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# Leadership insight

## Leadership Insight

**William O. Crews, President**



For almost 60 years, Golden Gate has set about the task of equipping effective Christian leaders for the churches of tomorrow. During the past 20 years, Golden Gate has taken the seminary experience directly to students in the West through campuses strategically placed throughout the western United States. In doing so, Golden Gate is bringing a contextualized and individualized education at each of our five campuses.

We believe seminary training is most effective when it occurs within the context of a student's ministry. Just as the demands on ministers are different in Colorado, Arizona, Washington, or California, so is the educational experience at each of our campuses. As the International Mission Board's ultimate goal is to train indigenous leadership in their own cultural context, we want to train our students in their own cultural context. A person trained in his or her own cultural context will be a more effective leader for the churches of the West.

Each of our campuses is strategically located in the population centers of the Western United States. In the states where Golden Gate operates its five campuses, there are more than 52 million people. There are nearly 26 million people in the counties within reasonable driving distance of our campuses. This means that Golden Gate is accessible to half of the population living in the west.

Golden Gate is strategically located on the West coast of the United States and on the east coast of the rest of the world. Approximately 50 percent of our students upon graduation expect to serve in international missions. Our students have the opportunity to be trained for effective leadership in the midst of cultures that can be found anywhere in the rest of the world.

The challenge of equipping leaders to reach the West and the world will challenge the best there is in us. That is the dream that drives and energizes this Seminary. It is a dream worthy of our Lord and of this mission field in which He has placed this Seminary.

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# Equipping the Saints Impacting the Church Reaching the Lost

By Claudean Boatman

Golden Gate Seminary offers a unique advantage to those seeking a seminary education—there is no need to leave their ministries to go to seminary. This is a reality that Ken Albert learned personally.

Albert is the bi-vocational pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Calhan, east of Colorado Springs, and a student at Golden Gate's Rocky Mountain Campus. He became a Christian as an adult and knew "early in my Christian walk that God wanted me in full-time service." He applied himself diligently to the study of God's word and served his church in several leadership roles.

Those early experiences and study revealed a need to attend seminary and be equipped for what God wanted him to do. At the time, Southwestern Seminary was the only Southern Baptist seminary Albert knew of. He was determined to be obedient to God's call, even if it meant leaving Colorado. **Then he heard about Golden Gate Seminary's Rocky Mountain Campus. "I realized immediately that was where God wanted me."**

Albert is starting his fourth year at the Rocky Mountain Campus and said he cannot picture himself going anywhere else. "I would have come away a very different person."

During his seminary experience he was called as pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in 2002. He says, "Everything I'm doing, top to bottom, has been profoundly influenced by seminary."

Seminary has taught Albert this key lesson: being precedes doing. "Who we are as Christians must shape and direct what we do. Who we are extends to every area of our lives, individually and cooperatively."

Albert has found lasting relationships at the Rocky Mountain Campus. Albert describes the friendships he

has made in seminary as "one of the unexpected side benefits." One reason the relationships are special is that all the students are in ministry right now. "We're doing what we're going to be doing," he said. Those relationships have made him "sharper, more focused and intentional about what I'm doing."

"The context in which I'm receiving that (seminary) education is unmatched," Albert says. He appreciates the focus on leadership development and learning it in the context of ministry.

Seminary has been a place of growing and maturing for Albert. "I am coming out humbled, amazed at what I have learned and in awe of what I don't know. My walk with God is closer, richer, more meaningful than before," he said.

*Adapted from an article in the Rocky Mountain Baptist of the Colorado Southern Baptist Convention."*



Ken Albert interacts with visitors at a county fair in Colorado.

# TACOMA FIRST BAPTIST, REACHING BEYOND TACOMA TO THE WORLD

By Karen L. Willoughby / Baptist Press



Twenty-one years ago, Tacoma First Baptist Church was a Korean Sunday School department at First Baptist Church of Lakewood in Tacoma, Washington. Chang S. Moon, a 1973 graduate of Golden Gate Seminary, was called to pastor this 120-member group.

Today nearly 1,400 people worship in three adult Sunday services at Tacoma First -- two services in Korean and one in English -- and in three youth-oriented English-language services -- a Contemporary Ministries service for the college/career crowd, a youth service for teens and a children's service for youngsters through the sixth grade. Tacoma First is the largest church of the nearly 450 congregations that affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention and Northwest Baptist Convention.

