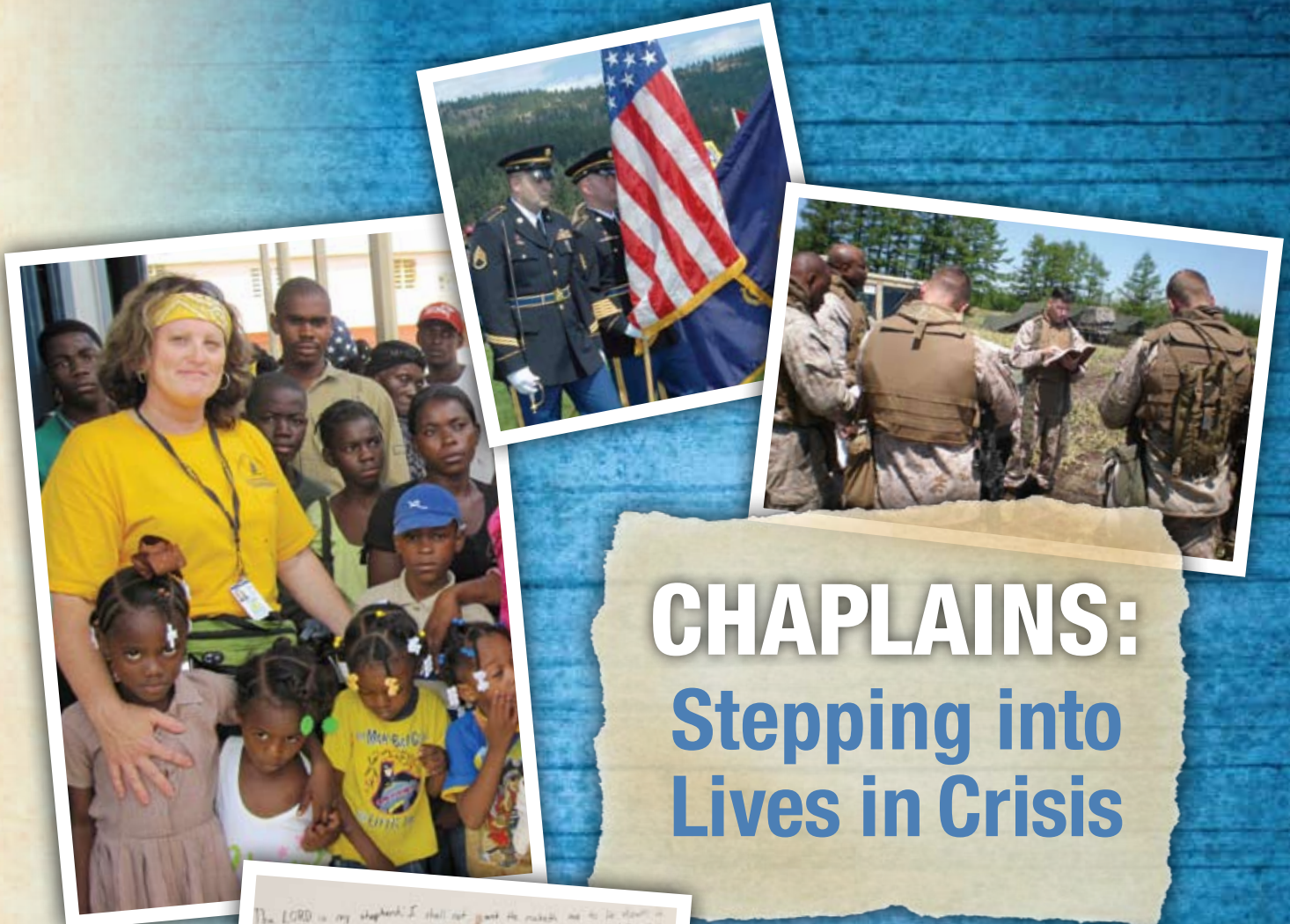


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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thy goodness is like unto mercy in the presence of mine enemies: thou hast delivered my soul from all mine iniquities. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
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Letter from the President



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“We’re getting a divorce – and it’s a mess,” was my introduction to a couple met through my ministry as a corporate chaplain. Their marriage was on the rocks. Poor choices and selfish living were destroying everything.

Listening to their story – in an office conference room, not a church building – started the ministry process. The Gospel, along with God’s plan for marriage, was the solution. Sharing insights and coaching the couple toward implementation was a months-long challenge. Finally, conversion happened and baby-steps turned into great strides forward.

Chaplains take the gospel into the workplace, demonstrating the love of Jesus and communicating His power to change lives. My work among professional athletes is similar to chaplains who work in companies, hospitals, and the military. We embed ourselves in secular settings because people matter to God and we can’t wait for them to come to us, visit our churches, or engage our ministries. Our responsibility is to go – not just around the world – but also to the assembly line, lunch room, and barracks where men and women spend so much of their time.

Does this strategy work? Absolutely. When we engage people on their turf, serve them by meeting practical needs, and model the Christian life in their setting – they listen to our message about Jesus. And, when they do, it results in life change! On my desk is a card from the aforementioned couple in gratitude for my ministry. They wrote, “Your love and caring for us is second to none. You helped save our family.”

Their kind words are appreciated, but misplaced. All I did was introduce them to Jesus. He did the rest. Thank God for chaplains who take the gospel to people.

In addition to our focus on chaplains, I hope you are challenged and informed by the additional articles of our graduates, students, donors, and faculty who are faithfully sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and student referrals. We value your continuing partnership in shaping leaders who expand God’s Kingdom around the world.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff P. Iorg
President

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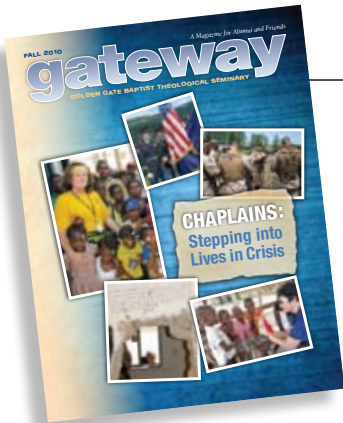
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CHAPLAINS: Stepping into Lives in Crisis

Chaplaincy is a unique ministry, targeted to a specific population. Chaplains serve as spiritual guides in locations such as hospitals, at disaster sites, on the playing field, and in prisons. They minister to soldiers, athletes, veterans, the working community, and more. Their responsibilities include leading worship services, serving as ethical advisors, providing counseling, offering pastoral support and spiritual care for those who have an immediate need.

Golden Gate grad and Navy Chaplain Nick Hamilton effectively describes the role of military chaplain: “The chaplain is a visible reminder of God’s presence. In a combat zone, at sea, in a military training environment, or at an isolated outpost—the chaplain’s presence reminds service members that God has not forgotten them; that He has not abandoned them. In fact, God knows exactly where they are because He has sent a chaplain to them. This is important because it is precisely during times of isolation and separation from family, home, and a worshipping community that people can easily have a crisis of belief. Questions about God and the future can become overwhelming. A quiet

word of reassurance from the chaplain, who gently reminds them of God’s activity, can be what helps a person gain a spiritual perspective of their circumstances.”

Many Golden Gate grads have been called to the ministry of chaplaincy. The following profiles highlight various types of chaplains, and offer insight into how God uses our alumni in this valuable ministry.

