Meet the Maxwells

The Maxwell name, well-known and loved throughout Prairie’s history, once again became familiar to the campus community when Mark and Elaine and their family accepted the call to leadership in 2010.

Born in Jos, Nigeria in 1958 to missionary parents Ernest and Freeda Maxwell, Mark Maxwell spent his school years in a variety of settings in Africa and North America. He later earned a BA at Trinity Western University and an MBA in Finance & Banking at Baylor University in Waco, TX and began his business career in eastern Canada with CIBC.

His wife Elaine (they married in 1987) was active for many years in children’s ministry and as an adult Bible study teacher and worked alongside Mark in building two investment management companies in Ontario. She now contributes her expertise to Prairie’s Finance Department. “It was an adjustment,” she says of their move, “but I came to realize that God wanted Mark here.”

Meet the Maxwells: Jocelyn, Charlotte, Deborah, Elaine and Mark

Missions conference features former missionary to the Congo

Prairie and missions have always been synonymous and this year’s Global Connections conference will take place March 4 through 6, 2011 following a missions emphasis week at the college. Our goals are to embrace the biblical message of God’s global mission and to consider our participation in the current work of God in today’s world.

Featured speaker for the conference will be Dr. Helen Roseveare, former medical missionary to the Congo with WEC International. Helen is now based in the UK as a deputation worker, challenging young people and church groups all over the English-speaking world to consider God’s claim on their lives for full-time service.

The conference runs Friday through Sunday and main sessions are open to the public. There is no housing provided, but meals can be purchased through the Dining Hall. Join us for an up-to-date look at what God is doing in our world today.
God has done miraculous things for Prairie in recent months as we have seen both donor numbers and donation totals rise considerably. We are excited at the practical vote of confidence this represents.

Unfortunately, however, we are digging our way out of a very big hole. With campus maintenance taking a low priority for many years and continued cuts and financial losses, we are now facing critical needs such as repair and replacement of roofs, electrical and plumbing fixtures, sidewalks, etc and restoration of core programs that will make Prairie a cutting-edge school.

Is it worth investing in an institution that needs such a large infusion of capital? Can God still use young people to change the world for His glory today? We believe the answer is a resounding YES! On numerous occasions this past year and through conversations with our constituency God has made it clear that He still has a plan for Prairie Bible Institute if we are willing to put Him first.

### Development Department update

President Maxwell and the management team have worked very hard to tighten up spending, renew the vision for “Bible drenched” programming and rebuild trust and unity among our staff, faculty, students and community. For the first time in over five years, we are on track to end our year in the black! This stops the ‘bleeding’ but it does not fix a tired campus. Our goal is to see general giving increase this year by $1,000,000.00. This would allow us to begin the task of rebuilding our campus and creating relevant programming without increasing tuition costs.

One of the ways you can help the most is to consider a commitment to monthly giving. Tuitions and special appeals create income ‘peaks’ but salary and maintenance costs never stop. Your monthly giving makes budgeting easier and helps cover regular, ongoing expenses. Please see the enclosed envelope for information.

There is a great task ahead of us, but with God’s strength and wisdom and your generous support, it can be done.

**Wayne Nelson, Director of Development**

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Their daughter Jocelyn (19) is enrolled in Encounter, Prairie’s new one-year Bible program. High school student Charlotte (15) is happy to be working on her driver’s license a year ahead of her friends back home. Eighteen-year-old Deborah remained in Ontario to attend Carleton University in Ottawa. Three Hills may be small, but the family is finding life here busier than it ever was in the city.

Mark’s analytical skills, ‘big picture’ approach, and sensitivity to people and relationships, which grew out of his years in a Third World culture, eventually made him one of Canada’s most respected bank analysts. In 1999 he moved into managing investment funds. For Mark, there is little division between the business world and ministry: “I’ve really been about missions all my life. I was raised as an MK and went into business to support missions. In other words, we’ve made money to give it away. That’s why we work so hard at what we do.”

He enjoys serving on the boards of missions such as OM and SIM and charitable organizations including Feed the Children. His involvement with Prairie’s Board of Directors prompted the invitation to consider the presidency and his unique background of missions, business and academics has prepared Mark well for his role in restructuring and setting vision for the Institute. He believes that corporate spiritual health, the right team, and a clearly defined purpose will produce a product that honors God and his goal is to make the Bible central to everything that happens at Prairie.

