

PROFILES

with

Jennifer Barr



In just over two weeks Brian Rennick, the school-bus driving pastor of the Acton Pentecostal Assembly will be winging his way to Zambia to spread the word of God. Accompanying him will be his wife Colleen and daughters, Carrie 3 and Tiffany, 1.

"I'm apprehensive but looking forward to it" says Colleen.

The Rennicks will spend at least four years in Africa. They have to return for a year after the first mission but plan to head back for more mission work if all goes well.

So far Zambia is a place with little Pentecostal church involvement, Brian explains. He has been assigned the duties of "church planning" around Chipata in the eastern province of Zambia. Although this sounds impressive, Brian will actually be starting from scratch as there are no churches in his territory at all—he'll be laying foundations as well as planning.

Moving plans have been rushed and the Rennicks haven't had much time for research into their new home. They have both attended mission school and will have a "crash course" orientation when they arrive at the missions base in Lusaka, Zambia. However, most of their orientation will be done in the field getting to know the people among whom they'll work.

Brian explains his territory is primarily agricultural and consists of tribal Africans of varying religious beliefs ranging from Moslem to ancient ancestor worship. The Rennicks don't even know what kind of dwelling they'll inhabit although they are assured they will have western culture amenities such as electricity and indoor plumbing.

Brian says his main adjustment will be in adapting his standards of achievement to fit in with those of a more relaxed society. He's there as a catalyst and says he has to be flexible and ready to fit in where he's needed.

He's confident his preaching and teaching will be accepted. In two years the Pentecostal Church has "planted" 370 churches in Kenya, a country that is now considered over 50 per cent Christian.

"The church (Pentecostal) in Kenya and Malawi is expanding very well" Brian comments adding "we're seeing tangible results".

Two of the areas that have bothered Missionaries previously in African cultures are polygamy and tribalism such as ancestor worship. These beliefs go against Christian doctrines, Brian explains, and must be handled carefully.

"You can't expect to pull out one part of their culture and put another in, you have to try to determine what... is totally against Christianity and has to go".

He adds that the practice of ancestor worship has to be modified and blended with Christian teachings.

Pentecostal mission goals are first to preach the gospel to those who have never heard it" Brian says.

Social work will follow as a specific need arises. Brian explains he will try to feed bodily needs as they arise but his primary work will be spiritual. The church however does send some nursing and teaching staff into its established missions.

Colleen may be more involved with material life as Brian spreads the gospel.

"My first concern is the children and my family" she states but adds she has permission to teach bible study in the schools. She's interested in craft work and sees this as an area to open doors between her and the other women. In the remainder of her free time (?) Colleen will be acting as Brian's secretary, taking care of the vast amount of correspondence between the Mission and Canada.

Having been in the ministry for five years after graduating from Eastern Pentecostal College in Peterborough, Brian feels prepared to handle his mission obligations. He's been in Acton for three-and-a-half years in charge of the 50 member church and 100 member Sunday School. Prior to service here, he spent 18 months in Hamilton as an assistant pastor in charge of youth and music.

Although happy in Acton, Brian experienced a restlessness some months ago and found himself exploring the field of missions eventually securing his post in Africa. He and Colleen seem somewhat stunned with the speed their plans have moved. For instance it only took 13 days for their work permits to reach Africa and be approved.

Colleen says she will enjoy slowing down to an African pace of life and relishes the closeness she anticipates the family will develop.

Brian agrees and states, "Africa is a community and family oriented society not as individualistic as we are".

Although the Rennicks are not quite sure what their life will be like for the next four years, they'll soon find out. They depart Canadian earth on Sunday June 7 with the good wishes of their Acton friends following them.



Zambia bound—Brian and Colleen Rennick with daughters Carrie and Tiffany.



The Halton Hills ActiVan hit the road last Wednesday morning at a special launching ceremony at Gordon Alcott Arena. Among those in attendance were the ActiVan committee members I. to R. Dave Dillis, Bob Dudgeon, Brian Pollock, Ted Pollock, Ted Ballinger, Barb Stephens, Anne Dodds, Rev. John Robertson and Marilyn Serjeantson.

Skate-a-thon profit tops \$5,000

The annual Acton Rotary Club skate-a-thon turned a profit of \$5,471.74 this year. Organizer Dave Whiting reported this week \$7,708.97 came in from pledges for the March event and \$2,239.30 in expenses were piled up. Half of the profit goes to the Rotary Club for its community work and half to the participating schools. Rotary picked up \$2,735.87. Robert Little earned the most, \$714.19, while \$601.08 goes to McKenzie-Smith, \$424.14 to Spey-side, \$335.35 to Lime-house, \$277.66 to St. Joseph's, \$253.93 to M. Z. Bennett and \$129.50 to Ospringe. The schools receive their funds in proportion to the amount they bring in from pledges.



One happy shopper. Winner of the Monte Carlo shopping spree at IGA was Elsie Syme, who shared a ticket with Flo Rocher. Elsie had two minutes of free shopping and picked up \$149.19 worth of groceries early Saturday morning.

Apartment false alarm

Acton Firefighters were called out Friday night at approximately 9.30 to the Ransom St. apartments.

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Is town hall worth saving... (Continued from page 1)

determine the use and restoration plans and costs for the building, commit its share of funding, pass a bylaw accepting all project costs and manage the building through the recreation department, not the Acton Chamber of Commerce as was originally planned.

Shepard notes previously it has been suggested the town hall be used for a Chamber office, police station, town office etc, but if that was done there wouldn't be any funds from the Community Centres Act. To secure this money it can only be for cultural and recreation uses.

Elliott observed if council passed a motion stating the building is to be restored "all barriers would disappear."

"Certainly it is worth saving," Elliott declared, adding the committee, which wants to wind up raising \$10,000 is prepared to continue its efforts beyond this year and see the building restored over a period of years. Actario is already planning to continue fund raising for the town hall for at least another year.

The town must decide what the building will be used for and apply for grants, the restoration committee can't do anything but raise funds, Elliott said.

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