



## A Word from TACT Program Director Ron Klassen

I feel blessed to have attended a Christian college and seminary that prepared me well for much of what I have needed in ministry. I graduated well-trained in theology, preaching, pastoral ministry, etc.

However, most schools — including the college and seminary I attended — cannot provide specialized training for every kind of ministry. And so I graduated without any town and country ministry training.

Couple this with my city and megachurch background, and a recipe for cultural collision was in the making when following graduation I began a pastorate in a small, country church. People in my new community didn't think like me. The church's approach to ministry was different from anything I had previously encountered. I soon discovered that much of the methodology I was familiar with just wasn't going to work, but I didn't have a clue as to what to do. I felt lonely and discouraged — like an alien in a foreign land.

Many pastors in this kind of situation do not last longer than a year in their first church. They leave feeling like failures. Yet, it does not need to be this way. Town and country ministry training makes all the difference in the world. It will help assure that your ministry will be enjoyable, fruitful, and rewarding. This is what we want for you and your church, and this is why we offer the TACT Program.

We invite you to round out your preparation for ministry with training in our TACT Program. Doing so may well be the best ministry preparation investment you make!