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As American culture becomes more antagonistic to biblical values, Christian leaders must courageously stand by their convictions. It takes courage to make leadership decisions, change organizational paradigms, risk new ventures, preach prophetically, and endure public vulnerability in the face of mounting opposition. When a leader takes a courageous stand, they do so fully aware of the consequences – but are not controlled by the possible outcomes. Courage means doing the right thing, the right way, and trusting God for whatever happens.

With Golden Gate residing on the left edge of the United States, we have been sailing into the wind of cultural and spiritual resistance for a long time.

As you read the stories in this issue, you will see courage revealed through our students and graduates. They are emulating what was modeled for them in the classroom. Their stories represent countless others serving with equal distinction around the world.

Like Daniel facing a fiery furnace, courageous leaders believe God can deliver them – but even if he does not – they will endure whatever happens (Daniel 3:17-18). Those are the kind of leaders we are shaping at Golden Gate. Thanks for your part in making our seminary strong!

Pressing On!

Jeff P. Iorg  
President

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# FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL

## Don and Anne Dent

By Phyllis Evans

“Courage is about doing the right thing and following God’s call,” declared Don Dent, Golden Gate Seminary’s Director of The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions. “When God nudges you to the nations, the people around you might not understand. You need to trust Him and remain faithful. A sense of calling is not meant to be a 50-yard dash, but a marathon.”



The Dents in Singapore, 1986

Don speaks from experience. He and his wife, Anne, have been following that sense of calling since the late 1970s.

“We had been married for one year, and had just returned from Singapore with the Foreign Mission Board (FMB). We had \$200 and everything we owned packed into a Toyota Corolla, and we drove to Mill Valley from Mississippi. We had never been to California before and we didn’t know anybody, but this was the place we sensed God wanted us, in order to be prepared to take the Gospel to the nations.”

As he looked back, Don considered this a courageous act. “I was following the very clear call that God gave me when I was in college.” He chose Golden Gate because it was the one school that consistently talked about missions. “This place matched my sense of calling. We didn’t think of it as courage, but as obedience – doing what’s right.” He called his seminary education “our diving board into the world. We were small-town Mississippi kids following God’s call.”

Don graduated with a Master of Divinity in December, 1982. He and Anne were appointed in May, 1983 by the FMB, and they headed back to Singapore with a five-month-old daughter to do “high-rise church planting.” In 1984 their son was born. They spent four and a half years in Singapore before returning to the states in 1988.

“We asked God where he wanted us,” recalled Don. “We wanted to go back to Singapore because we loved it. It was where our friends were, and we knew the culture and the language.”

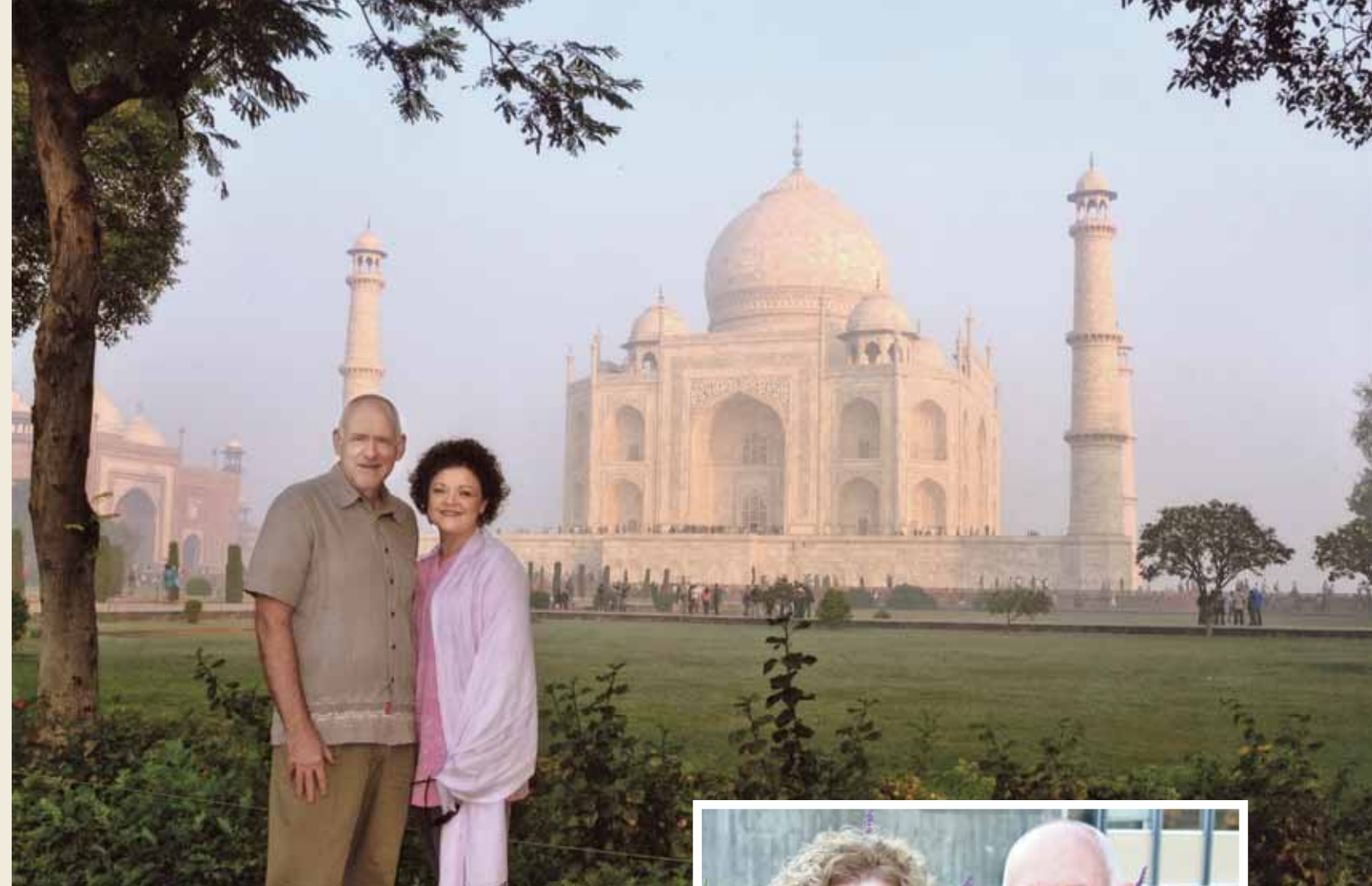
But God was calling them to Indonesia. “We would have to start over with a different language, different culture (Muslim), a different way of doing church planting,” said Don. “We would be moving from a fairly established mission field to a place with large people groups who had never heard the Gospel.”

