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Passion for the ministry

Letter from the President



“Passion for the ministry”

This fall marks the 64th academic year at Golden Gate and the beginning of my fifth year as president of the Seminary. My passion for the ministry and our shared mission has never been more intense. What a privilege to be part of God’s work through Golden Gate Seminary!

Whether you are a student, alumni, supporter or friend, I urge you to channel your passion to get the Gospel to the west and to the world. Life is a mission field. When we encounter people along the way, their spiritual condition should stir us to passionate action for their salvation.

Recently, I had the honor of meeting Gene and Marilyn Thompson, whose family reflects this kind of passion for the lost. They have two daughters who have committed their lives to full-time missionary service with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. One of those daughters, Theresa, was a graduate of Golden Gate. After serving in Germany for two years, Theresa was diagnosed with colon cancer. Because Theresa desired to remain in Germany to continue her work, Gene and Marilyn moved to Germany to assist her until her death this past July. Her friends and family have established The Theresa Thompson Endowed Scholarship for Career Missions in honor of this determined woman and her passion for the lost.

In this issue, you will read of others who are motivated by that passion. Whether traveling as far as Serbia or as near as San Quentin Prison, they have answered the call to share the Gospel with those who need a relationship with Jesus Christ.

As you read in this issue about those who minister both near and far, may your passion be stirred for the lost in your field of ministry. I ask for your prayers and support as we continue to shape leaders who accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission around the world. Thank you for your partnership in God’s mission through Golden Gate Seminary.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Iorg'.

Jeff P. Iorg
President



Theresa Thompson, MDiv and MAIS 1999, was a missionary with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She died on July 10, 2008 while serving in Germany. Memorial gifts may be made out to: GGBTS/Theresa Thompson Scholarship, 201 Seminary Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

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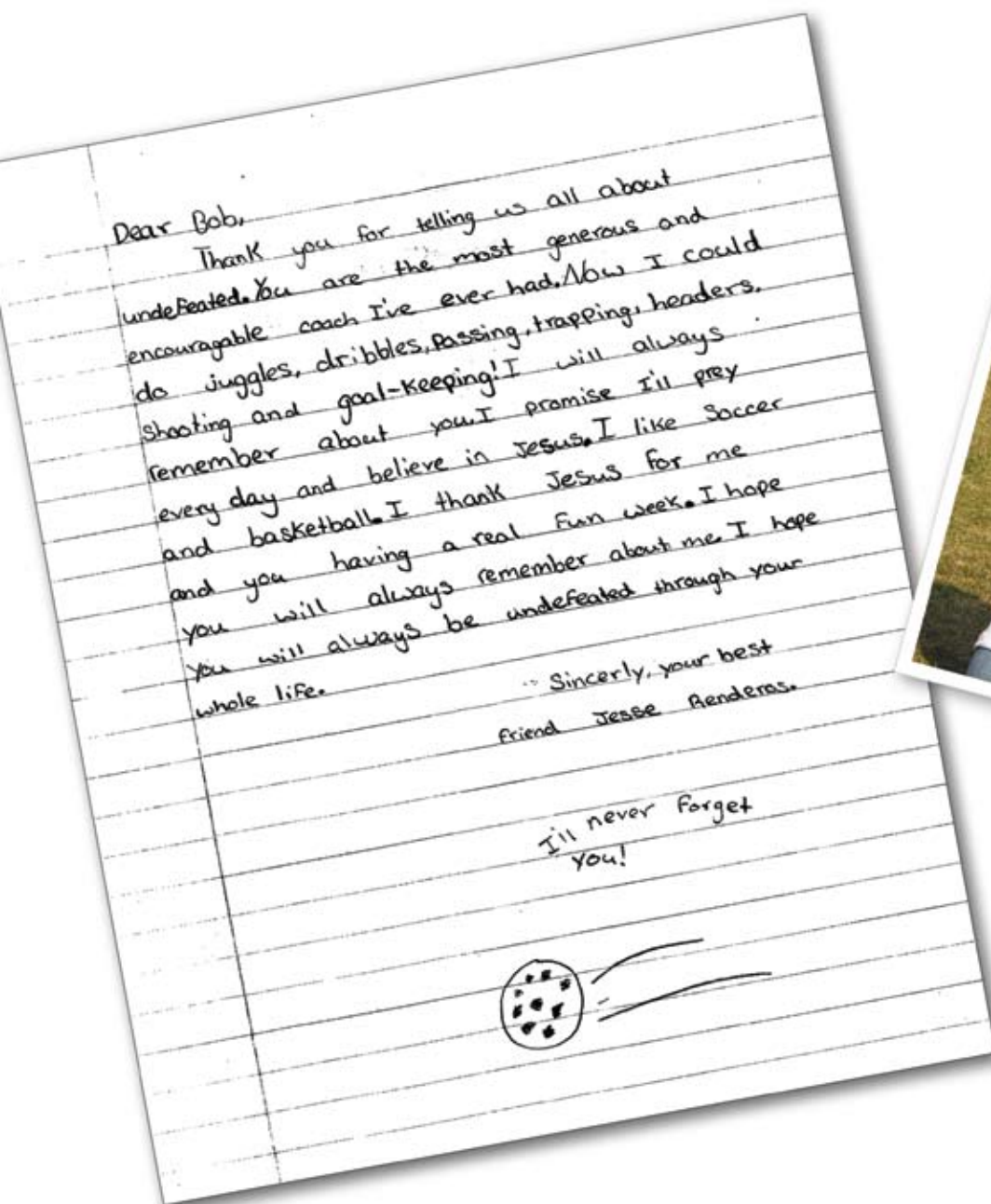
*Children praying during
summer sports camp.
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Photo by **Marian Engelland**



Summer Sports Camp for Children

Golden Gate grads lead family ministry in Hispanic community



This letter from Jesse, who attended the sports camp, was written to his camp counselor and shows how children's lives were affected by the love of Jesus and His people.

"We truly saw God at work in people's lives and in our community through this sports camp," said Marian Engelland, who lives with her husband and two children in the Canal neighborhood of San Rafael, California. She organized the one-week sports camp along with her husband Ryan, both Golden Gate Seminary graduates. This first-time ministry, held June 23-27, was designed as an outreach to children aged 6-11 from the primarily Hispanic population of the Canal District in San Rafael, which is located about 20 minutes from the Seminary's Northern California Campus.

"Sunday, the night before our first day, we had only six children registered for sports camp," Marian said. "We ended up having 27 the first day, and 47 by the end of the week."

Three local Bay Area Baptist churches sponsored the camp so the children were only charged \$10 for the whole week. These churches, as well as three additional local churches, provided volunteers who coached, made snacks, registered the children each day, purchased Bibles and paid for the field rental.

"We are so thankful to God for providing for all our needs in the planning, preparation and logistics," said Marian. In

“The sports camp and the goals we have for evangelism, building long-term relationships with people, and helping lives improve (by getting exercise, having fun, and learning important soccer skills), have all been shaped by Golden Gate Seminary.”