"The purpose of a church is to reach out to the lost and help them to grow spiritually," Moon said, "and to equip them to serve the Lord. We are Southern Baptist because it is a Bible-believing denomination that is working together to reach out to a lost world."

Mission teams from the church go to East Asia providing intensive Bible training to about 20 house churches. Each of Tacoma First's 58 cell groups/house churches sponsors one house church in East Asia. The church also helped start -- and continues to help with -- a noodle factory to ease hunger needs in one part of East Asia.

In addition, mission teams go once or twice a year to the Philippines to share the gospel and provide medical care. The church also assists a missionary with the Maori tribe of New Zealand.

Closer to home, Tacoma First members planted two churches recently, and minister at a rescue mission in downtown Tacoma.

The church also provides a daycare center for preschoolers and is in the planning stages of building an apartment building near the church for senior citizens.



▲ **Youthful outreach:** Youth camp participants in the Philippines enjoy a meal during the outreach aided by Tacoma First Baptist Church in Washington. (BP)

▼ **Port presentation:** Paul Peterson, Tacoma First Baptist Church's English-language associate pastor, presents the gospel as part of the Washington church's port ministries. (BP)



"Together" is a key word, the pastor said. The purpose of the Sunday fellowship dinners is to build a sense of togetherness, which helps Tacoma First to continually increase its effectiveness in ministry.

The Korean meal is served each Sunday to about 800 people, funded by the contributions of those who participate. Eight groups of ladies cook and serve in a rotation-type ministry that has been going on for many years, the pastor said.

Tacoma First also owns a 10-acre retreat center near Mt. Rainier that it hopes to expand in the next five years. Its present size limits it to children's camps and missions groups' prayer retreats.

**"Tacoma First Baptist Church has grown because of God's grace," Moon said, working through "prayer, a plan for growth, dedicated laypeople, and an easy to understand and practical message."**

*Adapted from an article in Baptist Press.*

# A Graduate's Vision

By John C. Eagan

As a young girl, Kresten Froistad had a stirring in her heart to help homeless children. Today the graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary is putting that calling to work as executive director of Gilead House, a refuge for homeless women and their children.

**“God initiates a vision in our hearts; we need to carry out that vision,” Kresten says. “People should consider doing something that changes people’s lives...find a way to get involved.”**

After working as a student intern, she took over leadership of Gilead after receiving her Master of Divinity degree in June 2003.

Gilead House was founded in 1997 by several concerned Christians who wanted to help at least some of the estimated 1,200 homeless children living in affluent Marin County, many of them with their single mothers, many of them victims of abuse.

The rented house in Novato, a few miles north of the Seminary, is where 15 mothers and 23 children found a safe refuge and a fresh start with job counseling, mentoring and financial disciplines.

Three women with their children live in Gilead for one year, transitioning into a stable life for the future.

The name Gilead refers to a region in ancient Israel, which was famous for the production of a healing ointment known as “The Balm of Gilead.” The area was also known as a place of refuge and healing.



The Gilead House was nearly forced to close at one point because of a shortage of money, but local churches rallied to their aid and committed to keep the house open. Eight churches of various denominations currently support the faith-based nonprofit Christian organization. Funding is 60 percent from churches and individuals, plus grants from the state and local community funds.

Kresten was born and raised in Nevada in a Christian home, graduated with a journalism degree from University of Nevada-Reno and attended the Northern California campus of Golden Gate Seminary for three years, serving as vice president of the student body.

Her vision is to see the concept spread over a wide area and assist more women and children in need.

“When a single mother enters our program, our goal is to not just help her transform her life, but to break the cycle of poverty and struggle for her children as well. In the end, who knows how many generations are affected when one life is changed for the better?”

# 2003 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient **Dan Coker** a Leader in Southern Baptist life and a committed pastor

By Melinda J. Fixx

“Your ego cannot be on the line. We cannot afford to lose churches,” Dan Coker tells students at the Arizona Campus of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dan has pastored churches throughout California and is now pastoring Love Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. He is also the first vice president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention -- and the 2003 recipient of Golden Gate Seminary’s Alumni Achievement Award.

