

2005-2006

**Cooperative
English as a Second Language Ministries (CESLM)**

Annual Report

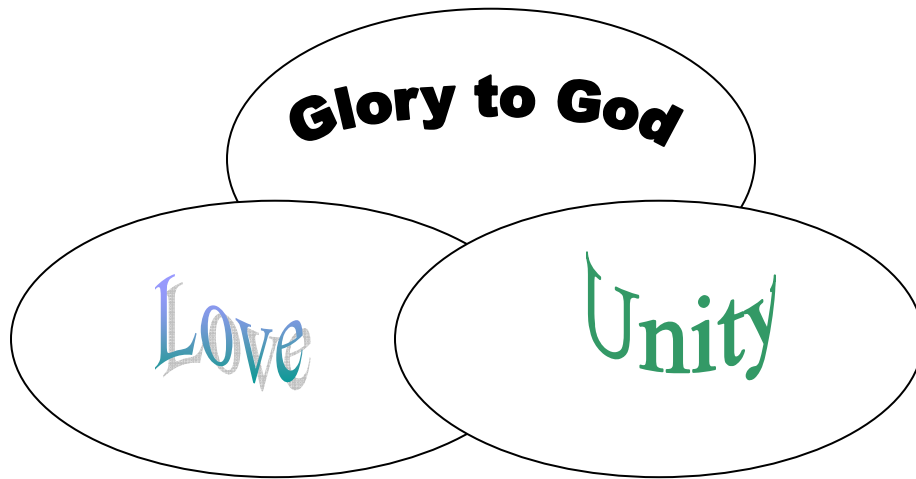
Cooperative ESL



Ministries

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English as a Second Language Ministries (CESLM)



From the prayer of Jesus in John 17

Our Mission:

Empowering churches to reach out in love through ESL to the foreigners and immigrants in our community.

Our Vision:

We see churches as society's leaders, welcoming and integrating newcomers to Canada.

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A message from the president of the Cooperative:

Friends,

In late 1999, in a prayer meeting at Agape Language Centre, while reading aloud the last high priestly prayer of Jesus in John 17, the Holy Spirit burned three words into my spirit: love, unity and glory.

1. **Love.** Almighty God loves us—demonstrated through the sacrifice of Jesus. He puts this kind of love in our hearts for one another and for our new neighbours. This is the “secret ingredient,” the “value added” of church-based ESL programs, as I witnessed. But now,
2. **Unity.** I had heard students asking why there were so many churches and “it seems like they’re competing.” Jesus here prayed twice “that they may be one-- SO THAT the world will believe.” Indispensable. How could we demonstrate the oneness of Christ’s body, the church? And then,
3. **Glory.** The eastern and postmodern worldview recognizes the shame/glory axis more than the modern, rationalistic, western mind. But the whole of creation is moving toward a climax when the glory of the Lords fills the whole earth. Ps. 72:19, Rev. 21.

The Cooperative ESL Ministries Society is a response to God’s call to make His **glory** known by demonstrating the **unity** of the body of Christ as we reach out in **love** to the new neighbours that God is bringing to us from around the world.

History:

A group of like-minded people pulled together by God asked themselves, “What is the most strategic thing we can do to help other churches respond in love and unity so we can meet the very real need of the newcomers, who know they need help with English, in a way that will bring honor and glory to God?”

We decided we would train and network across the city and across denominations, empowering churches to conduct first-rate ESL outreaches. Our first Training Conference was in January 2001, a Friday night and Saturday. We formed ourselves into a non-profit society in 2002 and a charitable organization in 2004. Our seventh Training Conference was held May 5 & 6, 2006. Well over 500 ESL Christian workers have taken this Conference training —teachers, administrators, helpers, and pastors.

In 2004 we began annual Networking Luncheons, sharing knowledge, resources and inspiration. To date, 197 have come together and been encouraged in these. Dr. Tom McCormick of Toronto was our first Guest Speaker: “The Spiritual Foundations of an ESL Ministry.”

