

50th ISSUE



Founding leadership team of POWER Team

(picture appeared in #2 issue of CONNECTOR November 2013)

Back row : Alex Yeung, Gerald Hogenbirk, Ron & June MacKinnon, Wayne Kerr

Front row: Bob Gould, Laurie & Nancy McLean, Betty Kerr

Dedicated in honour of..



**Laurie McLean
&
Bob Gould**



Both Laurie (& Nancy) McLean and Bob Gould were on the founding leadership team that resulted in **POWER Team** becoming a reality. They have been great contributors and encouragers since the beginning in 2013.

We dedicate this 50th CONNECTOR in memory and thanksgiving to Laurie & Bob.

James Laurie McLean graduated to his eternal home on April 8, 2021 at the age of 79 after



a short but valiant battle against COVID. Born in Ottawa and raised there. Laurie followed his calling to be a minister of the Gospel. He served with his wife Nancy in Gabon, Africa, for 34 years and then in Quebec for another five years. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Nancy, his daughter Sharon (Gary) Howell -IWs in Senegal Africa and their two sons. They have 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Laurie will be remembered for his deep faith and trust in God, and his infectious sense of humour. He had a compassionate and tender heart which reflected his empathy for those around him. The Celebration of Life service was held in Ottawa April 24th 2021

His greatest impact in the ST. Lawrence District was in helping to shepherd the Gatineau Alliance Church.

“The God Made Known” (edited by Ronald Brown and Charles Cook, pages 171-176) has a detailed description of Laurie and Nancy’s ministry of being “Sold Out to the Lord”. An interesting part of this presentation is the valuable equipping they received in their home service before going to Gabon. They were assigned to a newly vacated pastorate in Rolla BC, in the Peace River area. Their “manse” was a small pre-fabricated house with no running water, a path to the outdoor privy, a good wood stove to heat up pots of snow for extra wash water. Poor insulation in -40 degree weather was a challenge to survive. They were thankful for church members who dropped off eggs, milk and the occasional chicken.

In their first assignment in Gabon, their house had no electricity or running water, only a wood-fire stove to cook meals, plus millions of army ants in search of food.

With joy in their hearts and love for the people, they shared the gospel, trained leaders and put Christ on Display in everyday life.

Celebration of Life service was livestreamed April 24th in Ottawa. You are able to listen to it with this link : <https://youtu.be/a58R9XHniI8>

ROBERT GOULD (1939-2021)

Robert has served the Christian and Missionary Alliance Canada for over 50 years as Pastor, District Superintendent, Administrator, Consultant, International Worker, Conference Speaker, Interim Pastor, and Minister-at-Large,

Recently, Bob was featured in a solo chapter called, "A Tap on the Shoulder" summarizing his life work and ministry. You can find this in the book called, "Making God Known". Like the Apostle John, falling before Christ-followed by an assignment to write to the seven churches (Revelation 1:17-18), Bob felt the Lord "touch his shoulder" while waiting in line at his theological graduation.

Bob pastored churches in Invermere, B.C., Assiniboia, Saskatchewan; Morden, Manitoba. While in Morden, he also led the Christian Education program for the Canadian Midwest District. He became Assistant to the District Superintendent CMD in 1974 and then District Superintendent of the Canadian Midwest District, 1975-1981. Bob then became District Superintendent of the Eastern and Central Canadian District, 1981-1995. During this time he saw the ECCD formally establish the formation of The St. Lawrence District (Quebec). During this time he saw the construction of the sixty-four bed CAMA Woodlands Nursing Home complex in Burlington, and became its Director.

Due to continued growth in the ECC District, Bob led the legalities and the formal organization of The Central Canadian District and The Eastern Canadian District. He presided over their respective elections of two new District Superintendents.

Bob's passion for church planting continued along with approvals to other established church' building programs. Seeing sixty new Canadian Alliance churches established brought a fruitful ministry conclusion to his ECD ministry. Bob stated that nearly doubling Alliance churches in 12 years was a numerical highlight of his 15 years as D.S. Bob was one of four Canadian Members of the Fraternal Committee overseeing the historic formation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (1981).

