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Golden Gate is blessed to focus its ministry in multiple locations throughout the western United States. We work amidst incredible diversity – ethnically, socially, economically, politically, and spiritually. Outsiders sometimes lament the supposed difficulty of our situation and try to commiserate with us. Golden Gate people respond politely, but we don't share the same concern. We don't think condolences are in order! We *celebrate* the fact we work in such diverse settings, with the ensuring challenges – all more representative of the global community than any one-dimensional milieu would be.

Because of our setting, we work hard at contextualization, acculturating the gospel and its implications resulting in relevance in ministry. We learn to appreciate different perspectives, enjoy different foods, celebrate new holidays, and practice varying forms of church life. This is all for ministry now, in the

United States – not preparation for overseas service. Major campus events like our Intersect Conference every fall and our new degree program, the Master of Intercultural Ministry, are institutional expressions of our commitment to contextualization.

But more than these programmatic expressions, the example of students and faculty living out our values is more inspiring. As you read this *Gateway*, you will discover Golden Gate students and graduates who are using their training to expand God's kingdom around the world. They represent Golden Gate well – moving forward with a *biblical* message and a *missional* mandate to make a *global* impact. Thank God for them and for the continuing work of Golden Gate Seminary.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff P. Iorg President

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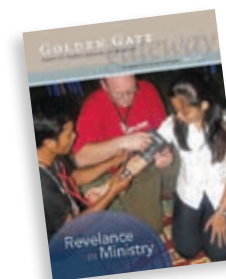
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Bill Lotz working with a group of Christians in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, during a trip with Medical Teams International in February 2010. The church, New Life Fellowship of Cambodia, had agreed to be part of a grass roots effort to build an emergency medical system in the country. Bill taught CPR, first aid, and patient evaluation along with spiritual care during crisis. Read his story on page 6.



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One of Golden Gate Seminary's core values and essential leadership characteristics is to be relevant in one's ministry. Our students are trained to be Christian leaders who:

- *Understand the biblical, theological, historical, personal, and experiential foundations of communicating the Gospel in a meaningful way, in context.*
- *Determine how to communicate the Gospel effectively within different ministry contexts.*
- *Demonstrate a commitment to interpreting the Gospel in his or her context of ministry.*
- *Understand and articulate the form of God's mission for a particular ministry situation.*

Many of our alumni are currently serving in ministries in the U.S. and overseas which require contextualization of the Gospel. We have prepared these leaders to be relevant in their ministries – to move forward with a biblical message and a missional mandate to make a global impact.

The four alumni profiled on the following pages represent a diverse selection of ministries – ethnically, socially, economically, politically, and spiritually. The stories of how they are using their seminary training are just a few from the many Golden Gate graduates who continue to expand God's kingdom around the world.

From Pilot to Pastor

BY MEREDITH BRUNSON

As a 9-year-old boy, Anthony Dockery made his way out of the pew at New Galilee Missionary Baptist in Detroit, Michigan, and went forward to receive Christ. Dockery recalled Pastor Ridgeway looking at him and saying, "Young man, I don't know you, but you're going to be a preacher."

Through his teen years, the memory of this experience faded, but at the age of 19, God used another stranger to speak to Dockery about God's call for his life. While witnessing door to door in Oklahoma, a woman said to him, "If God has called you into the ministry; you need to stop waiting and do it!"

Before attending Golden Gate Seminary in 1999, he served in the military as a pilot and aircraft electrician. But his earlier experiences helped the boy who grew up in Detroit realize that he was ready to commit his life to the ministry. Dockery now serves as the senior pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in La Puente, California, one of the most prominent churches in Southern California.

"I chose Golden Gate because of the practical approach it takes toward ministry," he recalled. After attending the Southern California campus and earning a Master of Divinity, Dockery went on to receive a Doctor of Ministry, which he completed in 2005 at the Northern California campus.

Looking back, Dockery saw how his experience at Golden Gate prepared him for his current ministry position. "Going to a relational seminary helped an introvert like me to be more extroverted when needed for my current role," he said. "Golden Gate helped me to more efficiently work through processes while dealing with a wide array of opportunities," he said. As a seminary student, Dockery learned the importance of juggling ministry, family, and administration, which is a skill he has come to appreciate in full-time ministry.

Dockery recalled Dr. Ronald Hornecker as the professor who had the greatest influence. "He is the most insightful man I have met and he was able to speak a lot of truth into my life as a D.Min. candidate." His favorite professor was Dr. Jeff Iorg. "He taught a seminar during my D.Min. studies that was simply priceless," Dockery recalled.

Dockery and his wife, Yvonne, have been married for 21 years and enjoy serving the Lord together at St. Stephen. Dockery refers others to Golden Gate because of the positive experience he had as a student, and because it prepared him well for his current ministry position. "If you desire a consistent blend of academics, practicality, and affordability, you can't beat Golden Gate Seminary." ■

Meredith Brunson, a Master of Missiology student, graduated from Campbell University (2009, BA/Journalism). A North Carolina native, she served as a short-term missionary in Sri Lanka and Hawaii, and hopes God will allow her to serve international students with the Gospel after graduation.



