

Family Album

1950s

Joseph, Lila (Finsaas, BC '50), writing from California, announces the arrival of her great-granddaughter Evangeline as well as great-grandson Russell. She was a TEAM missionary to Japan where she met, Kenny, her husband of over 50 years.

1960s

Dunn, Peter Graham (HS '64, BC '67) has written a memoir called [*Unlikely Entrepreneur: From China to Amish Country*](#). He tells how his faith helped him learn from his mistakes yet forge ahead.



Koel, Margaret (Duursma, BC u'60) married Peter Koel on June 28, 2016. Her previous husband, Ed Kehoe, went to be with the Lord in 2011. Her puppy's name is Yahtzee. They attend White Rock Baptist near New Westminster, BC.

Laity, Don (BC '62) and his wife Sally have been working for the past 22 years with Good News in Action, evangelizing in Central and South America. They are also involved in ministry at Valley Baptist Church in Bakersfield, CA.

McCain, LaRolf (BC '60) and Marilyn, his wife of 60 years, are now retired. He was a minister and she was a school teacher. They now seek to serve

the Lord faithfully at The Church of the Nazarene in Oregon City, OR.



Nemeth, Florli (BC '60) serves as an elder in her church in Surrey, BC, praising God for his amazing love and provision.

Rigby, Paul (staff 63-68, 91-97) worked for Terrace Builders Centre while his wife Carol had a Christian bookstore and gift shop for 10 years. They moved to Lethbridge, AB, upon retirement in 2011 to assist their son Daniel (HS' 93) before he went to be with his Savior in 2018. They attend University Drive Alliance and are involved in many ways.

Smith, Alex & Faith (BC' 61) welcomed their first

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great-grandson, Roman Zane Smith, on June 30. They are with OMF as International Trainers/Advocates focused on the Buddhist World.



Smith, William (BC '67) says he is retired, but still pastors the youth as a high school Sunday school teacher. He re-dedicated his life to the Lord 35 years ago, was married 33 years ago, and together they have been serving the Lord ever since.

1970s

Bowdoin, Marilyn (**Martin**, BC '70) and her husband Terrell (BC '72) are happily working at Redwood Country Church in Grants Pass, OR. They were even

able to marry a couple in their church in the midst of the pandemic.

Fox, Grace (BC '79) has released her tenth book, [*Finding Hope in Crisis: Devotions for Calm in Chaos*](#). This book offers 90 meditations and quotes of hope and encouragement.



Frenette, Ruth (**Meiklejohn**, BC '79) is married to Réal, and they are recent grandparents in Pointe Claire, QC. They both serve in their local church, Awana program, and Bible Study Fellowship. Ruth works for the charity HPIC, providing medicine to the vulnerable in developing nations.



Guedes, Dorothy (**Orr**, HS '70, BC '75) retired from health care work in 2020, a year after her husband Ademir (BC u'89) went to be with Jesus. Now she is involved in the Canadian/Brazilian church, volunteering with English Conversation classes and assisting seniors. She loves that the Lord is now her husband, her provision and her hope.



Hegwood, Sharon (**Reneau**, BC '70) was with

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Greater Europe Mission (GEM) when she met her husband, who sadly passed from cancer in '90. Sharon retired in 2012 after helping students on the Autism spectrum for 17 years, and now is involved in ladies Bible studies at Calvary Baptist in Garden City, MI. Her dog's name is Abby.

Leng, Phil (BC '71) and Patti (**Oswald**, BC '71) retired in 2004. They recently moved from their dream home of 30 years they designed and built to an "appropriately sized home" closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Patti is still with Global Outreach Media, and Phil is involved in many ministries. They celebrate 50 years of marriage next year.

Mattix, Terry (BC u'71), husband of Diana, admits that by the grace of the God, their short time at Prairie was used to build a spiritual foundation for the rest of their lives. This provided stability through

many challenges, and they now have witnessed their children and grandchildren see the value in biblical education.



McCain, Dana (BC '79) is a Field Coordinator for Southeast Asia for Team Expansion. She and her husband Chris have been serving in missions since 1982, grounded by the Word received at Prairie.

McCallum, Elizabeth (BC '74, staff '76-80) went to Seattle Pacific University and obtained a BA in Urban Planning in 1988. She retired in 2014. God guided her career so she could care for her mother until her passing in 2010. She is a member of Gresham First Baptist Church in Oregon and loves her neighbors.

Osborne, Les (BC '77) and Marjorie (**Weddell**, BC' 77) have been married for 42 years this August. They

live in Prince George, BC, where Les is a retired RN. They are discovering the hidden joys of home churching.

Peckham, Mark (BC '72) retired from leading the property maintenance team at a retirement community. His wife Betty Lou (**Bastian**, BC' 72) had served 30+ years with Stonecroft Ministries and another 10 with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They praise the Lord that Mark's spine is now pain-free.

