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## A Word from the Director

In this month's newsletter, you will be blessed to read about Blair and Eve McBride, two interns who served this past summer in Quebec. The McBrides spent thirteen weeks working with church planters serving among the Quebecois. Of the six million Quebecois living in the province of Quebec (7 million population), only half-of-one percent are evangelical, making them one of the largest unreached people groups in North America. If you are interested in serving among this people group, let's talk.

This newsletter also draws our attention northward to Prince Edward Island. Over a decade ago, my wife and I watched the movie *Anne of Green Gables* and decided that we needed to vacation on the island. After driving for days from Kentucky and crossing to the island by ferry (now there's a bridge), we arrived at a beautiful part of North America. It is no wonder that this island inspired Lucy Maude Montgomery to write her series of books about Anne of Avonlea. Southern Baptists are also inspired by the needs of the people on the island and are actively at work. Though the work of the convention only began in 1994, exciting things are happening there.

A semester at Southern has come to another end. It is difficult to believe that it is already over. From the Church Planting Center to you, we hope that you have a wonderful holiday season as you celebrate the birth of our Lord. If we can be of any assistance to you, please contact us. Until February...

Take care,

J. D.

## Future Training:

December 3  
CHURCH PLANTING CENTER  
FAMILY BANQUET  
Childcare Provided  
Where: The Southern Baptist  
Theological Seminary  
Heritage Hall  
When: 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Cost: FREE  
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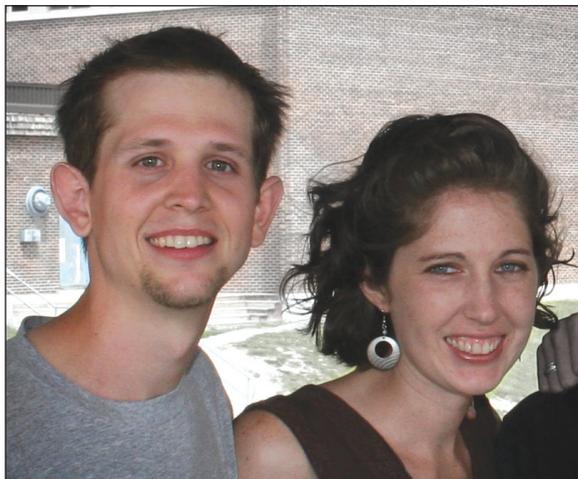
## Church Planter Profile: Blair and Eve McBride

### Where did you serve as church planting interns?

Joliette, Quebec, Canada

### What were some of your responsibilities as interns?

We were responsible for planning the outreaches that mission teams would do as they came to help with the church planting effort. When the teams arrived, we would assist them with facilitating the various short-term projects. We led prayer walking teams, evangelistic outreaches, and assisted with some evangelistic sports camps. I (Blair) was also given the opportunity to preach and lead Bible studies. We had numerous opportunities to invest in the lives of the people who were already reached through the church planting work.



### What was the greatest blessing you received from your church planting work?

The greatest blessing from working in Quebec this summer was to see a more realistic picture of church planting work. It is enjoyable and energizing to sit in a classroom and talk about church planting models, but it was even better to get a true taste of the immense blessing and challenge of the work by actually serving in the field.

### How did your internship affect your understanding of North American missions?

Our internship allowed us to see the extreme need for new churches to be started in Canada and Quebec in particular. We did not have to leave North America to encounter a people group that has little to no understanding of the gospel.

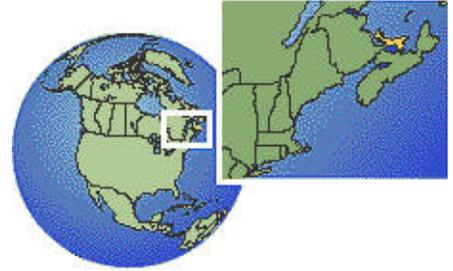
### What did the Lord teach you through your church planting work?

