

Colborne **Communique**

711 Colborne Street London Ontario N6A 3Z4



For The Fruits Of Harvest

J. Evans Anderson

I'm grateful at this time of year
For all the golden grain,
For all the fruits of harvest time,
For sunshine and for rain.

For every blessing known to man,
And every lovely flower,
For each and every friend I have,
And every golden hour.

I'm grateful, too, for every child,
For every starry night,
For music, health and happiness,
For morning's promise bright.

I'm grateful for a path to choose
For weary feet to trod,
And to ascend the heights sublime,
Yes, hand in hand with God.

An Invitation To Participate

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Colborne Communique

Submit material to Terry Fieldhouse on the due date no later than 5:00 pm at tfieldhouse@sympatico.ca. Preferred method is an attachment typed in Microsoft Word.

Material Due	2021	Delivery
January 29		February 5
March 19		March 26
June 4		June 11
September 17		September 24
November 26		December 3

Did You Know?

Colborne has a number of ukuleles just waiting to be played? Some Colborne members have borrowed instruments over the summer to practise their skill but *the hope is that we can start a "Ukulele Choir" this fall*—open to all whether you know how to play or would like to learn. **What is needed now is a leader for the group.** Are you that leader or do you know someone (Colborne member or not) who would like to take on this challenge? Please let Kennedy Kimber-Johnson (dom@colborne711.org) or Ron McClatchie (rjmccclatchie@gmail.com) know.

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Note From The Editor

In these most unusual times the September edition of the Communique is available in e-mail format only. There will be print copies published for those without internet.

Stay safe — stay healthy
 Terry Fieldhouse

A Word From David

*"Seasons pass in life's procession,
Days and nights in swift progression,
Granting pleasures with each clime,
While future measures out the time."*

Harley White

This morning I watched as children excitedly made their way down the street on the first day of school, accompanied by anxious looking parents, who were no doubt concerned about classroom safety in light of finding ourselves in the 4th wave of COVID infections and that those under 12 can't be vaccinated to help protect them from the virus. Will the protocols and practices be sufficient? Will things work out this time or will this just be another false start? Either way, after so many months of being at home, this will be a big adjustment for children and parents (and pets) as they hopefully return to a more 'normal' routine and the resumption of social interactions which have been disrupted during the past year and a half of pandemic restrictions. So too, that sort of transition will happen to every one of us as we slowly move from virtual to actual existence – from online to in-person again and in doing so, there may be changes required from what and how we did things before. And yet, even though it may not be an easy adjustment, out of necessity, we will simply have to learn to accommodate change – for that is the nature of life. Transitioning can be unsettling because we are facing the unfamiliar – things that are both in and out of our control. However, while change can prove challenging and unnerving, it is inevitable and we can either be overwhelmed by it or adapt to it, realizing therein lies a new opportunity for living, trusting that by and through the grace of God we will manage to do so.

In my own life, I am discovering this to be true, as I transition into retirement – from doing what I have done and loved every day for the past 45 years to whatever the future has in store for me. Any who have gone through this type of experience know how

disorienting it can be in leaving behind the old ways and routines while venturing into something new, It is both frightening and at the same time exhilarating. In other words, it is life! With that in mind, my friends, I want to leave you with words of a verse by Danny Joyce which express that:

*"This life is a wonderful gift .. accept it, embrace it.
It starts with a new day .. wake up and greet it.
Life is a challenge .. take it head on and meet it.
Full of opportunity .. use it, don't waste it.*

*This life is a mystery .. unfold it, solve it.
It starts with meaning .. wake up and understand it.
Life is a goal .. take it head on and achieve it.
Full of promise .. fulfill it but keep it.*

*This life is a tragedy .. face it, accept it.
It starts with pain .. wake up and help numb it.
Life is a struggle .. take it head on and fight it.
Full of sorrow .. sorry, just overcome it.*

*This life is precious .. hold it, treasure it,
It starts with hope .. wake up and feel it.
Life is a choice .. take it head on and make it.
Full of knowledge .. use it, don't abuse it.*

*This life is adventurous .. enjoy it, explore it.
It starts with a duty .. wake up and perform it.
Life is love .. take it full on and love it.
Full of beauty .. praise it and behold it.*

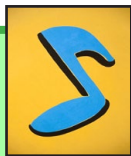
*That life is life .. live it, learn and grow
Life is good .. be good with all that you know."*

God bless — David



Please remember to contact the Church office or Rev. David if you know of a Colborne Street family member who is in hospital, is scheduled to be in hospital or someone who would like a call.