Marian Engelland

addition to the local churches, a Christian nonprofit called ‘Uncharted Waters’ provided five head coaches from various colleges throughout the U.S. who led the camp. Ten people from Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas paid their own way to come out to participate, including Marian’s father.

As well as learning and perfecting their soccer skills, the children sang to upbeat Christian music with motions, heard Bible stories, watched “illusion illustrations” and participated in small-group devotionals with their coaches and teammates.

On Thursday, the fourth day of camp, the children heard the Gospel message: the story of Jesus Christ, why He died and the significance of His resurrection. “Following this Gospel presentation, 22 children said they prayed to Jesus to accept His gift of payment for their sins,” said Marian, noting that at least ten of these were first-time decisions. “The camp was an opportunity for these children to experience a greater understanding of who God is and why He came to earth and died for them.”

A “Family Barbeque” involving all the children from sports camp and their families was held Friday evening on the final day of camp. “This was the highlight of the week for me,” said Marian.

“The children sang songs they had learned, which delighted the families. We served around 140 people *carne asada* with all the fixings.” She explained that Ross Rohde, a fellow church planter on the team, presented his testimony of how Jesus changed his life. He then invited anyone who was interested in learning more about Jesus and how to listen and follow Him, to contact Ross. “Two families responded, wanting to have Bible studies in their homes,” Marian noted.

“We had a table set up with free Bibles, ‘Jesus Film’ DVDs for \$5 and free socks,” she explained. “We gave each child a beautiful, full-color, hardback children’s Bible and pictures of them and their team from camp as their awards; they were so excited and happy to receive these!” The evening ended with a raffle of soccer balls and gift cards as everyone enjoyed Mexican hot chocolate and *churros* (long, skinny donuts rolled in cinnamon and sugar.)

“I had many opportunities to talk with parents, as did Ross,” she concluded. “We are thankful for these budding relationships! There are so many praises for this evening and for this week. We are so thankful to God for all He has done and is doing with these children and their families.” ⁹



Word on the Street

Intentional evangelism practiced by Seminary students in San Francisco and Denver

San Francisco, California

“Why do you come here?” is the biggest question we hear,” said Dennis Braga, M.Div. student from Golden Gate Seminary Northern California Campus, describing the outreach to San Francisco’s Castro neighborhood, a recognized homosexual community. “People come up to us as we stand on the corner with home-baked cookies and a sign,” he explained. “We offer to pray for them, and people often have prayer requests.”

Going twice a month with two or three other Golden Gate students, Braga said some people are civil while others respond with hostility. Occasionally people yell, and a crowd starts to gather. Braga considers these instances as opportunities to be truthful and reasonable. “It’s humbling when I’m being persecuted. I want to share the good news, they yell, and my heart breaks for them.”

Describing an encounter that took place at the beginning of the semester, he recalled “the greatest highlight of the evening.” It started when an older man approached the Golden Gate group and began to loudly proclaim how the Bible is against homosexuality. This caused a stir in a few people standing nearby, and one young man from that group walked over and confronted the ‘Bible man.’ They both began to shout at each other.

“I calmed them by asking the younger man what his name was,” explained Dennis. “Then his friend came up to join us, and I began a conversation with the friend.” Another Golden Gate student was able to share the Gospel with the first young man, who responded with, “That is a message I can respect.” Dennis described how both men’s demeanor changed and both calmed down. Dennis had a great conversation with them, and they apologized repeatedly for their outburst.

“I felt God really blessed our time this week. So many people walked up for prayer. You can tell that even during the short time we spent with a person, it had a deep impact on him.”

Dennis Braga



Dennis Braga, Annette Graves and Matthew Ellis prepare their hearts with prayer and a brief orientation to discuss what to expect before they leave for San Francisco and their bi-monthly outreach.

“They thought we were there to condemn homosexuality, but we were actually there to talk about the Gospel,” Dennis said. “They told us that we are welcome any time and they actually gave us a donation to support the ministry! Wow! In a matter of minutes, they went from hatred to apologizing.” Dennis summarized this experience by explaining, “The Lord used a person talking about the Bible (almost as a heckler) to bring a couple guys to hear the Gospel. I could not have scripted that. God’s ways are not our ways. What a way to start the new semester!”

Describing why he continues this bi-monthly ministry, Dennis said, “I just want to share the gospel, and let the gospel transform the person. Some weeks are difficult, because we’re breaking down walls.” He claims the Castro is probably one of the most difficult places for evangelism in San Francisco, and describes it as “walking into a spiritual battlefield.”

Denver, Colorado

“When I heard the Democratic National Convention was coming to Denver, I asked the National American Mission Board if we could bring one of their Intentional Community Evangelism (ICE) Programs to coincide with the convention,” recounted Denver native and Golden Gate Seminary Rocky Mountain Campus student Dan Christian. Having utilized ICE at the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis in June, Dan knew the Denver area was ripe for this type of evangelistic outreach.

Going out in teams of two or three, they prayed for the people they saw who were mowing their lawns, gardening or simply taking a walk. Dan explained, “One person from our group would hand out a tract and introduce themselves by saying ‘we’re in the area talking to people about spiritual things.’ We’d consider each discussion a divine encounter.”

One evening Dan was walking in a neighborhood, handing out tracts. “A nine-year old boy stopped his scooter in front of me,” Dan recounted. “He wanted a tract and I asked if he had ever thought about eternity.” The boy was curious as Dan shared the gospel message using the Evangecube, an evangelistic tool for ex-





In addition to the neighborhoods, delegates and other convention-related visitors were also approached.

plaining the Gospel. Dan was down on one knee, at eye level with the boy. He paused frequently to ask if the boy understood and if it made sense to him. The boy kept saying "Yeah, I get it!"

After the boy accepted the Lord, they both went to his home so Dan could share with his family about the boy's decision. As a result, the mother also accepted the Lord, and filled out a decision card which was passed on to a local pastor for follow up.

"Before every single time I share, there's always fear," said Dan. "But through prayer, I experience an immediate feeling of calmness. All I have to do is share. It's not my responsibility to get them to pray, to make a decision. It's God who saves and Christ

who is rejected, not me. There is a constant reminder of the lost people who need the Lord. If I'm not going to share with them, who is? It's exciting because when you go out intentionally, you know what you're out there for."

"Dan is one of our more recent students," said Dr. Steve Veteto, Regional Director for Golden Gate Seminary Rocky Mountain Campus. "God was at work in Dan's life long before he arrived at our campus. It is a joy to have a part in guiding and training him to be what God has called him to be." Dr. Veteto noted that, "We have encouraged him to continue to pursue God with all of his heart and not to lose focus on influencing others for Christ." 9



During the week-long Convention 45,000 tracts were distributed, and 147 professions of faith were recorded.

Volunteer Program Launches at Golden Gate

Consider combining your volunteer time with a vacation to San Francisco, the Rocky Mountains, Phoenix, the Pacific Northwest or even Southern California. (Anyone up for Disneyland?)

We know there are a lot of intelligent, fit, willing and able people who want to help our seminary in a volunteer capacity. With the endorsement of President Iorg, the Volunteer Program was developed and is overseen by Burtis Williams, the Seminary's Volunteer Mobilization Coordinator.

