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Welcome to the new look for your favorite seminary! As you can see, we have a new logo, new colors, and a new tagline. The entire Seminary brand – from website to business cards – has been revised to better communicate who we are and the direction we are going.

Our new logo links us to the Word, the world, and the cross. And, notice it is an active Word – moving, thriving, and progressing throughout our world.

Our new tagline underscores core facets of our identity – biblical, missional, global. These aren't new emphases for us, but they are magnified in a fresh way by our rebranding.

*We are biblical.* We believe the Bible is inspired, infallible, and inerrant. What do we mean by those words? Well, in summary, we mean the Bible is important. We order our lives by its instructions; therefore, it's the focal point of our institutional strategies.

*We are missional.* We spread the Gospel, taking the message of salvation through Jesus Christ everywhere. We are proud of that word, first used in print in a publication by a Golden Gate professor about 30 years ago. It means we live with purpose and passion.

*We are global.* We are making a worldwide impact through more than 7,500 graduates who have completed one or more of our programs. We are a multicultural seminary, with faculty, staff, and students from around the world – who plan to keep going everywhere with the Gospel.

Enjoy our new look, while reading about our continuing eternal impact. Thanks for your friendship and support!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff P. Iorg *President*

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## OUR NEW LOOK

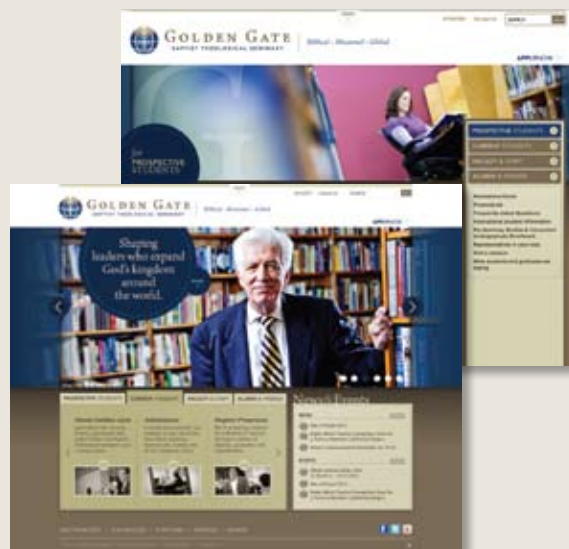
Beginning this spring, the Seminary launched a new image with a new logo, tagline, website, and graphics. You'll easily notice the new look in this issue of the *Gateway*, and on our the website at [www.ggbts.edu](http://www.ggbts.edu). In the re-branding design, the new tagline emphasizes primary aspects of our identity – biblical, missional, and global. These aren't new characteristics for Golden Gate Seminary, but they are simply presented in a fresh way.

**Golden Gate is biblical** – we believe the Bible is inspired, infallible, and inerrant – and it is the fundamental basis of our institution.

**Golden Gate is missional** – we share the Gospel message of salvation with everyone, passionately motivated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ both near and far.

**Golden Gate is global** – we are a multicultural seminary and our graduates are called to both local and international ministries which are diverse in culture, ethnicity, and context.

The three alumni profiles presented on these next pages represent the characteristics expressed in the tagline. Their stories are just a few from the many Golden Gate graduates who continue to expand God's kingdom around the world.



## Fred Campbell

Written by Dr. Richard R. Melick, Jr.

*Director, Academic Graduate Studies Program, Professor of New Testament Studies*



"I want my people to know they can believe the Bible," says The Rev. Fred Campbell, Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion

Baptist Church of Redwood City, CA. These words gave rise to the first National Bible Conference under Rev. Campbell's leadership while he was president of the California State Baptist Convention. They have also shaped his personal life and ministry.

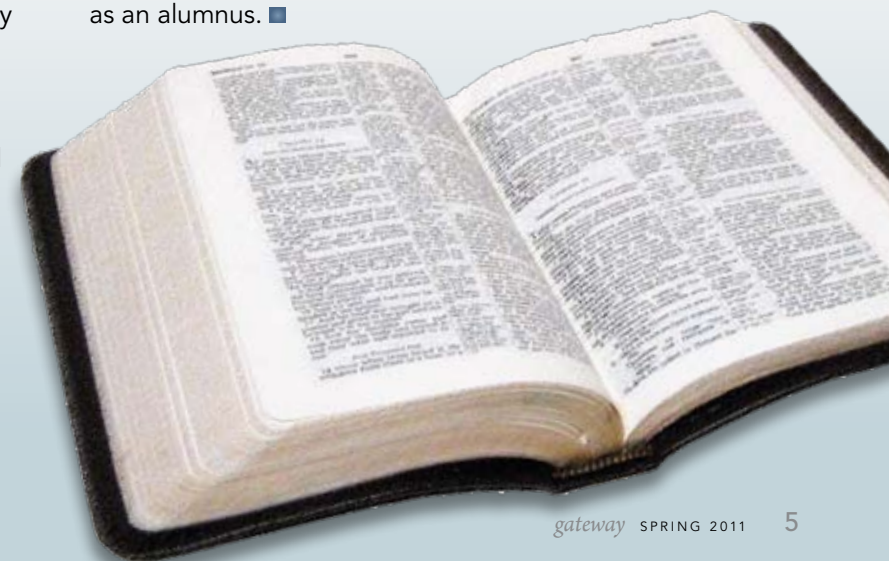
Rev. Campbell, who says he prefers to be called "Pastor Fred," is a 1981 Master of Religious Education graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He often greets Seminary friends with the question: "How's my seminary doing?" Dr. Leroy Gainey, J.M. Frost Professor of Educational Leadership at Golden Gate Seminary, has heard him ask that many times. "I've been a part of Reverend Campbell's teaching ministry for 15 years and have often heard him credit Golden Gate Seminary as the institution to go to for biblical leadership training," said Gainey.