Charlie Reynolds

“I love being a chaplain in the Army. I love jumping out of airplanes, riding in Blackhawks, and I would rather drive through mud and sand to do services for a few grubby soldiers than preach in a Crystal Cathedral,” said Charlie Reynolds, World Religion Chaplain for XVIII Airborne Corps. He received his Master of Divinity degree in 1982 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 1989. Explaining why he chose Golden Gate Seminary, Reynolds said, “I felt God leading me to a place outside of the Bible Belt where I would be exposed to a multi-cultural setting. Both the student body at Golden Gate and the San Francisco Bay Area provided me this opportunity. This exposure was excellent preparation for my service as an army chaplain.”

Reynolds described his duties as a chaplain. “My first priority is to ensure the free exercise of religion for all my soldiers, conduct Protestant services, provide counseling, and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Ministering to grieving soldiers and family members is the most difficult part of being a chaplain, and it is in those moments that I have most felt the presence of Christ in my life.”

In addition to his primary responsibilities, he has taken a personal interest in serving as his commander’s liaison officer to religious leaders. “In Bosnia, I met regularly with the Orthodox Priest, Catholic Priest and the Muslim Imam first in Brčko in 1997 and then in Tuzla in 2000.”

At the end of that deployment, the Army sent Reynolds to Princeton Seminary to earn a Master’s Degree in Religion and Culture. He observed that the educational preparation he received at Golden Gate proved invaluable. “I was able to excel in that challenging academic environment. I served in Afghanistan 16 months where I was the liaison to the Imam who was the Minister of Religion for Paktia Province. Last year, I was selected for the Army War College and served as a Fellow at

the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) at George Mason University where, once again, I benefited from my academic preparation at Golden Gate.” Reynolds explained that his focus at ICAR was on learning how to use religion in conflict resolution.

His studies at ICAR were in preparation for his current assignment as the World Religion Chaplain for the XVIII Airborne Corps, where, beginning in January, he will advise the commander on religious issues and will be responsible for Strategic Religious Engagements in Iraq, meeting with key religious leaders from many faith groups in Baghdad. “People sometimes laugh when you tell them you are studying how to use religion to resolve conflict, but within every religion are the seeds for healing and reconciliation,” said Reynolds.

Cindy Littrell

“I recently returned from Haiti, where I served with a medical team to provide care to over 1,000 people in the short time we were deployed,” said Cindy Littrell, a chaplain serving with North American Mission Board (NAMB) and California Southern Baptist Convention-Disaster Relief. “It was an incredible blessing for me to serve,” she said. “I fell in love with the Haitian people and hope to return soon.”

Although Littrell is still working on her degree, she’s been serving as a disaster relief chaplain since 2005 and recalled her “first deployment was in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I’ve also served here in California during the wildfires, and last year, I was deployed to American Samoa in response to the tsunami.”

Littrell is also on call twice per month for all the local law enforcement agencies in Sonoma County, California, including the Coroner’s Office, Sheriff, California Highway Patrol, and local Fire Departments. “I learned through my seminary training that my calling to serve the Lord would be through chaplaincy,” she said. “I’ve been blessed to be trained by Dr. Naomi Paget, a Golden Gate grad who serves as a chaplain and crisis interventionist for the FBI, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, The Salvation Army and the Red Cross.” Chaplains are trained to ‘be there’ and step into the lives of those in crisis, Littrell observed.

“I’m still working on my Master of Divinity degree and pray for God’s provision for me to complete it. It’s been a blessed challenge as I juggle raising kids and working as a dental hygienist. I rest assured that completing my studies will happen on God’s timing. I have been honored, humbled and blessed beyond belief.”

M. Jeffrey Hoppe

“After graduating from Golden Gate Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 1982, I was appointed by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to be a church planter apprentice in Bismarck, ND,” explained Jeff Hoppe. “My wife and I moved there to start a church and a family in 1983.” It was the birth of their second son that would lead Hoppe into the field of chaplaincy. He was born in 1985 with terminal birth defects, and the hospital chaplain’s support left an imprint on Hoppe.

“I made it through the grieving process only to become very discouraged, so in 1987 I decided to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education,” said Hoppe, noting that the learning experience changed his life and his future. “My individual times with my supervisor were so healing, and offering care to patients and families was so rewarding that I decided to complete a residency program at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, TX,” he recalled.

Upon completion of his residency, he served as a chaplain with Tulsa Regional Medical Center, offering care to patients, families, and staff. “Often, I was the one who performed the funerals, memorials, and, yes, even weddings,” he said.



Ministering to grieving soldiers and family members is the most difficult part of being a chaplain, and it is in those moments that I have most felt the presence of Christ in my life. — CHARLIE REYNOLDS (left)

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After nine years, he was invited to become part of the staff at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, OK and also to train to become a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor. “The training was arduous and challenged me to strive for excellence,” he recalled. He became a supervisor and remained at Hillcrest until 2007.

“For the past three years, I have had the privilege of being the Senior Director of the Spiritual Care Division of Geisinger Health Systems in Pennsylvania, a premiere hospital site nationally acclaimed by President Barack Obama for quality of healthcare,” said Hoppe. In this role, he supervises the Director of Spirituality, Director of Research and Education, the Intercessory Prayer Coordinator, five chaplains, four resident chaplains, typically four summer students, and a variety of part-time chaplains.

“It has been a joy to serve the Lord,” he said. “I feel blessed to have discovered the chaplain’s role and be able to train those to provide quality spiritual care to others.”

Clint Ross

In addition to serving as Pastor of Central Baptist Church in Indio, California, Clint Ross has served as a volunteer sheriff chaplain for the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department in California for over 12 years. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Golden Gate in 2000.

“As a volunteer sheriff chaplain, I am assigned to minister to the personnel at the Indio Station, Indio Courthouse, and the Indio Coroner’s office,” he said. “I also minister and comfort the public when faced with a death or crisis situation. I have officiated at departmental ceremonies and building dedications, and have performed weddings and funeral services for department personnel and their families.”

In order to better relate to the deputies, he became a reserve deputy sheriff in 2006. “I work alongside my fellow deputies on patrol and in the courthouse, while still serving them as a chaplain,” Ross said. “While on patrol, I investigate crime, make arrests, and testify in court.” In addition, he represents the sheriff’s department in the local public schools.

“I have provided a great deal of counseling for the deputies and their wives,” noted Ross. Since he understands the unique needs of a deputy, he has observed much success in this area. “My seminary training has helped me to apply biblical principles to the deputies’ circumstances,” he stated. “As a result, many have grown to see the relevance and practicality of the Bible and several have shown an interest in attending church.”

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
John Arnoldbik, Jay Badry,
John Berry, Dave Cochrane (right)



The following are some of our Golden Gate grads that are currently serving, or have served, in chaplaincies around the world and in a variety of circumstances. These men and women take the Gospel to people in need. Chaplains are trained to “be there,” to step into the lives of those in crisis.

John Arnoldbik

Master of Theological Studies (2008)

After graduating from Golden Gate Seminary, Arnoldbik began Chaplain School in January 2009. He is currently assigned to the 1-37 Field Artillery Battalion, which is part of 3rd Brigade 2nd Infantry Division. Their motto is “Second to none!” He completed one year’s deployment in Baquba, Iraq with the US Army in June. He referred to it as a time of purification, and valued his opportunity to carry out ministry at the base and throughout the province in Iraq.