What makes this program stand out? We treat our volunteers like employees, with the only difference being a paycheck. Volunteers are recruited, interviewed, given a job description, and skills and interest are matched with available positions.

Here's how it works. Our website lists the positions, the campus, the skills necessary and other details. Volunteers may also list their availability on our website: www.ggbts.edu Look on the Home page, in the "about us" column for "Volunteer."

All inquiries receive a phone interview. All volunteers are trained and supervised, and are treated respectfully.

Landscaping, construction, office work, painting, graphic design, yard work, library tasks, writing – do you have time and skills you'd like to donate to Golden Gate?

Visit our website often as new volunteer positions are added frequently. For questions, contact burtiswilliams@sbcglobal.net.

San Quentin Sports Ministry

Golden Gate Seminary students reach inmates through sports

“Walking into the yard at San Quentin, you know you’re an outsider,” said Bryan Brown, Golden Gate Seminary Northern California Campus student and current leader of the San Quentin Sports Ministry. “Once you start to play the game, you completely forget you’re in a prison and playing with inmates.”

“It’s like walking into a huge middle school playground,” agreed Sean Donohue, fellow Golden Gate student and founder of the San Quentin All Stars, a basketball team composed of 12-15 inmates. “There are guys everywhere – jogging, playing baseball, basketball, working out, playing cards, talking – everywhere,” he recalled. Those in the yard are surrounded by 40 feet high brick walls. Guards are not noticeable. Sean estimated there are probably two guards for the 1,000 inmates in the yard. In addition, there are manned guard towers.

In 2003 Sean was approached by a local pastor about forming a prison basketball team. He held tryouts. “Forty guys tried out and 15 made the team,” he recalled. They practiced on Tuesdays, with games on Saturdays against other San Quentin teams.

“After a year, even though I had moved to a town farther away, I wanted to keep my relationship with these guys,” recalled Sean. “We would pray together, have powerful conversations and I really put myself out there.” He recruited guys from the Seminary plus a few friends to play against the All Star team. Five years later this ministry has grown to include flag football and softball as well as basketball.

Serving at the prison has been rewarding for the seminary students as well as the inmates. “I saw a flyer about a prison ministry,” recalled Miguel Rodriguez, an MAEL student who has been involved since spring 2006. “At first it was intimidating and a little scary, but the inmates were welcoming, and we could tell God was doing something.”



Golden Gate students practice on Northern California Campus



Golden Gate students outside the gates of San Quentin

“At half time someone shares a devotion or testimony from the Word, and after the game we spend 15-20 minutes with the guys,” Sean emphasized that each person finds one man to develop a relationship with over time: asking him about himself, really caring and getting involved, developing a pen pal-type relationship with that person.

“If you get into a good conversation during half time, you don’t stop even when the game resumes,” said Bryan, who will graduate with an M.Div. in May 2009. “It’s more important to build a relationship than to play the game – that’s the main reason we’re there.” He added that they always make sure there are extra players available to fill in instead of interrupting a conversation.

“Our focus has shifted over the years,” explained Sean, who in addition to being a Seminary student, is a high school pastor at Creekside Community Church in Alamo, California. “Our original goal was to try to connect with all the guys at the same level for the same purposes: to encourage the believers and lead the unsaved guys to Christ. We’ve come to realize there is a special dynamic in the prison with which we try to be in sync.” He described that half the inmates on the team are older guys who are in their 40’s and strong believers, and all have very good attitudes. “They treat us well and are respected by everyone in the prison,” he said. “Out of 15 guys on the team, eight of them are in this group.”

The other guys on the team are younger, ranging in age from their late teens to 20’s and 30’s, noted Sean. They are recently off the streets, and unbelievers. “The older guys see this team as a ministry for them too,” Sean said, describing how they share lessons and minister to the younger guys who have come into their world. “So in our ministry we recognize these older men and we target the younger men, which in the end ministers to the older

A Missionary's Journey

Seminary support encourages young missionary

By Sheila Allen

men,” explained Sean. “They feel like they are being encouraged and recognized for the men they have become.”

San Quentin opened in 1852 just across the bridge from San Francisco and 15 minutes from the Seminary's Northern California Campus. It houses over 2,000 inmates and the majority have sentences ranging from twenty years to life. Many of the inmates have been in maximum security facilities for murder-related issues.

“They are hungry for interaction with us,” noted Miguel. “And they minister to us – encouraging us, praying for us. It’s amazing how you can feel God’s love and His presence even in the prison. It’s been one of my favorite things at Seminary.”

Bryan observed, “The San Quentin Sports Ministry has proven to be a great way for Seminary students to go into another culture and share the Gospel with those who need a relationship with Jesus Christ.” ⁹



Bryan Brown

“Missionaries were so much a part of my life,” said Alana Grant*, who grew up in Zillah, Washington, and became a believer at age eight. “They were in our area regularly to help my church with building construction, Vacation Bible School or summer missions, and I am still in contact with some of them.”

Growing up in the church, she recalled her spiritual development as natural, with Christian parents and church an integral part of her life. So when Alana decided to attend Golden Gate Seminary, it also seemed natural. Yet she spent over five years in missionary endeavors before she enrolled to pursue her degree.

“In so many ways, Alana represents the deep commitment and passion of a younger generation who has heard God’s call on their lives and has responded with tremendous courage,” said Dr. Chris Turner, Regional Director of Golden Gate Seminary Pacific Northwest Campus.

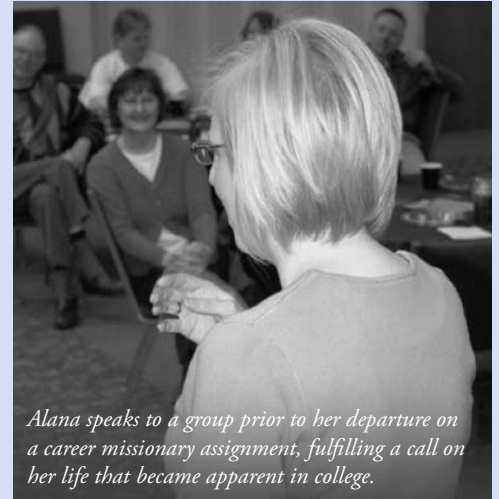
After beginning college at Washington State University, Alana was encouraged to consider summer missions by Bob Harvey, longtime Baptist collegiate minister at WSU. Her first overseas assignment took her to Wales, where she and a partner started an afterschool club for teens. She shared her personal testimony with the teens, and noted that “many kids started coming to our afterschool program as a result of this testimony.”

That summer, Alana became hooked on missions. The support she received from her parents and Northwest Baptist Collegiate Ministries was an important component in answering “yes” to God’s call.

In the next few years she travelled to China and Bangladesh, serving in various missionary capacities. She returned to the U.S., praying for God’s direction.

“I wasn’t sure if I was ready to make the commitment, which included a seminary education,” said Alana. “I prayed for a year after I returned, while employed as a social worker.”