In Indonesia, Don couldn’t go to villages repeatedly without causing a reaction from the local religious leaders. So he would find other places to meet. One or two people would gather with Don in the middle of a tea estate in “tea huts,” which were simply a roof of leaves held up by four posts. “We would sit and share the Gospel, and felt safe because we could see a mile in every direction,” Don recalled. “When we saw people walking in our direction from a long way off, we would walk away from each other and no one was the wiser.”

In Islam, there is no personal connection with God, Don explained. “You follow rules and hope Allah will find you acceptable. When someone becomes a Christian, he experiences a true transformation.” People who are open come to faith in about three to six months, but they count the cost before they make the decision. They know there’s going to be a price: men will lose their jobs, women are held captive in their houses, renounced by families, and are disinherited. “Their courage is humbling to us,” Don added.

The Dents served in Indonesia for five years, when, during a routine visa processing procedure, they were suddenly given 36 hours to get out of the country. “We never found out why,” Don recounted. “We thought maybe we were put on a black list.”

So in 1994, the Dents moved back to Singapore and were assigned the responsibility of overseeing missionaries working in five countries. These numbers expanded over



The Dents at Taj Mahal, India, 2012

“A SENSE OF CALLING IS NOT MEANT TO BE A 50-YARD DASH, BUT A MARATHON.”

the next 14 years to 20 countries with 850 missionaries. “We built a leadership team with multiple levels of supervisors to provide strategic directions and support for the missionaries. In 1997, I became the regional leader of Southeast Asia and Oceania. This was the same year the FMB changed its name to the International Mission Board (IMB) and officially refocused its emphasis on unreached people groups.”

Don was no longer facing the daily challenges of staring into a Christ-less culture where there was active opposition. “But we were dealing with missionaries who were on the front lines, and their courage inspired us.”



The Dents at Golden Gate’s Northern California campus, 2013

After two years developing an apprentice and mentor program training new missionaries in India, the Dents once more sought God’s direction. “A friend emailed us with the news that Golden Gate was looking for someone to lead their missions program,” Don recalled. “It was the same date that Anne and I had prayed for God’s renewed sense of calling.”

Thirty years after he graduated, Don and Anne returned to Golden Gate. “God calls a person to a ministry for a purpose,” Don said. They are still following God’s call, still running their marathon, and doing it with quiet courage. ☑



# COURAGE

# THE RISKS TO REACH MUSLIMS

By Phyllis Evans with Michele Caprario



Top: David Garrison at Jogjakarta, Indonesia, 2011  
Inset: The Garrisons at Golden Gate, 1984

“When a Muslim converts to Christianity, it’s a capital offense punishable by death,” said Dr. David Garrison. He has been a pioneer missionary serving for nearly 30 years with the International Mission Board (IMB). “These converts are saying ‘I’m willing to die to follow Christ.’ We who come to share the Gospel in Muslim communities face the same risks.”

Garrison is currently serving as the IMB’s Global Strategist for Evangelical Advance. From 2001 to 2009, Garrison was the IMB’s Regional Leader for South Asia. During this time, his house church in Bangalore, India was a catalyst for 106 new outreach groups and new church starts.

A native of Camden, AR, Garrison was called into the ministry through the preaching of Dr. Tom Elliff at Siloam Springs Baptist Assembly family camp. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Sonia Hutchins, he studied at Golden Gate Seminary where he served as president of the Student Government Association. Upon completing his Master of Divinity in 1982, he received the Broadman Seminarian Award for excellence in biblical studies and ministry. “I credit my time at Golden Gate as being instrumental in providing me with a quality education and excellent cross-cultural experiences,” he said.