Women's Ministry Leader

BY PHYLLIS EVANS

"I never thought I'd have the opportunity to attend Golden Gate Seminary. It was truly a gift from the Lord," said Becky Badry, looking back on her seminary experience. "The timing was right, and my husband encouraged me since he was also a student at that time. Plus it was what God had called me to do."

Badry received her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degree in 2010, while living and working in Colorado. She had joined the staff of the Colorado Baptist General Convention (CBGC) in 2001, and worked closely with Woman's Missionary Union and women's ministry leaders throughout the state of Colorado, encouraging them to teach and train women to share Christ. She led conferences in the state, and spoke at many conferences across the U.S. She encouraged and supported pastors' wives by traveling and hosting retreats for them.

Although Badry came to the CBGC as women's resources director, a position that also included Vacation Bible School training and Kids' Camp, she soon took on the responsibilities of the Conventions' partnerships with other states and countries. The North American Mission Board commissioned her as the Missions Mobilization Director and she was also a conference speaker for LifeWay Women's Resources.

During her ten years as the CBGC's women's resources director, Badry saw a need for leadership coaching for

women. "God asked me to use what I had learned and create a training program for women who are already, or aspiring to be, in ministry leadership."

In 2009 she founded Women in Leadership Coaching, a multi-dimensional, comprehensive year-long process designed to come alongside women who seek to have maximum impact as leaders. Badry developed four courses, which build on each other. She also offers traditional coaching of teams and individuals.

Golden Gate "made it real easy to apply what I was learning to the context of my ministry," Badry recalled. "I gained more confidence as a teacher, a trainer, and a leader. My Golden Gate education changed my life." She valued the practical, hands-on experiences. "It was easy to contextualize what I was learning, to take it from the classroom to my coaching ministry." She also praised the support she received from her professors. "They were accessible practitioners, not just scholarly. They taught from their own hands-on experience, and fully understood what they were teaching."

Late this summer, Badry and her husband, Jay, left Colorado for Oklahoma, the state where she grew up. Jay's new position as pastor of Wewoka First Baptist Church is an opportunity for Badry to take on the position of women's ministry leader in their new church. "Now I'll be doing what I trained others to do, and I've really missed that." ■



Vickey Banks (left) of Council Road Baptist Church in Bethany, introducing Becky Badry at the 2011 Oklahoma State Evangelism Conference Women's Session.

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Called to Chaplaincy

BY SHEILA ALLEN A version of this article first appeared in *Northwest Baptist Witness* December 2010

From the beginning days as a volunteer fireman in the state of Washington to his current ministry as chaplain, Bill Lotz felt the call to service.

"I denied my calling to vocational ministry at first," said Lotz, chaplain with Tri-Cities Chaplaincy in Washington. "After high school, I was focused on becoming a forester and went to Washington State University. I became very involved with student ministry there and also at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pullman, Washington, in music leadership and youth ministry."

After graduation, Lotz was hired by the U.S. Forest Service in northern Idaho while still trying to heed his call to volunteer ministry. During a layoff from the Forest Service, Lotz served as a short-term missionary at the University of Hawaii, which he acknowledged as a confirmation of his call to ministry. Although he went back to forestry, he married and moved to Tri-Cities, Washington. There, he led Bible studies at Kennewick Baptist Church.

"The church wanted me to come on board as associate pastor and offered to send me to Golden Gate Seminary's Pacific Northwest Campus," Lotz said. "So I accepted the associate pastor position and

I drove back and forth to Portland for seminary classes for four straight years, while at the same time I was full-time at the church, a volunteer firefighter, and had two daughters," he recalled. "But I wouldn't trade that training time for anything. To have the opportunity to receive theological education while immersed in local ministry was amazing. Visiting professors used our real-life situations as part of the classroom curriculum." He noted that this time was also an opportunity to be closely involved with the Northwest Baptist Convention staff, since the Seminary shares facilities.

Lotz recalled how during seminary he struggled when he "saw guys that knew their specific plans, while I only felt a general call." He explained that chaplaincy didn't exist then as it does now. "I worked through that to be open to God's leadership, whatever that might be."

Eventually, he began to experience God's direction. The fire crews Lotz worked with knew he was a Christian and his ministry position. Often, after responding to a fire call, the crew would ask Lotz to stay and help the family with the crisis. His position was ultimately formalized as a chaplain for victim assistance, trauma, and fire-related needs.


"Not everyone on the team was excited to have chaplains coming along," Lotz noted. "But I became busy enough that I had to give up firefighting itself."

At this time, in addition to the chaplaincy duties, Lotz took on the pastorate of First Baptist Church of West Richland, Washington. The church began to flourish in the 1990s, at the same time his chaplaincy ministry escalated.

"Tri-City Chaplaincy, which offered hospital, jail, and hospice chaplains, hired me on a part-time basis," Lotz said. "This allowed me the opportunity to begin helping other fire departments to set up chaplaincy programs." That's when Lotz realized his ministry calling was indeed chaplaincy.