Since September 2004 we have conducted “30 Hour Training” classes each fall for about 35 ESL “Learning Facilitators.” By the time someone has completed this training they are able to know how to start and lead an ESL ministry in their own church and conduct Conversation classes or tutor. This training includes observations and practice teaching, a manual, a pronunciation text, a CD with 150 lessons and a certificate. All trainers are professionals and volunteers.

What is the impact of the Cooperative?

- Over 4,000 newcomers have been helped with their English, with understanding the culture, and with social integration. They have gone on field trips and enjoyed potlucks with “mainstream” Canadians. The connection with caring teachers and tutors has improved the social cohesion of the community. There is someone to whom they can bring their questions.
- Hundreds have chosen to study ESL through Bible Studies, particularly the mainland Chinese who have not had the opportunity before, but who know the Bible has been such an important book in western culture—art, literature and law. Over 25 have freely chosen to place their trust in Christ, been baptized, and enjoy worshipping with newly multicultural churches or ethnic churches. Others are building a context for the many biblical references in our culture.
- The number of churches in Calgary offering ESL to community newcomers has grown from 3 to 35 over seven years. Church buildings are being used for the public good. Christians care about others and have invested in time and training to help the newcomers.
- The unity of the family of God is being demonstrated. Each member of the board comes from a different church; the events have been held in 10 different churches and two Bible Colleges.
- New leaders have arisen, fear barriers have come down, knowledge of resources and referrals has multiplied, friendships have been formed, and newcomers have been supported at this critical time.
- Entry-to-employment time has been reduced through accelerated integration and acceptance. Churches have become more open, perspectives have been broadened by what the newcomers have taught us. Calgary is a better place.
- Calgary has become a model for other cities. Toronto has formed a Cooperative among church-based ESL programs this spring and Vancouver is forming one this fall.

There are more exciting things on the horizon in this ministry, all in God’s good timing. We invite you to become part of this movement through your prayers, your financial support, and your participation as an Associate or as a Sponsoring Church or Business. We, ordinary people connected to an extraordinary God, can make a difference now and into the future.

Madeline Johnson



March 4, 2006 Networking Luncheon at Centre St. Church

Selections from the Audit Report by (Full report is available on request)

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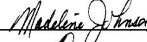

**COOPERATIVE ESL MINISTRIES SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30**


	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
REVENUE		
Designated funds	\$ 120	\$ 300
Donations	138	1,502
Reference materials and membership	4,064	-
Registration	8,184	8,071
Sundry	<u>320</u>	<u>399</u>
	<u>12,826</u>	<u>10,272</u>
EXPENSES		
Conference costs		
Facilitators	1,749	-
Facility rental	350	-
Food	2,804	1,946
Supplies and sundry	<u>260</u>	<u>1,495</u>
	<u>5,163</u>	<u>3,441</u>
Advertising and printing	159	2,100
Amortization	655	272
Communications	270	-
Designated funds disbursed	120	300
Interest and bank charges	349	202
Meetings and training	591	74
Office and sundry	570	452
Professional fees	<u>270</u>	<u>325</u>
	<u>8,147</u>	<u>7,166</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,679	3,106
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>3,940</u>	<u>834</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 8,619</u>	<u>\$ 3,940</u>

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at June 30, 2006 and 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

CALGARY, ALBERTA
August 22, 2006

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

 Director
 Director


CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Going forward....'06/07

- We'd like to see 50 churches in Calgary reaching out to the new immigrants in their communities with practical help, 30 of these supporting CESLM so we can train the volunteers in this specialty of ESL.
- We will visit the programs, leaders and pastors, encouraging, bringing practical resources, and sharing what works well, including the suggested ethical standards.
- We will continue networking across Canada with church-based ESLs and city-wide cooperatives, sharing freely of our resources. Oct. 4 & 5 we host representatives from Toronto, Vancouver, and Saskatoon, to plan a national network of church-based ESLs.
- We will continue advocating the case of Christians caring for the foreigner in the land.
- We will raise enough funds to maintain an administrative assistant and office for the cooperative.