“Golden Gate was the perfect place to get a seminary education,” recalled Garrison. “Not only were the faculty and administration first rate, but the students were friendly, adventurous, and deeply committed to Christ’s service. What topped it off, though, was learning to follow Christ as a faithful Christian in an area of California that is antagonistic toward Christianity. This was great preparation for serving God all over the world.”

Among other endeavors, this missionary couple has planted churches in China, North Africa, and India. Garrison and his wife took their six- and two-year old children to Egypt while seeking to reach Libyan Arabs with the Gospel. “Some people would consider that courageous, but that was our assignment during the Qaddafi years,” noted Garrison. “We also lived in Tunisia from 1994-96, which was a police state that was quite hostile to Christian missions and witness.”

They were aware of how dangerous it was when they went into these countries. Garrison added, “We knew we could get kicked out, imprisoned, or killed. It was well-known

that the Libyan government took down airliners and killed people who challenged them. It is part of the risk we take to reach Muslims for Christ. If you believe the Gospel, then you do it in the face of danger. That’s the story for everyone who takes the Gospel to Muslims.”

During the course of his current work with the IMB, Garrison has been monitoring a growing Christian movement from within the ‘House of Islam.’ This growth is not merely isolated to one or two corners of the world. But it is taking place across the Muslim world in Asia, Africa, Persia, Turkestan, and the Indonesian islands. This growth involves some 49 people groups and millions of Muslim converts. All of this conversion growth was accomplished in a culture that is resistant or hostile to Christianity.

If you want to read about some of these courageous and tenacious conversions, be on the lookout for Garrison’s soon-to-be released book, “A Wind in the House of Islam.” Garrison will be the keynote speaker at Golden Gate’s 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Missions Conference, February 14-15, 2014. ■



The Garrison family in Ethiopia, 2012

“IF YOU BELIEVE THE GOSPEL, THEN YOU DO IT IN THE FACE OF DANGER. THAT’S THE STORY FOR EVERYONE WHO TAKES THE GOSPEL TO MUSLIMS.”



George Kim\*

After a notable career in technology, George Kim entered seminary to obtain a Master of Divinity degree. Kim has a PhD from the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. He was a principal engineer at Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute in Korea, a visiting research scientist for IBM T.J. Watson Lab in New York, and a professor at the Yanbian University of Science and Technology in East Asia. He has published 27 papers in international journals and has 14 international and U.S. patents.

“I thought that by doing a PhD, working at IBM, and being successful in the world would bring me satisfaction; however, I realized that all those things could not bring me true satisfaction,” said Kim. “What I thought I was ‘sacrificing’ was not actually a sacrifice at all, since I’ve found true happiness and the love of God for the first time in my life after going to Golden Gate and coming to East Asia.



House church meeting



George and Olive Kim\*

“God revealed Himself to me in 1989, when I was 32 years old and working at IBM,” explained Kim. “In 1997, I went to a university in East Asia to teach engineering to local students as a layman missionary, but felt a limit to what I could accomplish. This is why, in 2002, I enrolled at Golden Gate. I wanted a seminary education in order to have a clear strategy and methodologies to plant churches for effective missions.”

“WE NEED TO HAVE COURAGE AND TRUST IN GOD WHEN WE ARE IN ENVIRONMENTS HOSTILE TOWARD CHRISTIANS, IN AREAS WITH SECURITY ISSUES.”

Kim chose Golden Gate Seminary because “many of the professors have vast experience in the mission field, and I knew I could learn from them.” When Kim received the Award for Excellence in Leadership at his 2005 commencement ceremony, President Iorg declared ‘Change China!’ Kim recollected how “that phrase provided reinforcement of my calling and gave me courage as I left to plant churches in East Asia.”

Kim recalled the courage he and his family needed in order to follow God’s call. “We had to leave everything including a comfortable life and stability in the U.S. and move to East Asia.” This courage was needed both in 2005 and now “because we travel to places that are not safe so that we may



The Kim family in Milwaukee, WI

contact unreached people. We need to have courage and trust in God when we are in environments hostile toward Christians, in areas with security issues.”

When Kim and his wife, Olive,\* first moved to a city in East Asia in 2005, they saw God working right away. “We shared the Gospel with three people and planted the first church,” Kim remembered. “Over the last eight years, that one church has grown to more than 50 churches and continues to grow. As a result of this growth, seminary training was initiated for more than 100 ministry leaders to continue to serve their churches without leaving the field.”

The Korean-born Kim has served with a mission agency for the past 8 years. He said, “I have worked with national

Christian leaders in developing their skills, direction, vision, and burden for reaching others with the Gospel.” He does this so that these Christian leaders can form house churches and train others to lead new churches. Kim also develops curriculum and other ministry tools in order to proclaim Christ among the unengaged people groups in East Asia.

Currently, Kim communicates in Mandarin instead of HTML. He no longer works with engineers in Silicon Valley, but now trains ministry leaders to share the Gospel and plant churches on the other side of the world. 📍

\*Names changed for security purposes



# Distinguished Alumni 2013

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary honored Pearl Dee Chiu, Willie Simmons, and Roger Barrier with Distinguished Alumni Awards at the Seminary's Alumni and Friends Luncheon on June 12, in Houston, TX.