Our Lord taught us that though church planting is hard work, it must be done. Since there was a language and cultural barrier, we really learned to depend on the Spirit to work in the lives of those with whom we shared. We learned even more to pray and trust in our Lord as we led mission teams into communities for which we had very little information. We also got a glimpse of what God is doing in Quebec, and were humbled because we were allowed to participate with Him.

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## Focus Area: Prince Edward Island

- Population: approximately 150,000
- Capital: Charlottetown (50,000 population)
- Originally settled by the Micmaqs, followed by the French Acadians
- Present residents are primarily from Scottish, English, and Irish descendents
- Small Lebanese and Chinese communities exist on the island
- Major industries include potato farming, lobster and tuna fishing, tourism, and technology
- The island is the home of Anne of Green Gables
- The island is divided between Protestants and Roman Catholics
- Southern Baptist work began in Atlantic Canada in 1994
- Immediate church planting needs: Slemmon Park and King's North
- Slemmon Park, a decommissioned Air Force Base next to the city of Summerside, is comprised of 1350 acres of land, 50 industrial buildings, and 254 residential homes with many young families. There is no Christian witness around this community. Community Baptist Church is sending a mission team each week into this community to conduct an adult Bible study and lead a children's ministry. A church planter is needed to minister in the Park and build up the present work as a center for Southern Baptist missions in the western area of the Island.
- King's North, comprised of several towns with little to no evangelical witness, is a large area on the north side of the Island. Community Baptist Church has been sending summer mission teams into these towns. A church planter is needed to serve these communities.



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For more information about serving as a missionary on Prince Edward Island, contact the Church Planting Center: [churchplanting@sbts.edu](mailto:churchplanting@sbts.edu)

## NAMB Resource Link:

<http://www.churchplantingvillage.net/>

## To View Previous Issues of the Church Planting Newsletter Visit:

[http://www.sbts.edu/campus\\_life/Church\\_Planting\\_Center/Resources.aspx](http://www.sbts.edu/campus_life/Church_Planting_Center/Resources.aspx)

*“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:1 NASB

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## Some resources you may find helpful for the journey...

<http://www.missionsusa.net/>

On-line version of the 1997 book, *Missions in North America* by Dr. Earl Parvin with Association of North American Missions. Though the statistics are dated, this is one of the few excellent resources specifically addressing North American missions.

[http://www.churchplantingvillage.net/atf/cf/{087EF6B4-D6E5-4BBF-BED1-7983D360F394}/Muslim\\_Peoples\\_of\\_North\\_America.pdf](http://www.churchplantingvillage.net/atf/cf/{087EF6B4-D6E5-4BBF-BED1-7983D360F394}/Muslim_Peoples_of_North_America.pdf)

This is an excellent resource of the North American Mission Board describing Muslim Peoples of North America.

<http://www.ministrytomuslims.com/>

Ministry to Muslims is a network of ministries working among Muslims living in America. The foundation of this ministry is Arabic Christian Perspective. Ministry to Muslims was established as a network to mobilize the church for reaching all Muslims in America for Christ.

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## Did you know this about NAMB?

**Historical Timeline**—Part II (adapted from [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net))

**1888** - Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) was established as an auxiliary to the SBC. Annie Armstrong became the organization's first corresponding secretary, rallying Baptist women to engage missions to immigrants, Blacks, and Indians.

**1891** - The Sunday School Board was reestablished and the HMB relinquished its publication of Sunday School literature.

**1895** - The first home missions offering was taken by WMU during a "Week of Self Denial for Home Mission," and it raised more than the \$5,000 requested of it.

**1925** - The Cooperative Program was established as the primary channel for supporting the work of the SBC.

**1929** - The HMB incurred a \$2.5 million debt, reflecting the nation's wavering economy. The Great Depression struck, and missionary forces plunged from 1,600 to 106.

**1942** - Western churches were accepted into the denominations, reawakening the SBC's national expansion.

**1944** - Student summer missions, one of the HMB's first volunteer endeavors, began with 11 summer missionaries.

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