Pastor Fred has demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to the Lord and Christian ministry. A preacher for more than 50 years and a pastor for over 40, he has led Mt. Zion Baptist Church for 34 years, emphasizing "We win when each member grows in relationship with Jesus; being, doing, thinking like Him, influencing growth and maturity in the Body of Christ." The many programs of Mt. Zion Baptist have the foundation of the first statement in the church's Articles of Faith: "The Bible: We believe and teach that the Bible is the inspired word of God." This belief is encouraged by the pastor. "Pastor Campbell lives and breathes the whole Bible, and inspires those around him to do likewise," confirmed Dr. Gainey.

Believing the Bible is often undermined in modern American life, Pastor Fred envisioned and instituted the National Bible Conference to speak to the reliability and relevance of the Bible. The conferences have been attended by thousands from around the United States and feature some of the leading pastors and scholars who encourage listeners to trust the Bible. The vision for the Bible Conference continues under the leadership of the present president of the Convention, Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr., who is a PhD student at Golden Gate Seminary.

Pastor Fred's concern for his own congregation led to establishing The Peninsula School of Theology as a ministry of Mt. Zion. It is a partnership with Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary where graduates earn diplomas in Christian Education and Theology from the Seminary's Contextualized Leadership Development program.

Pastor Fred and Joyce, his wife of 48 years, reared six children who love Christ and His church, and are leading their children to do the same. Pastor Fred, his family, and his leadership stand as a monument to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the reliability of trusting God's Word, the Bible. Being around Pastor Fred, it doesn't take long to hear of his appreciation for his seminary. Golden Gate is proud to count him as an alumnus. ■





Jennifer B.\*

# Missional

"As I neared my graduation from Golden Gate Seminary, I began to think and pray about what my next step would be," said Jennifer B., who received her Master of Divinity in 2008. "During a time of prayer and fasting, God clarified my passion for college students and for the Mongolian people. After taking a church planting class at Golden Gate Seminary, the importance of reaching gateway cities for Christ laid heavy on my mind. Just across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was a city full of people from all over the world, yet I had not met one single Mongolian person in my four-plus years of living in the San Francisco Bay Area."

Jennifer had a passion for Mongolian people, since prior to attending Seminary she had worked at a college in East Asia where most of her students were Mongolian.

After acknowledging God's calling, Jennifer attended a Nehemiah Project church planting dinner at Golden Gate Seminary. Allan Karr, the Seminary's Nehemiah Project Director, sat next to her. "Over dinner, he told me about a Mongolian church plant in Denver. One connection led to another, and even before I graduated, I found myself in a new Mongolian church plant in San Francisco," she said. "It was not connected to any denomination at that time. God provided a place for me to live in the city, and then later, God provided a place for the Mongolian church to worship in the same neighborhood where I lived."

Following graduation, she completed a twelve-week Nehemiah Project internship that involved assisting the Mongolian church and researching the Mongolian population of the Bay Area to find out where churches exist and where others are needed. She recently celebrated her one-year anniversary with the Mongolian congregation.

\*Name omitted for security purposes.

Jennifer continues to be involved in the lives of the Mongolian people in San Francisco. She attends their festivals and is there for them when they need prayer. They are her neighbors.

Fulfilling her additional calling from God, reaching college students in the San Francisco Bay Area for Christ, Jennifer is now serving in a two-year church planting internship with another church that is developing a simple, reproducible church model for a college community in San Francisco.

"We recently rejoiced over our first new believer at this college church start," she said. "I maintain relationships with students even when they leave college and am looking forward to seeing others also accepting Christ."

"God brings me joy as I meet with community members in coffee shops, homes, and college campuses to converse about their spiritual lives," noted Jennifer. "One student, who is not yet a believer, told me she reads the Bible every day just to try to understand it. Another student, who recently began studying the Bible, said that before moving here, she didn't have many opportunities to meet Christians, but since moving into the city, her life has been surrounded by Christians," Jennifer continued. "This is pretty amazing considering the fact that San Francisco is less than 2% Christian. She is continuing to search out God's truths."

Jennifer noticed the search for God among Mongolians as well. "One Mongolian father shared with me, 'I always knew God existed. I just didn't know how to name Him. I think my wife is right. I think there's only one God.'"

"God is definitely at work in San Francisco. I'm glad He's allowed me to be part of what He's doing in our city." ■

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## Ocean Oh

"We work with university students from all over Southeast Asia," said Ocean Oh, a 2002 Master of Divinity graduate. Ocean and his wife, Nicole, have been serving in a capital city in Southeast Asia for four years. "Since most of this country's educated people were killed in the 'Killing Fields' genocide of 1975-1979, 80% of the population here is under 30," he explained. "These young people are some of the most educated in the country and will be leaders in every field."

The Ohs' ministry to this group began in 2007, when they became career missionaries with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have three children, who are currently five-, three-, and one-years old.

Ocean grew up in South Korea and came to the U.S. in 1996 to attend college. After graduating, he enrolled at Golden Gate. He explained that he chose this western seminary because "Golden Gate prepares students to practically minister in a variety of cultures and contexts. The professors intentionally prepare students to minister to the world around them, and the San Francisco Bay Area is a perfect place to work with people from all over the globe."

They knew God had put cross-cultural work in their future, explained Ocean, "And since Nicole had already lived in Southeast Asia post-college, we took a trip there together. God confirmed that this country would be our next home."

Nicole, a native of Duncan, OK, described their reasons for reaching out to the students of Southeast Asia. "Their parents' and grandparents' lives have been destroyed and/or interrupted by wars. This country is still developing, and this generation of students has opportunities and freedom that their parents could have only dreamed about. It is our prayer that this is the time that students would turn to the One True God and see a dramatic change in their lives, their family's lives, and in their country."

Ocean and Nicole teach both on and off the university campuses in the capital city. Ocean is currently teaching English and Korean at their off-campus Student Center. "Students come to learn English, hang out with their friends, and connect with short-term teams of U.S. college students," Nicole wrote in an email. "They are hungry to learn other languages and many are hungry to find out their purpose in life. We lead Bible studies and one-on-one discipleship. Most of our time is spent hanging out with students wherever they are – at our house, at their house, off campus, on road trips. We want them to have an opportunity to hear the Truth. Previous generations here had little to no access to the Gospel, so we want this generation to hear the Truth and change the course of their country's history as God changes their hearts and lives."