President Jeff Iorg praised the work of Chiu, Simmons, and Barrier, and described their ministries. "Three roles that depict our distinguished alumni are missionaries, pioneers, and pastors," explained Iorg. He noted that these people were being honored due to the significance of their valuable contributions in furthering the Gospel.

**Pearl Dee Chiu** (a missionary) was born and raised in Bangkok, Thailand. She graduated from Golden Gate Seminary with a Master of Religious Education (1968), and Master of Church Music (1969). While attending Golden Gate, she served at UC Berkeley in the international student ministry department, where she met Wah Chiu, her husband of 41 years. After graduation, Chiu served as minister of education and music for Chinese Baptist Church in Berkeley, CA. In 1999, she founded Mission Hope Ministries, a fundraising organization which supports four major mission projects in Thailand. The projects provide housing and/or education, job training, and religious teaching for various groups. These groups include orphans and children of poor families, children of prisoners and newly released prisoners, and inmates.

**Willie Simmons** (a pioneer) is a native of Louisiana who graduated from Golden Gate in 1983 with a Doctor of Ministry degree. While attending seminary, he was the first African American called to pastor First Southern Baptist Church of Compton, in Southern California. During this time, he also trained people to work with Hispanics. After graduation, he received a call from the Foreign Mission Board (FMB, now the IMB) to work with African American churches and pastors to stimulate interest in foreign missions. He was the first African American pastor to be called at the management level of the FMB. In 1993, he co-founded the African American/Korean American Christian Alliance, which sent ambassadors to South Korea on a goodwill tour. In 2001, Simmons was appointed to a two-year assignment

as a staff missionary and served in Brazil through the IMB's Masters Program. He was the director of Golden Gate's Theological Field Education (TFE) program and served as a TFE mentor for international students at Southwestern Seminary. Today, he lives with Marva, his wife of 56 years, and leads a cross-cultural community Bible study at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, TX.

**Roger Barrier** (a pastor) is a native of Dallas who received a Doctor of Ministry from Golden Gate in 1992. He has been the pastor of Casas Adobes Baptist Church in Tucson, AZ for 35 years. This mega-church is known for its well-integrated and multi-generational ministry. Barrier was called as pastor in 1975 when the church had 70 members, and it currently has approximately 10,000 members. Barrier founded "Preach It, Teach It" in 2008, as a result of a burden he had for overseas missionaries who had few resources. The website, [preachitteachit.org](http://preachitteachit.org), provides Bible training, questions and answers, and other resources. It is translated into various languages, and offers sermons, series, articles, blogs, devotionals, and advice. Contributors include Francis Chan, Andy Stanley, Beth Moore, Max Lucado, John Piper, and more. Barrier is also a featured pastor on Crosswalk.com, the largest Christian website in the country. He partners with Intimate Life Ministries and regularly teaches national leaders for Campus Crusade for Christ and other mission organizations. He is the author of several books including *Listening to the Voice of God* and *Got Guts, Get Godly*. He is also a contributing author of *The Kingdom and the Power*. Today Barrier lives in Frisco, TX with Julie, his wife of 38 years. 📖

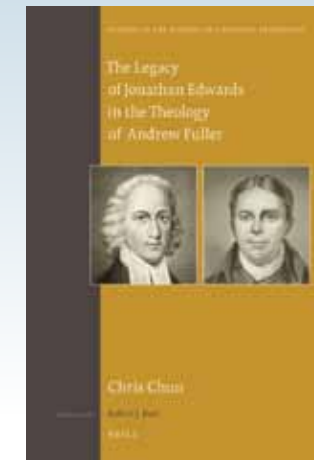


From top: Pearl Chiu with President Jeff Iorg, Willie Simmons, Roger Barrier



professor's  
PERSPECTIVE

## Dr. Chris Chun



It seems like it was only yesterday that I taught my first class at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, but this will be my sixth year as a professor. During this time, by *sola gratia*, 2012-13 was an especially fruitful season in terms of my research output. In addition to smaller publications in journals, there were two major releases that I was invited to describe in the *Gateway*.

The first book is *The Legacy of Jonathan Edwards in the Theology of Andrew Fuller, Studies in the History of Christian Traditions* (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2012). This study positions itself in the transatlantic, early modern period, between American Congregationalist Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) and English Baptist Andrew Fuller (1754-1815), and their attempts to express coherent evangelical doctrines within the context of the Enlightenment. Having been influenced by Edwards, Fuller was not only a leading Baptist theologian of his time, but also a theological mentor of William Carey (1762-1834). As the first secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS), Andrew Fuller was a vital link for what later became the modern missionary movement. Since this monograph is converted from my doctoral dissertation, the primary audience consists of historians, research students, and theological educators. However, scholarly pastors and those interested in Edwardsean legacy and Baptist history may profit from reading this work.