Pastoral Care is an important part of our Colborne Ministry.



In Tune

The choir is now rehearsing in-person, handbells start in October, and we have a new choral scholar – good things are happening!

This year, Sarah Storms joins Colborne as our choral scholar. Sarah is a third year student at Western University studying Voice Performance. She is interested in pursuing performance, whether on an opera stage or in musical theatre. We look forward to having her voice and leadership in the choir this year. Welcome, Sarah!



**Kennedy
Kimber-Johnson
Director of Music.**

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers. This is a great opportunity to make music and meet new people. Did you know... there are only two handbell makers in the United States, Schulmerich and Malmark, and they have a longstanding rivalry. Here at Colborne, we are on team Schulmerich. You can find an article on NRP titled “The Great Handbell War,” if you’d like to read more about the rivalry. If you’re interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Kennedy at dom@colborne711.org

Kennedy Kimber-Johnson

Do You Like To Sing?

The Chancel Choir welcomes new singers who would enjoy being part of a dynamic and enthusiastic group of choristers. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings in preparation for Sunday morning services. If interested, contact our Director of Music, Kennedy Kimber-Johnson at dom@colborne711.org

Mission Minute

Hard work doesn’t always pay off. Around the world, many people work hard and still can’t feed their families. Your gifts through Mission & Service turn hard work into true hope for the future. Thanks to your support, resourceful people like Margaret Kagundu don’t just survive but thrive.

Margaret and her children live in challenging conditions in Nyeri, Kenya. In an area of widespread poverty, families live in makeshift homes without running water and have very little access to health care. Disease is so rampant that the average woman like Margaret can expect to live just 30 years.

Margaret struggled to meet her family’s basic needs before she received a micro-loan from a lending program called Jamii Imara (pronounced Jam-ee EE-mara), which your gifts support.

Wanting to improve her life, Margaret applied for a small, interest-free loan from Jamii Imara to lift herself out of poverty. She used it to purchase a home to rent out. With the rental income, she paid back the loan and then applied for another. She has received and paid back many loans to date. Margaret now owns two rental homes and is a proud landlord. The income is helping her feed and educate her family.

Your support teamed up with Margaret’s hard work means that Margaret’s son is in high school today. Considering 90 percent of children living in poverty in Kenya don’t finish grade 8, that’s a remarkable achievement.

“I was granted 10,000 shillings four times. I have even started keeping goats that reproduce. I have educated my children,” Margaret says.

The Jamii Imara project helps women like Margaret establish their businesses. Together, the businesswomen share best practices and help each other financially to survive difficult times.

“We help our fellow members. If one’s husband is ill, we continue to help her. If one’s child is ill, we contribute to help her,” says Margaret. “There are many women who want to join the group because they see that I have progressed a lot. I am no longer the way I was before.”

Supporting women like Margaret who are determined to change their lives is just one of the ways you are helping to turn hard work into hope every day. Make your Mission & Service gift today to help transform and save lives.

Marion Chamberlain

Local Outreach

Indwell Affordable Housing Project

The committee wishes to convey its heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards the furnishing of Indwell's newest apartments, Embassy Commons in London. A total of \$6,130 was donated, an amount which far exceeded anything anticipated. These donations were sufficient to furnish two apartments at a cost of \$5,000 with \$1,130 in additional funds. We asked Indwell to combine the additional funds with other donations received from other sources that may have a shortfall, towards furnishings at Embassy Commons. There are 72 units which will provide supportive housing at a reasonable rent for the most marginalized members of our community.

Northern Hospitality

We have decided that for the 2021-2022 season, we will participate with our four other Northern Hospitality partners and serve take out, lunch bag meals at St Michael's Church on our assigned Mondays. A few of the Committee members have kindly volunteered to hand out the lunch bags.

Our first Monday to serve is September 27 (see chart below). All public health guidelines, advice and restrictions will be followed.

Should there be any changes to, or further restrictions in, public health guidelines or made by the London Diocese regarding the use of St Michael's Church in the coming months, we will re-consider our participation.

Grateful thanks again to everyone for their continuing support of Local Outreach Committee,

Jill Bell

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY 2021 - 2022

St. Michael's Catholic Church, 511 Cheapside St.

