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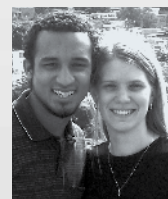
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OF THE GLOBE.*



Russia

Dr. Richard (M.Div. '72) and Esther Camp served 35 years with SEND International, coordinating the start of one of the first Bible colleges in Russia. Dick has traveled to Ukraine, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany and Japan.



Mauritius

Becky (Stetson MA '09) and Pascal Grenade will be serving in Mauritius in 2012, helping plant churches and starting a Bible institute to help equip national pastors.

* This data was a result of more than 16,000 attempted calls to alumni, parents and friends of Grace during the spring phonathon. Thank you for sharing incredible stories about what God is doing around the world.

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Philippines

Lester (BA 63) and Madeline (Heitzman C 63) Troyer served with Wycliffe Bible Translators for nearly 25 years, managing and leading translators' work in the Philippines and Nepal.



China

Dr. Werner Burklin (BA 60) has ministered in 126 countries with Youth for Christ and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. In 1989, he founded China Partner, an organization that runs pastoral training schools in China.



Nepal

Patrick (MDiv 86, DMin 01) and Katie Harris pastor Bethel Church (Bluffton IN). Over the past eight years, Patrick has been serving in Nepal and China working with orphanages, the "untouchables" and training local church leaders.



Cambodia

Steve (MDiv 99) and Deb (Willis BS 97) Wise have been seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to build the capacity of national leaders in Cambodia for 10 years.



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The world is vast and majestic — breathtaking landscapes, towering mountains, teeming oceans, and of course, a sea of humanity.

That's why I love the cover of this 2|8|9. We've all seen pictures of the Earth from the stratosphere. But look at the cover a little closer. Notice the myriad of man-made lights that can be seen from space each representing lives of people. People that God deeply loves.

I think it humanizes the planet in a very graphic way. It reminds me of God's perspective. That this entire world was created for God's pleasure and glory. That the litany of this planet's natural wonders pales in comparison to God's deep love for its seven billion souls. It reminds me that we are not ants on an ant pile but the crown of creation wrought with a mighty hand from its very dust.

If you unfold the cover you'll get another graphic view of our planet. One that only begins to tell the story of all the Grace alumni that are somewhere in this world, on mission for the Gospel.

But even today as I write this editorial, there are daily stressors that would distract me — to entice me to forget about having a global perspective. To forget missionaries carrying the Gospel and planting churches on foreign soil. To forget the third world chaos, disease and despair.

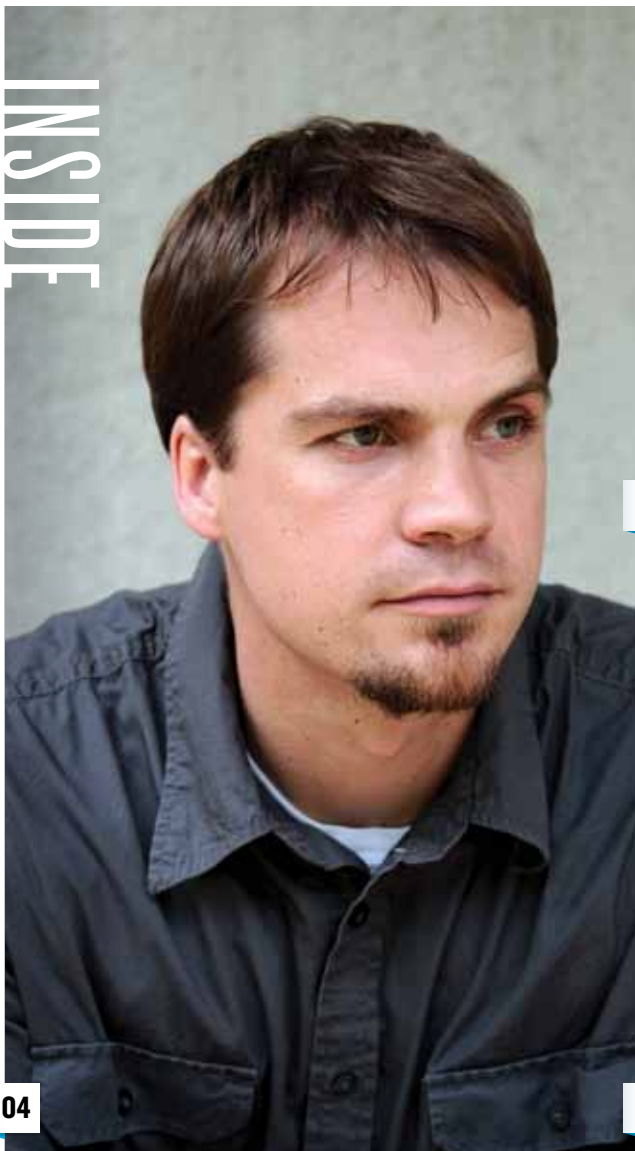
I am tempted to focus on my own smaller world. To insulate and isolate in a world I can safely control and rule alone. But God's grace shatters that illusion in the stories you are about to read.

