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# God's Presence

## Honduras - 2022

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# A Word from the President



One of the recurring themes throughout the Bible is the importance of God's presence. At the very beginning, to be in God's presence was essential to what it meant to be human. Throughout the history of His people, God's presence made the difference between victory and defeat. The central moment in history—the coming of Jesus—

is described in a single word, Immanuel, meaning God with us.

Experiencing God's presence remains humanity's greatest need and deepest desire. This is why, at Kingswood, we prioritize opportunities to enter God's presence. We place great emphasis on our chapel services. By consistently experiencing God's presence in worship, our students will be able to help others experience this as well.

This issue features an interview with Kingswood alumnus, Pastor Brent Ingersoll. Brent leads Kings Church, a multi-site congregation where God's presence is consistently anticipated and experienced. Experiencing God's presence is also the desire of David Klob, former Kingswood professor and now Music Pastor at First Alliance Church in Calgary, whom you can get to know in the following pages.

We're delighted to see how often God shows up in chapel, in class, and in the residence halls at Kingswood. We are also

thrilled when He shows up in other ways, as He did for our student mission trips over this past spring break. One team went to Toronto to minister in one of the most culturally diverse cities on the planet. Dr. Matt Friedman, a seasoned missionary, described it as one of the most remarkable student trips he's taken, with God showing up in surprising places and ways.

The other team ministered in Honduras. In this issue, trip leader, Prof. Mike MacNeil, shares what happened. Spoiler alert: God showed up.

God's presence cannot be confined to a sanctuary or a mission trip. He accompanies His servants into the marketplace. This issue contains an update from one of those marketplace ministers, Monika Cook, class of 1995.

For over 75 years we have been strengthening the church by raising up Christ-like servant leaders. Nothing does more toward the accomplishment of this goal than helping our students experience God's presence. As you read this issue, I hope you rejoice with me at all the ways God is showing up for Kingswood students, staff, supporters, and alumni. 🌹

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

**Rev. Stephen J. Lennox, Ph.D.**  
*Kingswood University President*

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### **Intentional Spiritual Formation**

Our focus on spiritual formation means you will graduate with more than a degree. Be transformed as you discover what God wants you to know, who God wants you to be, and what God made you to do.



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# Honduras 2022

**“So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.”**


I took a team of twelve to Honduras over our spring break this year. It was the first time since the Covid pandemic began that I was able to get Praxis students outside of Canada or the US. There were lots of complications and hoops to jump through and no lack of spiritual warfare surrounding the trip, but when the devil is at his worst, God is at His best. During our eight days in Honduras we did children's ministry, street ministry, feeding programs, and church services. We served the poorest of the poor at the Tegucigalpa garbage dump.

There is a desperation and spiritual hunger in Honduras that is hard to capture in words. A giant statue of Jesus hovers over the city of Tegu and can be seen from any vantage point. People are biased towards Jesus and when they find out they can have a relationship with Him, they seem to jump at the opportunity. We saw many come to faith in Christ during our time there.

Because of this openness to spiritual things, there is an expectation that God will act when we pray. We saw many tangible healings and miracles on the trip as well. People who were in pain suddenly had their pain disappear. Two men who were displaying the symptoms of Covid were playing soccer an hour later. One man who was in a motorcycle accident and could hardly move his

neck and shoulders began moving his neck freely and waving his arms in the air. A lady who was deaf regained hearing in her ear.

We observed these kinds of answers to prayer on a daily basis, whether the setting was in a church, at the dump, or on the street. The power of God was present to heal. I can honestly say that I saw more healings in eight days than in any other single period in my Christian life.

We went to be a blessing to Manos Extendidas and the churches we worked with, but we definitely came away feeling like we were the ones who were blessed. We have much to learn about faith from our brothers and sisters around the world, and our exposure to missionary Alvin Anderson and Honduran believers like Pastor Joel Aguilera and others was an eight-day master-class in discipleship. 



*Mike MacNeil serves as Program Director and Associate Professor of Evangelism & Compassion Ministry (Praxis).*