Jay Badry

Master of Arts in Theological Studies (2005)

For more than four years, Badry has served with Marketplace Chaplains USA. His role is Division Director for both the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest Divisions. He recruits and trains chaplains, manages the Chaplain Teams who serve in the

client companies, and connects directly with client owners and leaders. This organization has provided chaplain care for America’s workforce since 1984 and now has expanded internationally. Serving all sizes of companies, these chaplains take compassionate care into the office or plant, assisting employees and their families with the problems of life while respecting all faith traditions.

John Berry

Bachelor of Divinity (1950)

In August 1944, immediately after Berry became a Christian, he felt the call to ministry. He was in the Marine Corps and about to go overseas. After his military stint, he completed his education at Hardin-Simmons University and Golden Gate Seminary. Golden Gate gave him a sound scriptural-based education to serve as a pastor and a chaplain in the US Air Force. This education prepared him for ministry all over the world. He pastored churches in California both before and after serving 19 years as an Air Force Chaplain.

Dave Cochrane

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (2007)

After more than 20 years as a firefighter with the Riverside [California] Fire Department, Cochrane responded to the call to ministry by training with Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association (HCMA) in Brea, CA and simultaneously attending Golden Gate. He serves in the local community as well as across the world. In addition to his volunteer chaplain ministries with California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief,

Riverside Police Department, Riverside Community Hospital, and Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, he is also working with the local chapter of the American Red Cross to develop a chaplain’s ministry.

Chuck Conn

Master of Divinity (1986)

Since 1990, Conn has served as a volunteer police chaplain with Arizona Department of Public Safety and Highway Patrol. He is a leader/trainer of other chaplains in West Phoenix and Quartzite, AZ. His main ministry is to the officers, staff, and their families. He assists officers in notifying next of kin of a death, and provides help at major accidents. His seminary education gave him the foundation for his career as a Christian counselor. The missions training he received at Golden Gate provided him with a world view that he has integrated in leading mission work over the last 15 years.

Thomas Cook

Master of Divinity (1998)

Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (1998)

Master of Theology (2001)

In 2003, Cook was commissioned by the North American Mission Board as a military chaplain, and was commissioned a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the US Navy in 2004. He has made two combat deployments to Iraq with the United States Marines, including the battle for Fallujah in 2004-2005, and one combat deployment to Afghanistan with Marine Special Operations Command in 2009. In addition to serving with

the Marines, he was the Ship’s Chaplain aboard the USS *Bataan* (LHD-5), a multi-purpose amphibious assault ship. He is a qualified Navy parachutist, and his Golden Gate Seminary Master of Arts degree earned him a special qualification with the Navy in Religion and Culture.

Mark E. Fite

Bachelor of Divinity (1952)

Serving a total of 28 years in the US Navy, Fite was a sonarman during WWII, then served in the US Navy Chaplains Corps following seminary. His wife, Patty, also holds a degree in Religious Education from Golden Gate and attended seminary with him. During his military career, he served at duty stations around the world, as well as sea duty. He retired from active duty in 1972 and became pastor of Crawford Baptist Church and Arnoldsville Baptist Church in Oglethorpe County, GA. After serving as interim pastor of several other churches, he became the staff chaplain and employee chaplain at St. Mary’s Hospital in Athens, from 1978 until 2008.

Nick Hamilton

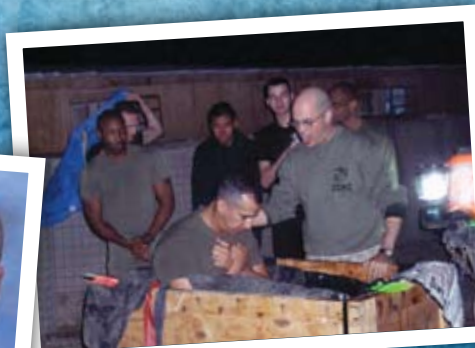
Doctor of Ministry (2010)

Master of Divinity (1999)

Serving as a chaplain for 11 years, Hamilton is currently Deputy Command Chaplain, Recruit Training Command, in Great Lakes, IL. He supervises 6 chaplains and 26 weekly worship services/religious education classes for all faith groups at the Navy’s only boot camp.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Chuck Conn,
Thomas Cook,
Mark Fite,
Nick Hamilton



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TOP TO BOTTOM:
Chi Lee, Ben Mathis (left),
Joe Morris, Robert Morris,
Christopher Ng,
Naomi Paget with
children in Haiti



Hamilton credited Golden Gate Seminary with significantly preparing him for chaplaincy. The missional setting and focus taught him how to look for creative strategies to reach out to people with the message of Christ. Additionally, the supervised ministry aspects of both the Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees helped him determine how God could use his gifts and personality in ministry.

Chi Lee

Master of Divinity (2008)

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (2009)

Serving as a part-time staff chaplain at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, CO, Lee provides spiritual care to patients, families, and staff. She is also a weekend on-call chaplain for Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, CO, where she provides pastoral care to patients, families, and staff in times of crisis, trauma, grief, and loss. In her 15 years at GGBTS, at both the Northern California and the Rocky Mountain campuses, she studied with more than 40 outstanding professors, many of whom impacted her spiritual growth and became great mentors and friends. These professors laid the foundation for how God has used her in ministry.

Ben Mathis

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries (2001)

Master of Divinity (2002)

Since the summer of 2005, Mathis has served as Navy chaplain with the US Marine Corps. He served with a squadron of ships (2005-2007), then with a Marine artillery regiment in Japan (2007-August 2010). He was deployed as the chaplain assigned over the morgue in Kuwait (Mar-Sept 2008), and has just begun his current assignment as Navy Chaplain with Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, HI. The reason he chose GGBTS was the diversity of professors, students, and ministries. He also valued nearby San Francisco with its variety of peoples and cultures. The professors used this diversity as a tool to help students look for the biblical model in scripture. From there, Mathis learned to build a bridge to the people he serves.

Joe Morris

Bachelor of Divinity (1949)

Part of early GGBTS history, Morris was in the Seminary's first graduating class. He was class president, and the first president of the Alumni Association. He took ThD classes and was a fellow under Dr. F.M. Powell. He was Vice-

Moderator of Contra Costa Baptist Association for a year and Moderator the following year. In 1952, he was a GGBTS faculty member for two months. At that time, he was recruited for military chaplaincy. He served as a US Air Force chaplain from 1952 until he retired in 1972. He is currently 94 years old, in good health, and is thankful to Golden Gate for equipping him with the spiritual tools that have enabled him to offer a ministry in the world.

Robert Morris

Master of Divinity (2008)

Since August 2008, Morris has served as the Joint Force Headquarters Support Chaplain for the Idaho National Guard (IDNG). This full-time position supervises the Religious Support Program for the IDNG, both Army and Air. He works directly for the Commanding General IDNG, Major General Gary Saylor. He supervises all of the Religious Support programs for the state and conducts all of the ministry responsibilities of a military chaplain, which includes conducting worship services, bible studies, counseling, marriage retreats, funerals, weddings, and other pastoral duties.