I am once again faced with the Earth's vastness. With God's all encompassing plan. The goings-on in every time zone and every nation. I am reminded that His glory, His grace and the story of Christ's redemption encompass the entire world. For God so loved it ...



A stylized, handwritten signature of Kevin Sterner in white ink.

Kevin Sterner | Editor-in-Chief



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What's In A Name?

Two Eight & Nine references Ephesians 2: 8–9, the verses upon which Grace College and Seminary were founded. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.”

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Addis Ababa

ETHIOPIA

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REDEMPTION FROM REFUSE

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Chris Van Allsburg (M.Div. 02) uses his Grace seminary degree like a master entrepreneur: He is a pastoral assistant for his local church, ministers as the chapter director of Ratio Christi, an apologetics ministry at a local university, and sits on the board of directors for Transformation Love — an organization bringing hope to children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Chris talked candidly to 2|8|9 about how his life was “ruined” in Addis Ababa.

Chris’ heart for the world started at Grace Seminary — an experience, he says, that was “spiritually formative” and still shapes him today. “This past year, after Dr. David Plaster died, I called Roger Peugh and reflected on Dr. Plaster’s influence in my life. I also thanked Roger personally for being so patient while mentoring me during seminary. I came from a pretty rough background ... not gangs and abuse, but a whole host of other maladies. Roger agreed and said, ‘Chris, you were a rough-hewn stone.’ I still feel rough, but seminary and a life-long process of ongoing mentoring are still shaping me. My wife can attest to this,” he smiles.

For Chris, seminary was about discovering everything there was to know about the Bible: Hebrew, Greek, hermeneutics, theology, apologetics, church history, missions, culture and more. “It was a dream come true. I still feel privileged to have been given this experience,” Chris says. “I graduated as a life-long learner with a lot of ministry versatility. Seminary created a passion in me for teaching and preaching the Word of God. On top of that, an M.Div. can help you sound pretty smart at parties.”

But recently, his world was turned upside down as he confronted the realities of life in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. “My cross-cultural classes with Dr. Tom Stallter were

indispensable in helping me understand how different cultures work. But no class could have ever totally prepared me for what I would encounter there.” The Korah Dump is a landfill in the southern part of the capital city, Addis Ababa — a city of over 5 million people. According to Chris, the very existence of this trash heap is a human atrocity. And yet, it is a canvas being painted with the love of Christ.

“The future that most Korah families, women and children face is bleak,” Chris says. “Most of the men are either dead, or gone, leaving their wives and children abandoned. The dump is a square mile of human waste, decay, stench and suffering. It takes in rejected items and dejected lives. Next to the dump is ALERT hospital, which exists to serve the massive leper colony nearby. The Korah community is a cacophony of immigrants from the countryside who arrive daily seeking relief from diseases — especially HIV and AIDS. This ‘scavenging’ colony is close to 80,000 people, many who actually live on the dumpsite — building houses from trash, wearing what others have discarded and eating what others have determined inedible.

“Families with small children live in squalor; exposed to the elements, they are riddled with disease. People wash clothes in muddy, wooden tubs. The air is foul. Murder and rape are common and the urge to vomit is ever-present.”

With difficulty, Chris tells about orphans who would run up to him and pull his arms around them, just so they could be held. He recalls seeing a dead man in the streets, a naked man begging, a legless man carting himself across the road. He says, “Some women will even steal babies from the countryside and use them to solicit money and food. Desperation doesn’t begin to describe it.”



Hiwot (left) and Aster at Mekanisa Addis Kidan Church.

But the most troubling thing is the future for most young girls. “Young girls are at the greatest risk. Smiling and flirting in mud-stained dresses — almost as if to say, ‘American man, please, please take me out of this place ... I’ll do anything.’ They sell their bodies just to eat. They see little hope in this place save for the Christians who come and offer them love in the name of Christ. It’s nearly impossible for me to talk about the future of the children who aren’t sponsored by someone from the local church.”