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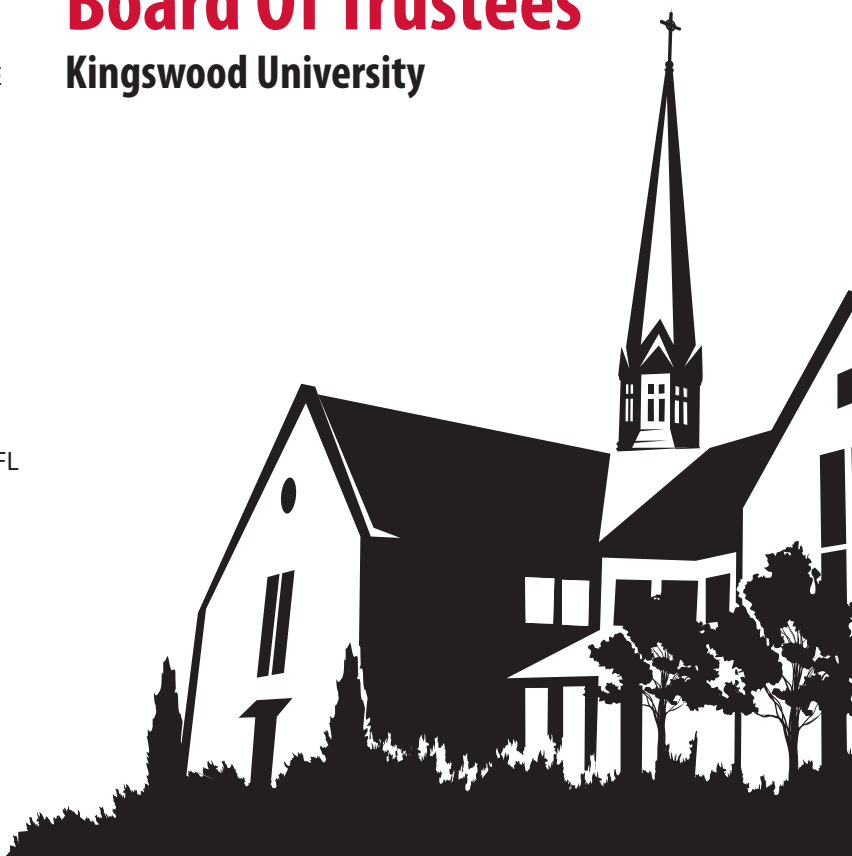
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# Brent Ingersoll

## Get Into Jesus



### **Brent, tell us about yourself, your family and your current ministry.**

*My name is Brent Ingersoll. I have lived my entire life in Atlantic Canada, and for the last 16 years I have had the privilege of serving at Kings Church based in Quispamsis, New Brunswick. My wife, Melanie, our three kids, Ava, Aden and Alexander, and I have been truly blessed to be able to do life and mission with this incredible church in this part of God's world.*

*Starting in 2006, I was an assistant pastor, covering a variety of ministry roles. In 2012 I became the senior pastor and have been serving in that role ever since. God has blessed our church throughout its 40-year history, and it has been an incredible and exciting joy to be able to have a front row seat for the past decade as He has expanded our mission to three provinces and five different locations.*

*Jesus once said, "apart from me, you can do nothing." Our primary goal when it comes to our church gatherings is to ensure that the presence of the Holy Spirit is welcomed, glorified, obeyed and experienced. When the Spirit is present, all kinds of incredible things begin to happen; without Him, it's simply human effort that cannot result in anything eternal or transcendent.*

*At Kings Church, we've spent a lot of time talking, thinking, and strategizing about attendance, and although we sincerely hope that many people of all ages and stages attend our gatherings, the number one Person we aim to invite and engage is the Holy Spirit. The tangible, manifest presence of God is the single determining factor as to the vitality of our gatherings. We pray, "come Holy Spirit" every time we gather, and He always comes.*

### **When did you attend what was then Bethany and what was your major?**

*I attended Bethany from 2002 to 2006 and majored in Pastoral Ministry.*

### **How did your Bethany education prepare you for your ministry?**

*Bethany was critical for me on a number of levels. The biggest component was how God used that time in my life to capture, transform and prepare my heart for the life He had called me to. I never went to Bethany with ministry in mind, but I soon discovered that God had that in mind for me as He opened my heart to Him in ways I'd never experienced and opened doors for me to serve in ministry in ways I never expected.*

### **What are your insights on Christian higher education?**

*The church is desperate for godly leaders who know how to love God with all their mind, soul, heart, and strength, and who know how to teach others to do the same. As a church leader, the value and need of having leaders trained up who can accomplish the mission of the church cannot be overstated.*

*Presently, there is far more need and opportunity than there are leaders. Jesus identified this problem and challenge 2000 years ago when He said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." I continue to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send workers. Christian higher education is a critical piece of this picture of an effective Christian workforce.*

### **What is your advice for current Kingswood University students?**

*Get over yourself and get into Jesus. Give Him your whole life and do whatever He tells you.*