Christopher Ng

Master of Divinity (1983)

Doctor of Ministry (2002)

Ng's current position as the US Army Garrison Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel), Bamberg, Germany includes responsibility for all the religious activities in the garrison. As senior chaplain, he is responsible for resource management, personnel administration, building maintenance, and serves as a special staff officer to the commander. He also oversees all the religious worship services (Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Lutheran, Gospel), the family life counseling center, and all religious matters that may impact the morale and spiritual wellbeing of the soldiers and family members.

Naomi Paget

Doctor of Ministry (2003)

Paget gives credit to her Seminary education for her ability to prepare for intentional ministry as a chaplain and crisis interventionist for the FBI, or as Relief Chaplain Director for California Southern Baptist Relief. It taught her to be creative in chaplain ministry when faced with cultural diversity during disaster responses. For instance, in response to the emotional and spiritual needs of children in Haiti, following

the devastating earthquake of January 2010, many chaplains from California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief were deployed to provide compassionate crisis intervention. They supplied intervention through psychological and spiritual means – often using puppets, games, songs, and stories. The Haitian children were able to tell their personal stories while hearing the message that God loves and cares about them.

John Prim

Master of Divinity (1989)

After graduation, Prim served with the International Mission Board in Uruguay for four years, and is now Pastor of Education and Worship, Southeast Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, UT. Since 2005, he has also served as a volunteer chaplain for the Real Salt Lake professional soccer team in Major League Soccer (2009 MLS Cup Champions). He leads game day chapel services and mid-week Bible studies, and supports the team through greater life issues beyond soccer. He has traveled with the team overseas, and considers himself a friend of the team who is a trustworthy confidant. This last year, the team honored him with an MLS Cup Championship ring. He counts it a privilege to share the love of Christ with these young men.

Conrad Rougeux

Master of Divinity (1980)

In December of 1980, Rougeux began his service as a chaplain with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Armed with the advanced skills and knowledge acquired at GGBTS, he was placed in the Veterans' Medical Center in Palo Alto, CA with an assortment of acute, chronic, and long-term care patients. During the Katrina crisis, Rougeux was deployed in New Orleans for two weeks. To many, Katrina meant loss of possessions. However, when the Compassionate Team with the chaplains arrived, hope was found. At the recently-observed five-year anniversary of Katrina, Rougeux served again.

Robert "Bobby" Runyon

Diploma in Christian Ministry-CLD (2006)

Diploma in Theology-CLD (2009)

In addition to serving as pastor at Sandy Valley Baptist Church, Jean, NV, Runyon is a volunteer chaplain at High Desert Prison in Indian Springs, NV, where he conducts weekly Bible studies. He also serves as a mentoring chaplain to ex-felons. Recently, he became chaplain for Racers for Christ, where he ministers, leads worship services, and prays with racers and their families at National Hot Rod Association drag racing events. He and his wife, Jane, are graduates of Golden Gate Seminary's

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) program. They say that GGBTS gave them the practical tools to accomplish vital work for the Kingdom.

Franklin Sparkman

Bachelor of Divinity (1964)

After graduation from Seminary, Sparkman pastored First Southern Baptist Church of Winton, CA for nearly four years. He became a US Army chaplain on April 1, 1967. His first assignment was at Ft. Lewis, WA as an Ordinance Battalion Chaplain. His next assignment was as a Helicopter Group Battalion Chaplain in support of the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi Vietnam. His last assignment was as an Artillery Group Battalion Chaplain at Ft. Lawton in Seattle, WA. After serving three years as an Army Chaplain, he returned to civilian life to pastor three churches over a period of 28 years before semi-retiring in 1998.


Kenneth Wray

Master of Divinity (1978)

After graduating from Golden Gate, Wray spent 30 years in active pastoral ministry. Upon retirement in 2008, he began to serve with The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Disaster Response Team as a volunteer chaplain. His first deployment was to Galveston, TX in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Quartered on a small ship anchored on Galveston Bay, the teams spread out to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with the people whose lives had been so affected. Wray's assignment was to pastors, police officers, and firemen in Galveston. His time at Golden Gate helped prepare him for ministering to people in all situations. In the "fourth quarter" of his ministry, he is very grateful to be associated with the Billy Graham team, and appreciates his seminary education in helping prepare him for his life's work.

Chris Zeller

Current student

As a prison chaplain serving at Arizona State Prison Complex in Kingman, AZ, Zeller has the opportunity to share God's love in an environment with very little hope. Hence, it is one of the greatest mission fields in the country. For many of these men, prison is God's way of getting their attention and ultimately reaching into their lives with His grace and forgiveness. Zeller has found that many inmates are sincerely looking for a way to change their lives for the better, and receive Christ while locked up. He says prison ministry is rewarding and he appreciates seeing how God's light can penetrate the darkest places. 



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John Prim (right),
Conrad Rougeux,
Robert Runyon,
Franklin Sparkman,
Kenneth Wray,
Chris Zeller



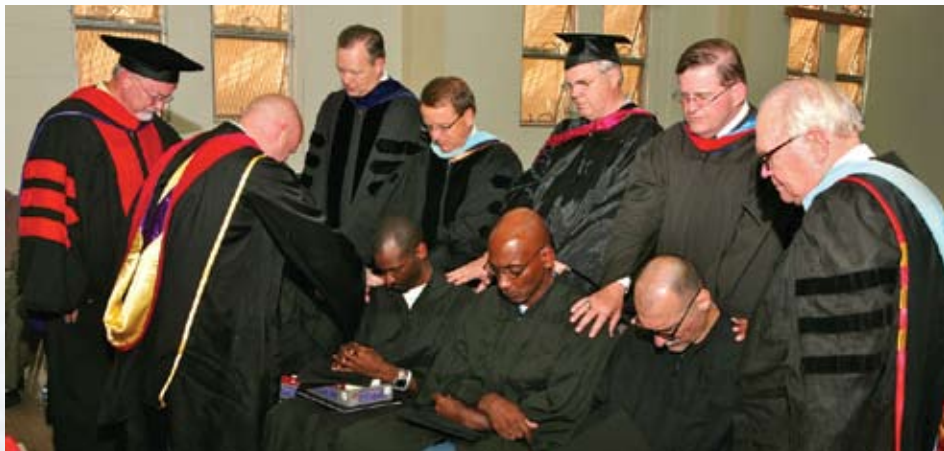
Golden Gate Seminary's First Graduating Class at San Quentin State Prison

God is behind the walls of the church at San Quentin State Prison, which is located 20 minutes from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's Northern California campus. At first glance, the two institutions seem to have little in common. But both are places where theology is taught, God is sought, and students who are called to the ministry receive degrees.

Yes, theological degrees were conferred at the oldest California state prison on June 10, 2010. For the first time in the prison's 150-year history, four inmates – Mark Baldwin of California, 50; Robert Butler of California, 51; David Cowan of Pennsylvania, 42; and Darrell Cortez Hartley of Missouri, 46 – received diplomas in Christian Ministries from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's Contextualized Leadership Development Program.

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) provides classes at a post-high school level in order to train competent Christian leaders. For those without a high school or college diploma, or for those where English is a second language, CLD offers an opportunity to become equipped and trained for effective Christian service. The program takes two to three years to complete and instruction includes eight classes that range from church planting and evangelism to ministry training. The 30-plus inmates in the program at San Quentin are taught by Seminary graduate students and alumni on a volunteer basis during spring and fall semesters.