That is the Ethiopia that followed Chris home. But in the presence of such darkness, he is equally haunted by glimpses of hope that he saw, specifically a young girl named Hiwot (Hee-watt). Chris’ countenance visibly changes as he relays the story. “Hiwot is a girl I met during a home visit in Addis. Her daddy died when she was eight, and her mother has AIDS. They live in an 8-by-8-foot mud home. I asked someone what would happen to her when her mother eventually died, and the answer filled me with fear. But while I was in Korah, I learned about Transformation Love’s child sponsorship ministry at the local church there. So I met with Hiwot and her pastor. He brought her to the seminary where

I was helping with classes. I ran to her and hugged both of them. As we ate a meal together, we wept knowing I was leaving the next day. I told Hiwot, ‘You’re like a daughter to me.’ She said, ‘And you’re like a father to me.’”

“For some reason, this girl was special. I was drawn to try to fill her father’s shoes. After escorting her to the taxi, she said to me, ‘I love you,’ in really broken English — yet so clearly. I was laid bare. All I could do was walk off and find a quiet room to weep some more and face a long plane ride home.”

It’s been difficult for Chris to reenter American culture. “It’s repulsive to see actresses crying about going to jail for 12 days. Silly game shows. Shows claiming to be a portrait of ‘reality.’ Wasteful indulgences. Things we take for granted — abundant food and clean water always just a few feet away. I cry a lot. I’ve always been a sensitive person, but I cry every day now. As a friend of mine says, ‘Once you go to Korah, it ruins you. That’s the way it works.’ I can attest, it’s true. But Jesus says to come and be ruined. Be ruined for His sake and for the Gospel. Die to yourself.”

Chris reminded us that the grace of God is often present in the company of suffering and pain. He says God’s grace was so evident that day with Hiwot and he’s encouraged that through his sponsorship and commitment to Ethiopia, she and others like her are being redeemed and rescued. “Hiwot is now in private school, goes to church and Sunday School, gets food, medicine, hygiene products, oil for her hair, clothing and shoes. She’s learning about Jesus. She’s discovering a Father that is and will always be with her. I get letters from her and e-mails sometimes. Her life humbles me — this fourth daughter I now have. Her name is Hiwot. Her name means ‘Life.’” How perfect. ✨

Chris will be returning to Addis Ababa this summer with a Transformation Love team. They will be interviewing children for sponsorship, taking currently sponsored children on a two-day retreat and preaching and teaching the Bible.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TRANSFORMATION LOVE,
visit www.transformationlove.com.



TO READ CHRIS’ FULL INTERVIEW,
visit www.grace.edu/289/chris.



Anne Janavich (BA 11) is a senior Spanish education major and has played on the Grace women's soccer team for the last four years. By supporting the Onward Campaign, you provide financial assistance for students like Anne to gain a Grace education.

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"The funds from the Onward Campaign are helping me finish my Grace education during this difficult economic climate.

Grace has equipped me with the tools and the opportunities necessary to be a successful teacher in the world, while mentoring me in my walk with the Lord. After graduation, I plan to teach Spanish at a high school while working to earn my TESOL certification. I am also considering serving our military personnel by teaching on a base. I am grateful to my professors and fellow students for investing in my future, and I am trusting God to show me in His time what He would have me do."