The second book, *Expect Great Things, Attempt Great Things: William Carey and Adoniram Judson, Missionary Pioneers* (Eugene: Wipf & Stock Publishers,

2013), is less technical than the former but aimed at a wider audience. This book commemorates the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of William Carey, who was born on August 17, 1761, and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adoniram Judson's mission arriving to Burma on July 13, 1813. As co-editors, Allen Yeh and I assembled a range of the world's leading experts to commemorate these two benchmarks in church history. The chapters were written by some of the finest Baptist historians, such as Timothy George, Michael Haykin, and David Bebbington, as well as scholars of other denominations, to demonstrate that these two pioneers in missionary history represent the official beginning of plenary missionary enterprise, with impact extending beyond the Baptist movement.

In the current age of World Christianity, we thought it is important to include chapters from Indian and Burmese scholars, who write from a native perspective. In particular, they document the manner in which these iconic ministries were received by the very people to whom their missionary endeavors were directed. Of course, it would be criminal if I failed to address our own President Jeff Iorg's excellent contribution, "Bloodlines and Bloodletting: Historic Themes in Baptist Mission." The final chapter is my tribute to Dorothy Carey and Ann Judson, first wives of these two men, whose sacrificial lives encapsulate these joint efforts of commemoration. As professors, my co-editor and I have decided to dedicate this book to our students; however, it is my prayer that this book will benefit readers across the board, whether they are missionaries, pastors, or any interested person in the pew. 📖



## Doctor of Ministry: Expanded Ministry

"I was ecstatic!" Charlene Hios of Bridging the Gaps Ministries said when she heard that *Leadership Journal* was publishing her Doctor of Ministry post-seminar assignment. Hios is a Doctor of Ministry Candidate studying in Golden Gate Seminary's Expanded Ministry Track—a track designed to help leaders expand their ministries into the classroom and onto the printed page.



Her article, "Leaving My Lesbian Past: The church that walked with me away from homosexuality," appears in *Leadership Journal's* Fall 2013 edition. Marshall Shelley, Editor-in-Chief of *Leadership Journal* says her article

is a "powerful personal testimony, with some helpful takeaways for churches. Her story is one that's desperately needed 'for such a time as this.'"

An expanded ministry is only part of the blessing Hios received. "I have been in the program just under a year now," Hios noted. "My walk with God has grown much closer to Him. I have learned so much about myself and

how I relate with others. My leadership capabilities have expanded tremendously. I have come to understand how to expand my ministry message."

"Charlene's progress is remarkable," says Jim Wilson, Director of the Doctor of Ministry program, "but is not unique to her. Two other candidates, Garry Benfield and Kathy Camarillo have received notification of their work pending publication."

The next Expanded Ministry Track will launch on the Mill Valley campus in July 2014. Well-published authors like Marshall Shelley, Vice President of *Christianity Today*; Jeff Iorg, President of Golden Gate Seminary and Naomi Paget, FBI Chaplain, will join Golden Gate faculty members to help new candidates expand their ministries.

In addition to the emphasis on writing, Paul Kelly, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, will teach a class on the Ministry of Teaching to help the candidates expand their ministry into the classroom or seminar setting.

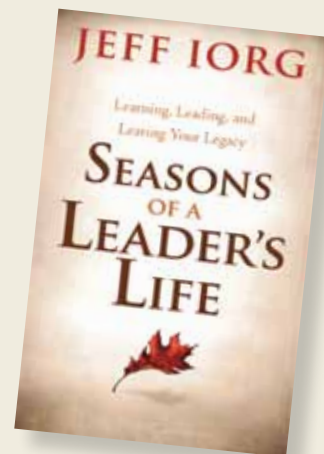
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## Seasons of a Leader's Life New book by Jeff Iorg

Just as life has seasons, leaders also have stages or phases of leadership. In this practical book, Golden Gate Seminary president Jeff Iorg tackles the three seasons or phases of a leader's life. Using the Apostle Peter as his thematic teaching point, Iorg highlights leadership lessons from the three seasons or phases of leadership: Phase One—learning about leadership; Phase Two—actively leading; and Phase Three—leaving a legacy.

Written with emerging leaders and veteran leaders in mind, this book is filled with great insights for leaders of all seasons, ages, and phases of life. Each short chapter includes helpful questions for reflection and discussion. The book is an excellent resource for church leaders to use in a discipleship type setting over a period of several months. It could also be a helpful book for older pastors to mentor younger pastors.

This book is available through LifeWay or Amazon.com.



## Profile of a Golden Grad—Richard "Dick" Sanders

By Dale "Geno" Robinson, Director of Adult Discipleship, First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks, CA



Top: Dick and Ida May Sanders  
Dick's seminary graduation photo, 1963

Fresh from a military tour in Korea, Richard "Dick" Sanders found himself in Glendale, California where he married his high school sweetheart, Ida May Brinks. His call from God first led to a Southern Baptist church in Glendale, then preaching at an SBC mission in La Cañada, followed by two years of study at Fuller Seminary. Dick heeded a

professor's advice that ministry to Southern Baptists should include a Southern Baptist seminary education. After God providentially provided a local teaching job for Ida May, Dick enrolled in Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 1960.