Ocean noted that his seminary education has helped in his ministry "As I work with students, they ask questions such as: 'What about my grandparents who died before hearing the Gospel?' 'Can you lose your salvation?' 'Is it okay if Christians offer food to their ancestors or eat the food offered to idols?' My Golden Gate education prepared me to answer questions like these. Golden Gate taught me to think and apply the Truth of God's Word to my life – a skill I hope I can teach these first generation believers here." ■





# MISSIONS CONFERENCE

## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference



"We have an enemy that is dead set in defeating us in our Christian life. This enemy attempts to influence us to have a mediocre Christian life so that we never have an impact on the world," Jerry Rankin, President Emeritus of the International Mission Board (IMB) told 175 people attending Golden Gate Seminary's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference.

"It's all about reaching the lost people of the world," Rankin explained. "For God so loved the world - not just our world of shopping malls and materialism, but the world of refugees, of unreached people groups living in darkness and alienated from God." Rankin, who has authored two books about spiritual warfare, told those attending the conference whose theme was "Engage! Spiritual Warfare & Missions," that God's people are to carry the Good News to the ends of the earth, regardless of spiritual warfare. "The enemy speaks into our minds to rationalize away the urgency to go to the mission field. Satan tries to convince us that witnessing to missions, to a particular people group, is an option. But God called us to declare the glory among the nations."

Rankin encouraged attendees to "be willing to risk the dangers, challenges, and the discomfort, to walk in faith and utilize the weapons of victory we have been provided in Christ. Awareness of the enemy and understanding his tactics will enable us to avoid defeat, diversions and distractions in fulfilling our mission."

In addition to Rankin's three lectures, the conference, held on February 18 and 19, 2011, included six breakout seminars on topics such as human trafficking, Folk Islam, spiritual opposition on the mission field, opportunities with the IMB, ministry to California's migrant farm workers, and sports to reach the lost in restricted access countries.

Crystal Lewis, third-year Master of Divinity student, was particularly interested in the human trafficking seminar. "I recently formed a woman's support group in Marin City, California, and we're seeing a lot of spiritual warfare to this group. They are unchurched, unsaved, struggling with addiction and prostitution. I'm so glad the Seminary is talking about this topic."

Saturday afternoon's activities included an Urban Excursion. Accompanied by Golden Gate students, attendees went to several areas in the city to pray, observe, and engage people. Simultaneously, a woman's prayer tea was hosted by Bobbye Rankin and focused on prayer for Muslim women. This people group makes up one-tenth of the world's population yet have less access to the Gospel than anyone in the world.

A two-unit course, "Spiritual Warfare and Issues on the Mission Field," was held in conjunction with the

conference. Laura Reynolds, a first year Missiology student who enrolled in the course, commented on the conference. "Jerry Rankin as our speaker really made the event motivating." She is co-ministering a college group with her husband and fellow Seminary student at San Francisco Mandarin Baptist Church. "Dr. Rankin has so much knowledge to share, and is very encouraging to all of us. I appreciate the valuable information I've learned about missions and spiritual warfare."

Wing Lem, pastor of San Francisco Mandarin Baptist Church and a 2010 Doctor of Ministry graduate, brought 8 people from his church, including 6 students from the college group. "I thought the workshop on Islam was very informational," he said. "It was helpful to learn how to become effective in our ministry to Muslims in the San Francisco Bay Area."

The workshop, "Islam: The Spiritual, The Powerful, The Occult," was led by Abigail Davis, Southwest Regional Director of The Crescent Project. Davis explained that Muslims are spiritual people, and encouraged her listeners to "tell your Muslim friends about Jesus' power over demons. When you're dealing with spiritual warfare, there is power in the spoken name of Jesus."

"Jerry Rankin's messages on spiritual warfare challenged our students and other participants to see the enemy's role in keeping the nations in darkness," noted Dr. Eddie Pate, Director of Golden Gate Seminary's Kim School of Global Missions and Chair of the Seminary's Intercultural Studies Department.

## First Missions Conference—1961

The First Annual Student Missions Conference was held on March 3-5, 1961, with the theme "My Life in World Dimension." The three-day meeting featured a call to Christian commitment and an insight into the world missions program of Southern Baptists, as presented by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and denominational leaders.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, TX, who had recently returned from a world missions tour. In addition to the speakers, workshops and panel discussions were offered, and students had the opportunity to interact with missionaries from overseas and in the western U.S. The conference hosted a Saturday luncheon and Saturday evening banquet, plus sightseeing tours of San Francisco and Muir Woods. Special music during the sessions featured groups from Fresno State College Baptist Student Union, California Baptist College, and Grand Canyon College. ■

*Top photo:* Three hundred seventeen young people from five western states registered for the first student Missions Conference for young people held in the western U.S. High school seniors, college age young people and college students were among those who attended. Members of local churches as well as Seminary staff and faculty hosted more than 300 conference attendees in their homes. The cost of registration was \$1.00 per attendee, and included meals, weekend lodging, and entertainment for the three day event.

*Middle photo:* Representing more than 50 Golden Gate students who aided in preparation for the first Student Missions Conference are (L. to R.): Don Nicholson, spiritual preparation committee; Margaret Fairburn, registration; Rev. Wallace Hough, Jr., home assignment; Gayle Brian, banquet; David Hill, transportation; and Dr. L.A. Brown, general chairman. Seminary faculty and Baptist churches of the area also worked together to present the conference.

*Bottom photo:* Dr. Catherine Walker, representing the Foreign Mission Board, points out Indonesia, her "adopted country," to an interested student. The Foreign Mission Board booth was one of several set up at the conference.





## Doctor of Ministry

"Golden Gate Seminary's Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program is based on the understanding that persons minister out of who they are, not just what they know," said Dr. Kon Hwon Yang, Associate Director of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's DMin Program. "The purpose and general goal of the Doctor of Ministry degree is to *stimulate the candidate's growth toward personal maturity and competence in the practice of Christian ministry.*"

A non-residential degree program designed for vocational ministry, by headcount Golden Gate has the 12<sup>th</sup> largest program accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Offered since 1972, this program has graduated 461 candidates.