"I began to look around for more chaplaincy training materials as my responsibilities grew," Lotz said. "There wasn't much out there, but Golden Gate Seminary's Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program was just what I was looking for, since the program requires you to work on a specific project based on your area of ministry practice." His D.Min. project, developing a chaplaincy training model, has since been used in many settings.

For example, the National Federation of Fire Chaplains, a volunteer organization of individuals performing fire chaplaincy work, asked Lotz to create a training model that was consequently adopted by the organization. After teaching the material for some time, he is teaching other trainers using that model, and is the director of training for the federation. "The material is now being used for training fire chaplains in Peru after I met a missionary at a national fire department," Lotz said. "He asked permission to translate it so they could begin using the model I developed." Lotz has traveled to China, Cambodia, and Mongolia to assist with training for chaplaincy in underdeveloped countries.

"I never anticipated how God would open things up," Lotz said. "It was such a difficult decision to leave pastoral ministry, because I enjoyed it so much and was blessed by it." Referring to his Golden Gate experience, Lotz said, "I am so thankful that the leadership at Golden Gate was willing to work with me on developing the D.Min. project in chaplaincy. The education process allowed me to develop materials and knowledge while allowing time and space for God to develop me. That combination has resulted in being prepared for God to use me effectively in this little niche of Kingdom ministry called chaplaincy." 

Sheila Allen is the managing editor of the *Northwest Baptist Witness*.



Page 6: Bill with children in a Cambodian village

Page 7: (Left) Bill helps with rice harvest in Cambodia
(Above) Bill with fire department officials in Beijing

Missionary to Arizona

BY RANDY GARCIA

"Our desire is to serve as missionaries in North America in order to make disciples of all nations," said Max Stabenow, 2011 Master of Divinity grad. He and his wife, Sarah, are Nehemiah church planting missionaries appointed in 2008 by the North American Mission Board (NAMB). "We believe church planting is one of the best vehicles to engage the unreached people groups that reside in North America and we pray for an opportunity to plant churches wherever God allows."

Stabenow, an Arizona native who grew up loving the Lord, earned a Bachelor's in Humanities in 2008 at The College at Southwestern in Texas. While researching seminaries, Stabenow met Golden Gate's Arizona Campus Director David Johnson and realized Golden Gate Seminary was the best way to continue his theological education.

"It was Golden Gate's reputation of having a heart for missions, as well as the outstanding faculty and great staff that convinced me this was where I should get my graduate degree," the 29-year-old said.

In addition to maintaining a solid GPA as a full-time seminary student and working as a church planter, Stabenow was a phone encourager for Evangelism Response Center (another NAMB ministry), as well as a chaplain for a major league baseball team at their Scottsdale training facilities. Since graduation, he continues to serve these three ministries, and is also committed in his role as father to two-year-old Kate and eight-month-old Jack.

While most people understand how a church planter and a baseball chaplain serve, a "phone encourager" is something different. Stabenow explained that an 800 phone number is published on the back of Gospel tracts, and people call the number looking for spiritual help. "The computer routes calls to me, as one of several counselors on duty. I share the Gospel, answer the callers' questions, and connect them with resources." He explained that people call from all over the country. "After I speak with them, they are contacted by a church in their area within 72 hours." He credited his seminary education in providing him with the insight and expertise for the phone counseling.

Stabenow described an encounter with a caller named Mike, who had discovered the phone number on a tract he had received from two guys who had shared the Gospel with him. "Mike, who was Jewish, was extremely bothered by the things the men were telling him," recalled Stabenow. "He had never heard the full Gospel, and decided to buy a Bible. Not knowing where to start, he called the 800 number on the back of the tract, and I had the privilege of answering the call." Mike asked question after question, and Stabenow referred him to specific Scripture passages. "It was clear the Holy Spirit was opening the eyes of this Jewish man. As Mike asked a question, God reminded me of the passage that answered his question. This continued for an hour and a half." As Mike was reading, he realized his need for the Savior, recognized his sin, and asked Stabenow what he needed to do to be saved.

"I had Mike read Romans 10 and without any prompting from me, Mike realized he needed to confess his sins and ask for forgiveness, and that's what he did." He had been transformed by the reading of God's Word as the Holy Spirit opened up his eyes.

"The phone call concluded with Mike asking me to pray for him when he told his wife and family what God had done in his life," said Stabenow. "I was overwhelmed by his request. Mike already knew he needed to share the Gospel and was going to start with those who were the closest to him."

"I thank God for allowing me to see the Holy Spirit work inside Mike's life," Stabenow said. "This was a perfect example of how God uses his children in multiple ways to bring about salvation. Some planted, others watered, God harvested."

