

# Spring...



## McMaster Divinity College



Spring for us brings the end of the academic year, complete with our Service of Celebration and Convocation. We are sad to say goodbye, but happy to see students leave to fulfill what God has planned for them. One of these students is Megan Purdy, an M.Div. graduand, currently working as Director of Christian Education and Student Minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Owen Sound. In reflecting on her time with us, Meghan explains, "I am now much more deliberate about the theological ideas that I am instilling in the minds of children, youth, and adults. MDC has offered me many tools to help me do so with confidence." Please pray especially for the 2014 graduands as they follow God's leading.



## Welcome Sophia!

Our staff continue to ensure that we will have students in a couple of decades. Sabeth Kapahu, Advancement and Marketing Assistant, along with her husband, Will, a Ph.D. student, and big sister, Zoe, welcome Sophia Alice Waiola Kapahu. May God bless this young family as they seek to serve Him!

## Spotlight on Alumni: David Courey



David Courey graduated with his Ph.D. (Christian Theology) in 2011. Following graduation, he continued to pastor a large church in Cambridge. However, God called him to his current position, Dean of Graduate Studies at Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels, Belgium, and David and his wife, Eileen, sold their home and moved to Europe. Graduates of C.T.S. serve in over 70 different countries. "I appreciated the opportunity to explore the interface between the spiritual and the scholarly at MDC. I never imagined that doctoral studies at MDC would lead me to becoming a global worker, but here we are on an incredible faith-adventure, assisting men and women with spiritual passion to achieve their God-given goals...and these students will be released to a world where their expertise will be desperately needed!"

*"Andrew has fought the good fight. He has finished the race. He went to be with His Saviour."*



This Facebook post from January 6 reflects the life of Andrew Rozalowsky. Though most of you did not have the pleasure of knowing Andrew, he was a beloved student, colleague, and friend. Andrew had beaten leukemia once before, but unfortunately it returned with a vengeance. A 29-year-old, married to a lovely and supportive wife, Suzanne, with two little boys, Jacob, 3 years, and Daniel, 9 months, Andrew decided to share his journey via social media, to encourage us "that Christ has redeemed us from sin and its consequences so that we (those who trust in Christ) have a true hope built on a firm foundation."

We laughed with Andrew as he joked about his passion for reading Greek and Hebrew, encouraged him with cards and letters as he spent days in the hospital, cried with him when he told us he was writing memoirs for his children, but, above all, lifted him up to our Lord and Saviour in prayer. We mourned his death and joined the hundreds of people who attended his funeral and celebrated his life, recognizing that Andrew's trust in our Lord and Saviour stands as a testimony of what it truly means to have faith in God in the midst of adversity.

We know, as Andrew does, that God is our rock on whom we will rest; we know where Andrew is and that it is not "goodbye" but "until we meet again."

Friends, it is our hope that we raise up more students such as Andrew who point people in God's direction, even when they themselves are suffering and going through trials. Our students need your prayers, encouragement, and your financial support.

Not all of our students will be called to live through what Andrew was called to do, but we know that all of them will be called to serve God in a special way.

Blessings in Christ,

**Stanley E. Porter, Ph.D.**  
President and Dean

*"Priorities do come into sharp focus when you have to think about the possibility of a short time on earth. You don't know how long you have and even if you do have a long life ahead of you, wouldn't it be better to have lived it all fully with the right priorities?"*

Andrew,  
November 9, 2013

## Save the Date

**Celebrate with us at the President's Dinner!**

April 10, 2014

Ron Joyce Centre, Burlington, ON

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**Convocation and Service of Celebration**

May 20, 2014 – See card enclosed

