

Lima Institute A Success

Ephesians 4:12 (NRSV)

To equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ.

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Institutes of Excellence...

One of the most vital
investments we make

We have just concluded another *Institute of Excellence* for the Latin American region – also including the Caribbean – with 67 participants representing 25 schools from 15 countries, including Canadian partner schools from Colombia, Haiti, Jamaica, Ecuador and Cuba. The program focused on curriculum development. Gordon T. Smith, president of *reSource*, gave a presentation on “Managing the Tension between Church and Academy.” Leadership for the Institutes comes from our US affiliate, notably through Dr. Manfred Kohl who consults widely in the region in the development of these key training events for leaders of theological schools. We are pleased that we had Canadian support for partial funding of this particular institute.



Institute Plenary Session, Lima, Peru June 2006

These *Institutes of Excellence* – held annually in each region of the world – are surely one of the most vital investments we make. And we are very thankful for Canadian contributors who appreciate how important it is to invest in the development of effective academic leadership for our partner schools. We may not see an immediate impact to this “investment”, but the effect will be seen over the long haul – as we support and encourage those who are called to give administrative oversight to theological seminaries.

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reSource Leadership International

was formerly known as Overseas Council Canada. We are an active member of the Overseas Council network, with affiliate partnerships in the United States (Overseas Council International), Australia (Overseas Council Australia), New Zealand (now known as Leadership Development International) and Europe (Overseas Council Europe).



*The International Ministry Committee
at their April meeting in Croatia*

*David Baer (US), Gordon Smith (Canada), Manfred Kohl
(Europe), Tony Plews (NZ) and Stuart Brooking (Aus)*

Our Growing Presence in South Eastern Europe

Historically, Overseas Council Canada (now *reSource Leadership International*) has had significant involvement in this region. Now we are expanding into three additional countries. Recent trips into the area have included new contacts in Romania, Moldova and Bosnia & Herzegovina. In Romania and Moldova, there are well established schools; in Bosnia & Herzegovina, two schools – one in Mostar and the other in Sarajevo – are just getting started. The Baptist seminary in Bucharest has an extensive program which has been doing excellent work for several decades; the seminary in Moldova has an extraordinary impact in Central Asia as they provide theological study for those who will provide church leadership in a region of the world dominated by Islam. And the two newer projects in Mostar and Sarajevo may one day have a regular residence program but now are, appropriately, designed around modular and weekend offerings that accommodate the working schedules of their students.



In each case, there is capable leadership in place. We are eager to invest and support the vital mission they have to serve their regions – with scholarships for students, library resources, development of faculty and, at least in one case (the Baptist seminary in Bucharest) the urgent renovation to part of a building. If you have an interest in this region and wish to know more please contact us.



Group of Students at Mostar

reSource is happy to announce three new board members:

Jim Doherty: Jim is the National Partner for the Life Insurance Actuarial Practice at Ernst & Young, Toronto. He is married to Barb and has two children in university. Barb and Jim are actively involved at Leaside Bible Chapel, currently leading the Christianity Explored course. His other board experience includes Ray of Hope, ErinOak Hospital, and The National Youth Orchestra of Canada.



Hala Saab: Hala resides in Barrie with her husband Joe. She is the Business Development Manager with Intel Corporation in Canada, and has been working in the field of Information Technology for over 20 years. Further, Hala is a “master gardener” and loves to engage the multiple ways in which working the garden can be a means to connect with others whom Christ is bringing to himself. She and Joe have two grown children and two grandchildren.



Alistair Jackson : Alistair is enjoying a second career as VP Marketing and Sales of a hi-tech software solution for optometrists across North America. His first career of 17 years was in education as both a teacher and principal. Prior to teaching, he spent two years in France as a missionary. Alistair and his wife Ruth have been married for 21 years and have two teenage sons. They attend the Abbotsford Vineyard.



A word from Alistair...Once in a while, we come across something that just “fits” or a person with whom we seem to “click”. Such was the case for me when I met Gordon Smith and started hearing about *reSource Leadership International*. Anything international catches my attention very quickly but throw in a missions element and an education focus and you have my undivided attention. It’s part of my heritage from a godly grandmother who loved missions and whose faith was everything to her. I’ve lived in 4 countries and traveled in a few more but my years in France during my early 20s were pivotal years that changed me forever.

As a young missionary, I learned to see the world through different eyes and realized that other people groups don’t simply speak with different words; they think different thoughts. Worldviews are fundamentally different ways of seeing and understanding the world in which we live. As I entered a career in second-language education, I taught that language is only the tip of the iceberg but that through language we open the door to understanding the deeper things in our fellow man: culture, values, philosophies and eventually worldview.

The latter part of my education career took me into leadership. It became a passion and a journey that was not to last long in a formal sense. Those years gave me tremendous compassion for the responsibilities carried by those who engage in leadership, especially ministry leadership with its intense spiritual opposition.

Joining the board of *reSource Leadership International* has knit together these three passions: international ministry leadership training. So the journey continues. God is full of surprises. It is my joy simply to be at the table with a group of very fine and accomplished leaders who are making a difference across the nations, equipping new leaders to fulfill the Great Commission in significant ways.



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support this past year and for the strategic investments you have made in theological education around the world through the ministry of **reSource**. Here is a sample of the kinds of involvements you have had:

Student Scholarships

We have provided scholarships for students in 18 different seminaries, with the largest number going to Haiti, Colombia, India, and the Ukraine.

Faculty Advanced Education

Five faculty members at **reSource** partner schools received partial or full scholarship assistance during this past year.

Abigail Teh: Alliance Graduate Seminary in the Philippines

Debora Lecaro: Alliance Bible Seminary in Ecuador

Wojciech Szczerba: Evangelical School of Theology in Poland

Anatole Glukhovski: Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary in the Ukraine

Elie Haddad: Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon (joint with Langham Partnership Canada)



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Campus Development/Renovations

reSource has sent funds to Lanka Bible College and Baldaeus Theological Seminary in Sri Lanka and the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary for their campus development.

Library Resources and Development

Funds have been provided for libraries at Asian Theological Seminary in the Philippines, Los Pinos Nuevos Seminary in Cuba, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Croatia and the College for Theology and Education in Moldova.



College of Theological Education,
Moldova

Visiting Faculty

reSource has been able to support three visiting faculty members, two who have served at Macau Bible Institute in Macau (China) and one at Pan Africa Christian College in Kenya.

Program and Academic Development

Seed and support funding has been provided for the following programs:

MBA in Biblical Stewardship and Christian Management, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology in Jamaica, MA in Biblical Sciences in Cuba, MA in Holistic Ministry to Children at the Alliance Graduate School in the Philippines and External Accreditation, Hasat Ministries in Turkey



Evangelical School of Theology,
Poland

Institutes of Excellence

Two institutes, Eastern Europe Region in Osijek, Croatia and Latin American Region in Lima Peru, were partially supported this year.

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