Stabenow attributed the development of his ministry skills to his seminary education and the knowledgeable faculty. "The classes were definitely challenging; some courses more than others. But the faculty was approachable and always willing to help if I needed clarification. They taught the material with high academic expectations, and without losing the practical application for everyday ministry." 📖

Randy Garcia is a Master of Divinity student at the Northern California Campus. Prior to heeding God's call to seminary, Garcia served as a sergeant for 17 years with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. He is married with four children, and commutes from his home in Eureka, CA.



Max Stabenow and wife, Sarah, with children Kate and Jack

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Youth Ministry Training

BY PAUL KELLY



"The Youth Ministry program at Golden Gate Seminary has broadened my view on ministering not only to adolescents, but to their parents and families as well," said Darren Lo, a youth ministry leader at First Chinese Baptist Church in Los Angeles. "Youth ministry must work in partnership with

parents for the well-being of their children's spiritual lives. My training at Golden Gate has prepared me with important tools to guide teenagers and their families in discovering the truth of Christ."

Individuals such as Darren, who is a Master of Divinity student at Golden Gate, develop skills to cultivate a strategy and curriculum which help youth grow as disciples of Christ. These leaders often guide a volunteer youth ministry team to invest in the lives of teenagers and their families, and provide them with effective pastoral care.

"Some study youth ministry because they believe God has called them to a lifelong ministry with students," said Dr. Shera Melick, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership.

"Others study youth ministry because they are currently serving this age group and want to sharpen their skills. Golden Gate provides programs which meet a variety of educational needs, whether it is a degree or a certificate."

Golden Gate offers a certificate in youth ministry allowing a student to receive specialized training without the investment in a seminary degree.

However, most students complete a youth ministry concentration with a Master of Divinity or focus on youth ministry in a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degree.

"The strategy of youth ministry instruction at Golden Gate is cutting edge," explained Dr. Leroy Gainey, Chair, Educational Leadership, and J.M. Frost Professor of Educational Leadership. "Studying youth ministry at Golden Gate Seminary is challenging. Students are asked to read, reflect, wrestle with issues, develop plans, research, and discuss the serious issues facing

those who work with teenagers today. Assignments are designed to sharpen skills, with the goal of understanding the cultural mix of today's teens. Seminary students are taught to adapt methods to an increasingly diverse and multi-cultural world."

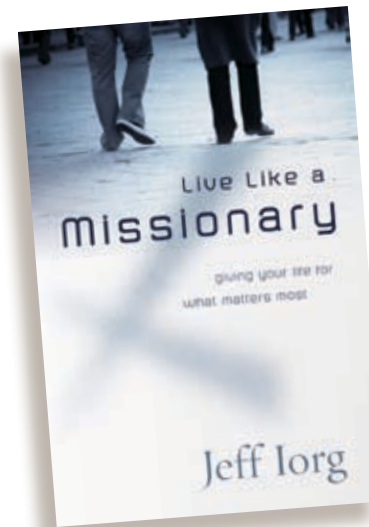
For example, John Armstrong, Golden Gate Master of Divinity student and youth minister at Castlewood Baptist Church in Vallejo, California, recently returned from a Golden Gate 'Beyond Teams' mission trip focused on empowering youth leaders and sharing Christ with teenagers in Southeast Asia. "Studying youth ministry at Golden Gate has not only equipped me to lead a youth ministry team, it has given me opportunities to

learn from the vast experiences of my professors through classroom lectures, hands-on practices, and personal conversations. My educational experiences have been awesome and very practical."

Dr. Paul Kelly, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, leads the youth ministry program at Golden Gate. He holds a Ph.D. in Christian Education with a Concentration in Youth Ministry. He is a youth ministry veteran who has invested his life in equipping other leaders to disciple teenagers.



Live Like a Missionary – Giving your life for what matters most



President Jeff Iorg's latest book is written for "everyday" Christians who long to live more connected to God's mission to get the gospel to as many people as possible.

A missionary heart beats within you, but since you are not a missionary, what can you do about it? How can you live out your deepest spiritual longings to be part of God's mission?

You wonder: Can God really use me to change lives, build His church, and enlarge His kingdom?

Absolutely yes – when you learn to live like a missionary right now; right where you are. This book will chart your course for that journey, a spiritual adventure instead of a relocation halfway around the world.

This book is published by New Hope Publishers and is available at all booksellers nationwide and online.

Missional living is not just for missionaries in Africa – it is for all who have heard the call to follow Jesus. Insightful and challenging, this book calls every believer to get off the bench and make an impact for Christ.

– Anthony Jordan, Executive Director, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma

Theological Database Available to Alumni at No Cost



<http://ggbts.edu/alumni/atlas.aspx> **ATLAS**

Golden Gate Seminary is pleased to announce the extension of free access to an online theological database from the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). Seminary alumni may continue to enjoy online access to the records of over 140 scholarly religious journals. This is a condensed version of the ATLA religion database that is available to current Seminary students.

What is "ATLAS"? ALTASerials (ATLAS) is ATLA's online full-text collection of more than 140 key journals, selected by leading scholars, theologians, and clergy.

Users can read articles or research the history of a topic from as early as 1924 to the present. Currently researchers are able to use ATLAS as a search tool to retrieve images of the pages in more than 140 different journals.

