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MISSION POSSIBLE SUCCESS STORY:
NOT DONE YET!

Michael is one of the original participants on the Mission Possible Clean Team. The Clean Team cleans some of the dirtiest and most dangerous streets and alleyways in the City of Vancouver, and yet Michael often does his job with a smile.

How did you get involved with Mission Possible?

I came to the Power Breakfasts for a number of months on Saturdays. Then on a Saturday where there were not many volunteers, Jenny Hawkinson asked me to help and encouraged me to join Mission Possible's Gather and Go program. I volunteered for awhile and then Mission Possible started the Clean Team and I thought that was possibly something I could do.

What has been the impact of working with the Clean Team at Mission Possible?

Well, for one, it's the first time that I've had a job for as long as 10 months. Also, I have been able to afford to live in the place I'm at, and gain some financial stability. My co-workers made it really fun. Co-workers like Christina, Loretta and Nick – they are great people!

Before working on the Clean Team, I was not aware of my capabilities. Working has made me more aware of what I am capable of. The job has pushed me physically and professionally to do things I did not think, or know I was able to do. Recently, I have been asked to teach others how to do the job, which I have never been asked to do before. It's pretty exciting and a great opportunity. Plus, I was given employee of the month.

How has Mission Possible helped you in your employment journey?

I have a positive attitude towards work now. As I look toward the future, especially since I have begun meeting with Andy (one of Mission Possible's Employment Coaches), I no longer think that once I am finished at Mission Possible, that the possibility of working and using my capabilities is done.

Please consider making a gift to Mission Possible to support individuals like Michael who are working to rebuild their lives. Contact us at 604-253-4469 or [donate online now](#).

NAZARENES HELP MEET NEEDS IN EBOLA-STRICKEN COMMUNITIES

Just over three years ago, the worst Ebola outbreak in history began, taking more than a year to control and eradicate. The disease devastated three countries in West Africa: Guinea (Conakry), Sierra Leone, and Liberia. By the time the outbreak dissipated, nearly 27,000 people were infected and more than 11,000 eventually died from the disease.

Despite the recent outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ebola is no longer rampant in these three West African countries. However, there are still many who live with the scars of the disease – both physically and emotionally. Similar to the AIDS crisis that engulfed sub-Saharan Africa, Ebola left a stigma. Even those who fought Ebola and survived can become outcasts in their community. Some people are afraid to come close to them because they worry that the disease is still alive in their systems.

The Church of the Nazarene was not exempt from the effects of Ebola.

“We have continued to provide support to 22 children who lost their parents and families to the Ebola crisis,” said Vidal Cole, Sierra Leone District Superintendent. *“We've worked with advocacy, food, and educational support for them.”*

Last December, the church provided a Christmas party for the Ebola orphans. The children, in turn, invited others in the community to celebrate with them, resulting in a great time of fellowship. The Africa West Field has also provided school stationery for 50 children who were desperately in need.

Boreholes and sanitation facilities have been provided for six communities through [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#).

“This has made life much easier for the inhabitants of these communities as they no longer have to walk miles in search of water,” Cole said. *“The quality of the life for the*

people has greatly increased and the presence of a water well in a community means a greater chance of survival, should Ebola resurface again.”

To give toward wells in Sierra Leone and Liberia through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, [click here](#).

– [Church of the Nazarene Africa](#) via [Out of Africa](#)

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INHABITING NEW PERSPECTIVES

Dr. Monetta Bailey likes to challenge her students to see things a different way. The ability to inhabit a new perspective is pivotal for understanding – and succeeding in – a nuanced world. It’s a foundation students lay in university that will serve them throughout their lives.

“We all have different ways of thinking about the world around us,” says the Assistant Professor of Sociology who teaches in Ambrose University’s Behavioural Science program. *“By fostering the ability to see things from another perspective and engage in a dialogue, we grow.”*

In that regard, the teacher is also a student. Bailey sets an example for her students through her commitment to grow as an academic, researcher and teacher.

