



## Jim and Bonnie Bound

I am originally from Michigan and went to MSU-Oakland (Oakland Univ) in Rochester, MI. During my senior year I became a believer and changed life goals from the business world, to wanting to follow the Lord's leading for my life. Since I did not know the Bible, I knew I needed to go on somewhere to study it. I ended up at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL north of Chicago. I received an MDiv and also met Bonnie who came to Trinity during my third of four years. We were married in August of 1968 and she got her PHT (Put Hubby Through) during my fourth year. After graduation we looked into serving in Montreal, PQ. Canada, but we sensed that the timing was not then to go. Instead we sensed that the Lord was leading us to serve a "double charge" with the EC Churches in Emlenton and Knox, PA (1969-1972).

Our first two children, Amy (06/06/1970) and Andy (11/29/1971), were born in Butler, PA while we were serving the two churches there in western PA. They were on a combined charge: Knox-Bethany (Crossroads) EC Church and Emlenton-New Zion EC Church. In 1972 we had a renewed call to serve in Montreal, P. Quebec in reaching out to French Canadian students with the support of our ECC Div. of Missions and under the supervision and umbrella of UFM, as well as on loan to the French Canadian IVCF (GBU=Groupe Biblique Universities). As part of Jim's outreach to French students, he took courses part time in the Catholic Faculty of Theology at the University of Montreal. He received an M.A. in Biblical Studies in 1980. With UFM, Jim was also active in planting French Canadian Churches and also worked with Haitians and Haitian churches. Summers were involved in VBS and door to door evangelism, etc.

Our final two children, Sarah (02/24/1974) and Daniel (04/01/1977), were born in Montreal while we were missionaries there (1972-1984). In 1983-1984 we sensed the Lord's call to move back into the USA to northern Vermont. I talked with the IVCF leaders and it was decided that I should serve with IVCF in

northern Vermont, especially to the colleges of Johnson State College (JSC) and Lyndon State College (LSC) [not named after Lyndon Johnson--smile, but after the towns where they are located]. So with the approval and financial support of our ECC Board of Missions, I began to minister in Vermont in August 1984.

Since then I have continue to work with university students at JSC and LSC; and for five years Vermont College and Norwich University were also part of my ministry. Bonnie has helped out some in the student ministry, but her gifts were particularly geared to teaching women and have done so in our nearby communities, especially by teaching three or four weekly Bible studies and regularly teach at weekend retreats for women.

Our children are all through college now and out on their own. Amy and her husband Patrick have two lovely girls (Lily, 6 and Caroline, 4) and they live near Montpelier in Plainfield, VT. Andy and Lori live near San Diego in Escondido, CA. They have two handsome boys, Aidan, 7 and Nate, 5). Sarah is living in S. Boston, MA and works as [Director of Operations of Yale Electric](#) and computer guru for Yale Electric. Daniel has moved out to San Diego, CA after graduating from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Co. Working for Nationwide Mutual Life Insurance.

I enjoy working on the college campuses encouraging the interdenominational Christian Fellowship clubs and individual students. We try to have a united witness on campus as well as fellowship in the faith to learn and strengthen each other in the Lord. One new aspect we are trying this year is to use popular films to draw students and then discuss them to help the students to be wise and discerning of the world views that they teach. A great IVP book about this is [Hollywood Worldviews: Watching Films with Wisdom and Discernment](#) by Brian Godawa.

For the past several years I have also been asked to help in teaching classes for incoming students who need encouragement in how to survive in college. These included teaching basic skills for taking college tests, and writing, and understanding their own basic learning styles and personalities. This has been a unique way for me to learn about the students and to help them and to become known on campus beyond just the Christian Fellowship connections.

That teaching program for incoming students has changed so that I am no longer involved in it. But the door has opened for me to participate in some courses to share my Bible understanding and ideas, such as in a World Religion course, and in a course on "Terror, Religion, and Nation State." So please pray for these opportunities.

Please pray also for the Tuesday evening meetings at JSC; and for the weekly Wednesday Leadership Meeting followed by an open large group meeting. Then, on Mondays we have a Movie Night outreach at LSC.

At JSC, one of our Fellowship leaders originates from Africa and she is involved in teaching African Dancing using Gospel Music, as well known on campus, such as from doing poetry readings in Swahili, while I read her English translation.

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Bonnie Mae Darling grew up on a farm in Groton, Vermont. She graduated from Colby College in Maine in 1966 and worked for Bell Telephone as a manager before going on to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL north of Chicago where she met Jim Bound in the fall of 1967. "Jim was Bound to make Bonnie his Darling." We were married in Groton, VT on August 2, 1968. We returned to Trinity for Jim to finish his MDiv in the spring of 1969. Bonnie had obtained a job as a secretary at Trinity College in the Spiritual Emphasis Office. She was committed to working through to June 1969, therefore Jim got a part time job before we finally moved to Emlenton, PA that summer as the New Zion and Bethany EC Church opened up for our ministry. After three years, we moved to the South Shore of Montreal, PQ as missionaries both Commissioned by the E.C. Church Denomination and serving in Canada under Unevangelized Fields Mission (now UFM International). UFM requested that Bonnie take a correspondence Bible Course through Moody Bible Institute. She graduated with the highest grade ever at that time for the two-four year in depth complete Bible program. On the South Shore of Montreal, Bonnie was active in teaching Bible studies to women in the neighborhood, many who were going to Catholic Churches. Then ever since moving to Vermont in 1984, Bonnie continued to minister to women through three weekly Bible Studies and fall and winter Women's Retreats.

Bonnie and Jim have four children and now four grandchildren. Amy (1970) and Andy (1971) were born in Butler, PA. Sarah (1974) and Daniel (1977) were born in Montreal, P.Q., Canada.