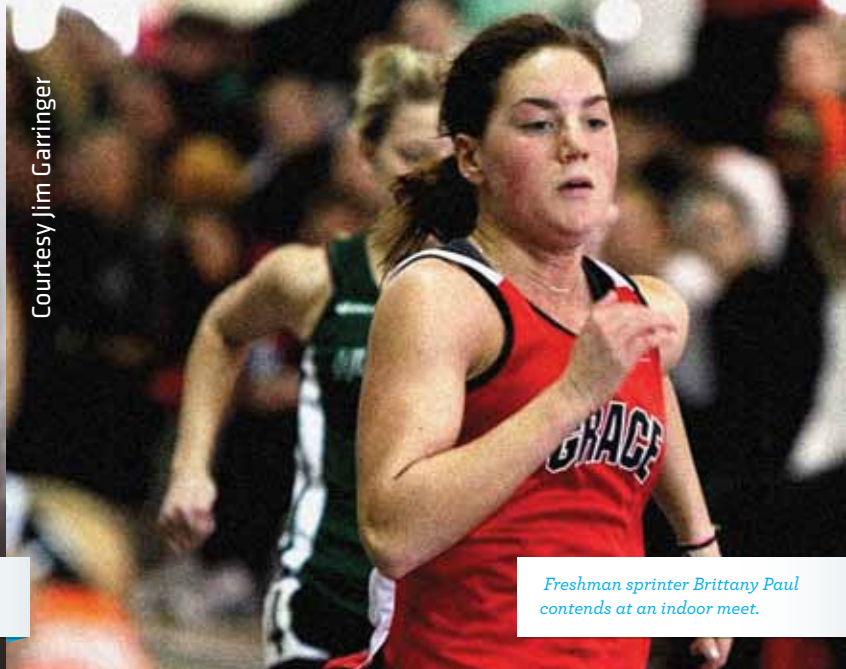
— Anne Janavich, BA 11

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Sophomore Billy Starkey competes in the high jump.



Courtesy Jim Garringer

Freshman sprinter Brittany Paul contends at an indoor meet.

OUTDOOR & INDOOR TRACK & FIELD HIGHLIGHTS

OUTDOOR TRACK

- 17 athletes qualified to compete in the NCAA Championships.
- Senior **Marijean Wegert** won the Indiana Little State title in the 1500-meter run in a school-record time of 4 minutes, 44.69 seconds. She also qualified for the NAIA national meet in the 800 with a time of 2:13.62.
- Juniors **Randy Sterk** (1500) and **Andrea Knight** (javelin) earned NCAA All-American Honors. Sterk's time of 3:54.33 in the 1500 qualified him to run at the NAIA Championships.

INDOOR TRACK

- Senior **Marijean Wegert** captured the title in the 800 at the NCAA Championships and went on to finish 7th in the NAIA national meet with a school-record time of 2:13.85.
- Senior **Samantha Phenix** set a school record in the 20-lb. weight throw of 46-4 3/4.



For the latest on scores, players, recruits and more, visit www.grace.edu/athletics.



Senior MariJean Wegert represents Grace at the NAIA Indoor National Championship in the 800-meter.

Courtesy Ben Franklin



Smith (frontrunner) competing in the USA Master's 400-meter race.