Bringing New Opinions To The Table

“Research involves constantly looking at what has been done before, at what has been considered before,” Bailey explains. *“As I research and teach, I attempt to bring new opinions to the table because there is always more to learn about a subject. I’m continually changing how and what I teach to reflect what I’m learning.”*

And students – along with the community as a whole – benefit from her commitment to keep learning. Research for Bailey’s doctoral thesis, for example, explores the intersection of race, immigration, ethnicity and youth crime, and sheds more light on the experiences of racialized immigrant youth in the justice system.

Arguing For Sociologically Informed Youth Crime Prevention

Looking specifically at immigrant youth who were referred to the Extrajudicial Sanctions Program, which diverts young offenders from the court system, Bailey wondered if the program was blind to young people’s race or immigrant status.

Her findings demonstrated the need for policies and practices that are specifically geared toward this population and that attend to the diverse needs in our growing society.

With her findings, Bailey intends to work with the Alberta Solicitor General to see whether recommendations stemming from her research can be implemented specifically in the Extrajudicial Sanctions Program and, from there, more widely across Alberta.

This, and knowledge gleaned from other projects, when blended with her own background as an immigrant and previous experience working with young offenders, ensures that Bailey’s voice is also heard well beyond the classroom.

Sharing Research With The Community

Once a month, Bailey also takes part in a televised discussion of current issues on CTV News’s Alberta Primetime Crime Panel.

“It’s an opportunity to make my research relevant to the wider community,” Bailey says. And, as is expected of someone who believes in taking the wide view, *“while I may not always agree with what the other panelists say, it’s always great to hear different perspectives on the same issue.”*

“In my mind, the scariest place to be is where you think you have a full understanding of everything; where you think you know it all,” Bailey says, reflecting on why the idea of continuing to grow is so central to her work as a sociologist. *“We should be concerned when adults or society are afraid to grow and change.”*

Living in a world of great unknowns – complete with, as she says, *“lots of question marks, and all of the issues that can keep you up at night”* – demands adaptability. And as Bailey and her students are learning, that comes from being willing to look at things from multiple angles.

Want to learn more?

- Follow Bailey on Twitter [@Monae246](https://twitter.com/Monae246)
- Expand your understanding of current events by watching the Alberta Primetime Crime Panel. Follow [@ABPrimetime](https://twitter.com/ABPrimetime) for updates on Bailey’s appearances.

- Check out the Behavioural Science program at Ambrose University. With its unique blend of sociology and psychology, this program prepares you for a lifetime of critical thinking.

CANADIAN FRIENDS AND ALUMNI BREAKFAST **AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Join Canadian friends and Ambrose University (NUC, CNC) alumni on June 24 at the 2017 Nazarene General Assembly for a special breakfast, co-sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University.

Learn how the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University are partnering together to equip the next generation of Nazarene leaders and strengthen our churches.

Indiana Convention Centre

Saturday, June 24, 2017 | 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Tickets \$65.00 | Available online at www.eventbrite.ca

Schedule

8:00 AM – Prayer and Welcome with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

8:10 AM – Fellowship over Breakfast

8:35 AM – National Board Update with [K. Clair MacMillan](#), National Director of Church of the Nazarene Canada

8:40 AM – Learning at Ambrose with Mo Hickman, Church Ministry Student and Winner of the 2015 Ambrose University Presidential Scholarship

8:50 AM – Ambrose Video Update with Helen Thiessen, NYI Field Youth Coordinator (Canada) and Director of Enrolment at Ambrose University

8:55 AM – Research at Ambrose with [Joel Thiessen](#), Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) at Ambrose University

9:15 AM – Greetings and Reflections from [Riley Coulter](#), Director of Stewardship Ministries at Church of the Nazarene Canada (and Chancellor of Ambrose University from 2008–2011)

9:25 AM – Closing Remarks with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

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