Since early in his own seminary days, the pastor of the once-declining Love Baptist Church in Phoenix has had an interest in transitional churches. “We are closing too many churches,” he shares.

With his seminary training and assistance from the North American Mission Board, he learned to help declining churches become healthy again. Now, he teaches those principles to others while he practices them himself.

Before Dan came to Love Baptist in 1998, the church averaged 55 in worship. Worship attendance now averages 170. The pastor of a declining church must be seen, Dan believes. “He must be there for the congregation, be there at workdays, roll up his sleeves, and work twice as hard as he asks his people to do,” he says.

Dan also believes it is important not to focus so much on reaching others that he neglects those who are already under his care.

**A pastor in a declining church “has to be a pastor first to the people who called him, which means visiting and working with them, understanding their needs, and taking them along in the growth process,” he says.**

Today, Dan believes Love is on a “solid foundation.” The church’s giving has more than doubled, and Love is debt-free. The church is renovating its buildings, making them user-friendly.

Love gladly follows Dan’s leadership in the growth process. “The people had to be willing to go through changes, and their comfort zone was tweaked,” he says.

He praises his congregation: “They have kept every promise they have made to me, and I think that is commendable.”

*Adapted from an article in Portraits of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.*



*Dan Coker greets church members whom he feels shares the credit for the success of Love Baptist.*



*Dan Coker in front of Love Baptist Church that he helped to grow, in his six year tenure, into a healthy church.*

# Missionary with field white with harvest

By Dr. G. W. Schweer

*Lee Bradley, an IMB missionary in Albania, invited Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Schweer to come to Albania for an evangelistic effort aimed at establishing two new churches. The Schweers had made a previous trip three years earlier. Dr. Schweer is the retired senior professor of evangelism at Golden Gate Seminary.*

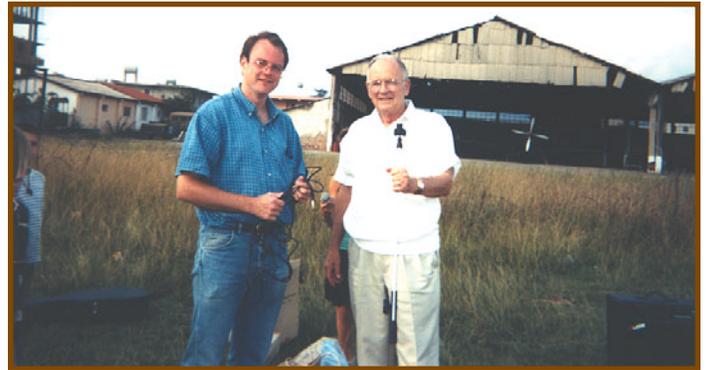
Lee Bradley, a 1992 graduate of Golden Gate Seminary was the only International Mission Board missionary in Albania until this year. Appointed in 1996, Bradley did not get to focus on his work in Albania until March 1998. Due to political unrest, he had been forced to move to Skopje, Macedonia, although even there he focused on Albanians while working on his language study. Lee has worked hard to learn the language and after much effort now converses and preaches quite fluently.

**Friends who know Lee say that he has a Caleb-like spirit. He is dedicated to a hard place.** A number of other missionaries have come to Albania, but after a few months, for one reason or another, they have transferred to other fields or gone home.

Recently, Charlie and Marianne Pitchford were assigned by the International Mission Board to help Lee in Albania. Charlie had served in Albania before returning home and marrying Marianne, a 2002 graduate of Golden Gate Seminary.

The last dictator of Albania, Enver Hoxha, had boasted that he would build the first thoroughly atheistic communist country in the world. Before 1991, even being caught with a Bible or Koran could result in three-year prison term. During that time most religious leaders were executed, starved in prison, or escaped. Churches were turned into museums, restaurants or gymnasiums. Under such conditions Christians were largely silenced and lived in terror.

A remarkable degree of religious freedom now prevails. Many years of the most radical form of atheistic com-



*Lee Bradley and Dr. Schweer preparing to speak at evangelistic service.*

munism, however, have left the majority with a firm skeptical indifference toward spiritual things. Progress in all Christian groups has been slow.