Some representative titles from the ATLAS online collection include: *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, *Church History*, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *Biblioteca Sacra*, *Interpretation*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, and *Theology Today*.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue to offer our alumni such a rich and robust electronic resource to continue their learning beyond Golden Gate," said Kelly Campbell, Golden Gate Seminary's Director of Library Services. "American Theological Library Association has always been a great partner in providing quality resources for the theological field. I invite our alumni to take advantage of this free, first-class database, which will continue through April 2013."

Database link: <http://ggbts.edu/alumni/atlas.aspx>



Faith Kim



John Shouse



Reggie Thomas



Steve Veteto



Jim Wilson

Faith Kim, chair and professor of Intercultural Education, taught a summer intensive course at The Korea Baptist Theological University and Seminary. She also spoke to pastors, women's leadership in ministry, and youth leaders for ministry in Burundi and Rwanda at Central Africa Mission. She presented a seminar to doctoral students on "Lifespan Development and Spiritual Formation for Educational Practice" at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

John Shouse, professor of Christian Theology, in June performed a "Gospel Illusion" program in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Reggie Thomas, director of the Seminary's Southern California Campus, received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in May.

Steve Veteto, director of the Seminary's Rocky Mountain Campus, spoke in May at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Billings, Montana, for their Bible Conference on Biblical Interpretation.

Jim Wilson, associate director, Doctor of Ministry Program and associate professor of Leadership Skills Formation, received a "Higher Goals in Christian Journalism" award from the Evangelical Press Association for the article he co-wrote with Ralph Neighbour, III. "Losing Control" was published in the Winter 2010 issue.



Highest Recommendation from Accreditation Agencies

Golden Gate Seminary recently completed a multi-year accreditation study, resulting in full accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). Both agencies gave the Seminary the highest recommendations for all its academic programs.

"These two reports could not have been better," said President Jeff Iorg. "We received the strongest affirmation possible, the best scores for which we could have hoped." He noted that the accreditation included the entire five-campus system, and the Seminary received the longest recertification period available from ATS, which is ten years.

The process leading to the recertification was a joint study by both WASC and ATS. They evaluated extensive reports which were prepared by the Seminary, including the Capacity and Preparatory Report, and the Educational Effectiveness Report. They visited the Seminary, reviewing facilities and interviewing staff, students, and faculty.

Michael Martin, Vice President of Academic Affairs, said that accreditation is important because it "provides third-party quality assurance to the Seminary, to students and to other schools. It confirms that we are financially stable, properly delivering the course work, adequately staffed, and delivering an appropriate level of education."

Golden Gate was commended by the accreditation team for excellence in several areas including unified focus on the mission, student assessment across all programs and at all five campuses, faculty participation in institutional processes, sound fiscal management, and enthusiastic support and participation by all employees in developing a new, long-range plan for the Seminary.

The report from the accreditation team called Golden Gate "a healthy institution that is providing a sound education for its students." Dr. Iorg remarked, "We have always believed in our process and product, but it's nice to have independent corroboration of the good work we are doing." 📖

In the Land of Milk and Honey

BY JOSEPH KIM

It's hard to believe that it's been 40 years since my brothers and I were grinning from ear to ear looking at the refrigerator filled with pineapples, bananas, milk, and a variety of sodas on that first night we arrived in Los Angeles in 1971. We had truly arrived in the land of milk and honey. It wasn't too long after our arrival that my family began to pursue the American Dream of education, prosperity, and living happily ever after.

Twenty years later, I was living that dream: advanced degrees in the high-tech field which resulted in a nice career, house in the suburbs, stay-at-home wife with three healthy kids. But instead of a sense of achievement and fulfillment, I was overwhelmed with feelings of dissatisfaction and disillusionment. I was living the American Dream, but felt there must be something more.

When we were growing up, our parents never had a spiritual conversation about why God brought us to America, or what He wanted us to do here, even though my family has a long, rich, Christian history. Didn't He have a higher purpose for us than just living in the land of milk and honey? Or was it all about the American dream?

This question took seven years to answer. God used seminary education, a career change, godly counsel from my oldest brother and other spiritual mentors to teach me that God brought our family to America for a purpose greater than the American Dream—a spiritual purpose to know Him and make Him known to the nations.

Now, as a pastor in the Asian American community, I see the same "American Dream" attitude in this generation. My challenge to the Korean American and other immigrant congregations is to prayerfully consider God's purpose for their lives, to seek how they can be a blessing to those in their neighborhoods, work places, and even to those in faraway places around the world.

Forty years of living in the land of milk and honey, God has been teaching me that the American Dream is not the ultimate measure of His blessings in my life. I have humbly realized that God has brought the nations to America to pursue a much bigger dream of proclaiming life, liberty, and hope in Jesus Christ to those in this land and beyond, to the uttermost parts of the world. This indeed is a dream worth pursuing. 📖

Joseph J. Kim, Associate Professor of Intercultural Education, has been teaching at Golden Gate Seminary since August, 1996. He has served English-speaking Asian Americans since 1990.