President Maxwell often focuses his messages on the wilderness journey of Moses and perhaps the story is more personal than academic. God called a hesitant shepherd into the unlikely world of politics and prophetic leadership. That same God has led Mark Maxwell from the 58th floor of the nation’s financial and material hub to the helm of a spiritual mission that continues to impact the world for eternity. The heritage goes on.
Those of you who have been following developments at Prairie over the past few months will know that last summer we began renovations on our dorm. The current residences were originally constructed in three phases from the mid-to late 70’s and very few updates have been made since then.

Our partners at Prairie Christian Academy (formerly Prairie High School) have signed a 12-year lease with PBI for the 2nd floor and have completed 80% of their portion of the project. It is estimated that work on the remaining four floors will cost Prairie $3.2 million and include:

1. New carpeting and paint throughout
2. Renovated kitchens with furniture and appliances
3. Renovated bathrooms including sinks, toilets, showers and fixtures
4. Renovated rooms (cabinets, heat controls, window coverings, mattresses)
5. A new roof – completed in August of 2010
6. Energy efficient hot water tanks
7. Upgraded security system
8. Renovated lounges with furniture and fixtures

This has been a need for many years now and has affected both student recruitment and retention. As living in the residence becomes a more attractive option for students, revenue to the school is increased. God has provided $1.3 million for the project to date so we still have a very long way to go.

Every gift makes a difference and has been so much appreciated. The most cost-effective way to move ahead now is to be able to purchase building materials in bulk. To do that, we are in need of some major one-time gifts. If God has blessed you with the means to ‘adopt’ a group of rooms, lounge, kitchen, etc, we would be happy to discuss that with you.

Please pray with us as to how God might have you, your church or fellow alumni partner with us in our Dorm Renovation Project. We want our students to have a place where they can truly feel at home.

Contact Wayne Nelson at 403-443-5511 or wayne.nelson@prairie.edu for information or use the enclosed envelope to donate.
**1950s**

Humes, Leatha (BC’50) lives in Guys Mills, PA where she continues work on a Scripture-based English book for non-English speakers that can be used for teaching and evangelism. leathaletters@yahoo.com

**1960s**

Newquist, Dave (HS’63, BC’u.’63) and Judy have been career missionaries with OMF in Taiwan where Dave has taught for many years at Tunghai University. They retired in October 2010 and are now living in Kearney, NE. dlnewq@gmail.com

Sanford, Enid (BC’67) has served for 25 years on the staff of Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, TX where she is now writing and editing school publications. She lives with former PBI staff nurse Fran Nicol who has also worked at RGBI for 25 years. enidanns@yahoo.com

Wallan, Ed (BC’69) and Diana (Kuffer, BC u’66) are now in Santa Cruz, Bolivia with the Evangelical Free Church of Canada Mission. Ed is pastor at Trinity International Church, the only English-speaking church in a city of nearly two million. edwinwallan@hotmail.com

Young, Elinor (BC’69) left Korupun, Papua, Indonesia in 1991 due to post-polio syndrome after translating a third of the Kimyal New Testament. Others continued the work and in March of 2010 Elinor returned to Korupun to celebrate the dedication of the completed New Testament. Elinor2you@gmail.com

**1970s**

Fast, Hans (BC’73) and Adeline (Dyck, BC’73) are ministering in Luxembourg with Greater Europe Mission. They worked in Austria for 17 years and were recently able to visit churches there that had grown out of Bible studies begun during that time. hfast@pt.lu

Jantzen, Clair (BC’70) and his wife Rachel live in Kelowna, BC where he is a professional counselor, public speaker, and funeral celebrant. His first book entitled Tears in a Bottle: Stories of Life and Loss was published in October 2010. www.clairjantzen.ca/products info@phpclairjantzen.ca

Wilson, Richard and Laura (Crawford, BC’72) are living in Olympia, WA after 32 years in Venezuela with WEC International. They are now representing WEC in the Pacific northwest. wilsongranderings@gmail.com

**1980s**

Carlaw, Rex (BC’80) and Catherine (Kaiyala, BC’79) work with Action International in Kingston, WA. Rex is the USA Director and will host the International Council for 2011. They celebrated the 35th anniversary of Action in 2010.

Shuman, Tim (BC’80) and Sandee (Meier, HS’76, BC’80) are living in Colorado Springs, CO after serving nearly 30 years at Black Forest Academy in Germany. Tim is now Director of International Services for ACSI. Their sons Luke and Tyler are attending college in the US. sandeeshuman@gmail.com

Stenstrom, Jim (u’86, former PHS staff) and Joanne have returned to Canada after twenty years at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya with AIM. They have joined CSSM as Assistant Alberta Director and are re-locating to Three Hills, AB.