"The word 'contextualized' means the material is taught in the language and culture of a particular people group," explains Dr. Chris Foreman, who was one of the first of San Quentin's CLD instructors. "When we began to teach at



GGBTS professors and vice presidents bless the new graduates

San Quentin, we had to contextualize the curriculum for this culture." Foreman is a Golden Gate graduate who pastors First Southern Baptist Church of San Lorenzo in Northern California.

Ordinarily, CLD graduates have the option of participating in commencement ceremonies at one of the five Golden Gate Seminary campuses in the west. In the case of the San Quentin grads, the ceremony came to the prison.

"The format of this graduation program is identical to those at our other commencement ceremonies," said Golden Gate Seminary President Jeff Iorg as diplomas were conferred on the four graduates. A respectful crowd of more than 150 fellow inmates and guests viewed the significant occasion, which took place in the prison's Protestant Chapel.

"Some may wonder why such a program would be offered in prison, where many of the graduates will never be paroled," said Iorg. "Our mission is training leaders to expand God's Kingdom. The church is in San Quentin and needs leaders here, too."

"I was amazed at the life transformations," agreed Donald Hart, a Seminary graduate who has taught several CLD classes. "Even without knowing them deeply,

I could see transformation, could see what God had done in their lives. The work of God doesn't stop at the prison door."

Several of the instructors, who are all Golden Gate Seminary graduate students or alumni, were surprised by how motivated the inmates are. "They attend because they want to, they have a real desire to learn, and they want to make a difference," noted Hart.

"I was struck by how much they accomplish with minimal resources," said Ray Fox, another Seminary grad who is studying for a post-graduate degree. Fox pointed out how the San Quentin students are not allowed to use computers, and there are no PowerPoints, no CDs, and no theological library. "We use blackboards as a teaching tool," Fox said. "I am humbled by these guys. They come in with their handwritten, crumpled assignments, and they spend 16 weeks proving you're not wasting your time with them."

"There are many obstacles to receiving an education while in prison," said Director of the North Bay School of Theology at San Quentin Jerry Stubblefield, who has had a ministry to the inmates since 1995. "But these men were determined to keep going."

At the prison, all the instructors are volunteers because there is no budget. Don Beall, the Seminary's national CLD director, explained, "All the hardcover theology books are purchased with donated funds. The prisoners don't own the books, but they check them out and are responsible for them. These books cost \$49 each, and if they lose a book they have to pay for it." Beall pointed out that their salary is 28 cents an hour.

"Even with this minimal income, the Garden Chapel congregation has sent \$6,000 to six missions so far this year,"

said Beall. He explained how inmate and CLD graduate David Cowan oversees the prison's missions ministry through prayer vigils and fundraising, and interacts with the missionaries through handwritten letters.

The other CLD graduates also have ministries within the prison. Mark Baldwin teaches an apologetics class, and leads a daily Bible study. Darrell Hartley's ministry is as an addiction/pastoral counselor, and he is a licensed minister. Robert Butler is an ordained minister. "Under the leadership of my pastor, I minister to the needs

of this church. I preach, pray, welcome, teach and assist the pastor in whatever he needs," explained Butler.

On June 10, the first commencement ceremonies were held inside San Quentin. Men graduated who have completed their entire program while incarcerated. Some won't be released for years – perhaps decades. Iorg stated what many were thinking. "Thank God for these men who are learning to be ministry leaders – and missionaries – in the difficult setting of a state penitentiary!"

Jessie Reed – From the Inside to the Outside First Graduate from Golden Gate Seminary's San Quentin Prison CLD Program

"I heard men praising God and reading their Bibles, and I heard them saying how wonderful it felt to have God in their lives, and I called them 'church fanatics,'" recalled Jessie L. Reed, a spring 2010 graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. "They talked about how they had purpose and felt good, and I began to wonder why I never experienced what they were talking about."

The men Reed envied for their solid faith were fellow inmates in the yard at Solano State Prison. Reed was incarcerated in 1985, when he was 23 years old, for committing a homicide. After 24 years as an inmate, he celebrated his one-year parole anniversary on June 11, 2010.

Although he grew up in a Christian home in Oakland, California, where both his parents were ministers, Reed admitted, "I chose to go the other way. I had a good upbringing, but when I got old enough, I ran as far away from church as I could, and I ended up in a bad place."

As a "lifer," Reed spent a total of 24 years in prison, before he was released in June 2009.

"God allows things to happen in your life for a reason," said Reed. "He finally got my attention." Reed acknowledged that

the time he spent incarcerated wasn't wasted, since it was where he developed a relationship with God and where his faith grew.

He recalled the "real" time he got saved. "It was in 1995, in Solano State Prison. I made up my mind I needed to get to know God. At that time I was singing with a Gospel band called *Redemption*. I was singing the words, but I didn't have a real relationship with the Lord. I wanted to have that relationship, feel what those 'church fanatics' in the yard were feeling. So I asked God, 'Why don't I feel that way?' Then I began to pray and seek God in earnest."

Reed believed his transfer from Solano back to San Quentin in 1995 was a response from God due to his earnest prayers and sincere attitude change. "I've kept my promise to the Lord," Reed said. "The second time I got to San Quentin, I quickly became involved with the Garden Chapel Christian Fellowship," which is a chartered, non-denominational, incarcerated congregation serving more than 1,300 men.

Reed joined a number of Bible studies and in due time also taught classes. In 2006, when Golden Gate Seminary



Jessie Reed with Professor Don Beall

began to offer accredited Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) classes at the prison, Reed eagerly signed up.

CLD, launched by the Seminary in 1982, provides classes at a post-high school level in order to train capable Christian leaders. For those without a high school or college diploma, or for those where English is a second language, CLD offers an opportunity to become equipped and trained for effective Christian service in church planting, evangelism, or Christian ministries.

"Jessie was determined to earn his Diploma in Christian Ministries in order to be competent to serve the Lord's Church," said Don Beall, Golden Gate Seminary's national CLD Director. "Jessie was in my Ministry Foundations class. He had a thirst to know more about Jesus Christ. He read all the books, handouts,

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Distinguished Alumni Honored

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary honored two graduates with the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award on June 16 at the Seminary's Alumni and Friends luncheon during the 2010 Southern Baptist Annual Convention.

Mike Story is a 1995 Doctor of Ministry graduate of Golden Gate Seminary. He was an adjunct professor at the Rocky Mountain Campus for more than eight years, and since 2009, has been the Baptist Collegiate Minister Director at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Prior to this position, from 1990 to 2009, he was the founding and teaching pastor of Community of Grace, Centennial, CO. Earlier in his ministry, he was senior pastor at Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church in Aurora, CO; and before that senior pastor at Angus Acres Baptist Church in Sand Springs, OK.



The Oklahoma native was raised in the church, but says, "From 1967 until 1971, I took a detour down the road of acute stupidity. In 1971, I reaffirmed my faith in Christ and have never gotten over Him!"

Story wrote *One Man's Journey, A Pastor's Progress in Discipleship* in 2007. One reader wrote: "Mike has the credibility to back up what he

writes. A church planter in the Denver metro area for the last 18 years, Mike has stuck around making disciples when most other pastors have headed back to the Bible Belt."