### **Is there anything else you want to say?**

*It has been a recent and exciting privilege to work with Kingswood Extended, engineering ways we can accomplish the mission of raising up Kingdom leaders in the local church context. We have a growing number of second career people whom God has called to ministry in our context who need theological and ministerial training. Kingswood has been incredible in helping us fashion systems and strategies to meet the unique needs of our church and people. I'd encourage other pastors to look into how Kingswood University can come alongside to help accomplish your mission in an incredible way.*

**Thanks, Brent, for your insights and for your unsolicited plug for Kingswood Extended. We are eager to work with churches to help develop their leaders in the ways that work best for the Kingdom. 🙌**



# Congratulations

## Faculty Member of the Year

Mike Tapper (BAR, 1998) was selected Faculty Member of the Year at Southern Wesleyan University. Nominated by faculty, staff and students, criteria includes a strong commitment to teaching and classroom performance in addition to an interest in, love of, and positive attitude towards students.

Mike has served as Chair of the Religion Division at Southern Wesleyan University since 2017. Prior to this, he served in several churches in the Atlantic District and as adjunct professor at Kingswood University while serving as the Connections Pastor at Moncton Wesleyan Church. He holds a Ph.D. from Saint Paul University in Ottawa, ON.

Mike was also featured recently in *Faith Today* magazine for research completed with several colleagues at SWU. The article, *The "Life-Cycle of Worship Songs"*, was co-written with Marc Jolicoeur, Worship & Creative Arts Pastor at Moncton Wesleyan Church, and makes an interesting comparison of the lifespan of

songs we sing today compared to the past, even twenty years ago. The study determined that while our desire is still to come before the Lord in worship, we introduce new songs at a faster rate than ever before. They conclude, *"The Church will always need to wrestle with the tension of wanting to join the psalmist in singing new songs, even while aiming for those songs to be as firm, grounded and familiar as the Psalter itself."* To read the article, go to <https://www.faithtoday.ca/Magazines/2022-Mar-Apr/The-life-cycle-of-worship-songs>.

Mike credits his Kingswood education with giving him a solid foundation in the area of biblical and theological studies and cultivating a passion in his heart for ministry. We are proud of the role he plays in Christian higher education.

Mike & Kristy (2000) live in Central, SC, with their four teenagers: Andrew (at Indiana Wesleyan), Ethan, Abigail, and Jadon. 🍷





# David Klob

## Following God's Lead



It was a summer camp in Grade 7 when Dave Klob ('97) met his first Kingswood students. As Dave recalls, *"They loved Jesus and they loved me. I wanted to love Jesus the way they loved Jesus."* Eventually, Dave made his way to Kingswood where he graduated with a BA in Religion with a Music Ministry major. With a new context and

new relationships, it was the perfect place to fall in love with Jesus, moving from knowing Him as Saviour to knowing Him as Lord. This markedly changed the direction of his life and established the groundwork for ministry effectiveness.

After graduation, Dave served for two years in bi-vocational ministry as a part-time youth and music pastor under the mentorship of Rev. Rick Cox. With this healthy ministry beginning as a foundation, Dave and his wife, Bethanie, accepted an invitation to return to KU, this time as staff, launching a new season of accelerated growth in ministry leadership.

In 2013, God opened the door to a new opportunity as Music Pastor at First Alliance Church of Calgary. Now in his ninth year, Dave clearly sees how God continually provided opportunities to



grow and people who encouraged and called out the potential in him to prepare him for what was next. He is now writing and recording music with his team and living out his passion to inspire and encourage people to worship through music and a life lived in obedience to God.

Dave was never planning to become a music minister; his goal was just to follow Jesus better. If you ask Dave what he is most thankful for, he'll quickly say, *"God's faithfulness. It's all Him. Even when I wasn't pursuing God, He was pursuing me."*

To find Dave's music online, check out FAC Music (<https://www.faccalgary.com/staff/david-klob>) and Elevate Kids' Choir.

Dave & Bethanie (1995) live in Calgary, AB, and have three daughters: Kara, Kylie, and Emily. 🔥

# Monika (Whynacht) Cook

## Love Needs Action



Monika (Whynacht) Cook ('95) is in her ninth year of serving as the chaplain of Ongwanada, a non-profit organization in Kingston, Ontario, that supports over six hundred individuals with developmental disabilities. She had always admired people who worked with those with developmental disabilities but figured it required a special gift that

she didn't have. God opened the door for her, and she now works with amazing non-verbal individuals. *"Blessed are the pure in heart. We see God every day in their lives, and it challenges your head knowledge to see how non-verbals communicate God's love. Love doesn't always need words; love needs action."*

Expanding her ministry with the developmentally disabled, Monika launched the Circle of Friends Choir, a group that travels to different churches and community groups. With chapters in Napanee and Kingston, Monika is helping people understand there is a place for those with developmental disabilities to lead and minister through music. She longs for every church to be a

place where every individual is pulled into community and no one is too different to have a role and to serve.