In his 35 years of active ministry since graduating from Golden Gate Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity

in 1963, Dick pastored three churches: First Baptist, Manteca, CA for 15 years, First Baptist, South Lake Tahoe for two years, and finally First Baptist, Linden, CA for 18 years.

His pastoral ministry in Manteca began in 1962 when Dr. Fletcher Royal, Golden Gate theology professor, enlisted him for a one-time preaching opportunity. He assigned Sanders to supply preach at First Baptist Church of Manteca on "G" Day (a student preaching opportunity in local churches in the Sacramento-Stockton area). Later, First Baptist called him as their pastor, replacing interim pastor and Seminary professor, Dr. J. Winston Pierce. Thinking back, Dick said, "Dr. Pierce encouraged me to consider the church, and encouraged them to consider me."

First Baptist of Manteca challenged the inexperienced preacher, but he was up to the task. He addressed their spirit of disunity, conflict, and financial debt. An old wine barrel graced the platform as a symbol of their "cash on the barrel head" approach to stewardship. "I kept the old barrel, but changed its meaning as I taught reconciliation and biblical stewardship," he recalled. When he, his wife, Ida May, and their four sons, left the church in 1978, the church had grown substantially and was giving 20 percent to the Cooperative Program.

From 1978 to 1980, the Oklahoma native ministered to First Baptist Church of South Lake Tahoe. The high point of his ministry there was the day he baptized 17 people in the lake.

In 1981, the Sanders family moved to Linden, CA, population 800. Ida May taught school and Dick did any work he could find. Soon First Baptist of Linden called him as full-time pastor. The small church met in an old semi-dilapidated building with a damp basement inhabited with mold and rats. "In the winter and when it rained, the rats would come up to the first floor, often during church," recalled Dick. "They would run around during the service, but that didn't bother me. I just kept right on preaching."

Often the attendance, including his family of four boys: David, Dwight, Dwain, and Dane, totaled merely 18 people. He began to appeal to the congregation to become accustomed to change – as in having new folks. "I did this through challenging preaching and being open to new members," Dick recollected. "I led them to show a spirit of friendliness, acceptance, and love." God honored Dick's work and determination by growing the church.

As the church grew, they sought a larger meeting space and soon purchased property. The town's mostly Catholic population was skeptical and somewhat hostile toward this Southern Baptist church. They were labeled "the church across the street"—and considered not quite a part of Linden. By the time Dick retired in 1997, First Baptist had a building worth a half-a-million dollars, and had grown to an attendance of 170-180, about 18% of Linden's total population of about 1000.

Reflecting back on his seminary experience, Dick said, "I chose Golden Gate because it was new and I had heard nothing bad about it. Going there kept us both close to our families." He noted how his experience at Golden Gate "enabled me to make friends and acquaintances there that helped me throughout my ministry."

After retirement in 1997, Dick continued his ministry. He was such a teaching and preaching fixture at the Deuel Vocational Institution, a minimum security prison near Tracy, CA, that the inmates named him an "honorary inmate." Fortunately for Dick, he had "come and go" privileges. Today, though slowed down by Parkinson's disease, both he and Ida May continue their ministries through encouraging letter writing and on-going friendships. ■



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## MINISTERING



## IN THE NEW MARRIAGE CULTURE

# Ministering in the New Marriage Culture

## A Conference Addressing the Supreme Court's Decision on Gay Marriage

The conference did not modify or weaken the Bible's perspective against same-sex marriage, but was focused on learning how to react in a compassionate and loving manner to people impacted by this change.

Dr. Jeff Iorg, President of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, concluded the President's Convocation in August by sounding this alarm: "Events of this past summer mandate a response to the most significant change in American society since abortion on demand was legalized in 1973. The United States Supreme Court effectively legalized gay marriage. The result – the battle for gay marriage is over."

Putting the Court's decision in perspective, President Iorg stated, "Nothing can be legally proper or politically correct when it is morally and biblically wrong. But now it is time to accept the reality of the legality of same-sex marriage and move on to discussing how to minister in this new milieu."

On October 3, 2013, Golden Gate Seminary hosted a major conference entitled "Ministering in the New Marriage Culture." It was a day-long discussion of the legal, political, biblical, and practical issues related to the country's changing definition of marriage. The conference did not modify or weaken the Bible's perspective against same-sex marriage, but was focused on learning how to react in a compassionate and loving manner to people impacted by this change. In addition to Iorg, the speakers included Mr. Brad Dacus, founder and president of the Pacific Justice Institute; Dr. Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of SBC; and Dr. Rick Melick, distinguished professor of New Testament Studies and director of Academic Graduate Studies Program (ThM/PhD) at Golden Gate.

You can relive the conference or join us for the first time. The four lectures, as well as the Q&A session, are available at no charge from: <https://vimeo.com/channels/ggbtsmarriage>

## Stewardship CORNER

By Dr. Ben Skaug, Vice President for Institutional Advancement



This summer, I received one of those phone calls that stop us in our tracks. I heard that one of my former deacons had passed away at the youthful age of 41. Instantly, I began to think about his family. His wife was one of the church office workers and his two young children were a sheer delight to see running around the church. I began to think about how the kids would fare without their daddy. They will never again hear his voice at their soccer games or music recitals. I am sure that they will think about him often, but they will never again feel the comfort of his arms. I thought about how a young wife now leads a home without a husband. The burden of parenting and leading now falls completely upon her shoulders.