Please note that only pre-prepared lunch bags and beverages will be handed out in September, October and November. Subject to any continuing health safety restrictions, a decision will be made about the 2022 dates later in the year.

Colborne's Dates

2021	2022
Sept. 27	Jan. 24
Oct. 25	Feb. 28
Nov. 22	Mar. 28
	April 25

Thanksgiving At Colborne 2021



Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the annual Thanksgiving Service at Colborne, Barb Webster and Helen Bell are requesting donations of fresh produce and non-perishable foods be dropped off at Colborne's parking lot again this year.

As we hear and read the news during this ongoing pandemic, more and more families are having trouble putting food on their tables. The Food Bank has told us how much they appreciate having fresh produce from Colborne each year at this time.

Barb and Helen Bell kindly ask that you bring your donations, if you are able, to the church parking lot on Saturday, October 9th between 9.30 am and 12 30 pm. These donations will then be delivered to the Food Bank.

Thank you,

Helen Bell and Barbara Webster
Thanksgiving Co-ordinators.



My Covid Experience

I had just finished teaching my dance class on Friday March 13th, 2020, in a local hall, when it was clear that we could no longer hold dance classes, as Covid was taking hold.

We soon heard that all activities were cancelled and that we were to stay at home and keep safe. This was new to us all! What were we going to do to keep busy for the next weeks and perhaps months? Like many others, I cleaned out drawers and closets, I sewed masks for the family, then I decided to bake. Flour was flying off the shelves in most grocery stores as everyone turned their hand to baking bread and lots of other treats for their families. I decided to try out scone recipes to find the perfect scone. I had six recipes from Scotland and Canada and after several weeks found one from a dancing friend in Windsor to be the best.

Soon I was on to sorting through hundreds of family photographs gathered over fifty-three years. This was a slow process as so many of them brought memories rushing back. Eventually they all were packed into three large envelopes for our family.

The summer came and went, and the winter months were ahead. Unfortunately dance classes and other indoor activities were not able to resume in person, so I decided to start teaching virtually on Zoom. This was to become a huge learning curve for me with the technology. To be able to teach and play music while keeping Zoom rooms and participants on the screen was a challenge. I sought the help of a long-time friend in Edmonton who is an expert in computer technology, and he kindly took the time to give me several hours of tutoring. My brain was on overload! I purchased two webcams, and set up my studio, and soon I was able to deliver a more professional experience for the dancers. As another teacher taught in her home, I played the music from my home. It all worked out beautifully. I have attended dances in Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary without leaving home. Many out-of-town dancers joined our nights of dancing when we held a Christmas dance, a Burns Supper, and the Branch's 60 Anniversary Ball.

As I write this, I am back teaching again on Zoom as we are still not able to get together in person yet in 2021.

Helen Bell

From The Stewards

The Stewards sincerely thank the members of the congregation for their continued faith and generosity in supporting the operations of the Church.

The drainage tubing from the refrigerant line covers seem to have successfully prevented condensation from dribbling down the exterior brickwork this past summer. A roofing contractor has repaired and upgraded the roofing, flashing and eaves earlier this summer. Needed upgrades to the boiler room ventilation system are now being completed and a working group of Stewards is looking into the longer term heating system needs. Repairs to the exterior stair from the Youth Room to the parking lot and to the lawn sprinkler system have been completed. Plans for the annual Christmas Tree sale have been reviewed.

Some other items the Stewards are working on include: repairs to the interior walls of the Sanctuary; investigating improvements to the Church ventilation system, including the use of HEPA air filters; replacing the fencing along the back (west side) of the parking lot; additional upgrades to exterior night lighting; and upgrades to the Church audio/visual system and website.

The Stewards generally meet every second Tuesday except in July and August. However, the number of people on the Stewards' committee is well below the number usually on this committee. Please, if you are able to help out by joining contact the Church office.

Co-Chairs

Paul Wiancko & Gail Hutchinson

Worship & Music Committee

We are looking for a non-musician to join our committee who could bring a perspective of other congregants' interests to the committee's deliberations. This would be very helpful in our planning of worship and music programs at Colborne. If you can help, please contact Ron McClatchie at rjmclatchie@gmail.com

The Boardwalk

Greetings Colborne family members. This is the first of what will become a regular column in the Communique. The purpose will be to keep you informed periodically with the various projects and activities that your church board members are pursuing on your behalf.