To her surprise, when Alana began her classes at Golden Gate Seminary Pacific Northwest Campus, she found she enjoyed



Alana speaks to a group prior to her departure on a career missionary assignment, fulfilling a call on her life that became apparent in college.

it. Even after her seminary classes were completed in the spring of 2008, Alana returned to audit an Old Testament course to learn as much as possible.

“The best part of seminary was my newfound respect for the Bible,” Alana said. “I have gained a much-needed foundation before going back overseas. The faculty and students have been supportive of me as a woman in ministry and as a missionary. I don’t know if I could have gotten that at any other seminary.”

After her approval by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alana received an offer to go to South Asia and work with a group of women in a relatively small people group as a career missionary. There since July 2008, she is committed to three years teaching Bible storying and helping women set up or strengthen their businesses. These particular women have never had an outreach specifically tailored to them.

“Increasingly, Golden Gate is seeing individuals [like Alana] who have the ability and intellect to be quite successful in other vocational fields, but are choosing to pursue God’s call,” said Dr. Turner. “They are very inspiring to those of us in the Christian community.” ⁹

**Name changed for security purposes.*

A version of this article appeared in the March 2008 issue of the Northwest Baptist Witness.

Global Studies Program

Golden Gate students accomplish ethnographic research in Serbia



“Our group viewed our research as an act of worship,” said one of the Golden Gate students who participated in the five-week Global Studies trip this summer. “We worshipped God through our hard work, interactions with those we interviewed as well as strangers we met on the street.”

A group of seven Golden Gate students formed the cohort which participated in the Global Studies Program (GSP) trip to Serbia. The purpose of this trip was to gain ethnographic field experience while engaging with the people of a different culture. It was a hands-on opportunity to experience the process of thinking about and conducting field research in an intercultural setting.

“Everyone in our cohort bought Serbian Orthodox prayer bracelets, which we still wear every single day,” said another GSP student. “I haven’t removed mine since I first put it on. It’s not only a reminder to pray and a call to unity within our team, but it’s also a reminder of the hours upon hours spent in people’s homes, laughing and crying as we listened and learned. The connections made were far beyond mere researcher and interviewee. I feel as though I’m now carrying around a little piece of their story with me.”

These seven students engaged in intensive collaborative field work, analysis, interpretation and integration as a team and individually. They interviewed people both formally and spontaneously. Each day was spent gathering information through interviews and observations, then convening in the evenings to compile and organize the information. They will later develop their findings into a comprehensive ethnography report.

To participate in the Global Studies Program, students must enroll in both Golden Gate and Union University. This enables them to earn two simultaneous degrees, a Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) from Union University and one of three theological degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary: Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies or a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

“You can’t get this anywhere else. The partnership is unique,” said Dr. Eddie Pate, Director, Kim School of Global Missions and Associate Professor of Missions for Golden Gate Seminary. “Together, Golden Gate and Union are doing what neither can do alone. Union gives our students exposure to a degree program out-

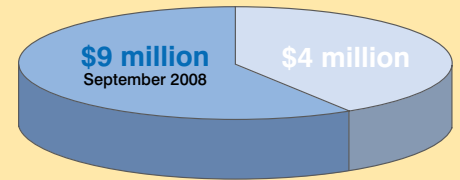
side of our Seminary environment, and the program benefits both schools and all the students.”

The Golden Gate degree focuses on biblical and theological knowledge, while the MAIS degree provides the professional credentials necessary for access to unique global contexts.

“There is a lot of emphasis put on the summer ethnography, but the program is so much more than just that,” said one student. “The first two semesters of the program are preparing you to be immersed in other cultures and how to relate to those cultures. You learn how to gather pertinent data and then how to process the data so it is presentable to the public.”

In addition to the formal research training the students received, they gained priceless experiences, and were valuable ambassadors, as one student explained, “A couple of our translators had pre-conceived ideas about Americans, that we were rude, selfish and only cared about ourselves. After spending time with us over the summer, they confessed before we left that their minds had changed toward Americans. We told them that we were Christians first, then Americans.” [9](#)

Partners for the future



Update on Partners For The Future Campaign

As of September 2008, the Seminary had raised \$9 million of the \$13 million goal of the Partners for the Future Campaign. Three years into the five year campaign, the funds have been used to remodel Northern California campus housing, install wireless Internet capacity at all campuses and permanently endow faculty positions. Through collective support of friends, alumni, faculty and staff, the Campaign is continuing momentum toward the Seminary's goal of \$13 million by the year 2010.

Launched in 2005, the Campaign is an effort to raise funds for both immediate use and long-term endowed support. "I am continually amazed at the provision God gives for His work," said President Jeff Iorg. "We are excited about the current results, and look forward to what God has in store in the coming months."



"My experience with the GSP program has been invaluable. It has opened my eyes to a whole new world. I said I was globally minded, but it wasn't until going through these classes that I realized the fallacy of that statement. What I have learned about governments, nonprofit organizations and global businesses from the courses has given me a sense of empowerment. I now have the knowledge and tools to create or join in an effort to bring the love of Jesus Christ to people by meeting their basic needs."



"One of the best parts about the program is the professors. They take a genuine interest in our lives and want us to succeed. We can graduate from the program knowing that if we ever need any guidance in the future our professors will be more than willing to help out however they can."



"Visiting Serbia was life-changing in the sense that I have never been with a group of people who have so much conflict in their history. The Serbians we met reminded me of Rocky [from the movie], in that they have overcome so many trials and have been through so much pain, yet they are moving forward in life. They are so hospitable and family-oriented."



Photos by **Tana Inskeep**

Contextualized Leadership Development

Training effective Christian leaders to serve in multi-cultural communities

Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) provides quality, Bible-based ministry training in a geographically convenient and contextualized setting. Forty-nine Golden Gate Seminary CLD centers throughout North America provide classes at a post-high school level in order to train effective Christian leaders so that there may be a culturally-relevant church for every people group in the country. This program is currently taught in 17 states and 6 languages.

Golden Gate partners with Southern Baptist Churches, Associations and State Conventions to provide Contextualized Leadership Development centers to enlist, equip and empower God's people to serve the churches in the languages of the people. For those students without a high school or college diploma, CLD centers provide an opportunity for many to be

equipped and trained for effective Christian service.

Diploma Programs offered are in Christian Ministries, Theology and Church Planting. Golden Gate has conferred 949 diplomas since the program began in 1980, and the first graduation was in 1984. Ninety-three diplomas were conferred in 2007.

"Golden Gate Seminary's CLD program has grown from 167 students in the spring of 2005 to over 700 students in the academic year 2007-2008," said Don Beall, Golden Gate's CLD Director. "This successful program continues to develop local church leaders to serve as pastors, church planters, church staff and local missionaries. Our CLD students and graduates are making an impact across the West, North America and the world."

Charles Narh – San Francisco



"I am proud of Golden Gate for giving me a chance to get more credentials and a higher education," says CLD graduate Charles Narh. His parents traveled from Africa to attend the graduation ceremony. It was Narh's grandfather's dream to have at least one child become a pastor.