A difficult economy has caused many converts to leave, compelled to move to other European countries to find work in order to support their families. Nevertheless, Lee has established one church in the capital city of Tirana and has two new ones in the making in rapidly growing sections of the city. While Albania is a nominally Muslim nation with a representation of Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, only three tenths of one percent are evangelical Christians.

Lee does not seem to mind the long hours without electricity, the almost impassable streets off the main thoroughfares, the heavily polluted air, or the fact that he is a single missionary often quite alone. He is convinced that he is in the center of God's will, doing just what the Lord would have him do. God has given him a genuine love for the Albanian people.

He is convinced that church planting must be priority. He is committed to building reproducible indigenous churches and training the workers to lead them.

When asked what he needs besides concentrated prayer, Lee replies, "Help!" He is earnestly hoping that the Lord will soon lead other seminary graduates, like the Pitchfords, to join him in the work in Albania.

# NY City pastor emphasizes fighting for what's right after 9/11

In the two years since the tragedy of 9/11, Taylor Field has developed a habit of looking for ways in each moment to fight for what is right -- in order to keep from fighting, later on, against what is wrong.

Field, an alumni and current trustee of Golden Gate Seminary, is pastor of East Seventh Baptist Church/Graffiti Community Ministries in New York City and a missionary with the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board. And after washing the dust of the World Trade Center from his clothes, he set out to minister to a city forever changed by a sudden act of evil.

He has written a book called *Mercy Streets*, released by Broadman & Holman, the publishing arm of LifeWay Christian Resources. In the book, based on the Ephesians 1:18 concept of "having the eyes of your heart enlightened," he recounts stories and lessons learned from years of working in the inner cities of Berlin, Hong Kong, San Francisco and, since 1987, New York City.

In thinking about the effect 9/11 would have on the world, Field found help in the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel, a rabbi who lost his family and community in the fires of World War II.

**"We have failed to fight for right, for justice, for goodness; as a result we must fight against wrong, against injustice, against evil," Heschel wrote.**

That quote set in motion a prayer Field has since prayed concerning 9/11 and its implications.

"I knew in my heart that if we did not fight for what was right for the children I saw on the streets in New York, we would end up fighting against them as grown-up drug dealers and perpetrators of violent crime," Field writes.

He concluded that in some small way, each person can be as brave as a firefighter, a policeman or a soldier overseas because each person has the opportunity each day to live sacrificially in developing the habit of fighting for what is right.



*Sharing hope – Field reads Scripture with long-time member Adele Kiran during a midweek Bible study at the Graffiti Baptist Center. Photo by Gibbs Frazeur / Baptist Press*

By Erin Curry / Baptist Press

In the two years after 9/11, East Seventh Baptist Church/Graffiti Community Missions has followed a commitment to deal with three areas of need in the city: grief and support, direct benevolence and job development.

"What I see now for people in Lower Manhattan and for a number of people is that the long-term effect has been a great deepening of their spiritual walk," Field told Baptist Press. "It hasn't been easy. There are

people we work with that had to leave New York or had to deal with fear or difficulties, but what I've seen after two years is that they say, '9/11 changed my life and brought me closer to God rather than drive me away.'"

He has also seen so many people drawn to help and share Christ in Manhattan and has seen people be more receptive there.

Other long-term effects Field has seen stem from lost jobs after 9/11. Now those people are being evicted from their apartments in a ripple effect of the difficulties. That's why the benevolence and job development ministries are so important.

But some New Yorkers believe the first major test of how they've changed since the World Trade Center crumbled was the blackout that struck the city Aug. 14.

Field said he was talking with people about the blackout recently, and they were proud that it wasn't like the blackout of 1977 when there was so much crime.

"I asked them, 'What do you think the difference is?' and one said, 'I think it's 9/11. It's because we realize we need to pull together in this time, and we approach it in a different way.'"

# Introducing a New Master of Arts in Educational Leadership

The new Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) is the latest innovation of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary to equip those who will prepare others in local churches.

The MAEL, which will replace the existing Master of Arts in Christian Education (MACE), is a two-year, 49-hour program designed to enable persons to specialize their training according to the needs of their ministry. It allows students to focus in areas of early childhood, student or collegiate ministry while also receiving a foundation in Bible, theology and discipleship.