"In Golden Gate's DMin program, *both the ministry leader and the practice of ministry are essential elements of the curriculum,*" explained Dr. Phillip Conner, Director of the Seminary's DMin program. "The candidate does not simply study books by experts, but becomes an expert in his or her practice of ministry."

The 3-year program is cohort-based, where candidates join a peer-learning community of 8-15 candidates. Each cohort allows the candidate to pursue ministry issues through an individual learning plan. Some cohorts address a special theme or learning goal – for instance, a bilingual program for Korean ministers will begin in January 2012.

Lanelle Pickett (DMin 2009), pastor of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Gordonville, FL, considered the cohort relationship one of the

program's highlights. "We prayed together, studied together, and often ate together. We genuinely liked being together, formed a close bond, and helped each other as much as we could." He still stays connected with his cohort through phone calls and emails.

Eddie Davidson (DMin 2010), pastor of First Baptist Church in Hamilton, AL, agreed "The greatest blessing was the *fellowship and unique camaraderie with the other men in my cohort.*" He noted that the spiritual journey was a distinctive element of the program. "I did not feel it was an academic exercise as much as an introspective journey into my own heart. Every seminar leader encouraged a genuine connection with God."

The 3-year program offers three sets of seminars in a 12-month period during the first two years. Seminars include pre-residential portion work, residential work (about ten days for the seminar set) and post-residential work. The third year consists of completing the ministry project. This requires candidates to complete a significant ministry project developed in response to a specific ministry need in the candidate's area of ministry responsibility. "The project documents the ministry need, the development of the response to that need, the implementation of the response, and an assessment including learning objectives for the participants and the candidate," Conner explained.

An example is the project completed by candidate Kyung Chung (DMin 2007). Prior to beginning the DMin program, he founded the

Caribbean Evangelical Seminary in Venezuela. He had difficulties in the areas of recruiting students, inviting professors, fundraising, and writing curriculum contextualized for the third world. "During the DMin course," Chung recalled, "I received encouragement and recommendations from fellow Seminary students and professors, and most of all – God inspired me." Today, his seminary has more than 20 students in the masters' program, and another 15 or so in the bachelors' program.

Richard Johnstone (DMin 2010), Director of Missions, Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Association, California, noted the program "aided in my *development of reflection skills that benefit every area of my ministry.* Also, I gained from *learning about and implementing missional understanding and practices.*" He appreciated the focus on integration of theology, practical ministry, and personhood growth.

The program is offered in rotation, depending on the track, at any of the five Golden Gate Seminary campuses in the west, and has also been offered in Canada. Guy Key (DMin 2008), IMB missionary (Global Mobilization) in Brazil, chose Golden Gate because "I wanted to study in *a Seminary outside of the Bible belt, and in a large urban setting.*" He noted that the distinctive qualities of the program were the well-trained professors from Golden Gate as well as the visiting professors from all over the U.S. and the world. "It was a rich experience, and I am a better person and Christian because of this DMin program." ■

## Tim Wiarda



*Dr. Tim Wiarda, Professor of New Testament Studies, describes his book Interpreting Gospel Narratives. The 245-page volume, published by B&H Academic, discusses principles for literary interpretation of Scripture, especially for those who may preach and teach from the Gospels.*

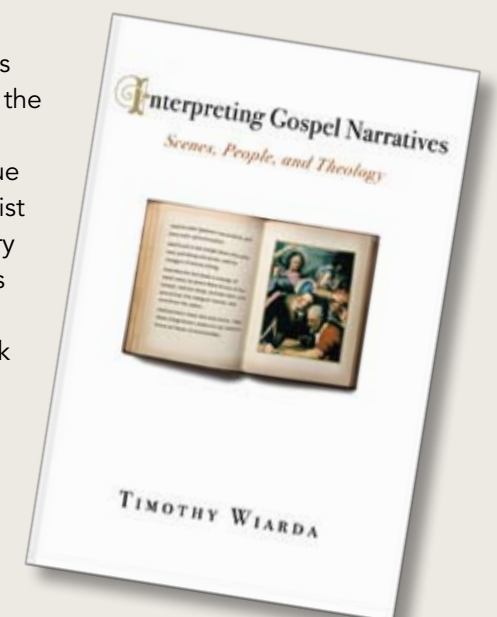
About fifteen years ago, I began my doctoral research on the Gospels' portrayal of Peter. I soon discovered that I had to come to grips with Gospel narratives. For example, what is Luke trying to say when he tells us that at the moment Peter denied Jesus the third time, Jesus turned and looked straight at him? Or what does Mark intend us to see when he pictures Peter following Jesus at a distance, right into the high priest's courtyard? And what does Mark want us to think when he shows him a little later, not leaving exactly, but going out to the entryway? What difference does it make if Jesus once addresses Peter by saying, "Simon, Simon," instead of just "Simon?"

Questions such as these forced me to learn more about how biblical narratives convey their messages. I found that this was an area of growing interest among many Gospel interpreters. *Interpreting Gospel Narratives* attempts to bring insights from recent work in this field to those who preach and teach from the Gospels.

Some of the books that have influenced me the most through the years have been works which combine academic argument with devotional encouragement and practical suggestions for ministry. I have tried to bring these elements together in *Interpreting Gospel Narratives* as well. On the academic side, I take up some issues that are still being discussed and debated among scholars; in some cases drawing on material published earlier in journal articles. But I have also tried to point pastors and Bible teachers to basic methodological principles that can help them as they work with the Gospels, and have sought to highlight what various Gospel narratives show about Jesus or the life of discipleship.

I wanted to organize the book according to topics relating to interpretation: how to discern what Gospel writers show about individual characters, how stories communicate theological truths, how small episodes relate to a Gospel's larger narrative structure, the question of symbolism, and so on. At the same time, I wanted to offer sample expositions of a number of Gospel episodes. The result is about 25 brief expositions, each highlighting a typical feature of Gospel narratives or a specific methodological issue.