Charles Narh is a spring 2008 CLD graduate from the San Francisco area. A native of Ghana, Africa, Narh has been living in the United States for eleven years. In addition to being an eye technician, and an associate minister at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Redwood City, California, Nahr is founder of Help Is On The Way. In the United States, this ministry provides financial support to single mothers and evangelical services through speaking engagements and faith-based counseling. In Africa, the ministry provides eye care, vocational training and village improvements. The current project is a village development program to mechanize an existing well to supply potable water for thousands of people in the village of Tokuroano, Ghana. Narh earned his CLD diploma from the Peninsula School of Theology CLD center in three years, and confirms that he considers himself more competent due to his education, plus the degree from Golden Gate provides him with increased credibility.

Rita Antonio & LaVerna Chiquito – Navajo

Rita Mae Antonio and LaVerna A. Chiquito (mother and daughter) are Navajo Indians who live on the Navajo Reservation in the Tinian community of New Mexico. Spring 2008 graduates from the Albuquerque School of Theology CLD Center, located at Tinian Baptist Church, they both teach adult Sunday school classes in the Navajo language. Hearing about the CLD program from a fellow Navajo and CLD student, they traveled two hours to Farmington, New Mexico in 1995 for their first credits. Traveling that far became financially impossible, but they were able to resume their studies in 2004 when Southern Baptist Convention of New Mexico Native American Strategist Daniel Clymer started holding classes at their church. Earning their diplomas in about five years, it enabled them to enhance the ministry of their church as well as strengthen their community outreach. They are better trained as servant leaders in the church, and better prepared to teach. They have developed a boldness in ministry, going into the community to witness and assist with training Bible study leaders in nearby communities.



Rita Mae Antonio(R) and LaVerna A. Chiquito(L). "The communities surrounding trained CLD people have experienced significant transformation through Christ's work in the lives of our graduates. God made the impossible possible through Golden Gate's CLD and Southern Baptist support," said Daniel Clymer, SBCNM Native American Strategist.

In ten years, the Albuquerque CLD Center in New Mexico has conferred 107 diplomas, 86 Diplomas of Christian Ministry and 22 Diplomas of Theology. In addition, this CLD Center has generated a bilingual library which students, as well church leaders, utilize. The following two CLD students attend the Albuquerque CLD Center in New Mexico.

Pedro Martinez – Albuquerque



Pedro Martinez started his ministry in Juarez, Mexico, while attending the Seminario Teológico Bautista. After moving to New Mexico, he assisted with the music and visitation/evangelism at First Baptist Church-Fruit Avenue while enrolled in the Albuquerque CLD Center. Today Pedro teaches adult Sunday school,

leads the worship service, leads the visitation/evangelism ministries and is involved in the food pantry ministry at First Baptist Bernalillo. He was ordained to the ministry in 2007, received his CLD diploma in Christian Ministry in 2006 and his CLD Diploma in Theology in 2008.

Carlos Bomnafoux – Albuquerque



Carlos Bomnafoux, a church planter from Mexico, started his ministry in Southern California in 1995. Living in New Mexico in 2007, he hosted bible studies in his home. Today Carlos holds bible studies at Celebration Baptist Church on Sunday evenings, in his home on Wednesdays, and conducts a worship service at

Celebration on Sunday afternoons. This is all part of Celebration's outreach to the Hispanic community. He began his CLD studies in the fall of 2007, and is currently studying for a Diploma of Christian Ministry. ⁹

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Make plans now to be a part of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's 48th Annual Missions Conference. This year's theme, "Extraordinary: Everyday People Doing Great Things with God," will focus on how God is using average people in surprising and extraordinary ways all around the world.

Dr. Mike Stroope, Professor of Christian Missions at Truett Theological Seminary, will be the Keynote Speaker. Challenging presentations, passionate worship, interactive workshops—you don't want to miss out on this action-packed weekend!

If you are a seminary or college student involved in student ministry, or have a heart for missions, join us! The conference is \$45 per person and will run Friday night through Sunday morning. The cost includes meals, but does not include lodging.

Seminary credit is available to Golden Gate students attending the conference. Additional fees and course work are required if desiring class credit. Visit our website for more information, and to register.

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Jeff Dunham – Southern California Campus

A homeless father goes to seminary

"We weren't able to sell our Nevada house before we moved out to California in order to go to seminary," explained Jeff Dunham, MDiv. student and father of two. "So we decided to stay in a hotel until the house sold."

He and his family had no idea when they chose this living arrangement how many lives they would touch through their faith.

"We've looked at our time at Extended Stay as a ministry opportunity," said Jeff. "We've developed relationships in the different hotels with the people who live and work there – residents, desk clerks and cleaning ladies." He noted how even his children used the experience to reach out and invite other children living at the hotels to accompany them to church.

Arriving in the city of Orange from Nevada just before the school year began in 2006, they registered their children at the local school district. At that time, their daughter, Rachel, was going into 1st grade and son, John, into 4th grade. Because they didn't have a permanent residence, and lived in a hotel, the school district considered them homeless, regardless of the Dunhams' explanations.

As a result, they received food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, which they donated to a needy family at their church. Their children were given Christmas gifts, which Jeff said they accepted graciously, and then gave to a giving tree at their church. Their Nevada home sold in February 2007. "The ironic thing is, although we're deemed homeless, we're sitting on this huge sum from the Nevada home sale," said Jeff.

Extended Stay hotel rooms are 12 feet wide by 24 feet long, with a queen-size bed and two cots for the kids. The room has a kitchenette, full-sized refrigerator, a microwave and a two-burner stove without an oven.

They've lived in seven Extended Stay hotels during 20 out of the 26 months they've been in Southern California.

What do the kids think? "Originally, it was an adventure, but after a while it started to get old," said Jeff. "My 11-year-old son is now in 6th grade and wants his own room." Putting things in perspective, he continued, "But they've experienced many things that a lot of other kids haven't. They have learned that you can find God in a lot of places that people don't usually look for God."

During his final semester, Jeff's family has left the hotel and now rents a mobile home. While small, it's a little bigger than the hotel room and has two bedrooms. Jeff plans to graduate in December with a Master of Divinity degree.

Jeff is grateful for the experience he and his family have had in the Extended Stay hotels.

"It has not been 'just getting by for two years while I go to seminary.' Too many people just live to get by," said Jeff. "Instead, we have wanted to share God's Kingdom with whomever we met, wherever God took us."

"It's a fascinating story," said Dr. Eddie Pate, Kim School of Global Missions and Associate Professor of Missions at Golden Gate Seminary. "What impresses me the most is his commitment to being in seminary with a family, his faith in being willing to follow God's prompting without knowing where they were going to live. What a wonderful role model for other students."

First stop jail, second stop seminary

"I was thrown in jail for 535 days in 1995, and that's where God revealed His truth to me," said John Ramirez, currently a student at Golden Gate Seminary Arizona Campus. Searching for something more meaningful while incarcerated, he picked up a New Testament and "got the message."

After serving his time for drug possession, he stopped by The Church on Fillmore, an inner-city church in Phoenix, Arizona. "I met the pastor, and it hit me like a bolt of lightning that I could offer to lend a hand," recalled John.