“The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degree is a right-sized replacement for the tested but somewhat aging 66-hour MACE program in place at most seminaries,” commented Rick Durst, Vice President of Academic Affairs. “The Christian Education faculty at Golden Gate Seminary

have worked intensely for three years to re-engineer a discipleship-leadership development degree for the 21st century.”

The objective of the MAEL is to produce ministry leaders who can design and lead educational ministries. The program will focus on equipping students to become competent leaders in preparing potential leaders for ministry in local churches.

**“The church of yesterday focused on educating people, but the church of today must think about developing leaders.** This is the goal of the MAEL--to replicate effective leadership within the church,” stated Leroy Gainey, Chair of the Christian Education Department. “This is a degree program that will be very helpful and relevant to the church.”

One of the distinctive features that sets the new MAEL apart from the old MACE degree is the agility the degree offers to meet the needs its students are facing. The programs seeks to provide “on the job training” for the students while meeting specific needs within the church. MAEL students will gain knowledge of small group leadership, curriculum evaluation, communication techniques and volunteer leadership development.

“The faculty of the MAEL can provide our students with a very high level of expertise in the areas of educational processes, multicultural models, and age-level ministry development,” affirmed Bill Crews, President of the Seminary.

The MAEL began during the Fall 2003 semester on the Northern California and Southern California Campuses.

## Seminary Receives Affirmation of Accreditation Health

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) has reaffirmed fully-accredited status to Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. The Commission on Accrediting of the ATS informed Golden Gate Seminary officials of its decision June 24, 2003.

During an earlier visit by the Commission in 2001, committee members expressed concern that the Seminary had sustained accumulative losses in its operating budget for several years. The recent affirmation from ATS commended the Seminary “on its solid and significant progress on areas and concerns identified in past visits.”

“The accreditation affirmation received from the Association of Theological Schools is affirmation of the ability of our trustees, faculty, staff and students to work together as a team in addressing a number of critical issues surfaced in our last visit by our accrediting agencies,” stated President Crews.

“The Commission’s action reaffirms our commitment to providing contextual theological education in the West,” commented President Crews. “My congratulations and thanks to all at the Seminary who worked diligently to make this fine hour possible.”

# 300 People Commit to Christ During Summer Mission Trip

By Jeff Jones

A 30-person team of Golden Gate students and local church members conducted a 12-day evangelical and medical mission trip to Venezuela this summer.

The Golden Gate students were from three of Golden Gate's five campuses: the Pacific Northwest, Southern California, and Northern California; the rest of the team was from Seattle Korean First Baptist Church.

Kyung Chung, a Golden Gate student and leader of the group, has ministered in Venezuela for 25 years. Chung worked as a research scientist at the Venezuelan Institute of Oceanography. During this time, he began ministering to the Venezuelan people. After coming to Golden Gate as a student, he began recruiting students for a summer mission trip to the South American country.

BeyondTeams (formerly SiiP Teams) organized the team. BeyondTeams, a program offered by Golden Gate, allows students to earn seminary credit during the summer while ministering around the world.

The team held eight evangelical worship services at six different churches. Local churches led the praise and worship. The team members led in drama, dance, testimonies, and preaching.

For many on the trip, the poverty they saw was shocking. One of the members recounts seeing a Venezuelan child digging through the trash trying to find food someone had thrown away.

"It really made me realize how much food we have here in the U.S. and how we waste so much food," recalled Gabriel Lee, a youth from Seattle Korean First Baptist Church. "You're not going to realize this until you're in a third-world country and experience it. The trip really humbled me."

Dr. Erik Suh, member of Seattle First Korean Baptist Church, was the only doctor on the team. "The poverty was unimaginable and the pictures of the small kids with malnutrition are engraved in my mind.

"I am most grateful for the fact we were able to deliver health care to these people who don't even have money to buy Tylenol. They were so grateful for a small bottle of Tylenol and Robuttusin."

Since returning from the trip, Dr. Suh has a new perspective and has started volunteering at a free health clinic in Seattle once a month. "I shouldn't have to travel halfway around the globe to help people. God has given me a talent to heal people and Seattle people need healing too."