**1990s**

Allan, Bill (BC’91) and Michelle (BC’91) and their 3 daughters are based...
Bettis, Floyd (BC’62), Portland, OR, died of a sudden heart attack on September 24, 2010. He worked in the printing business until retirement. He and his wife Sue (Zweifel, HS’60, BC’63) were members of SOWERS, an RV group that volunteers on ministry projects across the country.

Dunlap, Connie (Strilecov, BC’63) died peacefully at home in Forest Lake, MN on October 2, 2010. She is survived by her husband Art and family.

Erdmann, Hazel (Leaver, BC’39) passed away in Medicine Hat, AB on August 6, 2010 at the age of 92. She enjoyed a faithful prayer ministry on behalf of her family and local church and supported many ministries at home and abroad.

Foster, Harold (BC u’43) passed away August 17, 2010. He planted churches in SK and BC with the Ev. Free Church and served as Assistant Director of the EFC Children’s Home in Ft. Lee, NJ. He was also Associate Director of the Union Gospel Mission’s ministries in WV, NY and MB.

Fredlund, Mabel (Johnson, HS’45, BC’48) succumbed to cancer on January 1, 2011. She and her husband Don (HS’40, BC’48) spent time in India and have ministered in Bolivia where they planted churches and established the Hebron Bible Institute. They also served in Argentina. Until her passing in April of 2010, Evelyn remained active in her local church and children’s ministry.

Graham, Gertrude (Strickert, BC’46) passed away in Vernon, BC on December 23, 2010. She and her husband Earl (deceased) had a large part in founding the Neiburg Evangelical Free Church as well as Manitou Bible Camp near where they farmed in Marsden, SK.

Hoel, Mavis (Shockey, BC’59) entered the presence of her Lord on April 30, 2010 in Three Hills, AB following a long battle with cancer. She and her husband Garland served for 30 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru and Canada.

Johnson, John (HS’48) passed away on October 18, 2008. He was a professional mechanic for 35 years. His wife Luella resides in Lloydminster, SK.

Losey, Marjorie (Metherol, BC’36) completed her earthly journey on March 24, 2009 in Calgary, AB at the age of 97. Gifted in teaching, music and languages, she served in missions in Africa, Quebec, South America and California until retirement and her marriage to Ernest Losey in the early 80’s.

McLennan, John (HS’47, BC’53) died peacefully on October 29, 2010 after a lengthy illness. An artist and musician, he served as a pastor and teacher in the US and overseas. His wife Virginia (Corey, BC’53) is living in Port Angeles, WA.

Overgaard, Paul (HS’62) died of stomach cancer on April 26, 2009. He was living in Lincoln, CA.

Rasmussen, John (BC’53) went to be with the Lord on March 27, 2010 after a lengthy illness. He and his wife Dorothy (Rickard, BC’53) served for 38 years in Nigeria with SIM, and then in Costa Rica and the USA with Latin America Mission. John used his artistic, photographic and journalistic talents to produce Christian literature and promote missions.

Staubus, Gloria (Potter, BC u’54) passed away on October 23, 2010. She was a lifelong resident of Kansas and is survived by Charles, her husband of 56 years.

Swanson, Berner (BC’53) passed away November 2, 2010 at the age of 88. ‘Bud’ served as a minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church and leaves his wife Harriet of Minneapolis, MN, three children and their families.

Wilson, Elizabeth ‘Bessie’ (Dodds, BC’42) went to be with the Lord on September 18, 2010. Following missionary service in Japan, she and her husband Jim ministered to students in the US military service academies and universities in Michigan, Idaho and Washington.

in Bradford, ON where Bill is Executive Director for World Team Canada. He also gives input on the Global Leadership Team and travels to Peru every year to mentor national leaders and church planters. Bill.Allan@WorldTeam.org

Young, Diane (GS’93, former staff) moved to London, ON in the spring of 2010 after almost 20 years in Alberta with PBI and Samaritan’s Purse. She is the staff accountant for International Justice Mission Canada. dyoung@ijm.ca

2000s

Bonney, Nathan (BC’04, former staff) and Erin (Carlino, BC’07) live in Hamilton, ON where Nathan is an enrollment counselor at McMaster Divinity College. He will complete his MA in Philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies this summer and hopes to begin PhD studies in the fall. Their children are Charlotte and Soren.

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Duke, Gabriel (BC’10) was married to Melissa Steensgard (BC’10) on December 18 in Plains, MT. They are now raising support to begin ministry as Facilities Managers at Camp Bighorn in MT where Prairie’s Explore program is based. gbed@campbighorn.com

McCaig, Warren (BC’06) and Jackie (Eby, BC’06) are in Santa Cruz, Bolivia with the EFC of Canada Mission. Warren is co-leading a well-drilling project and Jackie directs a choral program for at-risk children. Their daughter Nora was born September 1, 2010.