John Ramirez – Arizona Campus

Pastor Jim Hiatt continued the story. “I’d had several people from jail work for me over the years. We had an opportunity to provide for John. God has blessed us and we wanted to pass on these blessings.”

Twelve years later, John is still at The Church on Fillmore, assisting Pastor Jim with anything and everything from maintenance, Bible studies, the sound system, mowing the lawn and occasionally preaching the Sunday morning sermon.

A seminary education never occurred to John until he attended a local pastor’s luncheon in September 2007. Even when someone suggested he go to Golden Gate, “I didn’t take that seriously, but two faculty members encouraged me, and Regional Director, Dr. David Johnson, brought me an application.” Dr. Johnson also took him to Sunlakes Baptist Church, which has a ministry sponsoring missions and Golden Gate scholarships. John gave his testimony and they offered to provide him with a scholarship.

He was accepted as a Seminary student in December 2007 and is working towards a Diploma of Theology.

“It is great to have John as a student,” said Dr. Johnson. “He is a living testimony to the transforming ministry of a local church. He is proof that ministering to persons in the inner city makes a real difference in their lives.”

“I don’t know why I’m here, but I know I belong here,” said John of his work with Jim Hiatt. “He’s been pastoring this church in the inner city for 43 years, and searching for someone to help him. Pastor Jim and his wife, Edna, have truly helped teach me what the real meaning of love is.”

When asked what comes after the degree, John answered, “I’m leaving it up to God – He’s still in charge. It feels like I’ve probably grown more since I started Seminary than the whole 10 years before that. I’m willing to do whatever He wants me to do. I don’t know what God has planned for me, but I want God to use me in a special way, and I know that if I make myself available, He’ll use me.”

From mathematics to seminary

“What would you do if you could do anything at all with the rest of your life?” Joy Eakins considered that question only briefly before she knew the answer: work with youth. At the time she held a Masters degree in mathematics and worked in the technology industry, as well as taught youth Sunday school. God’s calling caused an internal struggle. “I felt that God wanted me to work with youth,” Joy said, “but I had issues: I’m a woman; I have a full-time job; could I really do this?”

She discussed her thoughts with her pastor, who suggested she go to seminary. “So in 2001 I started Golden Gate Seminary Rocky Mountain Campus. Right after I started, I got pregnant!”



The new responsibilities of parenthood did not stop Joy’s determination to pursue God’s call. In addition to serving part-time on her church staff, she has been taking one class a semester for the last seven years, and plans to graduate with a Master of Theological Studies in another two years.

Dr. Steve Veteto, Regional Director of Golden Gate Seminary Rocky Mountain Campus, knows Joy well since she also worked as the campus’ administrative assistant. “Joy heard God’s call on her life and was willing to do whatever it takes to pursue God. She loves her family, but has found a way to prioritize her life so that she has not had to delay a call to minister and serve.”

To assist her in her pursuit, Joy receives the Neva Burk Scholarship for Women. The scholarship was established by alumnae Dr. Naomi Paget in honor of Ms. Neva Burk from Henderson, Texas. The scholarship pays half the tuition for qualifying women attending either the Rocky Mountain and Arizona Campuses of the Seminary.

Her husband, Eric, also encouraged her to pursue her degree. “I couldn’t have done this without Eric’s support,” Joy said, noting that her son is now six years old.

Up until this past June, they lived within two hours of the campus. This summer she and her family moved to Kansas, 350 miles from the Rocky Mountain Campus in Denver.

But the move hasn’t prevented her from continuing her studies. Golden Gate Seminary’s distance learning classes are set up to allow four days in the classroom, and the remainder of the time is spent learning through online instruction. In addition, eCampus courses give her the option of taking classes entirely online, with no travel required at all.

Is it really such a jump from mathematics to seminary? “Several famous mathematicians have become believers,” Joy said. “There is beauty in order, and seeing the complexity when you start to study the bigger concepts of math, you can’t help but realize there must be a divine order.” ⁹

Campus News



Graves Award

Rob Zinn, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Highland, California, received the 2008 Harold K. Graves Award, for his strong support of Golden Gate Seminary. The Graves award named after the former Seminary president, is presented to an individual or family who demonstrates long-term faithful service to the Seminary. The award is presented annually upon recommendation and approval of the faculty.

Northern California Campus

The NCC initiated the "Leading Pastors of the West" Chapel Series this fall. This four-part program featured pastors in the West who exemplify longevity and pastoral excellence. The speakers were: Walter Price, Fellowship in the Pass, Beaumont, California; Keith Evans, Greater Gresham Baptist Church, Gresham, Oregon; Kevin White, First Baptist Church, Longview, Washington; and Steve Davidson, Clovis Community Church, Clovis, California.

LifeWay Remodeled

As a gift to the Northern California Campus, LifeWay Christian Bookstores, Inc. remodeled the bookstore in Broadus Hall. Dedicated in September 2008 with a ribbon cutting ceremony, the 2200-sq. ft. remodel features a warm, rich look which emphasizes the academic environment and provides more useable space for books and other products.



Southern California Campus

The SCC reports enrollment is up this fall with 178 students, an increase from fall 2007. Thirty-four graduates received degrees last spring. The SCC hosts a Doctor of Ministry cohort, which enables Southern California ministers and Christian leaders to achieve their D.Min. degrees locally. Dr. Guy Grimes, pastor of Shoreline Baptist Church of Fountain Valley, California, began serving this fall as the new part-time Theological Field Education Coordinator.

Arizona Campus

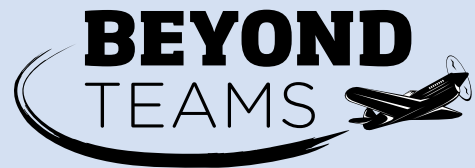
The AZC had its largest ever incoming class of 27 new students this fall after a record graduation of 18 Master Degree students last spring. Fall enrollment at the Arizona Campus is 97 students. The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention is continuing plans to build a new facility for the campus with classrooms, library and office space. Fundraising efforts are under way as the architectural plans are being developed.

Rocky Mountain Campus

Fifteen new students have enrolled in courses for the fall semester at the RMC, bringing enrollment to 76 students. Distance Learning students attend the RMC from Nebraska, Utah, Wyoming, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Tennessee, as well as Colorado. Several RMC students participated in activities surrounding the Democratic National Convention, including serving and ministering to first responders (police, fire and EMT personnel) and also sharing Christ with locals and out-of-towners. Over 150 individuals responded by accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. (*Read more on page 6.*)

Pacific Northwest Campus

The PNWC had another quality graduating class this past spring, awarding one Doctor of Ministry, 12 Masters degrees and 7 Contextualized Leadership diplomas. In its 28-year history, the PNWC has graduated approximately 240 Master level students, of which 30% have graduated in the past four years.



Beyond Teams is a program offered by The David and Faith Kim School of Global Missions. These trips provide Seminary students the unique opportunity to experience and study diverse cultures and participate in missions experiences with Golden Gate Seminary faculty and staff.

