

# Tyndale Seminary's FIRST TEAM

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## Rejoice With Us!

Last year at this time we rejoiced at the completion of the accreditation process for the Master of Evangelical Theology (MET) by NVAO and the reaccreditation of both the MET and the Master of Divinity (MDiv) by the European Evangelical Accrediting Association (EEAA). At that time we asked for prayer as we waited for yet another governmental certification. This one was recognition of the entire institution within the Dutch system. Rejoice with us that this has come to pass as this letter is written! With this recognition, Tyndale will be treated the same as that of other schools in the Netherlands. All this has been accomplished with a clear, uncompromising commitment to a biblical Christianity. So again, rejoice!



We also rejoice at both the addition of new members of the Board of Directors as well as a Director of Development. Our new Board members are Bruce Milne of Wisconsin, Jonathan Dockery of Illinois, and Dr. Edward Curtis of California. We thank the Lord these men have accepted an invitation to help oversee the school. Our new Director of Advancement is Don Triezenberg. We thank the Lord that Mr. Triezenberg has agreed to help represent the work of Tyndale to others. Here is a short word from him.

*What a distinct privilege it is work alongside the staff and students of Tyndale. It is indeed rare to find a seminary whose graduates are committed to planting churches in their homelands. In the last five years, 70% of Tyndale graduates returned to their homeland for that very purpose—and the vast majority of the remaining graduates planned to do so after completing additional studies. I can think of no better way to plant churches than to send out pastors! As you plan your year-end giving, I encourage you to continue to remember Tyndale with your prayers and financial support. All gifts generated will be matched, dollar for dollar, by one of our most faithful supporters. Your support will be doubled—and you will have the knowledge that you are helping to plant churches throughout Europe and Africa. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season of Christmas! It is my prayer that God would bless our graduates as they bring the Word. I am confident that many will hear, and hearing, believe.*



# Pray for Us

Even as we thank the Lord, we continue to ask for His provision of new faculty members. Presently Tyndale has two openings in the area of Pastoral Ministries/Missions and one in Old Testament. Perhaps someone reading this First Team is being led of the Lord to consider one of these positions, or perhaps you know of someone which would fit well as a missionary team-member here. Those interested in the faculty position should contact Dr. Drake Williams, the Vice President of Academics at [drake@tyndale.nl](mailto:drake@tyndale.nl) to learn more.

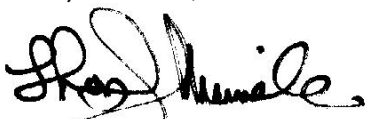
We also continue to pray for the arrival of Tyndale's new president, Mark Garavaglia, in the first half of 2012. Please pray the Lord's provision financially for his permanent move to the Netherlands as well as the Lord's hand of grace as he and his family go through all the many details such a move entails.

# Celebrate with Us



We live in uncertain times; uncertain economically; uncertain politically; and perhaps even uncertain personally for some. While we find ourselves living in these uncertain times, we nevertheless find ourselves once again at the time of the year when we especially celebrate the birth of Christ. Think about the wonder of it: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* (John 1:14) The world never has been the same. No amount of turmoil and uncertainty should rob us of the wonder of this. God became flesh. Even more remarkable was the purpose of His coming. He came not only to make the Father known (John 1:18), though He did that; He came not only to announce the kingdom (Matthew 4:17), though He did that as well. In John 12:46 the Lord Jesus said, *I have come into the world as Light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness.* The Lord came that we might go from darkness to light by paying the penalty for our sin on the cross. And so again have the privilege to remember this remarkable birth which led to the possibility of our new birth, our salvation. Celebrate anew with us this wonder!

Warmly in Christ,



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