

Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS Speaker's Bureau 2005



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<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/missional/speakersbureau.php>

International Mission Partnership Workers on North America Ministry

TIM FROESE: South Korea

Family: Karen & Michelle ('86); Lucas ('87); Stefan ('90)

Home base: Winnipeg, MB

Months Available: Jan – end of May, 2005

Ministry: Tim & Karen have both been involved with the Korean Anabaptist Centre (KAC) since its inception in 2001. The KAC focuses on peace, community and discipleship, offering informal education, service experiences, & networking.

PAT & RAD HOUMPHAN: Thailand

Children: Rachel ('85) & Philip ('86)

Home base: Langley, BC

Months Available: Jan – end of May '05

Ministry: evangelism & church planting in the north-eastern region of Thailand among the Isaan people, and nurturing the young churches through leadership training. They are also involved in a number of economic development projects through the church.

GEORGE & TOBIA VEITH: Macau

Children: Matthew ('90), Michael ('93), Marika ('96)

Home base: Olds, AB

Months Available: Jan – end of May '05

Ministry: evangelism and church planting, pastoral care and worship, ESL tutoring, Kid's Club and youth work.

CLIFF & NATASHA DUECK: Ukraine

Children: Margarita (02), (& soon to be born infant)

Home base: Steinbach, Manitoba

Months Available: Dec – February '05

Ministry: pastoring a young congregation in Kherson, and ministering especially to children and youth through Bible studies, camps and clubs.

CHERYL WOELK: South Korea

Home base: Swift Current, SK

Months Available: Summer, 05

Ministry: facilitating peace education programs and developing resources for the Korean context. She also teaches ESL at Korea Anabaptist Centre's language institute called Connexus.

ERWIN & MARIAN WIENS: South Korea

Home base: Windsor, Ontario

Months Available: Spring, 05

Ministry: Wiens' have been teaching at an alternative education school run by the Jesus Village Church, as well as serving on the church leadership team, teaching Bible classes and leadership training.

CARI FREISEN: China

Home base: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Months Available: Summer 2005

Ministry: teaching ESL at Chongqing Univ, through China Education Exchange and connecting with the local church.

TODD & JEANETTE HANSON: China

Children: Claire (97), Kate (02)

Home base: Laird or Prince Albert, SK

Months Available: July & August 2005

Ministry: teaching English to children and adults thru the Nanchong Normal University. They also work with finding support for the Rural Pastors project, and other cooperative social welfare projects.

VIC & KATHY THIESSEN: England

Children: Janelle (84) & Katrina (87)

Home base: Edmonton, AB

Months Available: May to August '05

Ministry: Thiessens work with the London Mennonite Centre, which is dedicated to introducing, promoting & embodying Anabaptist ideas and insights. This is done through lectures & seminars, classes, conflict transformation training, peace & justice and providing resources.

BRIAN DYCK & LYNELLE BERGEN: South Africa

Children: Samuel (93) & Marcus (95)

Home base: Manitoba

Months Available: September – November '05

Ministry: work with church leaders from the African Initiated Churches (AIC) in leadership training, responding to AIDs/HIV situation and poverty issues.

GLENN E. WITMER: Israel

Home base: Toronto, Ontario

Months Available: May, 2005

Ministry: networking among the different groups in Israel and develop resources, working towards conflict resolution. Glenn also works at helping North Americans gain a better understanding of the Middle East issues.

GLYN & SUSAN ALLISON-JONES: Botswana

Children: Maeyken (93) & Adriaena (97)

Home base: Breslau, Ontario

Months Available: August & Sept.'05 (dates to be confirmed)

Ministry: Leadership development and Bible teaching with church leaders from the African Initiated Churches.