Bob served on many boards and he along with his wife, Louella, received the 1991 Alumnus of the Year Award from the Canadian Bible College/Canadian Theological Seminary.

After these "retirements", Bob and Louella ministered as International Workers in Thailand (8 years), Warsaw Poland and Bali Indonesia then back to Canada as interim pastor and preaching pastor at the North Toronto Chinese Church.

Past retirement, Bob kept up his ministries to April 2020 when he was diagnosed with cancer. Bob's closing praise was: "Reviewing 59 years of C&MA ministry is humbling as 'it is God who works within us to will and to do of His good pleasure' (Philippians 2:13)." My participation in the historical birth of the Alliance in Canada is the most rewarding. Initially, one is surprised how God transforms and



transitions our life and legacy. Reflecting on the aging Apostle experience of Jesus' touch, I too have a life time of memories of His "hand on my shoulder." These continue to evoke praise to the God of the impossible who has used the improbable to bless the unbelievable numbers of peoples and places in my ministries both in Canada and the world.

Bob is survived by his wife Louella, son, Reverend Gerald Robert, presently lead pastor of Summit Community Church, Richmond Hill, and daughter, Joanne who is National Director of Compassion and Justice for the C&MA in Canada.

For a full obituary [Robert 'Pastor Bob' Gould Obituary - Markham, ON | Chapel Ridge Funeral Home \(frontrunnerpro.com\)](https://www.frontrunnerpro.com/robert-pastor-bob-gould-obituary-markham-on-chapel-ridge-funeral-home)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgDQd1AZ8Oo> Son Gerry's tribute message of Bob Gould. Starts at minute 19:30

POWER Team is so blessed to have Laurie and Bob's influence in its development.

Ethel Jean Moorehouse

March 10, 1935 – March 31, 2021

A Compassionate woman with a big heart for the Philippines ~ Ethel of Prince Rupert BC died at the age of 86 March 31, 2021 Upon graduation of high school, she pursued a career in nursing in Victoria BC.



After graduation in nursing, she applied as a missionary to the Philippines with the Christian and Missionary Alliance towards the T'boli tribes. She spent 23 years ministering and offering medical help to the local people in T'boli. It was very remote and primitive at the time and she dealt with extreme medical issues with very few resources.

Ethel loved her life there and was very compassionate about the country, the people and the culture. During that time, she and her father, Norman Moorehouse along with a good friend Dr. Gerd Gottschling, founded a hospital that has expanded & thrives to this day. It is truly a wonderful legacy for all of them.

Ethel returned to Prince Rupert & continued nursing until retirement. In her retirement, she continued to support people in need by providing clothing & medical supplies to Edwards T'boli hospital in the Philippines as well as volunteering for local organizations in Prince Rupert.

Ethel was a generous & compassionate woman & will be dearly missed by her family & friends. She will always be remembered and lives in our hearts.

Ethel is survived by: her son Daniel Moorehouse, daughter Mercy Brown (Ryan), granddaughter Jennifer Brown.

Well Done!

For those we honor in this issue of **CONNECTOR**, listen closely to this song WELL DONE
[The Afters - Well Done \(Official Lyric Video\) - Bing video](#)



NORMAN ENS still speaks.

It has been 60 years since Norman & Marie Ens sailed (not flew) to Cambodia. In honor of that, messages from Norm (1934-1991) are now on YouTube for Cambodian people all over the world to hear about the Love of God.



Good news for Khmer speakers! You can now listen to Pastor Norm Ens' sermons on You tube. Please share this news with your Cambodian friends and church contacts. We will continue to upload more and more sermons as time goes by.