Joseph Kim with wife, Mary, and children Austin, Caleh, and Karis.

Digging in Israel

Faith, archaeology, and discovery

BY PHYLLIS EVANS



This summer professor Gary Arbino and some Golden Gate Seminary students and their spouses participated in the fifth season of the Tel Gezer excavations in Israel. The Marian Eakins Archaeological Collection (the museum) of Golden Gate Seminary has been a consortium member of this multi-disciplinary field project since excavations began in 2006. The project's continuing goal is to better understand the ancient city of Gezer – a major city of the biblical period, associated directly by the biblical text with King Solomon.

"This season we found substantial materials: buildings and fortifications dating to Solomon's time (ca. 10th century B.C.)," said Golden Gate Seminary professor of Archaeology and Old Testament Interpretation Gary Arbino, one of two field archaeologists who ran the day-to-day excavations in the semi-arid Judean lowlands.

"About 100 people excavated thirty 5x5 meter squares in two fields, uncovering materials and architecture dating from the Hellenistic period (ca. 200 B.C.) to the Late Bronze Age (ca. 1300 B.C.), with a focus on the 10th and 9th centuries," Arbino reported.

Two Golden Gate students accompanied by their husbands joined Dr. Arbino for the five-week Tel Gezer project; Lila and Maoe Tjoe, with Julie Miller and Sylvan Eidelman.



"The landscape, the people, the artifacts – it gave me a connection with the people from that time period, an understanding of their way of life," said Lila Tjoe of her archaeology experience. "Seeing and touching the items that were uncovered: the pottery, olive press, even the bones they used to sharpen tools – it was very valuable and enriching for my personal and academic growth, especially as a student of the Bible."

"This project provided me with a unique opportunity for a hands-on experience in excavation as well as to be able to explore Israel, work and spend time with many serious students of archaeology, history, and the Bible," agreed Maoe Tjoe, who audited the course. "I gained knowledge on an intellectual level, insight on a spiritual level, and endurance on a physical level, all while interacting with many wonderful people from all over the U.S. and the world."

"My involvement with the dig gave me an appreciation of how the science of archaeology reveals the stories of a site's occupation and use," added Julie Miller. "Our discoveries informed my understanding of the ancient Near East and the world of the Bible. We found things like a potters' wheel, flints, juglets, and even a game board. Everyday items like slingshot balls, weights used on a loom, or basalt grinding stones were fairly common. Bones of all kinds of animals were also found where they were buried or tossed outside a room. These bones may tell what was eaten or what animals were domesticated."

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(Top) Lila uncovering a treasure in her square

(Middle) Julie Miller with a pickaxe onsite at Tel Gezer

(Bottom) Dr. Gary Arbino with field staff overlooking Field West, Tel Gezer



Digging through layers of human habitation is something like walking from the rim of the Grand Canyon to the Colorado River, Miller observed. In the canyon, you see the layers of sandstone change texture and color, and in a dig you see the changes in the dirt consistency as well as the pottery styles.

"The 2011 season at Tel Gezer was very successful and has produced much material for further research," said Arbino. "We were pleased to have these Golden Gate students and their spouses participate with us. They contributed much to the overall experience of the dig."

For information about participating (as a volunteer excavator or financial supporter), contact Dr. Gary Arbino at garyarbino@ggbs.edu.



(Top) Clearing away dust before sunrise for better "soil reading"

(Left) The GGBTS team as well as co-dig directors Dr. Sam Wolff of the Israel Antiquities Authority and Dr. Steven M. Ortiz from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

(Above) Tel Gezer archaeological finds

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BY VICTOR VANLOO

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Distinguished Alumni Honored

Golden Gate Seminary presented two graduates with the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award. This award, presented each year, is given to alumni whose life and ministry best model the Seminary's mission of shaping leaders who expand God's kingdom around the world.

Bobby Evans received his award on June 15 at the Seminary's Alumni and Friends luncheon during the 2011 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Phoenix. Naomi Paget was presented with her award on May 28 during the commencement ceremony of the Seminary's Arizona Campus.

Bobby Evans is a Rome, Georgia native who graduated from Golden Gate Seminary in 1961 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He served as a pastor in Northern California before the International Mission Board appointed Evans and his wife, Dorothy, in 1964 to assignments in Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. Evans spent 37 years as a church planter, pastor, urban evangelism trainer, church growth consultant, and theological training leader. In 2000, Evans and his wife co-authored *Great Things He Has Done*, a 50-year history of the Malaysian Baptist Convention. Since retiring in 2002, Evans has made nine mission trips to nine different countries and founded a casino ministry in Kansas City, Missouri. He and Dorothy currently live in Independence, Missouri where he serves his local church, Coventry Estates Baptist Church.