The mission trip had a lasting impact on many in the group. Kim Ko, a team member and spouse of a Golden Gate student, shares, "Our Lord demonstrated His willingness to use us if we made ourselves available to Him. Pastor Chung and his wife have dedicated lives that are beautiful to God and His Kingdom, and their lives are living examples for all Christians."

"It was a very rewarding experience and it goes to prove that God can truly use your efforts in amazing ways," states Daniel Suh, a Golden Gate student.

By the end of the trip, the team had provided 1,500 people with free medical and dental treatment. They saw 300 people commit their lives to Christ, and 100 rededicate their lives.

For more information on opportunities to become involved in mission work with BeyondTeams, contact Stacey Harris toll-free at 1-888-442-8710.



▲ *Spiritual Conversation: Sang Cheuk Kim, a Golden Gate student, shares the gospel. God moved in the lives of hundreds of people during the two week mission trip.*

▼ *Medical Treatment: Dr. Erik Suh treats a Venezuelan child, one of over 1,500 people who received free medical and dental treatment.*

*Photos by Daniel Suh*



# Seminary Receives Estate Gift From Florida Couple

Golden Gate Seminary received a bequest from the estates of Doyle and Mildred Carlton, long-time friends of the Seminary. Mrs. Mildred Carlton passed away on January 24, 2003 and Mr. Doyle Carlton on May 10, 2003. The Carltons resided in Wauchula, Florida and were active members of First Baptist Church of Wauchula for 55 years.

**“Golden Gate Seminary and I have lost two great friends,” said Dr. William Crews, president of the Seminary. “They are certainly two of the most prominent supporters of the mission and ministry of Golden Gate Seminary. Their friendship is well known on this campus and their efforts have had significant impact on the success of this institution.”**

Baptist Convention (SBC) Foreign Mission Board from 1964-69, the SBC Executive Committee 1970-78, and the SBC Peace Committee 1985-87. He was the vice president for the Florida Baptist Convention in 1960 and a member of the Baptist World Alliance. Mr. Carlton also served as a state senator in the Florida legislature for ten years.

“The Carltons included the Seminary in their will and by doing so have left a lasting imprint in the lives of countless students seeking a seminary education,” said Tom Jones, vice president of Institutional Advancement. “We are grateful for their leadership and support of the Seminary throughout their lives and for remembering the Seminary in their estate.

The funds will be used for renovation projects at the Northern California Campus and the Student Sponsorship Annual Fund.

Mildred Carlton served Golden Gate Seminary as a member of the Board of Trustees for seven years. As vice chairman she helped guide the Seminary through the library building project at the Northern California Campus.

Active in Florida Baptist work, she served in many leadership positions, including vice president of the Florida Baptist State Convention from 1972-73. She also served on the boards of the Florida Baptist Children’s Home and the Hardee Memorial Hospital.

Doyle Carlton, Jr. taught a Sunday School class and served as a deacon at his local church. In addition, he served on the Southern

## Korean Musical Mission Trip



▲ 1. Dr. Gary McCoy, Professor of Worship and Church Music, led the team who performed at several churches while on a three-day evangelistic music tour. Above they are performing at North Han River Baptist Church in Seoul, Korea.

▶ 2. The team recorded three Christmas cantatas for the Korean Baptist Church Development Board.



◀ 3. (left to right) Jim Ailor, IMB Missionary, Hae Won Seo, Director of Korean Baptist Mission, Mary Nell McCoy, Adjunct Professor, Gary McCoy, Han Sun Lee, student, Sara Johnson, Adjunct Professor, Yae Hee Kim, student, Andrew Pyo, student, Sammy Kim, student.



# Christ to the Navajos

By John C. Eagan

Greg Redhorse was reared in a poor but Christian home and remembers what his great-great-grandfather, an Apache medicine man, said: "The answers are in the white man's book." That reference to the Bible has stuck with Greg from his childhood.

In his Native American area in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Greg said, **"A lot of boys get saved and on fire for the Lord, but don't know where to go. They need someone to help show them the way."**

That's why he is in his second year of studying at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare himself to be a missionary to his fellow poverty-stricken Navajo Indians.

"I want to go back to the reservation, maybe start a church or pastor a church already there, and maybe start a Bible School."