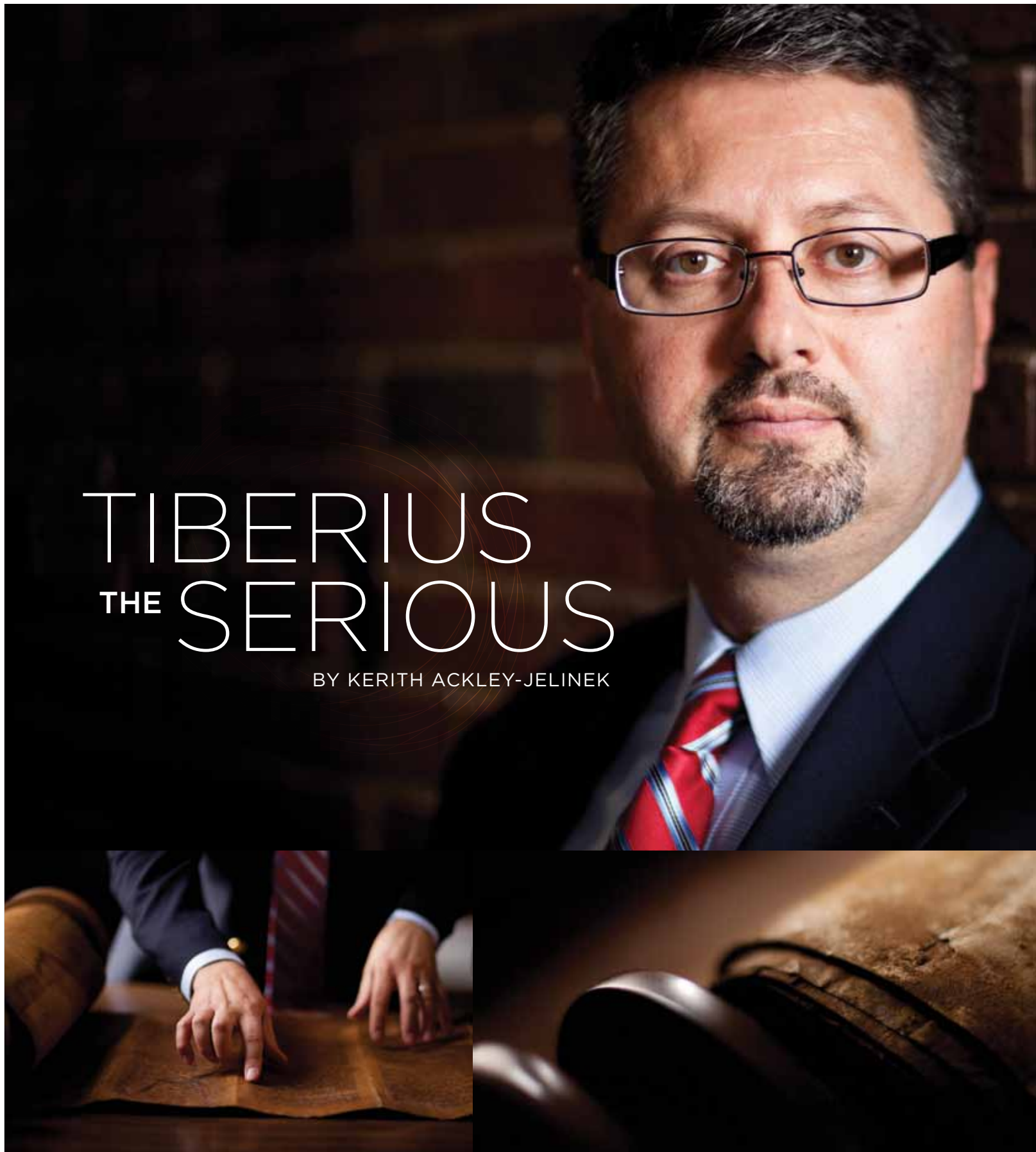
Tom "Smitty" Smith (BS 77) is proof that it's never too late to get back into something you love. After 20 years off the running track, he began running competitively again in 1997, and this year, claimed national titles in three events at the USA Master's Track & Field Indoor Championships held in Albuquerque, N.M. Smith won the 60-meter, the 200 and the 400 – or the "covenant triple." Smith will be competing in the World Games this year in Sacramento, Calif. Apart from running, Smith says he enjoys traveling to competitions and coaching school track teams for the opportunity to minister to others. "They listen to me because I run and they want to run well too, and so I really have a chance to share more with them," he said. In those times, Smith looks back to the way his track coaches and mentors Coach K and Coach Shrock spurred him toward athletic and spiritual excellence in his time at Grace, adding that he is pleased to see current track coach Jeff Raymond doing the same. And though he graduated more than 30 years ago, Smith says some things never change. "When I get in the starting blocks, I still get that adrenaline rush like I'm in college. It's never too late for that."

Tom and Susan (Downs BS 76) live in Fort Wayne, Ind.



Sophomore Marcus Crider competes as part of Grace's 4x200 meter relay.

Courtesy Jim Garringer



TIBERIUS THE SERIOUS

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK



It doesn't take much imagination to see why Dr. Tiberius Rata, chair and professor of biblical studies, is known affectionately as "Tiberius the Serious" or "The Assassin" by his students. I think he could truly have a second career as a character actor in one of the Bourne movies with his stoic appearance, Romanian accent and intimidating 007 good looks.

But within a couple of minutes of talking with him, my perception of the tough guy evaporates as he relays to me one of his many classroom comedy acts. "When I teach Song of Solomon, I pull out my Elvis glasses and I sing 'Can't Help Falling In Love' to my class. I say, 'That's how Solomon proposed to the Shulammite.'" I find out that Rata not only sings, but plays multiple instruments, and he uses those musical gifts and just about anything else to engage his

graduate, I want them to have all the tools they need to be pillars in their churches; I want them to be able to accurately and passionately teach and preach the Word of God." There's no doubt in my mind that Rata should be influencing this next generation of Grace learners. But it's been quite the journey getting here.

Rata was born in Romania when it was under communist rule. "Although there wasn't physical persecution towards Christians, there were always psychological pressures. Christians were called 'repenters,' a belittling term of mockery. Repenters would not get promoted in jobs, and getting into college would be unlikely." So in 1984, Rata's dad considered defecting in order to give his children a better education. Rata's parents prayed and asked God to direct their decision. "When my dad opened

I want my whole class to be a worship experience for students. I want them to grasp that no matter what they do, the Bible is absolutely foundational to it.

students. "I try to be more than just a professor to my students. I'm a friend, a soccer teammate, a prayer partner and sometimes an entertainer. I remember my favorite professor was the one who took me out to lunch; he wasn't my best professor, but I knew he loved me. I think that matters to students – to know that they are loved." Besides serenading them, kicking around a soccer ball and crushing them in ping pong (he's undefeated), he prays for each of his students by name every week.