Richardson, Peggy (**Chapman**, BC '76) recently retired from 26 years as an advisor at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ.



Sandvig, Sharon (**Coleman**, BC '75), and her husband Tim have retired from 40 years of service in Chile with Wycliffe and SIM.

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Shreve, Karen (**Allen**, BC '72) retired from social services, and her husband Bob (BC '72) retired from 10 years in Chinese and Asian church ministries in the San Francisco area. However, he was recently rehired as a cost control business consultant and they both continue their 40-year AWANA ministry.

Virts, David (HS '67, BC '71) taught Sunday school for 25 years at the Berean Church, Lincoln, NE, and at West Hills Baptist in Lebanon, TN. He has written 1400 devotionals, which are published through "The Weekly Devotional" at rutherfordreader.com

1980s



Dekle, Mari (**Issacson**, BC '87) and her husband Tim

are now travelling evangelists in Washington and Tennessee after 30 years with Child Evangelism Fellowship. They say they are "pursuing God's delicious unknown."

McDowell, Sandra (BC '80) desired to go to Africa as a missionary but the Lord had special plans. She has been married for 37 years with two children. They now live in her birthplace of Barbados and are very involved in their local church.

McNeil, Adrian (BC '83) and his wife Debbie are now retired in Medicine Hat, AB, where they are enjoying their two grandchildren.

Sloan, Mike (BC '86) of Talkeentna, AK, has published a new book, [*Bear Attacks, Dog Teams and a Sinking Boat and Other Life Lessons*](#). Previously he was a missionary in Nepal where he learned the language. He also took 6 years to traverse the Himalayan

Trail, handing out 20,000 tracts and showing the Jesus movie.

Tilzey, Dennis (HS '78, BC '81), after 31 years as an Engineer for the Boeing Company, is now the Executive Director of One Less Orphan Benefit. This calling's primary goal is to provide every child with a chance to make the choice to follow Jesus.

Wall, Dave (HS '83, BC '87) has written [*DNR Do Not Resuscitate*](#) regarding his wife's miraculous recovery from a double brain aneurism. They currently reside in northern Minnisota.

Whaley, Catherine (**Ouellette**, BC u'88) has come back to Prairie to complete her Master of Leadership in Global Christian Education, fueled by worship. It was Jim Elliot's story that led her father to be a missionary pilot, which led to her salvation occurring in the Amazon.

1990s



Faulkner, Michael (BC u'92), pictured with his wife Heather, is a current online pastoral student at Prairie College. God has worked in and through them, particularly through his music, found at michaelfaulkner.ca

Miller, Paul (BC '95) is currently a freelance editor for the Aneko Press in Ohio and a several other Christian publishers. He and his wife Christy have two children.

Roller, Anna (**Johnson**, BC '97) and her husband Tim recently celebrated their 21st anniversary. He is on the planning committee for the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco,

CA, which takes place in January.

2000s

Anderson, Carla (BC '08) has been a worship director for the last 10 years, along with teaching piano. Nathan, her husband of 15 years, was hired recently as the Family Pastor at their church near Denver, Colorado.

Fiorito, Dana (BC '05) and her husband, Nik (BC '05), have been married for 16 years. They met in line on the first day on campus. Their oldest son has his eyes set on the Digital Media program at Prairie. They are excited to see how God will use them.



Kennedy, Dave (BC '00) and Melody (**Konynenbelt**) had their

daughter Ariella on January 18, 2021. Their children Blake and Brianna are also recent students of Prairie, while daughter Bethany is entering grade 8. Dave is the youth pastor at Trochu Baptist Church in Trochu, AB.

Reinhardt, Patti (BC '04) and Steve (former staff) have been living in Millet since 2011, building a locksmith business and serving in their local church. They have also been blessed with 11 children since their marriage in 2005.

2010s

Demman, Rhys and Melissa (BC '17) had their third child, Holly Janine, on May 15. They moved from Kaslo to Creston, BC, to begin a camp ministry with One Hope.

Pingist, Roland (BC '11) & Brittany (BC '10) had their fourth child, Joshua Samuel, on June 28 in Austria. They are preparing to move back to Brazil with OAC, with a

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furlough in Canada for two months starting in September.

Colwell, Tim (BC '19) has published a memoir titled [*Blessed Is He: Learning to Trust the Lord*](#) about being missionaries in the Yukon. He is married to Gwendy and their three daughters have graduated from Prairie recently too.

2020s

Hildebrandt, Melissa (Dyck, BC '20) married Timothy on October 24, 2020. They are living in Morden, MB where she is the Connecting Ministries Director of Youth For Christ. She says, "I am excited to use the skills and the knowledge that Prairie has given me to teach others about the Word of God."