This has, so far, been a very busy year, in spite of the fact that our church building has not been open. Our Ministry and Personnel Committee, chaired by Greg Dickenson, has successfully dealt with several staffing changes and the Committee of Stewards continues to deal with multiple property and maintenance issues. More details on their efforts can be found in a separate submission, provided by co-chairs Paul Wiancko and Gail Hutchinson.

The pandemic, of course, has weighed heavily on all of us and has put additional strain on church operations, especially our minister, David. His continued devotion to our family members has demanded he adapt to preaching to empty pews, while carrying a heavier than usual pastoral care commitment. With the help of videographer Andrew McKinlay, David quickly adjusted to preaching to a camera for services that Andrew uploaded via the magic of YouTube. Kennedy Kimber-Johnson also supported David with weekly musical offerings.

Kennedy was also busy conducting weekly choir rehearsals on Zoom throughout last winter and into the spring season.

David's pending retirement announcement required the formation of a Search Committee to find a successor. That process has moved steadily forward led by Chair Meg Walker with support resources supplied by The Antler River Regional Council, (more information on this Council can be found on its website arwrucc.ca). You recently received a copy of a letter outlining the committee's intentions and we expect the



Archie Wright
Chair, Official Board

Job Description for a Supply Minister to be approved and posted very soon on the Regional Council's Church Hub.

We have been fortunate to acquire the services of Bruce Whitmore and our own Mark Richardson who are covering Sunday services until a Supply minister is hired.

I think that I had better push the pause button for now, but will report new transactions as they occur.

Blessings,

Archie Wright – Chair, Official Board

Meet The Sunday Videographer

Andrew McKinlay has been an event videographer and owner of AVC Video in London, Ontario for almost 30 years. Andrew has filmed sporting events, weddings (several at Colborne Street United Church), university lectures, medical procedures, music and business promotional videos.

Since October 2020 Andrew has recorded, edited and uploaded to YouTube our weekly church services. He has worked closely with David, Kennedy and our recent guest speakers to get our congregation the digital on-line services in a timely manner.

Using state-of-art video cameras and editing computers Andrew provides his clients with the highest video quality available.

Andrew is a native of Glasgow Scotland and has never lost his brogue or Scottish sense of humour.



Andrew McKinlay

Food For Thought

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.

Our Colborne Church Family

Birthdays

July 6Sheila Cameron
 July 30.....Karen Kindree
 August 7Linda Aitkins
 August 13Marilyn Harris
 September 2.....Madeline Bellamy
 September 8.....Pat Campbell
 September 20Shirley Frank

Anniversaries

August 28Radon & Shelia Lui

Deaths

June 11Ruth Havers
 July 7Dorothy Riehl

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Liz Bartley for the loss of her brother, Stephen & Beth Firth for the loss of his father, Paul Ling for the loss of his partner, Elaine Rae for the loss of her brother.

If you or your family have a special event including a birth, wedding, special wedding anniversary, illness or death, or just need to say hello with a thinking-of-you card, the UCW sends a card on behalf of our Colborne family. We have now extended the birthday card ministry to include all Colborne members on the Pastorial Care list (long term care or nursing homes). We will continue to send cards to those over 90 living at home.

A red rose on the organ during worship is to celebrate the birth of a child into a Colborne member's family. ***Please let the Church office know of your special event or to request a card.***



UCW Executive & Coordinators

President Sheila Lui

Secretary..... Open

Treasurer Bonny Shawyer

Corresponding Secretary.. Brenda Fieldhouse

Kitchen Supervisor..... Sheila Lui

Special Occasion Decorating

Easter..... Lynn Foster & Gayle Fluter

Thanksgiving..... Helen Bell & Barb Webster

Christmas Sheryl Lodge & Gail Lamers

Flowers (Purchase and Distribution)

Easter Gayle Fluter & Lynn Foster

Christmas Kathryn Turnbull
Open

Birth Rose..... Maureen Cunliffe

Receptions & Catering Sheila Lui

Take-A-Break Theresa Golem

Rummage Sale Eleanor Hunt
Open

Quilting Group Norma Stokes

Retreat Committee..... Open

Rep. Stewards Open

Rep. Official Board..... Sheila Lui

Rep. Session..... Sheila Lui

Data Projector Church Secretary



Starting Small at St. Peter's Seminary

Needing a new project, recently, I volunteered to do a few hours per week at the archives of St. Peter's Seminary, London.