Benny Wong is a 2001 Doctor of Ministry graduate of Golden Gate and a current member of the Seminary's Board of Trustees. He is pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles, where he has served since 1993. Born and reared in Hong Kong, Wong moved to Canada in 1978, where he came to know the Lord. His 14-year ministry in Canada began after he graduated from Prairie Bible Institute of Alberta, Canada, in 1984. While pastoring two Chinese churches in Canada, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from China Evangelical Seminary in Taiwan.



Wong began serving as Assistant Pastor at First Chinese Baptist in 1993. He became interim pastor in 1997 and was appointed senior pastor in 2010 of this 2000-plus member church located in the heart of Los Angeles.

Every year Wong travels with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to conduct underground training for pastors in a Communist country. "The trainees are very young, from 18 years old to early 20s, and a lot of them pastor multiple huge congregations," said Wong. "They need to be equipped with biblical knowledge, and it is helpful for them to gain knowledge from experienced pastors – indirectly they are recipients of Golden Gate Seminary through me."

"We are pleased to recognize these two men and their ministries," said President Iorg. "They are examples of the dedicated focus that we hope all Golden Gate graduates will have."

JESSIE REED continued from page 11

and writing assignments, and began to discover who he is. He was especially interested in reading Dr. Iorg's book *Is God Calling Me?*"

Beall noted that after Reed was paroled, "He immediately contacted me about finding a CLD center in the Bay Area where he could complete his course of study." Reed was able to complete the program with the help of a scholarship, and became the first Golden Gate graduate from San Quentin's CLD program, walking with the class of 2010 at the Seminary's Northern California campus on May 21.

Today, Reed works for IMPACT: "Incarcerated Men Putting Away



Redemption Gospel band

Childish Things," as a mentor to at-risk young men in vulnerable Northern California communities. "Incarceration is mental, or psychological, as well as physical," Reed noted.

Reed continues to sing in the Gospel band, *Redemption*. Now the six formerly incarcerated men are on the outside, joined by two others, and the group performs in churches and fairs as well as prisons throughout the state. They have a CD coming out soon.

"There are people out here who really do care," said Reed, reflecting on what he has learned. "Don Beall and this program followed through. He kept his word and helped me get the classes I needed in order to graduate. A lot of people promised things and didn't follow through. Golden Gate and the Seminary president are examples of keeping their word – from the inside to the outside."

FOCUS ON A PROGRAM

Doctor of Philosophy

"One hundred percent of our PhD graduates are currently teaching full-time in recognized academic institutions," said Dr. Richard Melick, Jr., director of Golden Gate Seminary's PhD program, which is beginning its fourth year at the Northern California campus.

Dr. Melick was referring to graduates Dr. Kevin Chen, who is teaching at Union University, in Jackson, Tennessee; and Dr. Seth Postell, who is teaching at Talbot Seminary's Charles L. Feinberg Center in New York City.

"One of the values of this program was the structure: one week on and three weeks off gave me an incredible amount of time to focus on my research," said Postell. "The unique structure of once-a-month meetings, with a lot of personal, quality time with professors, allowed me to develop close relationships."

"Dr. Melick created many out-of-class opportunities to interact with faculty," added Chen. "During plenary sessions, dinners with faculty, talking casually before and after sessions – I was really blessed to interact with top faculty in a personal and direct way."

"We have an excellent PhD faculty that includes full professors at Golden Gate, three affiliated faculty with whom we have long-term agreements, and a host of well-known adjuncts and lecturers," said Melick. "Offering this degree enables us to train well-informed and articulate pastors and professors who are firmly committed to the theology of the Baptist Faith and Message, and who have a deep passion to accelerate the Great Commission through their personal and professional witness."

The Doctor of Philosophy is the highest academic research degree, intended primarily to equip persons for vocations of teaching and research in theological schools, colleges and universities, or for the scholarly enhancement of ministerial practice. The program offers degrees in Old Testament and New Testament studies, with minors in theology and church history.

It focuses on seminars, research, and writing. Seminars are discussion-based and faculty-led, allowing for faculty to direct students into the appropriate seminar subjects. Students are required to do advanced research, first under the supervision of PhD faculty, then on their own. As they progress through the program, they become professionals in their fields. This is demonstrated primarily by the ability to research, write, and defend a doctoral dissertation.

The current group of 28 PhD students come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and consists of pastors, professors, a physician, a PhD in computer programming, and a retired CEO.

"The diversity among the students, both academically and ethnically, is a unique quality of this program. PhD students come from 18 master's programs across the U.S.," said student Josh Mathews. He noted that the San Francisco Bay Area is a diverse and culturally-strategic location, which is a highlight of the Seminary and specifically the PhD program.

"Another highlight of the PhD program has been the distinctive mixture of Christian collegiality and community on one hand, with high academic quality and standards on the other hand," continued Mathews. "The director and the professors cultivate both aspects well. We, as students, are encouraged to conduct the best research, writing, critical thinking, and seminar discussion that we can. And at the same time, there is a strong sense of encouragement among brothers and sisters, to walk closely with the Lord as we study and to remember continually the kingdom purposes of our schooling."

"We are enthused about the program's solid first few years and look forward to its expansion into new disciplines and continued growth," said Seminary President Jeff Iorg. "Golden Gate is committed to being a firm voice in the West for biblical scholarship based on a strong commitment to the authority and sufficiency of Scripture."

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An Interview with Rick Durst

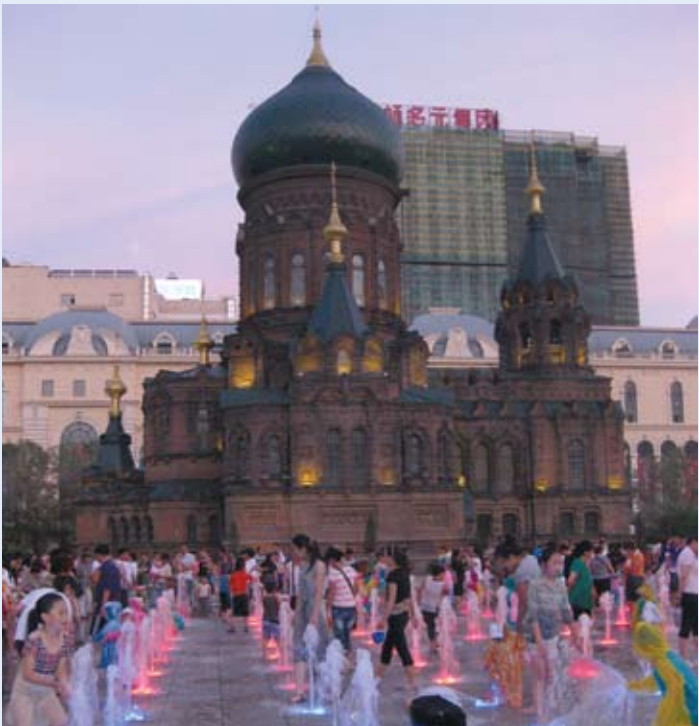
By Brandon Wilborn

Dr. Rodrick Durst is Director of eCampus, the Seminary's online program, and Professor of Historical Theology. While he teaches theology at the Northern and Southern California campuses of Golden Gate, he has used his recent summer vacations to live out what he teaches in the classroom. During the past three years, Dr. Durst has trained spiritual leaders in major metropolises in East Asia through the International Mission Board's (IMB) Seminary Professor Abroad program. The following is an interview about his experiences this past summer.