Any Golden Gate student is welcome to participate. Class credit and scholarships are available. Students are encouraged to register now for the trips listed below.

2009 Missions Opportunities

January 18-28	London/Morocco/Egypt
April 10-18	Scandinavia
May 30-June 6	Comayagua, Honduras
June - dates TBA	Shanghai, China
July 1-16	Bangkok, Thailand

For more information, go to the news section on the Seminary's home page at www.ggbs.edu or contact Garth Clayborn at garthclayborn@ggbs.edu or (415) 380-1585.

Faculty News

Clint Ashley, who teaches at the Pacific Northwest Campus, was named Senior Professor by the Golden Gate Seminary Board of Trustees in spring 2008. A native of Dallas who has lived in the Pacific Northwest since 1978, he served as Director of the PNWC from 1992-2004. From 1984-1986, Ashley served on the Seminary's board of trustees, resigning from that responsibility in order to assume duties as president of the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary.

Chris Chun joined the NCC as assistant professor of Church History in fall 2008. Fluent in both English and Korean, Chun is an ordained SBC pastor and a frequent speaker at churches, seminars and retreats. Chun received his Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland in early 2008. Chun authored a chapter, "*Sense of the Heart: Jonathan Edwards' Legacy in the Writings of Andrew Fuller*," which was published in the spring 2008 issue of "Eusebeia," the official journal of the Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies.

David Johnson, the AZC regional director with 20 years of pastoral experience, received his Doctor of Ministry degree in May 2008 from Golden Gate. Although he earned a Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament studies from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1990, Johnson's new degree allowed him the opportunity to professionally examine the transition from pastoral ministry to campus director and seminary professor. A Doctor of Ministry degree is a practical degree designed to make pastors more competent in the field of ministry, to help them grow personally and professionally.

Michael Kuykendall was named a full professor of New Testament Studies in spring 2008. He has been teaching at the PNWC since 1989, mainly in the areas of New Testament and Baptist History. In 1990 he became the first trustee-elected part-time professor in Golden Gate's history, dividing his time between seminary professor and local church pastor. He served in this dual role until 1996 when he became a full-time professor at Golden Gate.

Rick Melick, Director, Academic Graduate Studies Program and Professor of New Testament Studies, authored a chapter in a newly published book, *John A. Broadus: A Living Legacy*, edited by David S Dockery and Roger Duke. The chapter, "New Wine in Broadus Wineskins," answers the question of whether Broadus would be respected as a New Testament scholar today. Melick also wrote an article published in the May 2008 issue of *SBC Life*, "The Bible – Effective!"

Eddie Pate, Director, Kim School of Global Missions and Associate Professor of Missions, spoke at a convocation service at Liberty University on August 25, 2008 to a crowd of 6,000. Pate also delivered the Convention Sermon at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the California Southern Baptist Convention in San Diego.

Jim Wilson, Associate Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Golden Gate, spoke at the Future Church conference at the First Chinese Baptist Church, Los Angeles in November.

Attention Alumni from the Berkeley Campus!!!

It has been more than fifty years since Golden Gate Seminary students attended classes on Grove Street in Berkeley, California. Though the building still remains, few who now work there are aware of how lives were changed within those walls. Those students became the backbone of leadership that helped build the strong work of Southern Baptists in the west.

On May 28-29, 2009, we will host all alumni who attended the Berkeley Campus for a celebration of that special time in our Seminary's history. Activities will include a visit to the former campus in Berkeley, a president's reception, lunch with 2009 graduates, campus tours, an evening dinner and special recognition at the spring Commencement Ceremony.

If you are one of those alums who attended the Berkeley campus, you will soon be receiving information regarding the events. Please feel free to contact the Seminary's Alumni Office (1-800-442-8709) if you would like to participate in the planning or just want to make sure you are on the list for invitees.

We are especially interested in obtaining copies of photographs, publications, or memorabilia to create a display.

Plan to join the Golden Gate family for these two special days as we honor our past and look forward to our future!



Signing the first diploma in 1949.

Photo provided by Dr. Herring's granddaughter, Penny Flood

President **B.O. Herring** at the desk,
Standing (L-R): **O. Dean Johnson**, Chairman of Trustees,
E.D. Giddens, Secretary-Treasurer (Dr. Rick Durst's father-in-law),
A.L. Aulish, Professor of New Testament Greek,
Charles Mashburn, Gadsden, Alabama – whose Th.M. diploma was the first one to be signed

Alumni Updates

1950s

Marshall Borden Thompson ('50) spends his retirement years co-writing books with his wife **Hazel (Vincente-Koomen) Thompson** ('51). They have written about their 15-year experiences sharing the Gospel in Turkey: *Hot and Cold Turkey* (2002), and their 23 years in Bolivia: *High Adventure in Bolivia* (2007).

Darrell H. Bolich ('58) was recently appointed Chaplain of the Baptist Village Retirement Community of Ada, Oklahoma.

1960s

Don L. Smith ('62) has been serving, since last September, as director of missions for the Jasper County Baptist Association in Mississippi.

1970s

Fred Kerr ('72) celebrated his 36th year in 2008 as pastor of Greenville Southern Baptist Church in Greenville, California.

John L. Oliver ('74) and his wife, Diane, are now retired teachers living outside of Nashville, Tennessee. They volunteer with Victory Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

James H. Malone ('76) and his wife, Linda, have been missionaries in Brazil since 2002.

Donald (Don) Barr ('76) is currently serving as Spiritual Counselor and Bereavement Counselor for Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado in Montrose, Colorado. He and his wife, Robyn, have two daughters, four grandchildren.

Marion Pryfogle ('79), serving as pastor at Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church of Dos Palos, California for the past six years, recently returned with his wife Pam from their third mission trip to Northern Uganda. They taught more than 125 pastors and their wives *The Purpose Driven Church*, *S.H.A.P.E.* and *How to Study the Bible*.

1980s

Richard (Rik) Danielsen ('80) was called to be the Director of Evangelism and Missions for the Yavapai Baptist Association in Arizona in January 2008, and appointed

by the North American Mission Board in February 2008.

Richard Williams ('80) has accepted the pastorate of a new church plant, Petra Baptist Fellowship, in Central Point, Oregon.

Tom Holladay ('81), teaching pastor at Saddleback Church, has just authored *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*, based on an exhaustive study of what Jesus did and said about relationships.

Christopher (Chris) Crossan ('82) is serving the Lord with his wife in Central Asia.

Brian Roy Kaiser ('82) is the new Minister of Worship at FBC, Hesperia, California.

Steven W. DeBernardi ('82) is a social worker in St. Paul, Minnesota and is now semi-retired. He served as the chaplain for the St. Paul Police Department 1991-2002.

Bob Anders ('82), GGBTS class president of 1982, lives with his wife, Carol, in Montgomery, Alabama. Bob has retired from the Air Force chaplaincy, the pastorate, and chaplaincy at the VA hospital.

Bobbie Bailey Stifle ('84) is an Executive Recruiter with her company, Integrity Recruiters. She recruits nationwide for hospital administrative positions, and travels full time in her RV while visiting clients across the country.