So, on Saturday, August 28th I met with Fr. Michael Prieur, seminary archivist and professor, now retired. Fr. Prieur is an expert on confession. He has even written *The Art of the Confessor* (2017), one of the few books on the topic which acknowledges the devil, that unclean spirit which wants us to sin; that is, to grow so old at heart we lose our sense of the youthful, loving presence of God.



Mark Richardson

And Fr. Prieur has a new project of his own. A year ago, he was walking behind Brescia College when he noticed there was something wrong with the Crucifixion Tableau. A Crucifixion Tableau is a wooden crucifix with statues of St. Mary and St. John at the foot of the cross. This one had been on the grounds of the college since the 1930s, but it was in very bad repair.

The wood had rotted and some of the girders underneath were exposed, plus there were vines and plants growing over the statues. It was a mess. "This is not right" thought Fr. Prieur.

So, he approached the administration at Brescia College, but they only shrugged and said, "Nothing can be done."

Now, it so happens Fr. Prieur had found some coins at the feet of the statue of St. Mary that day, as well as a Book of Common Prayer. He did a little snooping and found out the Huron College chaplain had been taking his Anglican students to the Tableau for meditation. The chaplain had left his Book of Common Prayer, as well as the money – less than two dollars – as an offering.

Fr. Prieur said to the Brescia administration folks: "That money at the feet of Mary is an offering and when Mary gets to work on a project, she always starts small."

Smiling inwardly, (I suspect), they gave Fr. Prieur permission to do whatever he could. That was all he needed. He got in touch with a builder friend who is currently working on an extension at St. Peter's Seminary.

The builder said "No problem, Father, I can't do the woodwork on the cross myself, but I know a carpenter who 'owes me one'. Good, thought Fr. Prieur.

But what about the statues?

There was no one in his network who could repair statuary. However, Fr. Prieur is from Windsor - Paquette Corners to be precise - and knows people there who know carvers. As for moving the statues all the way to Windsor, said someone else on the seminary site: "I have access to a crane", while another said, "I've got a truck".

In days, there was a crane loading the statuary covered in protective wrapping onto a flatbed on its way to Windsor.

"Wow" I said to Fr. Prieur, "what stage is the project at?"

"The Tableau has all been repaired", he said. "The unveiling will take place on the grounds of Brescia College later this year, before the snow comes. And you will be invited. In fact, I will point you out to the crowd if you can find any descendants of Maurice & Kathleen Cunningham.

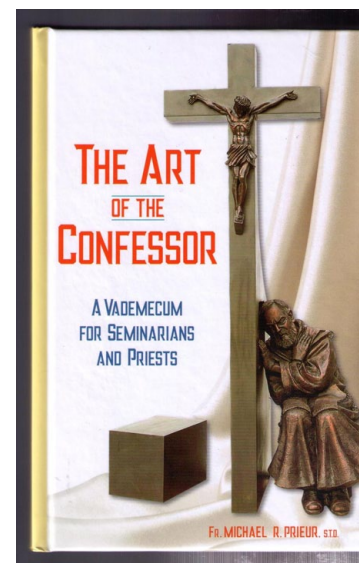
The Cunninghams had donated the money for the original construction of the Tableau in honour of their daughter Theresa, once Principal at the college.

"I'm on it" I said to Fr. Prieur. (If you know of any living Cunningham descendants, please tell me.)

Why did I get on board with the Tableau project? It's got nothing to do with the St. Peter's Seminary archives, after all. I think it's because Fr. Prieur's enthusiasm is infectious.

He may be 81 years old, but he hasn't let the devil get the better of him.

Mark Richardson



Report From The Treasurer's Desk

Financial Summary – YTD August 31, 2021

John Obright

	Last Year's <u>Actual</u>	This Year's <u>Budget</u>	This Year's <u>Results</u>
Income			
Envelope Givings – YTD August 31, 2021	151,209	142,012	145,529
Rental Income, Special Projects	<u>51,536</u>	<u>52,522</u>	<u>57,149</u>
Total Income	202,745	194,534	202,678
Expenses			
Operating Costs – YTD August 31, 2021	235,393	273,105	255,449
Other Income/Expenses	53,284	11,000	24,197
Net Income/(Shortfall)	20,636	(67,571)	(28,576)

Comments

The summer period is now behind us and we have weathered the usual financial slowdown reasonably well. Of note at this point in time is our current actual compared to where we were a year ago. Compared to budget we are ahead, but the budgeting process was very difficult to do due to the lack of any history.