Introducing our first staff member—Carrie Enns

Two months ago Carrie joined us as our very first staff person—Administrative Assistant. Carrie has served in a variety of ministries over the past 47 years: three churches, Youth for Christ Canada (the first woman to hold full credentials) and Youth for Christ Chile. She was also Associate Director of Ambassador Resources Ministries, Field Director and Candidate Secretary for Turkish World Outreach, and has been on several short-term mission adventures, most recently in the Ukraine. She has work experience in secular areas as well, and is presently taking her BA in TESOL at Alberta Bible College.

This is a **faith** venture for Carrie and the Cooperative. We are looking for supporters who see the value of this ministry to come alongside us with the funding to make it all possible. Carrie has deep appreciation for immigrants and foreigners, having experienced this herself. This is more than a job to Carrie, but a laborer is worthy... (Luke 10:7). We **invite** you to join with us by committing a monthly amount out of what God has blessed you with so that you, too, can be a part of this life-changing, society-blessing cause. Please use our online secure donation page at SPORG.com or send cheques to the office: CESLM, 187 Ranchridge Dr. NW Calgary T3G 1W1

As you can see by our page of financials, rarely would you find an organization to have accomplished so much on such few dollars. It has required an immense commitment from our working Board. We give God the glory, and thanks to those who have contributed so much in expertise, time and energy. Now, you, too, can be a part of this ministry that is making our world a better place. To continue expanding the reach to more churches we are looking to God for partners to provide \$40,000 for the next year of ministry. Thank you for being faithful to whatever God tells you.

Some testimonials:

"This is the best time of my week."

"I have found so much love and acceptance here."

"I am shy and do not find it easy to speak English in public, but here I am not afraid to speak, I am so happy for this practice."

"I want to learn more about God and who He is." (CE)

A 50 year old man started ESL so that he could get a drivers license to drive the real big trucks. He received his license 3/4 of the way through. (RW).

The parents of two of the teens that became involved in our Kids' English Club last spring said that their kids felt accepted and loved when they attended the Kids' English Club. This fall, the mother has also started attending two of the weekly ESL classes. She says that she loves the 'atmosphere' when she steps into the church building. Another non-church ESL student said that after starting to attend ESL classes at our church, she realized that Canadians can be friendly. (PL)



Culturally, almost all of our ESL students this fall have expressed appreciation for plans that our church family have made to cook and serve a complete traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for all the New Canadians connected to our church (whether through services or classes). In the first week of classes, 70 people have already signed up to attend the dinner in October. This past week, one who attended the first Sunday ESL sermon review class said "Maybe I will get to know your Jesus more." (PL)

One student in our program got into U of C as a result, another qualified for a work experience program, and several got jobs in their field. I helped one student deal with her employer. Many improved their English in a small way or learned information important for daily life, like about using credit, getting rain checks, knowing about politics and what's in the newspapers, how to talk to a doctor, etc.(GR)

"Thank you! I believe that your job is very important for me and many students and immigrants." - Renee

An Introduction to our Board Members:

Madeline Johnson, B.Ed. (U of A), TESOL Dip. (Prairie Graduate School) founded the Agape Language Centre in 1997, retiring from there in 2003. She taught music & public school for 16 years, in pastoral ministry for 22 years, and 8 years in administrative work at SAIT. With her husband Mel, assessed World Vision projects in Central America, Africa and Asia. Three sons, two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren. (5 different languages among them all).

Linda Orr Easthouse, Vice-president, has an M.A. in Educational Leadership and is an educational therapist. A literacy specialist in the central highlands of Peru for 17 years; assisted linguists to produce literacy, reading, and educational materials in Quechua. She has completed a two-year specialty in educational therapy working specifically with dyslexia and ADD/ADHD. She also has two years post graduate training in linguistics and volunteered as a reading specialist working with at risk students in Lima. She taught English and Literature at a College for two years and before that for several years in BC as teacher with a specialty in ESL. Working on her PhD.