Shayne Gilpin ('85) has been serving at LifeWay Christian Resources since 1993 as Manager of the Accounts Payable Section. He and his wife live in Bon Aqua, Tennessee, and have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Sheryl M. Cooper ('87) returned to the U.S. in June 2006, after living and working in Thailand for six years. She currently lives in Little Rock, where she works for the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Lisa Jean Vernon ('88) is Director of Spiritual Care for Hinds Hospice in Fresno, California.

1990s

Robert (Bob) McEachern, Jr. (90) retired in July from the International Mission Board after 35 years. He and his wife, Judy, served 15 years in Korea as IMB missionaries and 20 years on the IMB

staff in Richmond, Virginia. Bob is now pastor of Fair Havens Church in Chesterfield, Virginia.

Lee Bradley ('92) is serving with the International Mission Board in Albania. Currently he serves as director of the Albanian Bible Institute in Durres. ABI is a Christian school that exists to train Albanian pastors, church leaders, church planters and missionaries.

Harvey Martindill (1994, 1996) has been the Pastor of Carson Baptist Church since 1989. He also serves as Manager of Library Services at the Seminary's Southern California Campus, where his wife, Nancy, also serves as Manager of Operations.

Chloe Ting Sun's, ('96) Ph.D. dissertation *"The Ethics of Violence in the Story of Aqhat"* has recently been published by Gorgias Press. She is currently teaching at Logos Evangelical Seminary in Southern California as assistant professor of Old Testament.

Dewey Squyres ('97) is currently serving as Director of Church and Pastoral Ministries for Central Coast Baptist Association in California. He is also serving concurrently as Interim Executive Director of Missions for the San Francisco Peninsula Baptist Association.

Quentin P. Kinnison ('98) recently earned a Doctor of Philosophy from Fuller Seminary. He and wife **Cindy** ('01) have relocated to Fresno, California where Quentin will be teaching Contemporary Christian Ministry at Fresno Pacific University.

Erik A. Tisher ('98) has been serving in the United States Air Force as a chaplain since 2002. He is assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, serving a year-long a year-long residency in Clinical Pastoral Education. He and his wife Shannon have four children, and live in Universal City, Texas.

2000s

John Draper ('00) is the new pastor at Paoli Baptist Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

Rick Rogers ('00) is the California/Nevada Stewardship Representative for Moody Bible Institute. Prior to this position, he and

Seminary Sprouts

his wife Sally served in the Pacific Northwest and planted a church, The Gathering of Soap Lake and Ephrata, Washington.

Brian Pitre ('00) and **Ellen Forry Pitre** ('01) welcomed daughter **Mikayla Elise Pitre** on August 27, 2008. Both Brian and Ellen serve on staff with Wilcrest Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Brian is Associate Pastor and Young Adult Minister; Ellen is Young Adult Minister and Family Counselor.

Cynthia (Cindy) Kinnison ('01) recently completed two years of teaching full-time at Biola University in the Sociology Department.

Susan Hull Meng ('01) has been living in East Asia for the last six years. Married to Jedidiah Meng for two years, they welcomed the birth of their first child, **Jacklyn An-Li** in January 2008.

Ben Mathis ('02) is a Navy Chaplain, serving with the Marines in Okinawa. He is currently deployed to Kuwait.

Matthew (Matt) Berry ('04) and wife Jackie, who have three daughters, planted a church in Mountain House, California in 2006.

Andre L. Mooney ('04) is pastoring on Chippewa Reservation in Belcourt, North Dakota and also serving as a USAFR Chaplain at Minot AFB. His wife, Tanya, is the Care Service Program Director at Minot State University-Bottineau.

Leanne Sanders ('05) married David Miller on May 11, 2008 in Charlottesville, Virginia. David serves in the US Navy and is stationed at the Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada.

Alicia Feaster ('06) practices as a women's pastoral counselor in Marin County, California. She is also a Bible study teacher for Marin Morning Women's Bible study and is a Mentor Mom for the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) ministry at Marin Covenant Church in Novato, California.

Nathan Dennis ('06) accepted an offer from Johns Hopkins University's History of Art Department to begin work on a Ph.D. in late Roman and early Christian art history. He and wife Valerie are now living in Maryland.

Here are a few children of Golden Gate alumni. If you are an alumnus and would like to include your 18-months-old or younger child in an upcoming issue, please send a 300 dpi photo. Include the name of your child, you and your spouse's names, the dates you attended and email to alumni@ggbts.edu.



1) Jacklyn An-Li Meng

Born January 29, 2008
Susan Hull ('01) and Jedidiah Meng

2) Roman Erick Underwood

Born March 22, 2008
Erick ('07) and Colleen Underwood

3) Alistair Michael Wilson

Born May 2, 2007
Matthew ('07) and Erin Wilson

4) Arden Corinne Gaudet

Born March 27, 2008
Lee ('07) and Regina Gaudet

5) Priscilla Maria Sivonen

Born September 1, 2008
Mikko ('04, '05) and Heidi Sivonen

6) Abigail Kate Henry

Born November 3, 2007
Brandon ('07) and Heather Henry

7) Nathan James Arendt

Born November 19, 2007
Brian ('05) and Julie Arendt

Nathan Funk ('07) is a pilot (First Officer) for American Eagle Airlines based in Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. His wife, Erin, is an antepartum nurse at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

Joseph Eastman ('08) has accepted the call to pastor at Highland Baptist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Charlene Hios ('08) is working full time at Bridging The Gaps Ministries, located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In Memoriam

1950 Sam E. Brian

1953 Henry Johnson

1959 Clyde B. Skidmore

1960, 1983 John H. Allen

1961 Milton J. Schmierer

1964, 1972 Stanley N. Millard

1978 Gordon A. Speak

1980 Lillian Dea

1996 Theresa Thompson

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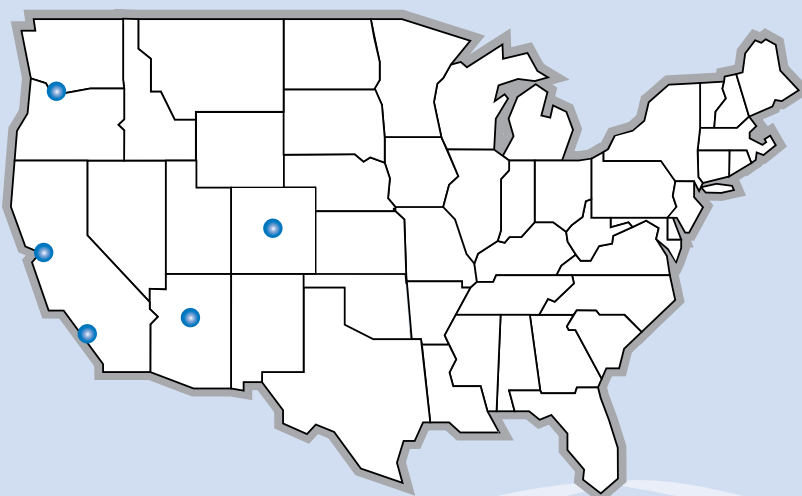
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