At first, I felt despair for them all. I thought that they were a young Christian family left all alone. But in this opinion, however, I was wrong. You see, this deacon had left a legacy. He was a man who ensured that his family was reared in a Bible-teaching and believing church. He was a man who raised his family knowing that this life matters but it is not all that we have. He gave of his time, talents, and treasures to the Kingdom of God. Yes, he left behind a hurting family. But he also left a Christian legacy that will outlive his 41 years of life.

There will come a time when we will all pass away. When that time comes, it will be too late to begin a legacy. My advice is to start leaving your legacy right now. Start to invest in things that do not expire. Leave a legacy that shows your spouse, children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors how a Christian lives for eternity rather than for today.

If you would like to invest in the lives and ongoing ministries of our students, then please contact me toll-free at 888-442-8709 or email me at [benskaug@ggbts.edu](mailto:benskaug@ggbts.edu). ☎

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# Dr. Faith Kim Congressional Recognition: Diversity Leadership Award



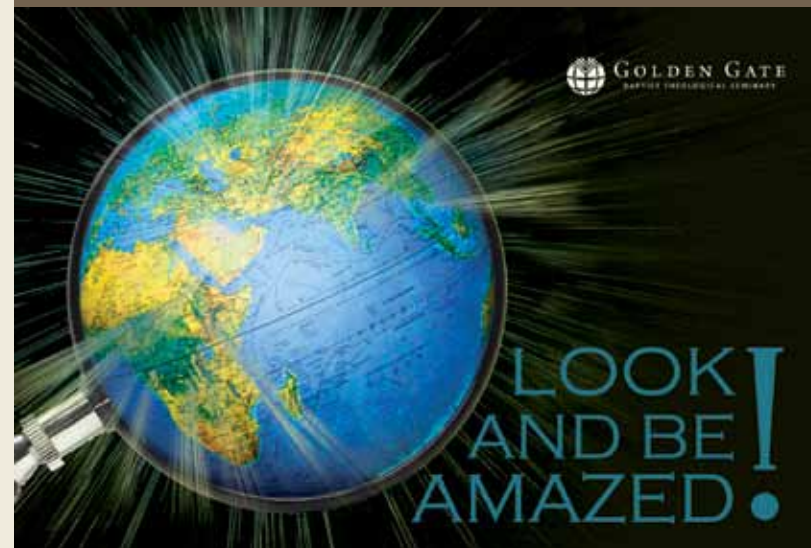
Dr. Faith Kim, recently retired Golden Gate professor and Senior Professor of Intercultural, Global Leadership/Spiritual Formation, was honored in April with a Certificate of Congressional

Recognition. She was presented with the Diversity Leadership Award by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, "In recognition of your strong commitment and support toward the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center. Your extraordinary achievements and high standards of excellence are highly appreciated and truly commendable."

Dr. Kim was joined by eight other Southern California Asian leaders who were also honored with various awards on April 17, 2013, in Los Angeles.

The program described Dr. Kim as a "teacher, speaker, and writer whose passion is to inspire the next generation of Korean American leaders." She served on Golden Gate's faculty for 33 years, where she received her Doctor of Ministry in 1987. 📖

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1960s-1980s

**Duc Xuan Nguyen** (1969) is President of Vietnamese World Christian Fellowship, a mission to the Vietnamese. His ministry takes him to Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Korea, and Russia where thousands of Vietnamese guest workers labor to support their families. He is also involved in the struggle for human rights and religious freedom for Vietnam.

**Ren B. Adams** (1973) retired from chaplaincy with Kaiser Permanente and is now serving as part-time pastor of Easterby Presbyterian, Fresno, CA.

**Darryl B. Newhouse** (1973) is a retired CA State Prison Chaplain who now resides in Monterey, CA with his wife of 55 years, Edna.

**Phillip Smart** (1981) wrote of his travels in his new memoir: *By Any Means – a Travel Memoir of Wild Rides and Adventures*, published by Schuler Books.

**Robert Peters** (1982) serves in Worcester, MA as a member of the "Catholic Workers," a group which provides free shelter and food to people in transition, publishes a newsletter "Catholic Radical," as well as engaging people in social justice issues. He lives and works in voluntary poverty, in a community called "St. Francis and St. Therese House." In addition, he serves as a substitute teacher (kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) and teaches ESL to refugees and immigrants.

**Charles E. Reynolds** (1982, 1989) was promoted to Colonel and assigned as Command Chaplain for U.S. Army Africa. Part of his responsibilities will be training and equipping chaplains from African National Armies.

**Jacob O. Gurley III** (1988) wrote his first book, *Is Mormonism Christian?* co-authored by former Mormon Elder, Ernest E. Dean, and published by WestBow Press.

**Makito Watanabe** (1988) serves as the Japanese Language Pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Honolulu, HI.

**J. Samuel White** (1989) was elected to the Biblical Studies Department at Morthland College, West Frankfort, IL, where he teaches Church History, Ethics, and Basic Doctrine.