Kathleen Siemens, treasurer, has completed her Masters in Cross-cultural studies at Regent College, Vancouver. During her 14 years with OMF International, she lived, studied Mandarin and worked with foreigners in Asia providing administrative support, teaching seminars and workshops and providing pastoral care in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan to Christian professionals from more than 19 countries around the world. Currently she tutors TOEFL students and teaches ESL including Business English.

Gisela Rohde, secretary, has her B. Ed from the University of British Columbia and TESOL Graduate Diploma from the University of Calgary. She has taught ESL in Hungary for three years and also at what is now known as Bow Valley College. She is currently teaching with First Baptist Church and International Student Ministries. Gisela brings with her more than 18 years of ESL teaching experience.

Pictures from the September '05 30 Hour Training



An Introduction to our Board Members (cont.):

Merril Humphrey, Senior Corporate Safety and Training coordinator for Plains Marketing Canada L.P., develops programs for all levels of field operations and corporate employees, management system audits and conducts oil industry-related training. He holds the designation of Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP). Merrill has chaired and served on a number of industry committees and has contributed to the safety field for over 24 years. He and his wife Joy have been team leaders in the Rights for Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Merrill has led a home Bible study for over 10 years, is an elder in his church, and heads the Alpha program there. He has volunteered many years helping newcomers with English and settlement issues.

Mark Ma Min, born in Sichuan, China, taught English in high schools in Gansu. In 1990, after leaving China on a British scholarship, he became a Bell Scholar in Homerton College, Cambridge. Study in Canada included Prairie Graduate School (to which he later returned as TESOL head), and an M.Ed in TESL from St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He enjoyed exchange teaching on China in schools in Kansas, USA, and his summer job driving and guiding tours in the Canadian Rockies. As a Wolfson Research Scholar in Oxford for eight years, he lived an inter-cultural and cross-professional life, teaching Chinese in the Oriental Institute in the mornings and reading the news at the BBC World Service in the afternoons. He particularly enjoyed following C. S. Lewis' steps in the college chapels and gardens, befriending international students and visiting scholars, organizing summer mission trips for the Christian Union, and taking many of his British and American friends to teach English and travel in China. He received an M. Litt in Research. Upon the closure of PGS he became Pastor of Care and Outreach for the First Baptist Church for 2 years. He left to take a group of Mennonite farmers to help the farmers in China. He married Kim, an American lady with life experiences as rich as his own, a year ago.

Kennedy Thompson is a Nigerian trained lawyer; he also holds a certificate in Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution from the United Kingdom. While in the university he established the Voice of Faith student ministries; he was a co- founder of MOG ministries, an interdenominational ministry based in Lagos, whose membership consists of people from over ten different tribes and ethnicities. The ministry works extensively among the poorest of the poor, giving them hope and equipping them with education. Today products of this ministry include lawyers, doctors, accountants, pastors spread across Africa and Europe. Kennedy has traveled extensively in Africa and Europe. His wife is on scholarship now studying for her PhD in Oil & Gas Law at the U of C. They have one son, Daniel, born in Canada.

Charlie Hunter, BA (Mt Allison), M.A. (Oxford), B.Ed. (Dalhousie), emigrated from England to Canada at 13. Taught French for three years; employed at Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick for 23 years, the last 21 as Dean of Students. He heard a CBC radio interview there about the Cooperative ESL Ministries in Calgary and looked us up. Since moving to Calgary, he works for Mt. Allison as Director of International Admissions, traveling widely in Asia.

Julie Lo settled in Calgary in 1997, becoming one of the first students of Agape Language Centre (ALC). For almost 30 years she worked as a merchandiser for a garment factory in Hong Kong, overseeing the operation from quotation to the customers (Hong Kong and Mainland China) to ordering the materials, supervising the production, right through to the shipping stage. In 1993 Julie and KC's son Mandy came to study grade 11 here. He is now a civil engineer with the BC government.