Wage subsidies have been extended an additional four weeks, but our benefit is lessening as the year progresses. These subsidies continue in a smaller way to help us to continue paying all staff during this period.

Much appreciation to all of our users of PAR. This steady income flow has been a big benefit in keeping the bank account out of the red. We encourage all PAR users to contact me to make changes if needed to your planned givings. I do require something in writing or by email to make any changes.

If you are in the church at any point in the future, the envelope boxes are on a pew in the Narthex and can be picked up there. Quarterly Statements are also available in the mail slots for anyone who has contributed in either of the first two quarters. The 3rd Quarter will be there as well early in October.

We have been able to add eTransfer to allow our members an additional means of making their Church contribution. To use this method, simply send your eTransfer to church@colborne711.org and it will get automatically deposited to our bank account. It is important that any special instructions be noted on the input so that I can credit it to the proper category.

Expenses are mostly on budget except for Salaries/Benefits which are under budget due to staff not being hired as planned in the budget. We have had a couple of unexpected expenses but are trying to keep within our budget.

You can contact me directly by email (jfobright@sympatico.ca) or by phone (519-432-8735) if you have any questions regarding your Church donation or the financial affairs of the Church.

Search Committee Update

On behalf of the search committee, I am pleased to share an update with the Colborne community on the recruitment of a short-term supply minister to begin work November 1, 2021. Since the last update on August 9, the short-term supply minister ad has been approved by the Antler River Regional Council, after review by the Council's HR Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The ad is now posted on the ChurchHub internal job board where ministers who are in search of call or appointment may review it.

In the coming weeks the search committee will review the profiles of interested applicants and conduct interviews. We will also start establishing a process to engage with the Colborne community on what we would like in a new permanent minister. Watch in late October for additional communication from the search committee.

Any questions about the position may be directed to the email address that has been set up for the search process: Colbornesearch@gmail.com.

A reminder that the members of the committee are Archie Wright (ex officio) Barbara Webster, Cindy Servos, Donna Crinklaw Wiancko, Greg Dickinson, Jill Scrutton-Fulford, Brandon Schaufele and myself. **Meg Walker,**
Search Committee Chair



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

**Christmas Trees Arrive
Saturday, November 27
10:00 a.m.**

Colborne Street United Church

Retirement Dinner

*A celebration of
Rev. David Carrothers'
ministry*

*Friday, October 22, 2021
6:00 p.m.*

711 Colborne Street, London, Ontario

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church@colborne711.org

Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Must be fully vaccinated to attend.

\$25.00



Sunday, October 24, 2021
A Reception Luncheon

to recognize

**40 years of ministry at
Colborne Street United Church
by Rev. David Carrothers**

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

following our service of worship

David will preach that day.

Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Must be fully vaccinated to attend.

Update On A Former Refugee Family



Some of you may remember the Eh family, the first Karen refugee family from Myanmar (the former Burma) that we sponsored. Mwee and Rebecca and their three children, Tha Mu, Tha Ku and Tha Dah arrived in Nov. 2006 from a refugee camp in Thailand, where the children had spent their whole lives until then. They attended Colborne every Sunday where the children enjoyed Sunday School and took part in activities. Tha Ku sang in the choir for a year. Tha Dah who was four when they arrived especially enjoyed the summer day camp for a week each summer. Tha Dah, born in the refugee camp with cerebral palsy, still has great difficulty speaking, but is very bright.

Rebecca is a sister of Say Ra Mu who attends our church now and arrived in London a year later along with her family and Rebecca's three other sisters and their families and her parents. In 2009 all but Say Ra's family moved to Regina where they found jobs.

Tha Mu, who has graduated in Engineering, was married last August to Jonathan Eng, a Chinese Canadian lad. Tha Ku, a master carpenter who has worked on some major projects in Regina, including the construction of the new stadium, was married last summer to Paw Baw, a young Karen girl and Tha Dah is very proud to graduate from high school and is looking for a job.



The family has always been so appreciative of our support and are still very interested in everything that is happening at Colborne, so they enjoy reading the Communiques that I have been sending them all these years.

Anne Alton

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