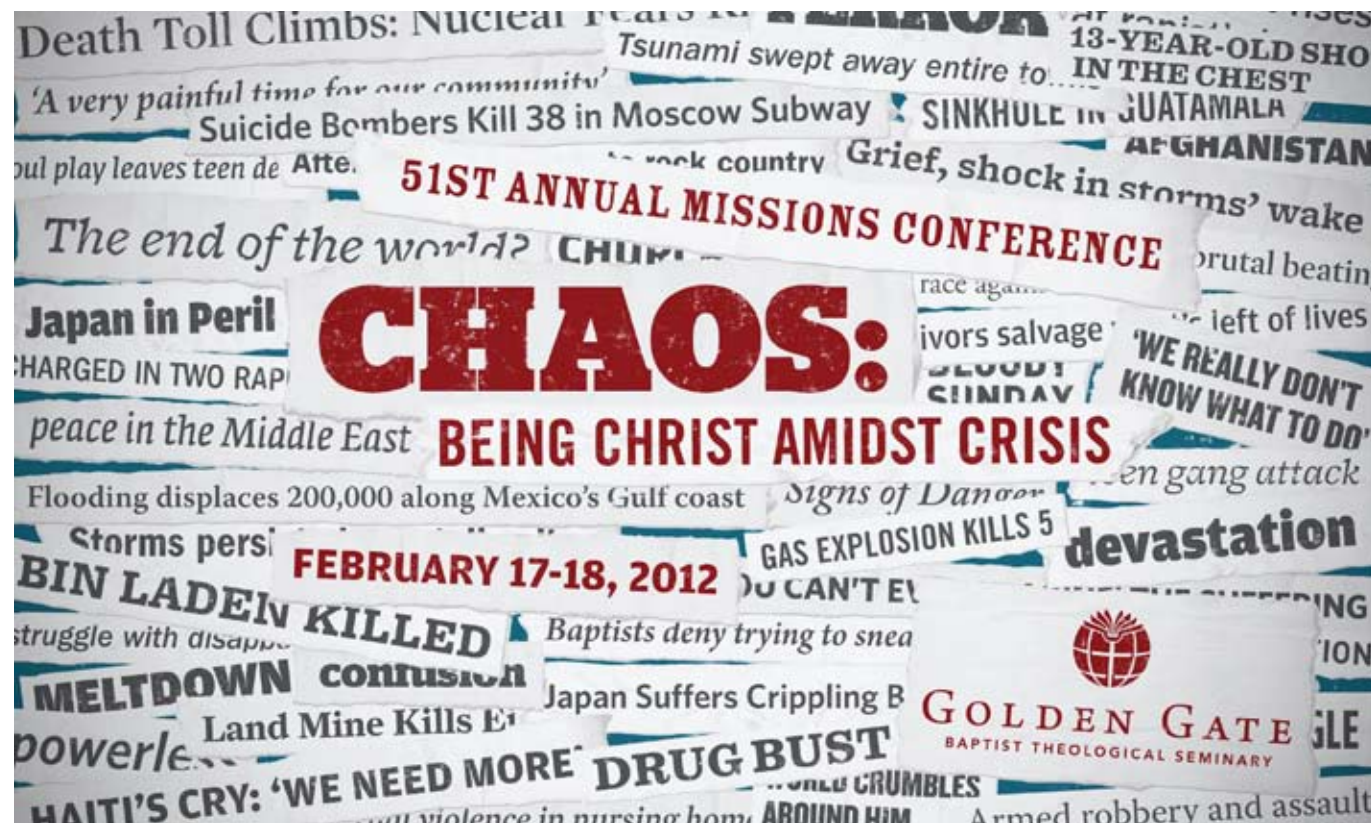
Bobby Evans



President Jeff Iorg with Naomi Paget

Evans attended the Seminary's 50 years on *Strawberry Point* anniversary celebration in 2009, and the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1961 in 2011.

Naomi Paget graduated from Golden Gate Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1995, and a Doctor of Ministry in 2003. She serves with the North American Mission Board as Red Cross Liaison, chaplaincy consultant for the Red Cross, chaplain for the FBI, and travels extensively throughout the world providing comfort and training in disaster situations. She recently returned from serving as a disaster relief chaplain in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami. In 2003, Dr. Paget and her husband, John, established the Neva Burk Scholarship for Women in Ministry. This scholarship has provided financial assistance to more than 70 students at the Arizona and Rocky Mountain campuses of Golden Gate Seminary. ■



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Preaching is not a method or a strategy. It is a timeless means of God speaking to his people.

Jeff Iorg, Golden Gate Seminary President

Wherever I'm planted, I know I'll sprout Bible.

Leroy Gainey, Chair, Educational Leadership
J.M. Frost Professor of Educational Leadership

A shared meal and hospitality, whether extended or received, holds incredible power. Experiencing food bonds you deeper and faster than any other means, and hospitality should be a key component in evangelism and church planting efforts.

Eddie Pate, Associate Professor of Missions, Director of The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions, and Chair of the Intercultural Department

1970s-1980s

Fred Delano Kerr (1972) has retired after serving for 39 years as pastor at Greenville Southern Baptist Church, Greenville, CA.