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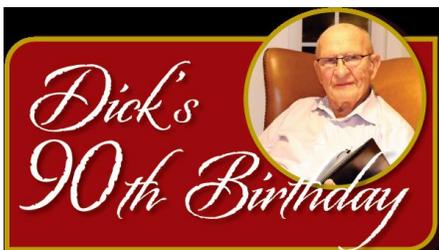
Transitioning of Ministry from one POWER Team member to a “younger” POWER Team member

“There is no success without succession”

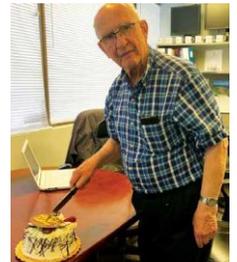
CELEBRATIONS AND RETIREMENT AT THE AGE OF 90! OCTOBER 1, 2020

By Dick and Susan Driedger, Surrey, BC

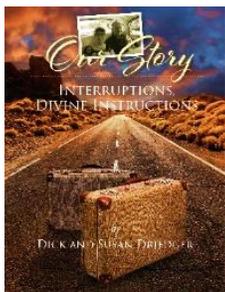
This was a significant year of change and cause for celebration for Dick and Susan Driedger. As the whole world had to bow to Covid-19 restrictions so we too, had our plans turn out much differently than anticipated.



First of all, Dick, turned 90 in March 2020. There was no formal celebration with family and friends, but yes, a cake at the Foundations for Living office; and a most surprising impromptu driveway party at our townhouse complex. Dick was given the opportunity



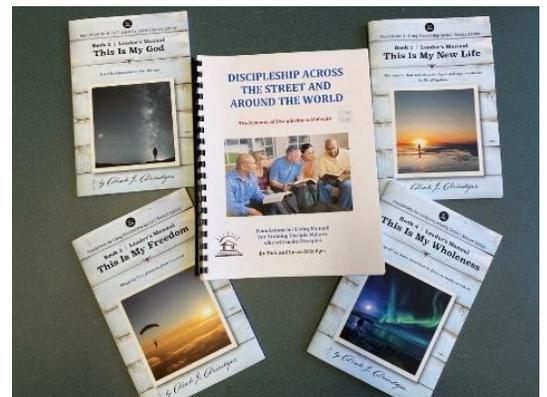
to share his testimony of receiving Jesus, to his choice of vocation, from one in medicine to becoming a healer of souls. This included joining the Janz Team Evangelistic Association in Europe as well as taking numerous pastoral positions in Canada. We gifted each of them with the recent publication of “Our Story, Interruptions Divine Instructions,” for a more detailed account of our life’s journey. Dick shared one of the big interruptions of two heart attacks at the age of 38 after their return from Europe. The medical profession at that time informed them that he would never live a normal life again; but God miraculously touched him and he was completely healed; thus, coming to experience an amazing purposeful life and a God ordained 90th birthday celebration.



A NEW MINISTRY AT EIGHTY WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES:

Publication of Discipleship Materials

At the age of 80, the discipleship ministry they had directed in churches, and the manuals authored so that the lay people could do disciple making, was inaugurated as a charitable organization, Foundations for Living Society. The first Board of Directors had the vision that this would enable publication of the training manual as well as the students and leaders study books for the thousands that would be needing these tools to obey Christ’s mandate to “make disciples.”



Invitation from the Lighthouse Church in Kuwait



About 30,000 people gather for worship each week-end in Kuwait. The Driedgers trained 150+ Pastors and Leaders to use the Foundations for Living Discipleship materials.

Two Invitations to Train Pastors and Leaders in Cuba- 2015 and 2018

To date over one hundred thousand books have been printed for use in churches and prisons under the leadership of a passionate trainer who initiates discipleship ministries all across Cuba.

Dick and Susan stand in front of 25,000 discipleship manuals for distribution to 300+ pastors and prison chaplains.



NEW PRESIDENT FOR FOUNDATIONS FOR LIVING

Cutting the ribbon to enter a new era of Foundations for Living Society.

Now to continue to the events of 2020. At the age of 90, Dick is still president of this full-time ministry, but definitely beseeching God to search out a man or a couple that would replace me as the Founder and President of the Foundations for Living Society. God's wonderful surprise was having Ken (KR) and Darlene Paton volunteer to pick up the baton in September 2020 to continue to expand the ministry. The Paton's story was written up in a previous CONNECTOR article.