I can tell Rata has a pastor's heart and a gift for teaching. By the end of our conversation, he'd spontaneously preached me a mini-sermon on Titus 2:11-12 and Genesis 12, and I found myself thinking that I would like to be one of his students. "I want my whole class to be a worship experience for students. I want them to grasp that no matter what they do, the Bible is absolutely foundational to it. When they

the Bible, it was the story in Exodus of the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea. My parents believed this was confirmation to go." Rata's dad paid a fishmonger three months' wages to take him to Yugoslavia. After hiding out in the fisherman's house for three nights, there was a storm the fourth night that allowed them to cross the Danube River and enter Yugoslavia where the U.N. had a refugee camp. After several months, he finally made it to the U.S. It took another year and half, and many bribes of cigarettes and coffee beans, before his family arrived in America. Rata was 15. "I knew I had to leave Romania, but I didn't want to go. When I arrived at the Los Angeles airport, I remember seeing the high-rise buildings and feeling helpless. But I knew America was a country of opportunities – both good and bad. So that night, I prayed Solomon's prayer. 'I don't want anything but the wisdom to know how to choose rightly in this country.'"

Dr. Tiberius Rata won the 2011 Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award is presented every two years to a Grace professor who exhibits quality classroom teaching, inspires students to learn and grow, and makes a meaningful contribution to the academic climate.

God granted Rata's request. Even with the initial language barrier, he excelled in school, taking AP classes as a sophomore. When he was 16, he remembers attending a small group at his Romanian church in LA and hearing the speaker say that communism would eventually fall in Romania. And it did, two years later in 1989. "He asked us, 'Will you go back and help the country rebuild physically and spiritually?' It was in that moment that I felt called to the teaching ministry. I wanted to get the training I needed so I could be prepared to teach at a seminary in Romania."

Over the next decade, Rata would earn his bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning, a master's of divinity in biblical languages and a doctorate in theological studies (Old Testament). Still desiring to return to Romania to teach, Rata began teaching at Beeson Divinity School and pastoring a church, while applying with various mission agencies to go back to Romania. But as Rata pursued leaving the country, the doors began to close. "I know that God calls people to certain

ministries for certain seasons. I do not know why God closed the door for me to go back to Romania, but with God, you can never predict the future. Who would have thought I'd end up in Indiana?" Shortly after he believed God was directing him away from Romania, Grace College offered him a position. His temporary job with Beeson had ended; it was perfect timing.

Since coming to Indiana, Rata's wife, Carmen, earned her nursing degree, and his sons Timothy, 12, and Nicholas, 8, keep him active playing soccer and tennis. You can hear his fatherly affection come through when he talks about his role on campus, "The greatest thing about teaching at Grace is the time I have with my students. It's rewarding to invest in their lives and to see them grow. I have seminary students capable of teaching Hebrew or Greek right now; I have students who want to go to war-torn parts of the world and simply share Jesus. For me, equipping and encouraging these students to love God and His Word is my greatest desire." ✨



Faculty
**RAVE
REVIEWS**

Jared Burkholder, assistant professor of history, has published, "This 'Rends in Pieces All the Barriers between Virtue and Vice': Tennentists, Moravians, and the Antinomian Threat in the Delaware Valley" in the January 2011 issue of The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography (PMHB). PMHB is a top tier historical journal published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, which houses some of the most important archival collections in American history. Burkholder's study focuses on the

controversy between Moravians and Presbyterians over the importance of the moral law within the context of the First Great Awakening in the 1740s.
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Tiberius Rata, chair of the department of biblical studies and professor of Old Testament, has published a new commentary on Ezra and Nehemiah. The volume is part of the Mentor commentary series published by Christian Focus Publications.
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Nathan Bosch, assistant professor of environmental science, has coauthored, "Spatial and Temporal Variation in Phosphorus Budgets for 24 Watersheds in the Lake Erie and Lake Michigan Basins" in the January 2011 issue of Biogeochemistry. Biogeochemistry is an interdisciplinary journal that focuses on the relationship between nutrient chemicals and global ecosystems. Bosch's article draws conclusions about the impact land management efforts will likely have on algae growth in the Great Lakes.