Another passion that keeps Monika moving is her involvement with Lionhearts Inc. Kingston, a non-profit food rescue agency that aims to provide friendship, dignity, and freedom. Last year Lionhearts rescued over \$4.1 million in food and redistributed it to soup kitchens, camps, homeless shelters, and food banks. When the pandemic shut down area soup kitchens, Lionhearts gathered over 200 volunteers and operated a meals-to-go program serving over 1000 meals a day out of a local park.

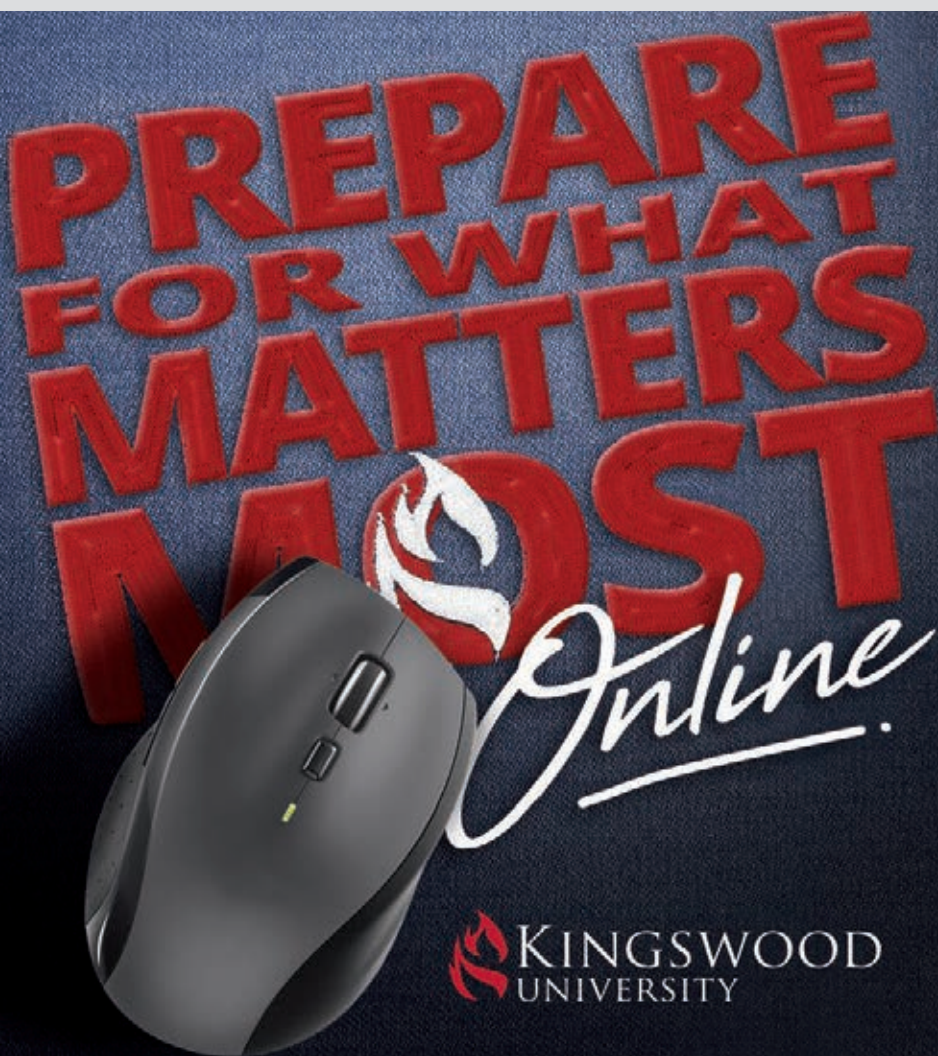
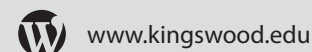
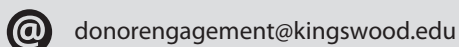
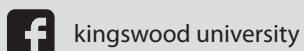
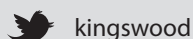
When Monika graduated from Kingswood in 1995 with a youth ministry major, she thought life was going to be a straight line. Reality was very different, but she wouldn't have it any other way. She considers her work a gift and she can't imagine doing anything more fulfilling. *"God brings everything together, teaches us about ourselves, and uses us in spite of ourselves. It's just God."*

Monika and her husband Jeff live in Kingston, ON. They have two grown sons and one chosen son, Garrett, who became a part of their family nine years ago. 🔥





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