Q I understand you served this past summer in the Seminary Professor Abroad program with the IMB. Where were you assigned to teach?

A I was assigned to teach in the megacities of East Asia this summer, as I did for the two summers before, with spiritual leaders who live in areas where access is restricted or economics prevent them from having access to advanced theological training.

I tested a method using adult brain learning theory for intensive training. The goal was rapid and lasting retention and early replication. I wanted them to use what they learned by training others right away.



St. Sophia Orthodox Church (built 1907) is in Harbin, a five million-plus city in northeast China. Closed during the Cultural Revolution of the '70s, the church was then renovated and reopened as a museum in 1997.



An artist taking the training drew Dr. Durst into this graphic, which was used to communicate the leadership formation concept of self-awareness.

Rapid urban construction is the norm in most Chinese mega-cities. They say the construction crane is the national bird.



Q What courses or subjects did you teach using this method?

A The subject during the first two days was "Spiritual Formation for Sustainable Ministry." The leaders I taught in these restricted areas—like leaders anywhere—are apt to get exhausted spiritually and their passion can become diminished. We covered how they can practice spiritual disciplines so their ministry can be sustainable.

The second two days, we looked at key turning points in Christian history and how they applied to their context. When the two global persecutions in the Roman Empire ended, believers were usually divided, and they were split over the issue of whether to forgive the unfaithful. These groups have similar problems.

Q How did you receive the opportunity to teach in East Asia?

A A former student invited me to come three years ago and lead a field personnel retreat, with the option to do some training. I told her what some of my ideas were, and she said, "Let's try it." The Seminary Professor Abroad program paid for my tickets, and I paid for my living expenses.

Q What were some of the blessings that you witnessed during the training?

A There was a great spirit in the dynamics of the training. Their teachability was enormous. Every day I asked if they had taught anybody else the day before, and there were always stories about them sharing around the dinner table, or on the bus, or on the phone. That was exciting.



China adores its children and gladly welcomes them to try out their traffic directing skills!

We used drama and reenacted the first service after the end of a Roman persecution. Several people role-played unfaithful persons making confessions to the congregation, and asking the congregation to forgive them.

The group had to decide: Should we forgive them? Shall we test them? Or shall we not forgive them?

In one city, a woman at the training had earlier followed a leader who had been removed for leading his group of believers in an unfaithful direction. Because she was now trying to return to fellowship, she volunteered to be one of the people making confession in the drama. While she was making this confession she started crying, because it was really her own confession to this group, wanting to be restored. This was a great part of her restoration to the other leaders.

Q Do you consider the trip a success, and in what ways does this trip benefit Golden Gate?

A When I preach or teach, I don't look for success at the end. I look to see if the lesson has legs and will walk into somebody's life so that I'll hear stories afterward of the change it made. I'm waiting to see if stories will come back from this trip the way they did for the last trip.

There's also something encouraging about getting up close to field personnel. It makes me a better professor and gives me the sense that Golden Gate is a seminary without borders.

Brandon Wilborn is a Master of Theological Studies student at the Northern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary. He is also a freelance writer.

Why I Refer

Joe Bunce

- Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico
- Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Trustee
- Doctor of Ministry 2000, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
- Master of Divinity 1987, Midwestern Theological Seminary
- Refers everyone who is considering seminary to consider Golden Gate

I refer students to Golden Gate Seminary because I know each individual will receive quality seminary training and a quality education at each of the five campuses. In addition to incredible, world-class professors, Golden Gate understands the uniqueness of the west. Its distinctive focus on the culture of the west is significantly different than seminaries in the south and other parts of the U.S.



The students I've met from Golden Gate have a unique passion. They don't want to *do* church, they want to *be* church. This attitude is a result of their Seminary training.

Students at Golden Gate study in unique settings, and are trained to develop a ministry which will impact the lost. There is a missional, evangelistic heart which radiates system-wide from Golden Gate. Whether graduates serve in the United States or other parts of the world, this is a great seminary to train for ministry.

Scott Wilson

- Planting a church in the community surrounding the University of New Mexico
- Student in the Doctor of Ministry program

Joe Bunce told me that the academic experience at Golden Gate Seminary was rigorous, but conservative and practical. Through Golden Gate, I've learned how to define problems within my ministry and come up with biblical and contextual solutions. In addition, the missional emphasis of Golden Gate has taught me the importance of developing a strategy to engage our neighborhoods through relational groups.

How You Can Create a Legacy

Since the Seminary's founding, countless individuals have left lasting legacies by helping to fund the mission of Golden Gate Seminary through their wills and trusts. These friends have given both large and small gifts that have helped the Seminary maintain its determined mission of shaping leaders who expand God's Kingdom around the world.

While many are limited by the realities of a day-to-day budget, a little careful planning makes it possible for almost anyone to do more in the future to help those they love... including family, friends and Golden Gate.

The most frequent gifts made in a will or trust includes:

Fixed Bequest:

This is the gift of a fixed dollar amount.

Specified Percentage:

Many people divide their estate by percentages, leaving a specific percentage such as 10% or 20% to be divided among a named list.

Gift of a Specific Asset:

On some occasions, gifts of a parcel of real estate or a block of stock help fulfill a desired objective to give to family, friends or Golden Gate.

Residual Gift:

Specific bequests are often given to family members and the remainder of the estate is divided equally among ministries such as Golden Gate and other charitable causes.

Gift in Trust:

There are a number of appropriate ways to leave a gift in trust. For example, a trust can provide a surviving family with income for life with the remainder going to the Seminary after the death of the survivor. Alternatively, a trust may provide income to the Seminary for a prescribed number of years with the remainder ultimately going to a family member.

The generosity of friends and alumni in the past has left Golden Gate Seminary a legacy of support that has brought enormous benefit to future generations of men and women reaching the lost around the world. For more information on how you can leave a lasting legacy, please contact: Dr. Tom Jones, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at thomasjones@ggbts.edu or 1-888-442-8709.

I have established a trust that will allow my children to receive interest payments that will eventually equal the full amount of my estate. Once those payments are completed, the estate will then be given to Golden Gate Seminary and other ministries to help continue the Lord's work.

John Berry, Retired US Air Force Chaplain and GGBTS alum (Bachelor of Divinity 1950)

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Theological Database Available to Alumni at No Cost

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is pleased to offer all its alumni free access to an online theological database from the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). Seminary alumni can now 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"? ATLASerials (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.



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

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 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."

Campus News

The Southern California Campus now offers student housing available through a partnership with Hope International University in Fullerton, about 10 minutes from the Brea campus.

"In response to numerous student requests, we were able to procure residence accommodations for the convenience of students where commuting is not a practical option," said Seminary President Jeff Iorg.

"Being able to offer campus housing to both single students and married couples is another way we are able to meet the needs of our students, and fulfill the Seminary's mission to assist in shaping leaders who expand God's Kingdom around the world," said Reggie Thomas, director of the Southern California campus. He noted that residence halls offer a number of amenities including a meal plan, campus-wide WI-FI, swimming pool, laundry facilities plus community kitchenette and lounges.

To apply for residence hall housing, or for more information, contact the Southern California campus by phone: toll free (877) 237-8478 or email: scc-info@ggbts.edu.