One of the convictions underlying this book is that faithful exposition of Scripture is vital for the health and growth of the church. Faithful teaching of Scripture is the only route to a true portrayal of Jesus Christ, and only where Christ is clearly proclaimed does the Holy Spirit carry out his life-giving work. All of Scripture points to Jesus, but the Gospels do so in a particularly focused way. I hope that this book will encourage preachers and teachers to strengthen their skills for handling Gospel narratives, and that this will enable them to pass on an accurate and high-definition picture of Jesus. ■



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# Partners for the Future Campaign Wrap Up

The PARTNERS FOR THE FUTURE campaign, a strategy to raise \$13 million from 2005-2010, successfully concluded on December 31, 2010. More than \$13 million dollars were given to the campaign, divided into two phases. The Enhancement Phase sought funds for the on-going operational support of Seminary programs such as scholarships, strategic initiatives, and facility improvement. The Endowment Phase provided funds for the institution's endowment in order to provide perpetual income into the future. During the five-year campaign, alumni and friends of the Seminary gave a total of \$13,663,000.

"The generosity of those who stood with Golden Gate through this Campaign is a testimony of their commitment to our mission... shaping leaders who expand God's Kingdom around the world," said Dr. Jeff Iorg, president of the Seminary. "We have come through once-in-a-generation economic challenges with ample resources to not only accomplish, but advance our core mission."

Dr. Tom Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, believed one of the keys to the success was the leadership provided by volunteers in various regions of the country. "These men and women not only gave, but encouraged and asked their friends to give as well. These supporters deserve our deepest appreciation for their hard work as champions for Golden Gate."

The largest gift of the campaign came from a retired Methodist minister in Roseville, California. Charles and Barbara Waters appreciated the position of the Seminary regarding the authority of Scripture and created a Charitable Remainder Trust that established a \$1.1 million endowment for an endowed chair in Biblical Studies.

"We have seen God provide from sources we could not have imagined or predicted," Iorg said. "Thank God for His provision through His servants!" ■



## Northern California Campus Master Plan

Golden Gate Seminary is currently involved in an extensive process to secure an amended master site plan for the Northern California campus. The plan amendment reflects the anticipated future needs of the Seminary, taking into account the changing composition of our student enrollment and the development of electronic learning as an accredited method of course delivery. It calls for expansion of faculty and student housing, the relocation of some student housing, and the sale of several acres for development of market rate

homes. The amended plan retains the beauty, views, and green space of the current campus, while providing the resources to finance the planned expansion. It also creates a sizable endowment that will benefit the Seminary for decades to come.

The plan was officially submitted to Marin County, CA officials in February 2011. It must yet undergo a rigorous Environmental Impact Review along with an extensive community review. The remaining process is expected to take at least two years before final approval is granted. □

## Chaplain of the Year

Chaplain Capt. David Sarmiento, 163<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Wing Chaplain Corps and Golden Gate alumnus, was awarded the National Guard Bureau's Chaplain of the Year award during the Joint Army and Air National Guard Bureau Chaplain Conference January 25 in Washington, D.C.

There were eight candidates competing for this exclusive award, coming from 50 states and 4 territories around the world. Sarmiento is the first Hispanic American to receive this honor.

"I am very humbled to have received this award, considering there is great work being accomplished every day by so many Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants all over the world," said Chaplain Sarmiento, who received his Master of Divinity from Golden Gate in 2008.

Colonel Randall Ball, 163<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Wing Commander said, "[Chaplain Sarmiento's] presence and outstanding contributions cannot be overstated because of all the issues and stresses 163<sup>rd</sup> personnel have encountered due to mobilization and the extremely high operational tempo that our combat support mission brings with it."

Sarmiento officiates at military functions including retirements, conferences, briefings, seminars,

weddings, and changes of command. He is also involved in death notifications, funerals, and Fallen Angel (service members) ceremonies.

"I have experienced so many beautiful moments through my time in the military and I've come to learn that no matter what my duties involve, it is an honor to serve, because God has allowed me to live out my childhood dream of becoming a Chaplain," said 36-year-old Sarmiento.

He also expressed thankfulness for the faculty of the Seminary's Southern California campus. "They believed in me through four years, and they showed me a lot of love. I'll always remember that." ■

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COMING FALL 2011

## Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry Degree

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry is a specialized degree for students who are working, or intend to work, in cross-cultural, multi-ethnic ministry or missions contexts.

This 50-hour masters degree will prepare students for ministry in a world that is increasingly multicultural and urban. It will equip students for international and domestic church ministry and missions through understanding worldview, culture, and the challenges of contextualizing the Gospel.

Participants enrolled in this degree include those who seek to be associate pastors, evangelism or missions pastors, church planters, community development staff, or missionaries – either in North America or international settings.

Golden Gate Seminary's Northern California campus in the San Francisco Bay Area, where this degree is offered, provides the ideal learning context.

For more information, contact our admissions office toll-free 888-442-8701 or [admissions@ggbts.edu](mailto:admissions@ggbts.edu)



# New Book from President Iorg

*First-century churches were flawed, but they also changed their world and ours.*

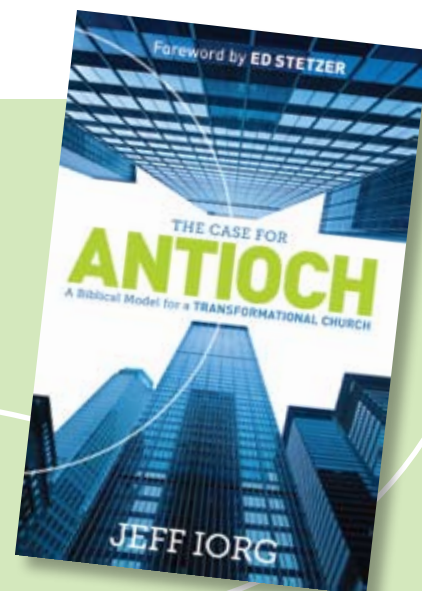
Seminary President Jeff Iorg looks back at the New Testament church in Antioch to find a biblical model of what healthy “transformational” churches should look like today. Advising a principled approach in the context of this comparison, he shares methods for measuring church health that are based on hard data as well as discernable spiritual realities. Thoughtful areas of discussion include a church’s need to emphasize:

- Empowering of the Holy Spirit
- Advancing the Gospel
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– Vance Pitman, Senior Pastor  
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## Morgan Patterson

October 1, 1925 – November 19, 2010

Dr. Morgan Patterson, retired Dean of Academic Affairs at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, died at his home of cancer at the age of 85 on November 19, 2010.