OUR 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

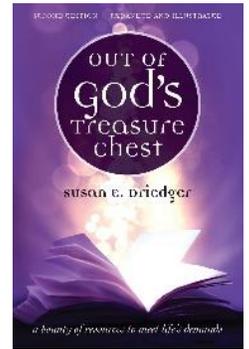
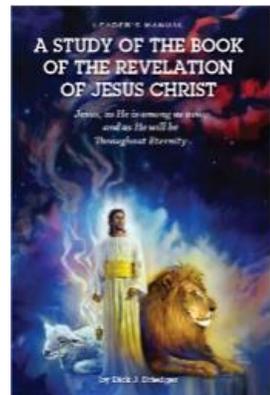


Another significant milestone was the celebration of Dick & Susan's 65th wedding anniversary on July 31st.

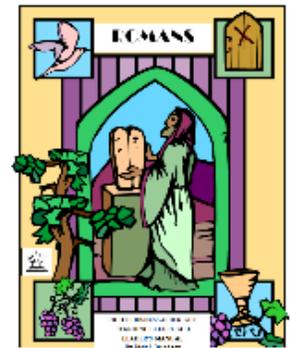
WE STAND IN AWE – Dick writes “When we reflect on our many years of ministry, we are keenly aware that God in His mercy has given us the opportunity to serve Him in so many ways. Serving Him as teachers, founders of the Black Forest Academy for missionary and embassy children, then in the pastorates in Saskatoon Circle Drive Alliance, Chilliwack, Surrey and Peace Portal Alliance churches, and culminating with founding and directing

Foundations for Living Society (FFL), a discipleship ministry that is going to the nations of the world.

Susan has been a vital partner in developing the philosophy for small group discipleship as she served as Director of Women's Ministries or as Director of FFL Discipleship to Women in these churches as well as teacher, trainer, equipper of pastors, leaders and disciple makers at home and abroad. At the same time, she published her teaching devotionals, 'Out of God's Treasure Chest', where she included her numerous 'nuggets', as well as co-authoring our life story,



'Our Story: Interruptions; Divine Instructions', which are now both available for sale from Foundations for Living Website, and Amazon and Kindle. In addition, Susan served on the International, National and District Executives as she implemented the paradigm shift from Women's Missionary Prayer Fellowship to Alliance Women in Canada on the philosophy of the Great Commission. As we ministered together, we saw many receiving Christ as their Lord and Savior, who became part of a consistent discipleship ministry in the church.



In addition to the four book discipleship series, Dick has authored ten Bible and topical study books, each with a leader's manual to facilitate interactive groups for growth in maturity. These are excellent resources for home Bible study groups.

We give thanks to God for all the men and women who have joined us in building up the body of Christ.

May we keep on keeping on as God gives us His vision for making disciples!"

Gratefully,

Dick and Susan Driedger

We are thankful for **POWER Team** members who continue to use their God-given gifts and abilities, no matter how great or small and no matter if they have a T4 slip or not.



New POWER Team CMD Volunteer Coordinators.

We are delighted to announce that Earl & Barb Case are the new **POWER Team** Volunteer Coordinators for the Canadian Mid-west District. They served as IWs for nearly 27 years before returning to Canada. You can read their story in **CONNECTOR** #28 May 2018 & #31 March 2019.

. Connector 28 – May 2018 <https://www.cmacan.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/connector-28-may-2018.pdf>

Connector 31 – March 2019 <https://www.cmacan.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/connector-31-march-2019.pdf>

Barb has written a unique article below of their “retiring” journey. Thankfully they joyfully accepted this ministry with **POWER Team**.

Barb Case -that change in retiring in Canada after IW ministry

I have come home to Canada to retire and I am becoming very comfortable here.

I have what I need and I am enjoying many of the pleasures of life.

I should be contented and happy. But something is missing. Actually, many things are missing.



I no longer have the stresses of life in a third world country.

I don't have to be cautious about ants getting in my food, geckos in my toaster or snakes in my laundry room. I haven't even seen a rat!

I don't have to stress about going into the village and making some language or cultural mistake, which would be embarrassing but might also bring disgrace on the foundation I work with.

I don't have to be concerned about stocking up on certain foods that could just disappear off the shelf for months.

Corrupt police aren't the norm here, nor do I hear constant complaints about people being cheated on school fees or on their salaries due to corrupt practices.