Thank you to the following Associates:

June 30 '06		June 30 '07	
Richard Anderson	Foothills Alliance	Richard Anderson	Foothills Alliance
Marryl Doyle	Hawkwood Baptist	Rudy Baerg	Hawkwood Baptist
Carrie Enns	U Church	Dr. Char Bates	First Baptist
Marion Enns	Dalhousie Comm. Ch.	Janice Bowie	
Michael Hallworth	St. Andrews Anglican	Bev. Chambers	Westminster Presbyterian
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Lynette Jenkins	Foothills Alliance	Julia Heaney	Monterey Park EFC
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Brenda Kloiber	Centre Street	Charlie Hunter	Sunwest Christian Fell.
Corina Kung	Hosanna Christian Fell	Joanna Jewell	Woodgreen PCA
Robert Long	Brentview Baptist	Carol Johnson	Brentview Baptist
Patricia Love	Foothills Alliance	Leah Lisztwan	1 st Christian Reformed
Debbie Mohamed	U Church	Bill Mah	Chinese Pentecostal
Jerol Moignard	Westhills Community	Catherine Mah	Chinese Pentecostal
John Moss	Ascension Parish	Marlene Nelson	Monterey Park EFC
Hilda Nauenburg	Glamorgan Ch. of God	John Patterson	Central United
Melanie Newberry	Westview Baptist	Harry Vandenberg	Centre Street
Vi Parris	Westview Baptist	Linda Easthouse	U Church
Susan Ramkissoon	U Church	Merril Humphrey	Rockyview Alliance
Inga Richardson	Bow Valley Christian	Madeline Johnson	St. James Anglican
Kathleen Siemens	Bethany Chapel	Julie Lo	Beddington Pentecostal
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Kay Smandych	U Church	Gisela Rohde	Varsity Bible Church
Esther Smith	Centre Street	Kathleen Siemens	Centre Street
Ruby Tiemstra	Westside Kings	Kenny Thompson	DCC/SEMA
Harry Vandenberg	Centre Street		
Ruth Vermeulen	Kensington Salvation Army		
Drexel Walker	Varsity Bible Church		
Mavis Weatherhead	Bow Valley Christian		
Ron Willson	Rockyview Alliance		
Kay Yingst	Full Gospel		

Churches that offer ESL programs in Calgary (known of):

NW

SW

Agape Language Centre-Bedding'n Pentecostal	Bethany Chapel
Bow Valley Christian Church	Bethel Baptist
Bow Valley Christian Church Chinese Ministry	Calgary Int'l Learning Centre-First Baptist Ch.
Bow Waters Community Church	Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church
Calgary Chinese Evangelical Free Church	First Evangelical Free Church
Cambrian Heights Baptist Church	Glamorgan Church of God
Dalhousie Community Church	Glenmore Temple – Salvation Army
Foothills Alliance Church	
Harvest Hills Alliance Church	
Hawkwood Baptist Fellowship	
Kensington Road Church	
Kensington Salvation Army Church	
Northwest Baptist Church	
St. James Anglican	
Truth Baptist Church	
U Church	
Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church	
Westminster Presbyterian Church	
Westview Baptist Church	

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Calgary Chinese Alliance Church	Calgary Chinese Pentecostal Church
Centre Street Church	Calgary Japanese Gospel Church
Gateway International Church	St. Luke's Anglican Church
Monterey Park Evangelical Free Church	Sudanese Community Fell.—Evangel Christian
Rockyview Alliance Church	First Alliance Church
Northeast Bible Church	

In addition, with an ESL component:

FOCUS (Fellowship of College & University Students) meets Friday evenings for supper and studies- currently at DCC; International Social Club meets Sunday afternoons at BB and International Student Ministries meet Friday afternoon at the Engineering Bldg. U of C.



**Yes, you can help
too, by contributing
your time and
expertise.**

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