Patterson was Dean of Academic Affairs at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, CA from 1976 to 1984. “Morgan Patterson was a scholar and Christian gentleman who devoted his life to Christian education,” said Seminary President Jeff Iorg. “We appreciate his profound contribution to Golden Gate Seminary.”

After leaving Golden Gate, he served from 1984 to 1991 as president of Georgetown College in Kentucky. Since his retirement from Georgetown, Patterson served as visiting professor of church history at Midwestern Seminary, Louisiana College, Golden Gate Seminary, and New Orleans Seminary. He has also taught at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Earlier in his career, he was the director of graduate studies in the School of Theology and the David T. Porter Professor of Church History at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He served on the faculty there from 1959 to 1976, and was acting dean of the School of Theology in 1971. In addition, he was the assistant professor of church history at New Orleans Seminary from 1956 to 1959. He has served as pastor and interim pastor of numerous churches in Alabama, California, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Patterson was born in New Orleans, LA, where he received his master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

A resident of Novato, CA, Patterson was a member of Tiburon Baptist Church, in Tiburon, CA. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ernestine N. Patterson of Longwood, FL, two sons, W. Morgan Patterson II and Jay N. Patterson, and four grandchildren. ■

## REMEMBERING FRIENDS

### Charles “Charlie” S. Boyd

January 28, 1923 – March 1, 2011

An avid supporter of Golden Gate Seminary and Southern Baptist missionary work, Charles and his wife, Dottie, established the Graves/Boyd Endowed Mission fund in 1996. They received the Seminary’s Lifetime Achievement award in 2009.



### Justus “Jack” Craemer

February 8, 1917 – March 10, 2011

Beginning in 1959, Jack Craemer and his wife, Jean, generously contributed to numerous Seminary scholarships and projects. Publisher and editor of the *Marin Independent Journal*, Mr. Craemer was a charter member of the Seminary’s Community Advisory Council and was presented the Harold K. Graves Award in 2002.



### Jack Rice

July 23, 1919 – May 7, 2010

Jack Rice and his wife, Duna, were generous supporters of the Seminary for more than 25 years. Instrumental in property development projects on the Northern California campus, Mr. Rice was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.



### Nella Pauline Sterner

December 19, 1929 – December 29, 2010

Nella Sterner established an endowed scholarship in 2001 to assist Golden Gate students and their families. Her husband, Edward (1963, 1972), pastored Southern Baptist churches in California. Throughout their ministry together the couple were faithful supporters of the Seminary.





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## REAIAH SANTOS

“This is my first semester at Golden Gate Seminary’s Northern California campus, and the Journeyman scholarship has covered my tuition,” said Reaiah Santos, from Dearborn, MI. She is pursuing a Master of Missiology with an Urban Concentration, one of the newest degrees Golden Gate offers.

“I chose Golden Gate because of the Missiology degree,” she said. “I had a great impression of the professors I met during my campus tour, and the classes they offered... and the location is pretty great, too!”

In addition to a full-time class load, Reaiah has three part-time jobs on campus – at the campus bookstore, at the Seminary library, and as a childcare provider for the Partners in Ministry Training program.

Prior to attending the Northern California campus, Reaiah was a journeyman in Mali, in Western Africa, for four years. When she returned to the states in April 2010, she first started at Golden Gate by taking online classes and hybrid classes from the Rocky Mountain campus in Colorado.

After graduation, Reaiah hopes to pursue a ministry working with women and social justice issues, either in the states or overseas.

“I’d like to thank those who donate to Golden Gate Seminary, so that people like me are able to attend seminary and pursue God’s call on my life.”



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## JERRY POSEY\*

While pursuing a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degree, Jerry Posey is currently involved in leading a small group at First Baptist Church in San Francisco, and is also helping teach an English class that serves refugees who are transitioning into American life.

“The scholarship has helped to relieve the financial burden that comes with a seminary education,” said the Farmington, MO native who received a Master of Divinity in 2010. “My seminary education has equipped and formed me, and I can now take the things I have learned and equip others.”

\*Name changed for security purposes.

Jerry chose Golden Gate because “I knew it was located in a multicultural context where there would be many opportunities to minister to people from all over the world. I was also attracted to the smaller, more intimate campus where I could have strong community with my classmates and be mentored more directly by my professors.”

After graduation, Jerry and his wife are planning to minister in an overseas context. “We both have a vision to start churches in areas where there are little to no church presence. I know that my experience at Golden Gate will help me to train and send out church planters.

“I want to thank all those who have generously given to Golden Gate. Their gifts are truly making a difference for the kingdom of God.”



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SHAWN COLEMAN

“So far, I have taken classes from every campus except the Southern California campus,” said Shawn Coleman, who is pursuing a Master of Divinity while serving as a firefighter for the US Forest Service. “The scholarship funds available through Golden Gate have allowed me to plan to graduate in three and a half years,” he said. “My wife and I chose not to relocate for Seminary, so I have had to travel quite a bit to complete my degree.” This academic year required four trips to the Rocky Mountain campus and two trips to the Northern California campus - from Lubbock, TX, where Shawn and his wife, Kim, live. The scholarship has provided the necessary funds for travel in order to take the classes needed to graduate on time.

Shawn is currently serving as a small group leader to the NineThirty College Ministry at First Baptist Lubbock. “Without the generous support of donors, I would have had to delay my graduation.

The scholarship has also allowed me to dedicate more time to my college students and my studies.”

Shawn chose Golden Gate “because of its strategic locations throughout the west, and its focus on reaching the people in this part of the country. I was drawn by the cultural diversity of the staff and student body, and feel Golden Gate provides a better training platform because of its diversity.”

After graduation, Shawn would like to continue his college ministry. “My wife and I both have a passion for college students and for the outdoors, so the western U.S. is where we hope to be.”

“I really can’t overemphasize just how much the scholarship helped us out this year. We are so thankful for the generosity of Golden Gate’s donors and for their support of my education.”