We don't have drug deals or police shake downs in front of our place of business here.

I can worship in public and I don't have to worry that the neighbors might find our singing too loud and complain or report us to the authorities.

I can drink the water straight from the tap and vegetables don't have to be soaked in bleach water.

I don't hear our neighbor's daughter wailing through the night fraught by evil spirits or the sounds of demonic dogs suddenly howling in the dark.

Traffic flows smoothly here and I don't have to shoulder check both sides before turning a corner. It only takes an hour to drive 100 kilometers rather than four.

I don't have to question the validity of the beggars on the street corner or stock my car with crackers and milk to give away.

I don't have to have bars on my house windows or glass fragments cemented into the walls around my house to keep burglars out.

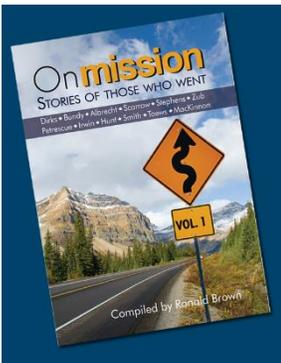
I no longer have to fret about getting a visa to stay in the country or worry that the officials are reading all my correspondence and in doing so may discover that I have ulterior motives in the work I am doing.

I have great medical care. I don't have to fear illness or accident and the need to be air lifted away for proper treatment if possible.

I'm comfortable. I don't have to ask for physical and spiritual protection every day.
 I'm comfortable. I don't have to face extreme poverty and desperation each day and question what can I do to help.
 I'm comfortable, but I'm also not leaning on Jesus as before.
 I'm so comfortable.

Lord, I miss the times when I called out to you for my every need and I experienced your hand of provision. I miss seeing you move in miraculous ways as I desperately prayed for the people you brought into my life. I miss the times when my soul cried to be refreshed and you spoke words of love and peace over me.

Something is missing. Help me to find the way to trust you in this comfortable place or move me.



On mission is a new book with the stories of twelve Canadian Alliance international workers. This book celebrates the redeeming work of God and at the same time provides some accountability to the people of God who faithfully provided sons and daughters, finances and prayer, for the mission of God.

This book describes how missionaries in obedience to God's call engaged in His redeeming activities all over the world by going to some of the toughest and most difficult places. They persevered, some under horrible conditions, having survived traumatic events, in order to see communities of faith established amongst least reached peoples. Today, we rejoice, that in many nations of the world there are vibrant congregations, some small, some large that are living out the gospel in their communities.

Can you believe it "A Free Book"?

-here is your PDF download . <https://www.cmacan.org/resources/on-mission/>



What the **CONNECTOR** likes about this:

1. on the Table of Contents you can click on your chapter and it will open up
2. at the end of each chapter we show other relevant chapters in the trilogy
3. on the final page there is a link which allows the reader to download the trilogy on Canadian Alliance Missions.

We thank Ron Brown for all of this good publishing work. He writes: I am also working to upload a print-on-demand website where it can be purchased in print and shipped to your address. Eventually you will find it here on my Global Vault Mission Books

website: <https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/globalvault>

Your input to **CONNECTOR** is greatly appreciated & welcomed.

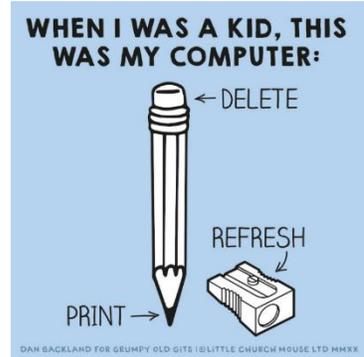
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Just a smile or two.....



THE WORLD HAS FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN. OLD FOLKS ARE SNEAKING OUT OF THE HOUSE AND THEIR KIDS ARE YELLING AT THEM TO STAY INDOORS!



With all the lock downs across Canada and our longing to get back to some form of normality, you may need a wee bit of stimulation so we are giving you the following exam.

NEW POWER TEAM EXAM

We are only sending this to the brightest of our **POWER Team** members

This test will keep that dreaded disease that effects your memory at bay!

-you only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

Check your answers in the next CONNECTOR