He works at two part-time jobs to help pay his way at Golden Gate Seminary. He is getting practical experience by working with Native Americans in the Catch A Dream Ministry at nearby Vacaville, California.

Greg and his younger brother became Christians while in junior college. Later he received a Bachelor's Degree from Dallas Baptist University in Texas, where he was a distance runner on the track team and studied environmental science.

"I'm still struggling with my Christian life, but being here at Golden Gate has helped me to mature and grow tremendously."

# America Views Naval Wedding

By John C. Eagan

It was the shortest wedding Navy Chaplain Michael Hall had ever performed, but it was probably the largest audience ever to watch such a ceremony live.

Millions watched the four-minute ceremony on ABC's *Good Morning America* television program. "This was the earliest and shortest wedding I have ever done," recalled Hall, who received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.



"It was broadcast live at 5 a.m. Pacific time on May 1, 2003. I had to be there at 2 a.m. The groom was very nervous, but the bride was very calm and confident. I knew that my task was to make it meaningful to them despite it being a very

public event. The bride's tears let me know that I had succeeded," he said. "Even though millions were watching, the ceremony felt very intimate."

About 75 people attended the actual ceremony in a hangar building at Naval Station San Diego for David and Jean Kozminski. He is a pilot stationed on the aircraft carrier *Abraham Lincoln*.

Hall reports, "I became a Christian during Vacation Bible School in the fourth grade. I was involved in church all of my life. I really understood what living as a Christian meant when I enlisted in the Navy. I felt the call to ministry and served as a Journeyman Missionary to Brazil from 1987-89. I then felt that God was calling me back to the Navy, so I became a Chaplain Candidate while in seminary and came on active duty as soon as I was eligible in June 1994."

As millions watched on TV, Hall said: "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. In these sacred moments, at the dawning of a new day, we have gathered in the presence of God to give thanks for the gift of marriage, to witness the joining of David and Jeanie, to surround them with our prayers, and to ask God's blessings upon them, that that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in their love for God."

# Alumni Updates

**Wade H. Robertson** ('60) retired as Director of Missions for LeFlore Baptist Association in Oklahoma and was called as Pastor of Harvey Road Baptist Church, Seminole, Oklahoma on March 9, 2003.

**Philip Tilden** ('61) is the new pastor of First Christian Church of Fredricksburg, Texas at age 82.

**Charles Reynolds** ('82, '89) is serving as a Southern Baptist Chaplain for the U.S. Army in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

**Danny** ('83) and **Joyce Miller** are currently running a business and ministry out of their home with Reliv, International outside State College, Pennsylvania. Danny can be reached at [relivdad@wmconnect.com](mailto:relivdad@wmconnect.com).

**Bob Dent** ('84) is Director of Facilities and Services at the Alabama WMU camp. **Kathy Dent** ('84) is reservations supervisor at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Alabama.

**Pete** and **Bobbie** ('84) **Stifle** are heading up Reconciliation Ministries, which ministers to pastors, staff, and churches throughout the United States.

## In Memoriam

**Robert L. Caywood** ('53) died at his home in Texas on August 27, 2003. He is survived by his wife **Betty**.

**Eldon J. Van Fossen** ('54) passed away August 4, 2002 and is survived by his wife **Billy Jo**.

**Clarence Wilton McCord** ('60) died April 17, 2003 in Mississippi after a battle with lymphoma at his home. He is survived by his wife **Jean**.

**Jo Ann Smith**, wife of **William E. Smith** ('62) passed away February 28, 2003.

**Jacqueline Disselkoe** ('66) passed away August 22, 2003.

**Julius "Rex" Gurney** ('87) received a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in 1999 and is currently teaching history on the faculty of San Jose Christian College.

**Martin Chien** ('91) is the Associate Professor and Acting Director of Church Music at the Presbyterian Bible College in Taiwan.

**Larry** ('91) and **Linda Holcomb** ('91) have recently organized "Urban Impact," a new ministry to Muslims and unreached people groups in New York City.

**Rodney Harrison** ('95, '99) is serving as the Church Planting Professor and Nehemiah Center Director for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

**James Broadwater** ('96) is running as a candidate for the United States House of Representatives from the Second District of Mississippi, [www.jamesbroadwater.com](http://www.jamesbroadwater.com).