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RAINIE COOK

“God has provided in such a magnificent way,” said Rainie Cook, who is slated to graduate this spring with a Master of Divinity. “Time after time God has affirmed that seminary was where I was supposed to be, as he provided the means to finish my studies. I would NEVER have been able to afford to attend seminary were it not for the scholarships that are available, especially the Northwest Baptist Foundation scholarships.”

As a returning journeyman after serving for three years in Germany, Rainie was looking for a school that had a culture in which she would feel most comfortable. “Golden Gate fit the criteria with its west coast culture

as well as an outward missional focus,” she said. “I looked at several other Southern Baptist seminaries, but the Pacific Northwest campus was close enough that it would allow me the means to be able to live near my ministry in Oregon, and provided the flexibility (taking classes only on Mondays and Tuesdays) to be in full-time ministry and/or work a side job.”

Currently serving as an interim youth minister at Harvest Community Church in Eugene, OR, and working at a bookstore, Rainie is waiting for God’s call. “I am very open right now,” she said. “I am willing to return to the mission field if God opens that door and if not I may pursue a PhD at Golden Gate. There are many good options for me to pray through!”



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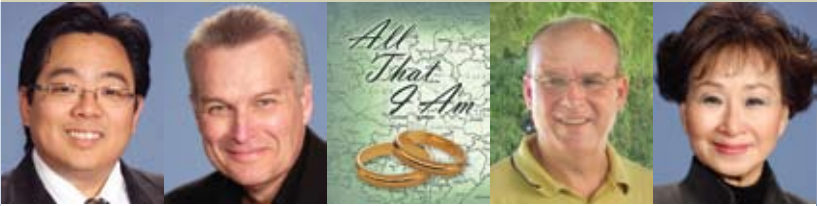
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**Chris Chun**, Associate Professor of Church History, had a chapter published, “The Legacy of Jonathan Edwards: Eighteenth-Century Catalysts for Revivals among Presbyterians and Baptists in Scotland,” in *Jonathan Edwards and Scotland*, eds. Kenneth P. Minkema, Adriaan C. Neele and Kelly Van Anel (Edinburgh: Dunedin Academic Press, 2011), 63-74. Chun also presented a paper, “Andrew Fuller on the Atonement: Was Fuller’s approach nearer to that of Jonathan Edwards or the Younger?” *Baptists and the Cross: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives* at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, KY. A third paper Chun presented was “Jonathan Edwards as America’s Augustine” at San Francisco Theological Seminary, in San Anselmo, CA.

**Rick Durst**, Professor of Historical Theology and Director of Online Education, served as a panelist on “Theological Education and Educational Technology” at the March 10-12 Association of Theological Schools Faculty Focused Consultation on “The Changing Character of Faculty Work” in Pittsburgh, PA. Durst’s presentation included description of the ways Golden Gate is applying educational technology to carry out its mission: in the classroom on our five campuses, and online around the world.

**Edward Humphrey**, Historical Theology Professor at Golden Gate Seminary for 17 years, was the subject of a newly-published book written by his son, Stinson E. Humphrey. *All That I Am* was edited by j. kenneth eakins [sic], former Archeology, Old Testament, and Hebrew Professor at Golden Gate. *All That I Am* was published in February 2011, and tells the story of Edward and Rachel Humphrey, who both grew up in Christian homes and committed themselves at an early age to missions in Africa. The book provides insight into the true meaning of living as one through marriage, and the challenges of maintaining faith and trust in God when one spouse develops a debilitating illness.

**David Johnson**, Director of the Seminary’s Arizona campus, spent two weeks this spring in Mozambique, Africa, bringing biblical training to 27 local pastors. Johnson and Charles Lord, pastor of Royal Palms Baptist Church in Phoenix, led classes in Old Testament studies and Foundations for Ministry at a training center established



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in Nicodala which is outside Quelimane, the capital of the province of Zambezia in Mozambique. The vision for the training center is to provide biblical, theological and pastoral education to the local pastors on an ongoing basis.

**Faith Kim**, Chair, Intercultural Education and Professor of Intercultural Education, spoke at a variety of venues in the spring and summer of 2010, including United Christian Life World Mission Frontier; San Jose Methodist Church; Midwestern Baptist Seminary; Korea Baptist Theological University and Seminary; and in Burundi & Rwanda at the Burundi National Convention.

**Mike Kuykendall**, Professor of New Testament, became editor of *Bible Editions & Versions* in January 2011. He had been the associate editor and a frequent contributor of this journal for the International Society of Bible Collectors since 2006.

**Dave McCormick, Sr.**, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, taught a four-week evening series at Tiburon Baptist Church in Tiburon, CA on the topic of Temperament and Spirituality.

**John Shouse**, Professor of Christian Theology, was the keynote speaker for the Bi-Annual Africa Inland Mission (AIM) Leadership Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, in November 2010. Shouse gave four keynote addresses and presented a Gospel illusion show. About 100 leaders attended of the approximately 800-member “Africa Inland Mission” missions organization.

**Jim Wilson**, Associate Director, Doctor of Ministry Program and Associate Professor of Leadership Skills Formation, recently baptized 15 people on the same day at the Valencia Hills Community Church in Valencia, CA, where he serves as Transitional Pastor.

**Kon Yang**, Associate Director, Doctor of Ministry Program and Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies, along with wife and adjunct professor, **Patsy Yang**, traveled to Korea and Venezuela. Kon preached several times and they both taught at multiple churches that are part of a church planting network founded by a Golden Gate DMin graduate.



1950s–1960s

**Jerry Horning Casey** (1957 & 1961) directed a first-ever Christmas cantata performed by two groups: the Columbus Ambassadors for Christ, a fellowship of Asian Indian Christians, and her own church choir from Worthington Baptist Church, Worthington, OH.

**Frank Reaves** (1958) was recently honored as a lifelong volunteer to Talladega (AL) – area youth by the Cheaha District Boy Scouts of America. A licensed minister by age 17 and ordained seven years later, Reaves was ordained by a Southern Baptist church and the Congregational Christian Church. In addition to serving churches and working on missions, Reaves served as Army chaplain for more than 26 years. He received two Bronze Stars and several Commendation Awards from the Army.