C. Preston North (1973) is currently serving as senior pastor at Mountain View Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, CA.

James Alfred Smith, Sr. (1975) was a visiting scholar at Gardner-Webb University, School of Divinity, Boiling Springs, NC, from January through May 2011.

Clarke McGriff (1980) was recently inducted by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Army ROTC into its 2011 Hall of Fame.

Ferebe Gasque (1982) and Gary Pearce were married on December 11, 2010, in Florence, SC. Ferebe serves as music therapist at McLeod Hospice House in Florence, SC. Gary is a retired chaplain with the Louisiana Department of Corrections.

Rudy Aguila (1983) serves as co-pastor of Redrock Baptist Church in Las Vegas, NV.

Gary Lukas (1983) wrote *Seven Years in Sodom: San Francisco, An Urban Mission*, published by Xulon Press.

Bobby Lowman (1984) has served as executive director of Metrolina Baptist Association in Charlotte, NC since 2006.

Rhonda Russell (1984) recorded her song "The Last Amen" as the Gospel representative on a Nashville independent label. She was accepted as member of the ASCAP/writer-publisher, and appeared in the film "Heaven's Rain" in 2010. Her husband, Joel, died from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Charles Conn (1986) celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary in May, 2011. He retired on January 1, 2011 after serving as Christian counselor. He was also a team leader for five Arizona state departments of public safety and highway patrol chaplains, and was a chaplain for 11 years.

Alcides Guajardo (1988) became the first person in the 64-year history of Baptist University of the Americas to receive an honorary doctor of divinity on May 14, 2011.

1990s

Eduardo Docampo (1991) retired after serving with North American Mission Board Alpharetta Staff. Prior to that, he served as chaplain with the U.S. Army National Guard.

Dr. Roger Barrier (1992) who serves as pastor of Casas Church in Tucson, AZ, wrote *Got Guts? Get Godly: Pray the Prayer God Guarantees to Answer*, published by Xulon Press.

Scott Longwell (1996) serves as the lead pastor at First Baptist Church of Worland, WY.

2000s

Hun Lee (2000) serves as a church planter in Edmonds, WA.

James Tille (1988, 2000) was named Cambridge Publishing's 2009 Professional of the Year in Christian Counseling.

Diane (Ratcliff) Holford (2001) serves as human resource director for Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale.

John McDaniel (2001) is currently serving as Director of Music and Worship Arts at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA.

Bruce Edwards (2003) serves as pastor at Hope Fellowship in Branson, MO.

April Welch (2004) was accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at Bethel University Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She is pursuing a Church Leadership degree in Organizational Systems.

Elijah (2006) and **Stacey (Harris) Tafao** (2001), now live in East Tennessee where Elijah is serving as minister of music at Robertsville Baptist Church, in Oak Ridge, TN. They have two children, Olivia (3 years old) and Isaiah (10 months old).

Chris Lynch (2007) and his wife, Angie, announced the birth of their son, Caleb, on January 26, 2010. They live in London, England, where they minister to teenagers and their families.

Elizabeth Reust (2011) is currently serving as a volunteer in Cambodia at a house of rescue. She is also studying the language and the culture, and serves as a children's tutor.

Seminary Sprouts



Alec Michael Wiebe
Born July 17, 2009
Andy (2004) and Amy Wiebe



Isaiah Semisi Tafao
Born Sept. 26, 2010
Elijah (2006) and Stacey (2001) Tafao



Mara Naomi Brown
Born Jan. 17, 2011
James (2011) and Neely Brown



Jack Stabenow
Born Feb. 22, 2011
Max (2011) and Sarah Stabenow



Austin Micah Wiebe
Born April 4, 2011
Andy (2004) and Amy Wiebe



Kyle Vincent Pridemore
Born April 19, 2011
Steve (2004) and Jessica Pridemore



Grace Megumi Ishikawa
Born July 11, 2011
Ryuichi (Lou) (2008) and Mieko Ishikawa



Owen Edgar Neuenschwander
Born July 30, 2011
Jon and Leah (2011) Neuenschwander



Annabelle So
Birthdate withheld
Leo (2008) and Daisy So



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In Memoriam

Beulah Childress (1950)
E. Hardy Childress (1950)
Norris Wayne Fulfer (1951, 1972)
Hugh J. Morgan (1952)
Charles Edwin Bush (1956, 1958)
John Stephenson Terry (1957)
Max Kell (1958)
William E. Kolbe (1958)
Robert Julian Daugherty (1959)
Edward Winston Sterner (1963, 1972)
George L. Ray (1965)
Theophilus Patnaik (1968)
Marvel G. Upton (1968)
Doyle W. Phillips (1969)
Evelyn May Boyles (1971)
Alice N. Hyatt (1971)
Judith Mae Beane (1972)
David Yi-kum Cha (1976)
Joseph Kokaly (1979)
Terry Tooru Nomura (1979)
Marion Lee Pryfogle (1979)
Dolores C. Kokaly (1981)
Chanborin Mok Samnang (1993)

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