

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

March 2008

Featuring...

Christian Volunteer Movement

Christian Volunteer Movement is a unique Christian sending organization. The Northwest Mennonite Conference has a special interest in this organization for several reasons: Executive Director Steve Hewko attended our church in Bluesky as a youth while his father, Roy, pastored that church. Steve is now married to Sheryl and they have two children and are living in Saskatoon. The Northwest Office is involved in their ministry by doing the books of the Christian Volunteer Movement.

CVM partners with missionaries from many Christian organizations around the world, sending volunteers to work alongside long-term missionaries. Through these partnerships they hope to strengthen existing ministries and provide long-term impact for short-term volunteers.

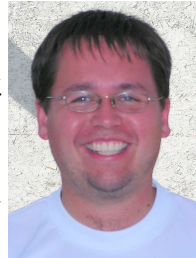
If you have a skill you would like to use overseas, CVM can link you with missionaries working in that field. CVM also has a program that operates much like a time-share. People with skills enter into a co-op together. Every month each member gives a certain amount of money into

a co-op fund. This in turn allows them to send one of the members on a missions trip for a month. Each month a different co-op

member goes. This is beneficial to the missionaries as it guarantees them a worker year round, and also great for people based in North America who want missions experience.

CVM has just finished a project in Gambia. They had a number of teams working in different areas: A nursing team of four who were teaching local nurses and midwives, a team who were building and stocking shelves in the pharmacy, hospital rejuvenation including painting and many odd jobs around the hospital, village ministry and children's ministry. Roy and Joyce Hewko of the Rosemary Mennonite Church joined them in Gambia and Roy taught a week of Discipleship Training School on the Authority of Scripture.

For more info go to:
www.cvmcanada.com



Steve Hewko



The Easter Lilly

A Lilly dropped its petals
in the heat of yesterday,
The scorching, blistering asphalt
cast a pall across its way.
People passed with look of scorn
upon the bruised reed,
Within their own discomfort
for such they had no need.

Upon a cruel and twisted thorn
a thistle blossom lay,
The heat and arid wind
its petals could not flay.
People passed with look of awe
upon the bristled weed,
Within their own tormented souls
for such would even plead.

The thistle wrapped its spiny stem
around the Lilly's head
And tried to draw the nectar
from the gentle blossom's bed.
A Gardener came with tender hands,
untwined the twisted pair;
Casting the nasty brier down
He raised the Lilly fair.

Today the Lilly sits enthroned,
Its fragrance freely shared,
And people gather round its head
to praise the One who cared.
The thorn prints still are on its brow,
its leaves still pierced and raw;
But you and I who've come to see
view peace from within now.

Nick A. Dyck
Bluesky, AB
Have a blessed Easter!

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And more!
Check it out today!

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March 28-30

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