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Not sure how to cook it, but I've drawn it

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RETRO GROOVY

My magenta lava lamp in my home studio

THE MANY COLORS OF

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PICASSO CALLA LILLY

My favorite flower (deep purple and cream)

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UNBREAKABLE PURPLE

My metal Starbucks coffee thermos

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BABY BLAKE BLUE

The color of our grandson's eyes

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SMUCKERS

Blackberry jam on swiss cheese

Although some might consider cooking to be an art form, to Assistant Professor and Chair of the Art Department, Kim M. Reiff, MFA (and MBA!), it's nothing but a hassle. "I'd rather eat a cold hot dog or soup straight out of a can than take two seconds to read a food recipe. But I could read an art history book for 200 hours or drive 2,000 miles to visit an art museum." Seriously? "Seriously." Reiff joined Grace's Art Department in 2009, after working for 15 years in biomedical corporate marketing and receiving 12 peer recognition awards. "It's in my heart to teach — it's what I'm compelled to do." While it hasn't been easy filling the hole left by the beloved and late department chair, Art Davis, Reiff has quickly earned her students' respect and admiration with her real-world experience, perceptive instruction and humble spirit. Reiff views the art studio as a place of prayer and instructs her students to enter the art-making process with reflection and intention, while striving to create a classroom environment that simulates a business hub for design problem-solving. The result? "Bottomless idea-generators and ingenious problem-solvers who find their inspiration in the greatest Creator of all."

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CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

My metallic colored cell phone





BRINGING

LIGHT

TO THE LAND OF THE
RISING SUN

BY LIANE SCHMERSAHL (BA 11)



Yoshi Murakawa (BA 11) woke up to the sound and sensation of something shaking. Not the Earth, nor his room in Grace's Gamma Townhouse. It was his cell phone. A text from his wife.

"Is your family okay?"

"I didn't know why she was asking me. I didn't know what she was talking about," he said. But on March 12, Yoshi woke up to devastating news: a magnitude 9.0 earthquake had hit the coast of Japan, causing a massive tsunami and nuclear accidents in the Fukushima prefecture – his family's home.

Though Yoshi was quickly comforted by a tweet from his sister's Twitter account confirming that his family was fine, he became disturbed as he researched the disaster and watched news reports of the footage.

"I kept thinking to myself, 'This is not happening. This should not be happening,'" he said.

The 23-year-old graphic design major grew up and spent most of his life in Koriyama, Japan – located near the center of the Fukushima prefecture, where his family currently lives. Though the disaster hit very close to home for Yoshi, he is thankful that his family is not facing any immediate danger. "Right now they're not really worried about their health," he said. "Koriyama is 53 kilometers west of the Fukushima plant, so they should be fine, but I hope the radiation continues to go down."

Even with the nuclear threat and the loss of life and property throughout the country, Yoshi says his family is able to remain strong and secure by holding fast to their faith – something he says one rarely hears about in Japan.

"My mom's faith allows her to set an example of peace in Christ. That attitude definitely makes a difference because you don't see evangelical Christians in northern Japan. You just don't see Christians in Japan very often," he said.

And when – not if – Yoshi returns, he wants to be a part of that change, sharing the hope of Christ in his home nation – a place already buckling beneath the weight of materialism, pride, and impossibly high expectations.

"I'm really hoping that people can see how their lives can be changed instantly. The biggest delusion people believe is that more money will make their lives complete, but they can lose all that in an instant."

Of course, Yoshi is already dedicated to doing what he can from Grace – he's praying for his family, his friends, and the Christians in Japan who are able right now to carry the message of Christ.

"I think what's most important is that Christians react to the disaster properly so that they can share Jesus through this. It could be such a big turning point for Christians to spread the Gospel through their attitude of peace and security," he said.

Though Yoshi has no family in Tokyo, he and his wife plan to move south to the capital as soon as they can after arriving back in Koriyama, likely during the summer or later this year. He hopes to connect with a ministry led by a friend from his days at Word of Life Bible school. "Their ministry is really strong in this disaster," he said. "I'd like to live in Tokyo and help with this church and this ministry, but still get a chance to use my art."

For now, Yoshi and his wife are waiting and praying, hoping to arrive sooner than later, eager to share the light of the Risen Son in Japan, land of the rising sun. *



Japan Relief Yard Sale

On April 16, residence halls Westminster and Lamppost hosted a campus-wide yard sale to raise funds for Japan. Students donated their clothing and various items for the sale, raising \$535. The money was donated to the American Red Cross to support the ongoing disaster relief efforts in Japan.



PATIENT SEOUL

BY LIANE SCHMERSAHL (BA 11)

Junior Jake Hendrick doesn't see closed doors; there are open doors, and there are doors that just aren't open yet. And when they do open, Hendrick is going to be ready.

