

“We’re so conditioned to seeing fathers as taskmasters,” he says. “Our prayer is that people would be surprised by the grace of God through our story. God’s love is so much bigger than anything that’s thrown at us in life. The Father just wants us to trust His love.” —EMILY WIERENGA

Women’s Rehab Centre Dedicated

The rehabilitation ministry Teen Challenge recently held a dedication ceremony for its new women’s centre an hour north of Toronto. The facility, on 87 acres near King City, Ont., is now open and will accommodate 75 women when renovations are completed in December. The one-year residential rehabilitation program boasts a remarkable 70 per cent cure rate from dependencies on drugs and alcohol among graduates.

About a thousand people came out to the Teen Challenge GTA Women’s Centre in October to hear Ruth Graham speak and to support the life-saving mission.

The youngest daughter of Billy Graham, Ruth Graham asked the audience: “Have you felt too ashamed to look Jesus in the face? I have.” Not even the families of prominent international evangelists are immune to heartbreak and bad choices. Graham shared about her own three failed marriages, her son’s struggle with a drug addiction and her daughter’s eating disorder.

Addiction and dependence on drugs and alcohol recognize no social, geographic, gender or age barriers.

Lorna Dueck of *Listen Up TV*, Rev. David Mainse of *100 Huntley Street*, the Teen Challenge choir and current students at the women’s centre also shared the message of hope and healing.

“So many people in addiction live in denial, on the edge,” said George Glover, Teen Challenge national director. “Teen Challenge is an arm of the Church reaching out to share the hope and freedom to be found in God.”

Eva Riddell of Orangeville was at the dedication. Already a sponsor at Teen Challenge Farm outside London, Ont., she decided to sponsor a woman at the women’s centre as well. “I love this ministry. Women have long been neglected so we’re really thankful for this. Everyone should get on board!”

Garry Cox, women’s centre director, wants everyone to know “We’re here and we’re open!” ■
— LISA WILSON



(R to L) Teen Challenge national director George Glover with wife Margot Glover, Mayor Margaret Black, David Mainse, Lorna Dueck, Ruth Graham, centre director Garry Cox and intake co-ordinator Heather Cox.

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Karen Wierenga, Marge Wierenga and Jeannette Bosma, from Neerlandia, Alta.

and a volunteer on a motorbike who was quick to offer water and bananas. A food van drove ahead to prepare meals and a

school bus toted luggage.

“The tone of the ride set by the CBS district director was one of acceptance, grace, encouragement and kindness,” says first-time participant Bill Armstrong. “My wife and I can’t wait for the next Bike for Bibles opportunity.”

A total of \$164,709 was raised by all participating districts to produce New Tes-

Training Pastors From Developing Countries

A group of Canadians is making it possible for pastors from the developing world to get the theological education they need – and the books they require – for their ministries. Langham Partnership International (LPI), founded by British author and theologian John Stott, exists to facilitate the growth and mission of churches in the developing world.

“Pastors cannot preach without studying and they cannot study without books,” says Stott.

Canada is one of six national members of LPI, along with Australia, East Asia, New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States (see www.langhampartnership.ca).

Stephen Andrews of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., an Anglican bishop, is chair of LPI Canada. He says it focuses on providing evangelical books for pastors, theological students and seminary libraries as well as facilitating evangelical writing and publishing in the developing world.

LPI grants scholarships to enable younger evangelical teachers with academic ability and leadership potential to study for doctorates. Week-long preaching seminars held in the developing world bring quality education and preaching practice directly to the pastors who desire it.

“The church in the majority world [in developing countries] has tremendous needs as it expands exponentially,” Andrews explains, “and this puts huge pressure on institutions that train church leadership. LPI helps to train the brightest and the best academics to world university standards so they can go back and eventually be employed by theological colleges so the development of theology can happen in an indigenous context. It’s a great vision.”

In the recent past, two Langham scholars have studied in Canada with LPI providing both financial and personal support. ■

—MARY LOU HARRISON

taments, the Gospel of Mark and Book of Hope youth magazines for handing out at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

“The Olympics is a perfect venue for sharing Scriptures with thousands of people visiting from all over the world,” says CBS national director Ted Seres. “CBS will be there doing what we do best – sharing God’s life-giving Word.” ■
—EMILY WIERENGA