The Pacific Northwest Campus welcomed newly-elected director Dr. Mark Bradley in January. Dr. Bradley is a PNWC grad and has pastored in Washington for 25 years. A native of Oregon, Bradley received a Master of Divinity degree in 1985 from Golden Gate's Pacific Northwest campus, and a PhD degree in biblical studies with a New Testament emphasis in 1994 from the Seminary's Northern California campus.

"Mark Bradley has a solid reputation in the Northwest Baptist Convention, as well as with many of the regional team leaders and area pastors," said Jeff Iorg, Seminary president.

On August 31, this campus also hosted a convocation and luncheon celebrating 30 years in the Pacific Northwest. "From the beginning this effort has been a passionate, like-minded partnership between the Seminary and the Northwest Baptist Convention," said Bradley.

Alumni and friends gathered to reminisce and express thanks for the success of the campus.

"With well over 200 graduates from the Pacific Northwest," said Bradley, "We have made a significant impact on the quality of ministry leadership throughout the Northwest and the world."



Alumni Updates

1950s-1960s

John Berry (1950) has written *Do It His Way, Experiencing a Glorious Spirit-Filled Life*, published by Crossbooks Publishing.

John Sargent (1957, 1960) is a volunteer chaplain at Evans Hospital, CO. His wife, Pauline, leads the Prayer Service at Healer Chapel, Fort Carson.

1970s

Keith and Suzanne Williams (1974) have been member care consultants with the International Mission Board (IMB) for the past 15 of their 30 years of service. They live in Singapore and provide counseling, pastoral care, and spiritual direction for IMB personnel living in Southeast Asia. The Williamses are on stateside assignment through March 15, 2011.

Laura Fry Allen (1976) serves on the staff of School of Nursing, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. She has an extensive ministry with her husband, Bruce, with survivors of acquired brain injuries through Shepherd's Catastrophic Hospital, Atlanta, GA.

1980s-1990s

Earold Donovan "ED" Giddens, Jr. (1980) was appointed by the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1980 and taught Pastoral Ministry courses at Mount Meru University (MMU) from 1981 to 1985. He spent more than 25 years in Tanzania teaching Church Music Courses, Pastoral Ministries courses, and Worship Leadership seminars in Tanzanian Baptist Associations. For the past four years, he was the Baptist Mission Liaison with the Tanzanian government and the Baptist Convention of Tanzania on behalf of all IMB missionaries in Tanzania. He is now teaching and directing the two-year Church Music Diploma program at MMU.

Robert "Danny" Miller (1983) and wife, Joyce, announce the marriage of their second son, Andrew, to Ruth Lopez on

May 22, 2010. Danny is starting his seventh year as the Baptist Student Ministries Director at Houston Baptist University in Houston, TX.

Calen Thomas (1983) serves as city mobilizer for International Students Inc. in San Francisco, an international ministry that connects church volunteers with international students.

Andrew "Andy" Tuttle (1983) serves as a Personnel Selection Consultant for the IMB in Richmond, VA.

Paul Burwash (1985) serves as Pastor at Fairlanes Baptist Church, Borger, TX.

Gary Poe (1988) was named 2010 recipient of Palm Beach Atlantic University's Charles and Hazel Corts Award for Outstanding Teaching. Dr. Poe, an associate professor of history, has taught at PBA since 1995.

John Prim (1989) has written *Righter's Block: The Challenge of Doing Right, Even When It Hurts*, published by Crossbooks Publishing.

James Spencer Woffinden (1998) is pastor of two Methodist churches, both in the San Joaquin Valley: Tipton Methodist Church in Tipton, CA, and First Methodist Church in Corcoran, CA.

Charity Gwaltney (1999, 2001) serves as Directory of Children's Ministry at First Baptist Church, Starkville, MS. She and her husband, Steven, have two energetic boys, Caleb, 12, and Joshua, 9.

2000s

Moses Caesar (2000) has written *After Prayer: Waiting with Comfort and Confidence in God's Answer*. He resides in Arlington, TX and travels full-time with his speaking/teaching ministry.

Amy (Boyer) Graham (2001) and her husband, Aaron, are planting a church in the Columbia Heights area of Washington, D.C. They have a 21-month-old son, Elijah.

Jeff Jones (2003) serves as the Vice President for Advancement at Geneva College, a Christian college located in the Pittsburgh, PA area. Prior to assuming this position he served as the Director of Development for GGBTS. He and his wife, Melissa, have a three-year-old daughter, Alie.

Stan Kolbert (2003) serves as pastor of The First Southern Baptist Church of Red Bluff, CA. He previously pastored First Baptist Church in Oroville, CA. He has been married to wife, Colleen, for 17 years.

Alicia Feaster (2006) is serving as a Pastoral Counselor for women in Marin County, CA, and as a ministry leader at Marin Covenant Church.

Parker Skyler (2007) was appointed by the IMB in May as Strategy Coordinator among European peoples. He and his wife, Dayna, will be serving in Eurasia.

Jason Hew (2008) is currently planting a church in Kahalu'u, HI. He and his wife, Emily, live in Kaneohe, HI with their one-year-old daughter, Aubrey.

Charlene Hios (2008) has just published the second chapter of her on-line serialized book, *Lesbian No More: One Woman's Life-Changing Experience*.

Tyler Robertson Smith (2008) serves with Momentum Group in Boise, ID. The organization creates businesses that train and hire refugees. He also manages an organic farm.

Terry W. Dorsett (2008) is Director of Green Mountain Baptist Association in Barre, VT, and has written *Developing Leadership Teams in Bivocational Churches*.

Grant Findley (2010) is serving at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). He and his wife, Aubrey, live in Edmond, OK with their daughter, Ella.

Seminary Sprouts



Evie Juliet Burbank

Born April 12, 2010
Scot (2009) and Sarah Burbank



Elizabeth Marie Mebane

Born August 9, 2009
Becky (2003) and Joe Mebane (2006)



Jack Haynesworth Latourelle

Born July 25, 2010
Shawn (2005) and Loren (Rhyne) Latourelle (2005)



Emmarie Leigh Redus

Born August 6, 2010
Reed (2010) and Amy Redus



Ella Rose Findley

Born March 2, 2010
Grant (2010) and Aubrey Findley



William Patrick Ezell

Born May 26, 2010
Daniel (2008) and Celeste Ezell (2008)

In Memoriam

Robert Narville Stapp ('52, '59)

Sam Allen Harvey ('54, '58)

Ladie Fred (Crain) Caffey ('61)

Charles Kenneth Glenn ('61)

Doyle J. Collins ('65)

Waymon A. Culp ('67)

Thomas Lee Plummer ('68)

Garey H. Meabon ('72)

Jonathan C. Pray ('80, '88)

James Leroy Murcay ('82)

Stanley B. Brown ('07)

Dennis Wayne Viverito (AZC student)

Send Us Your Sprouts

Here are a few children of Golden Gate alumni. If you are an alumnus (grad or former student), and would like to include your 18-month-old or younger child in an upcoming issue, please send a high-resolution photo. Include the name of your child, you and your spouse's names, the dates you graduated/attended, and email to alumni@ggbts.edu.

Calling all 1961 Graduates!

Mark "May 20-21" on your 2011 calendar and plan to join us at the Northern California campus for the **50-Year Class Reunion of the Class of 1961**. Reconnect with classmates during a host of activities, culminating in walking with the class of 2011 during commencement. We look forward to honoring you as our Class of 1961 Golden Graduates! More information to come in January.



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