**Chase Crichton** ('97) is the Co-Senior Pastor of Metro Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Portland, Oregon.

**Dave** ('99) and **Terrie Brown** have four children and are serving in Taiwan. Dave has been pastoring the Grace Baptist Church in Taipei Taiwan for almost four years.

**B. Elwin Gunn** ('68) passed away and is survived by wife **Ramona** ('60).

**Philip McGallian** ('69) passed away January 4, 2003 and is survived by wife **Joy**.

**Charles W. Barnes** ('82) passed away August 13, 2003.

**Paul Buddrius** ('92) died of cancer on September 10, 1999.

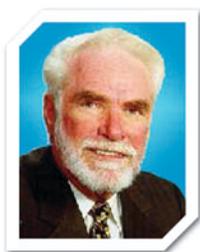
**Isma Martin** served as registrar at Golden Gate from 1955 to 1976 passed away February 6, 2003.

**Floy Seawright**, former Golden Gate staff, passed away August 10, 2003.



## Golden Gate's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The next issue of *Gateway* will celebrate Golden Gate's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In order to make this issue special, we need your help. If you have any pictures, stories, or other interesting tidbits, please send them to [jeffjones@ggbts.edu](mailto:jeffjones@ggbts.edu) or Institutional Advancement at GGBTS, 201 Seminary Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941-3197.



■ **Dr. William Wagner**, E. Hermond Westmoreland Professor of Evangelism, was elected Second Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention at the 2003 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Wagner also published "A Comparison of Christian Missions and Islamic *Da'wah*" in the July 2003 issue of *Missiology: An International Review*. The article compares the Christian concept of missions with the Islamic concept of *Da'wah*.

### Sabbaticals



■ **Dr. Gary Arbino**, Associate Professor of Archaeology and Old Testament Interpretation and Curator of the Marian Eakins Archaeological Museum, served as Visiting Scholar in the Near Eastern Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Arbino broadened his background in Near Eastern languages, history, and art; and Egyptian art and architecture. In addition to dialogue centering on the Hebrew Bible with the scholarly communities at the University of California, Berkeley and the Graduate Theological Union, Dr. Arbino spent time in Italy and England researching classical archaeology and medieval Christian art.



■ **Dr. Dwight Honeycutt**, William A. Carleton Professor of Church History, served as Senior Visiting Scholar at Regents Park College of Oxford University. In addition to conducting research and visiting historical sites in Germany related to Martin Luther, he researched information related to a proposed book on John Clifford, a Baptist colleague of C.H. Spurgeon.



■ **Dr. Joe Kim**, Associate Professor of Intercultural Education, studied evangelistic theories during his recent sabbatical. He researched specific theories which aim at reducing the distance between the presenter and the receiver of the gospel message for maximum kingdom impact.



■ **Dr. John Shouse**, Professor of Christian Theology, served as visiting Scholar at St. Andrews University in Scotland and Talbot Theological Seminary during his recent sabbatical leaves. He delivered papers on The Drama of Worship and Narrative Approaches in Theological Construction, and will be presenting a paper this fall based on his sabbatical research on The Drama of the Trinity to the Evangelical Theological Society.

### Second Annual Golden Gate Getaway Offers Seniors Inspiration and Relaxation



The featured speaker was Esther Burroughs, Director of Esther Burroughs Ministries...Treasures of the Heart.

Senior Adults from throughout the Western United States attended the second annual "Golden Gate Getaway" at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Hosted by the Northern California campus in Mill Valley, the four-day retreat offered worship, seminars, tours, and special music presentations.

The featured speaker was Esther Burroughs a nationally and internationally recognized speaker and author. Burroughs based her presentations on her book, *Splash the Living Water*.

Seminar sessions were taught by Golden Gate faculty and other special guests. Seminar topics included biblical archaeology, Hebrew history, lay counseling techniques, historical reenactments, estate planning, and other issues of interest to mature adults.

"We are grateful to the California Southern Baptist Convention for partnering with us to provide this exciting event. It was a unique way to share the successful impact that Southern Baptists are having in Kingdom work in the West," said Tom Jones, Vice President of Institutional Advancement.

The next Getaway is scheduled for July 19-22, 2004. For more information call Sharon at 888-442-8709.

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