**George Joslin** (1961), whose career involved 50 years of ministry with deaf persons, has released *A Deaf Man's Gospel*, a full-length novel based on Mark 7:31-35, in American Sign Language on DVD. Joslin has published numerous non-fiction materials relating to deaf ministry and has two novels in print: *A Life After Deafness* (2006) and *A Terp on the Line* (2007).

**Joe E. Tarry** (1961) and wife, Leona, have written and published *The Marvel of It All*, their autobiography of their 36-plus years in Brazil with the International Mission Board. The 540-page book was published by Hannibal Books, in Garland, TX.

1970s–1980s

**Carol Broadfoot, Jr.** (1975) and wife, Lillie, are co-founders of Love & Light Mission, a ministry to the Haitian people in Gonaives, Haiti.

**Kenneth Harris** (1978) retired after serving as pastor for 26 years at Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Placerville, CA. He is a member of Trinity Church in Coeur d' Alene, ID.

**Kathy Casey Roblyer** (1984, 1990) is a psychiatric nurse practitioner, freelance writer, and editor working in Alabama. She is especially interested in the physical, mental, and spiritual healing of individuals and communities.

Kathy and husband, Dwight, have seven children and one grandchild, and have been married for 25 years.

**Thomas "Tom" Sims** (1984) is pastor of the Fellowship of Joy and 4141 Ministries in Fresno, CA.

**Art Brown** (1990) serves as a full-time children's pastor for First Free Church, in Onalaska, WI. He also serves as a police chaplain for the cities of La Crosse and Onalaska, and as a volunteer chaplain for the La Crosse County Sheriff, and La Crosse City Fire Department.

**David Benham** (1985) was ordained on October 16, 2010 as a Transitional Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas. He is now serving as Liturgical Assistant at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Fort Smith, AR.

**Cheryl Cooper** (1987) is now retired and living in Cuenca, Ecuador.

**Steve Hughes** (1988) serves as Manager of the Denver Ronald McDonald House. In addition, he serves as pastor of the Tribe of Jesus and in Small Group Leadership with New Denver Church. He also directs the Wilderness Tribe Ministry using climbing and hiking to reach those outside the church.

**John La Noue** (1989) recently published *Walking with God in Broken Places and Lessons I've Learned Along the Way!*, published by Xulon Press. This book, co-written over a span of 40 years, details the beginning of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief program, now the third largest disaster response group in America.

1990s

**Mark Milwee** (1992) is currently serving as the pastor of Del Cerro Baptist Church in La Mesa, CA.

**Charles R. Richardson** (1993), director of Golden Gate Seminary's news bureau, 1961-62, is a newly elected member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board. He is also a volunteer hospital and hospice chaplain.

**Bob Maxey** (1994) is now serving as pastor of The First Southern Baptist Church, Florence, AZ. Bob and his wife,

Sandra, recently celebrated their golden anniversary and have three children who also reside in the Florence area.

**James Broadwater** (1996) has written *A New Day in Mississippi*, published by Strategic Book Group. Broadwater and his family own a small business in Jackson, MS. He is an ordained Southern Baptist minister, former state employee, and veteran of the Mississippi Army National Guard. James is active in politics and currently a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Mississippi.

**Tiberius Rata** (1997) and his wife, Carmen, live in Warsaw, IN. Tiberius is Chair of the Biblical Studies Department, and Professor of Old Testament Studies at Grace College and Theological Seminary, in Winona Lake, IN. He recently published a commentary on Ezra-Nehemiah through Christian Focus.

2000s

**Paul Kim** (2000), founding pastor of Berklend Baptist Church (now Gracepoint Ministries), announced his retirement after 30 years as that church's senior pastor. He will serve as church planting consultant, mentoring pastors and church planters.

**Bob Livingston** (2000) serves as the Logistics Coordinator for Aid Sudan in Kampala, Uganda. The inter-denominational non-profit was founded in 2000 to aid the growth of southern Sudanese communities committed to serving Jesus Christ. Bob administers and coordinates short-term mission trips and special projects. Additionally, he is helping to develop a program to train teachers and lead mission trips into southern Sudan. Bob and his wife, Suzy, have three children – Elise, Brody, and Milenia.

**Aimee Scalf** (2001) is currently serving as a NAMB missionary in Church and Community Ministries, Women's Ministry, and Missions Education with the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

**James (Jim) Hardwicke** (2002) graduated in May 2010 with a PhD from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently serving as pastor of First Baptist Church, Neosho, MO.

**Peter Swann** (2003) serves as Executive Director of Aid Sudan. The inter-denominational non-profit was founded in 2000 to aid the growth of southern Sudanese communities committed to serving Jesus Christ. Peter speaks two tribal languages and oversees the direction of Aid Sudan. He is also working towards a Doctor of Intercultural Studies degree through Fuller Seminary. Peter and his wife, Shauna, have two children – Allison and Timothy.

**Rickey Harvey** (2006) served Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Tucson, AZ for 10 years while attending Golden Gate's Arizona campus. He currently serves Mount Olivet Baptist Church, the largest African American Baptist Church in Rochester, NY with a membership of more than 1000. Harvey was also a member and lead singer for two of Memphis' top recording gospel quartet groups, the Stars of Nightingales and the Dixie Wonders.

**Pablo Zorzoli** (2006) lives in the Nashville, TN area and has been serving as a chaplain at the Nashville Rescue Mission for more than two years.

**Joe Atinsky** (2007) serves as Military Academy teacher at John B. Allard School in Turlock, CA. He also serves as Business Manager and Ministry Liaison at Dry Creek Community Church in Riverbank, CA and plans to serve in Chiapas, Mexico during the summer months of 2011.

**Ryuichi "Lou" Ishikawa** (2008) and his wife, Mieko, serve in Israel, through the International Mission Board.

**Don and Raquel Major** (2009) are serving as short-term volunteers in New York City at the West Manhattan Church. They are redrafting the church's purpose statement and updating their goals and objectives in order to better reach the community.

**Doug Tiemann** (2010) is serving as the associate pastor of worship and assimilation at Majestic Baptist Church in Pueblo, CO. Doug and his wife, **Reann** (2010), have two daughters.

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