1990s

**Jonathan Jarboe** (1990) graduated in May 2013 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Educational Ministry Degree. He currently serves as Senior Pastor of Pathway Church in Redlands, CA, where he marked 20 years of service this past March. He and his wife, Tammy, reside in Redlands, CA.

**Don Brackbill, Jr.** (1993, 2011) wrote *Surviving the Shadow: Coping with the Crisis of Life*, published by WestBow Press.

**Evan Lauer** (1993) serves as Lead Pastor at Arbor Christian Fellowship in Lake Forest, CA.

**Richard "Rick" Patterson** (1993), pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Hemet, celebrated with his congregation the final payment of the church's mortgages on June 2, 2013.

**Garry Ross Thornton** (1994) is a Lieutenant Commander serving as a Chaplain in the United States Navy. He is currently assigned to Marine Corps Air Facility, Quantico, VA, where he also serves Marine Helicopter Squadron One, the Presidential Helicopter Squadron.

**Jonathan Harvey Wade** (1994) is currently serving as the Chaplain Candidate Program Manager for the U.S. Air Force.

**Dennis Scoles** (1996) retired in 2006 after serving as Director of Missions (North American Mission Board) for Mendo-Lake Baptist Assn. He also served as interim DOM Redwood Empire Baptist Association, and as pastor of First Baptist Church, Graton, CA. He is currently a member of and consulting with First Baptist Ukiah, CA, concerning Elders & Deacons.

**Quentin P. Kinnison** (1998) received the 2013 Nickel Excellence in Teaching Award (NETA) at Fresno Pacific University, for his work in teaching Christian Ministry.

2000s

**Dixon B. Smith** (2000) was called to the pastoral staff at Marin Covenant Church in San Rafael, CA, after graduating from GGBTS in 2000. In January 2010, he began serving as Adult Ministry Pastor at New Life Community Church in Pismo Beach, CA.

**Ronald Allen Michelson** (2005) is currently serving as a Field Missionary with Chosen People Ministries.

**Tobin Lee Perry** (2006) serves as a writer and editor with the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, GA.

**Joseph "Joe" Atinsky** (2007) married June Forrest on June 7, 2013 in Modesto, CA, where they will be serving by reaching neighbors with the gospel, teaching them to study the Bible, and encouraging them to reach others for Jesus Christ.

**Michael Atinsky** (2012) has served as a Chaplain for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for five years. After developing a comprehensive transitional program, he was promoted to Director of Inmate Programs and Volunteers where he oversees the Chaplain Program plus all programs which come into the jail.

**Michael Dale Gilbert** (2012) serves as Phoenix Area Coordinator for Promise Keepers International Men's Ministry.

**Frederick James Slunt** (2012) is currently serving as pastor of Beatty Baptist Church, Beatty, NV.

**Randolph "Randy" Michael Garcia** (2013) is serving as Resource Development Director for Ethné Global Services' project, The Dream Center in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

**John Lake** (2013) has served as pastor of Church on Randall Place, Pine, AZ, for 12½ years. This fall semester he is teaching Christian Theology as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate's Arizona campus.

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## Seminary Sprouts

**Kamryn Michiko Kay Hokulani Hew**

Born June 10, 2011  
Jason (2008) and Emily Hew

**Jonah Jason Tatsuhiko Kai Hew**

Born January 17, 2013  
Jason (2008) and Emily Hew

**Ruth Elizabeth Reynolds**

Born April 6, 2013  
Stephen and Laura (2012) Reynolds

**Annabelle Deborah Pate**

Born April 15, 2013  
Ben (2010) and Diana Pate

**Alexander Nathaniel**

**Chayasirisobhon**  
Born May 8, 2013  
Victor (2012) and Theresa Chayasirisobhon

**Felicity Hope Nichols**

Born June 21, 2013  
Travis (2009) and Ashley Nichols

**Mamie Caroline Garcia**

Born August 13, 2013  
Noe (2012) and Clancey Garcia

**Lila Jolene Stroud**

Born September 7, 2013  
Jay (2008) and Melissa (2008) Stroud

**Elani Michaela Wilborn**

Born September 9, 2013  
Brandon (2011) and Sharon (2008) Wilborn

**Hudson Bradley Suddath**

Born October 3, 2013  
Nicholas (2013) and Emily Suddath

## In Memoriam

Joe Lockhart Morris 1949

Winston E. Neal 1952

Elvis Preston Bennett 1956

Max Nolen Alexander 1958

Jacob Abram Froese 1961

Edward Sterling Shugart 1963, 1964, 1972

Mary Evagene Stafford 1963

John B. Nunn 1964

Sara M. Wisdom 1967

Kenneth Wayne Dorsey 1968

Harrison B. Kenney 1970

Charles Alden Russell 1973

Leonard Thomas Frederick 1973

Dale Aycok 1976

Daniel D. Cookson 1982, 1986, 1996

Orville "O.V." Verdayne Dodson 1983

Jerry R. Whiddon 1983

Mitchell D. Flowers 1984

David D. Lewis 1985

Thomas C. Moore 1985

Edwin G. Holton, Sr. 1992

Martha F. Chapman 1993

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