJORIE SCRUGGS (1933-2023)

*M*arjorie (née Hockley) Scruggs attended Alberta Bible College (ABC) from 1950 to 1953. Marjorie met Dick at ABC in 1950, and by 1952 they became dynamic partners in marriage and ministry that lasted over fifty years.

They were married in Yellow Grass, SK before moving to Seattle and then accepting the call to serve at Grande Prairie Church of Christ in 1960.



Throughout the years, Dick and Marj served seven churches across three provinces, including Bow Valley Christian Church here in Calgary. They were also a blessing to generations of Christian youth through their work with Pine Lake Christian Camp.

Dick and Marge were some of the first people I met when I became president. Marjorie always met me cheerfully, always told me how much she appreciated the college, and how happy she was to see us thriving again.

In 2018, Dick and Marj received ABC's Faithful Witness Award for their years of Christian service.



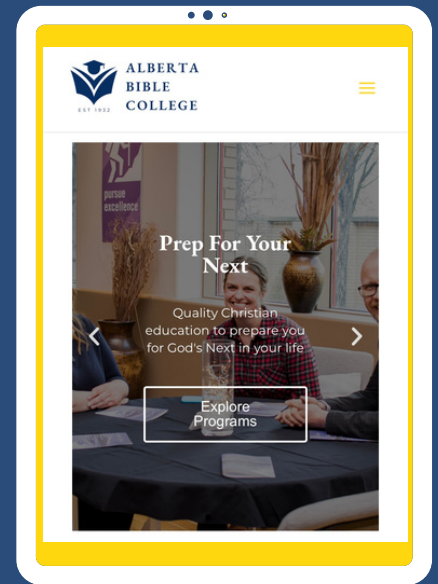
I miss her encouraging words, but I was blessed to know her, to hear her stories, and to be encouraged by her.

On behalf of ABC, thank you, Marj, for giving to the Lord. It has made a difference in so many of our lives.

Stan Helton
President

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