Wiersma, Mark (BC’10) was married to Amy Ralston (BC’10) on October 2, 2010 in Portland, OR. Mark and Amy are both graduates of the Youth Ministry program and are presently making their home in Kelowna, BC. acralston@gmail.com

Mogler, Christian (BC’10) and Kristyn Graber celebrated their wedding at Gull Lake, AB on July 24, 2010 with a second reception in Germany. Kristyn is completing the Worship Ministry program at PBC while Mogi works in campus food services and in Prairie’s Development Department. Mogler.christian@googlemail.com

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Addressing a large crowd at Toronto Missions Fest in 2010, George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization, made the enthusiastic comment, “What Prairie needs is raving fans! Count me in!”

That was the inspiration for a series of on-going presidential tours that are allowing the school to touch base with alumni and supporters from one end of Canada to the other, sharing the message of “Prairie Today” and strengthening the school’s base of support.

The “Raving Fans” team consists of President Mark Maxwell, SERVANT editor Phil Callaway, and Development Director Wayne Nelson as well as several support staff and students.

Along with enjoying an evening of humor with author/speaker Phil, you will hear from President Maxwell about Prairie’s focus and current developments. The tour began last fall and continued down the west coast in early 2011. Dates for the eastern portion are listed below. Come and get re-acquainted and see how you can become a “Raving Fan” for Prairie.

**Experience Our Campus.**

Do you know someone who may be interested in attending Prairie? Encourage them to take a closer look. Our campus visit programs provide opportunities to sit in on classes, attend chapel, enjoy meals in our dining hall and spend time with our current staff and students - all at no cost.

For complete details call **1-800-661-2425** or visit [www.prairie.edu/visit](http://www.prairie.edu/visit)
High school was over and it was time to think about the future. Adelle Klassen had often observed the teenagers in her church and enjoyed their irrepressible spirit of fun, but at the same time, they tugged at her heart. It seemed as if they were often neglected and she dreamed of one day walking alongside of them as a spiritual mentor and friend. Her compassion for their struggles was genuine.

Over time, however, the young woman began to have second thoughts and eventually talked herself out of a career in youth ministry. There just didn’t seem to be much demand for single, female youth pastors. At least, she had never met one. Why go through all that training when no church would even hire her?

After growing up in the small rural town of Three Hills, Alberta, the last place Adelle wanted to find her future was at the local Bible college. Surely there were greener, more exciting pastures somewhere else, perhaps even somewhere exotic.

When an invitation came to work as a nanny for her older sister who lived in Korea, the adventurous young woman jumped at the chance. She became part of a new culture and community and when the local church planned a mission trip into mainland China, Adelle went along to help lead a camp-style program with songs, games, and crafts. She felt thoroughly at home and was reminded once again just how much she loved being involved with children and youth. What was her heart trying to tell her?

Back in Korea she sat down with the pastor to discuss options for her future. Together they agreed that a ministry in Christian camping would be a good choice. Adelle returned to Canada and, to her chagrin, discovered that Prairie Bible College, back in Three Hills, seemed to be the only place where she could find a full-time Camp Ministry program. She wasn’t sure what God had in mind but signed up anyway and entered PBC in the fall of 2009. The first semester rolled along but somehow the new freshman felt unsettled. Was camp work really the right fit after all or was she turning her back what God had designed her for? One of the classes was led by instructor Al Mertes, head of Prairie’s Youth Ministries program. It became the hi-light of the week and really seemed to touch a chord that had been lying silent.

Then Adelle got involved with the youth group at her church and loved it. There seemed to be no getting away from the conviction that working with young people was truly her passion. After searching her heart and going to some trusted friends for advice, she finally reached for her dream once again and switched to the Youth Ministry program.

Interestingly enough, Adelle is just one of several women in her current course of studies. According to Professor Mertes, there are fulfilling ministry opportunities around the globe for both men and women in a whole variety of venues.

“Throughout my 35 years of doing youth ministry,” he recalls, “I often wished there were well-trained women to serve with me in ministering to teens. Today’s young people face a multitude of challenges and having a qualified female on staff would be an asset to any church or youth organization. Since the average youth group typically contains more girls than guys, it only makes sense.” He sees a bright future for dedicated women to serve God in the area of youth ministry.

“My classes are equipping me with practical skills and an understanding of the needs and struggles of teens today,” says Adelle. “I’ve also learned so much about who God is and what His Word says, and what He wants to do in my life. Sticking to my dream hasn’t been easy…but it’s been worth it.”