He's already got some practice in that kind of prayerful patience. Since he arrived at Grace as a freshman, Hendrick had been looking forward to his GoGrace trip, hoping to take one of the annual J-term teaching trips to South Korea. But when his junior year arrived and he was ready to go, Hendrick learned that the trip itself was in jeopardy. That didn't stop him. Hendrick continued to pursue the idea of traveling to South Korea, and when Grace confirmed that the trip was a go, Hendrick was offered a position as the South Korea student leader.

"It's a really, really awesome experience, especially for education majors," said Hendrick, who studies mathematics education. "We have a really great door open in South Korea with this church, and a really great ministry."

And so on Dec. 28, Hendrick and ten others got on the plane to South Korea, where they were able to spend the next week teaching a hybrid English/Vacation Bible School camp for elementary and middle school students.

Hendrick and a teammate were responsible for a class of 8th- and 9th-grade students — all with varying levels of English. "It was really interesting trying to meet all their needs, but it was a really fun week overall," he said. And he realizes he wasn't just a teacher, but a learner as well. "Their faith is so real to them, and seeing the example of service over there was a great example of leadership to me."

As positive of an experience as it was, Hendrick hopes that 14-day trip was only a taste of what's to come.

"I want to go to South Korea some day to teach math, with the idea in mind to teach in North Korea," he said. "I want to teach in Seoul, which is really close to the border, so when the opportunity opens up, I'll have that platform to go from."

Hendrick first began heeding the Lord's call following a high school mission trip to Costa Rica, where a local Christian missionary shared his own heart for North Korea with Hendrick.

"I came back to the U.S. and for the next year, I just couldn't stop thinking about what he shared with me," he remembers. "Eventually as I kept growing spiritually, I started to become more okay with God leading me somewhere I didn't necessarily want to go."

His now fiancée, junior Rachel Israel, didn't necessarily want to go, either.

"She wasn't exactly thrilled about the trip to South Korea or passionate about it, but after going she really fell in

love with the culture and people, and we could both see ourselves living there." Hendrick proposed to Rachel on the last day of the trip. She said yes.

And together, they're in it for the long wait and the long haul.

"I have no idea what the timeline will be," he said. "Maybe the door won't even be open 40 years from now, but that passion hasn't changed. I still have this desire to go there. There was this period of gradual acceptance, and then after going to South Korea, it really helped cement it in my mind and grow my passion."

Maybe he'll go to North Korea in a few years; maybe he'll go in a few decades. But when the Lord calls, Hendrick is ready to answer. ✨



Top Left: Junior Rachel Israel (right) with Grace Ju (left) and some school boys. **Top Right:** A local school boy heading down the snow slope.

Center: Co-leader Emily Davis (BS 10) with Youngmie Kwak, the local pastor's wife. **Bottom Left:** Junior Jake Hendrick proposing to junior Rachel Israel.

Bottom Right: Junior Jake Hendrick and junior Rachel Israel.



Dr. Mark Huntington with patient in Honduras, shortly after the 1998 Hurricane Mitch.



A Prescription FOR EFFECTIVE Missions

BY KERITH ACKLEY-JELINEK

Dr. Mark Huntington (BS 88) has been practicing family medicine all over the world — from a rural Minnesota farming community to the austere countryside of the Himalayas. He’s seen patients on every continent except Antarctica and has worked in some of the most “closed” countries in the world.

When he isn’t circling the globe, Huntington spends time teaching graduate physicians at Sioux Falls’ Center for Family Medicine. “I’m kind of a mentor, like House,” citing the popular FOX drama, “except I don’t abuse prescription drugs, and I like to think I have a better bedside manner,” he laughs. In a three-year residency program, Huntington trains doctors who will eventually become family physicians. He coaches them as they diagnose and determine treatments. Sounds pretty routine. But a bit of an enigma, alongside maintaining an academic practice stateside, he continues to invest in a network of doctors all over the world.

Raised in a Christian home, Huntington’s family often hosted missionaries on furlough. “I thought missions work was something to pray about and give money to, but as a kid, I never thought I’d go myself.” But after he spent a summer in Costa Rica working on a construction project, Huntington remembers God stirring his heart. “One day I was doing my devotions and I read John 15:16, ‘You did not choose me but I chose you.’ I suddenly realized that what I wanted to do wasn’t up to me. I needed to find out what

God wanted.” By the end of that summer, missions simply skyrocketed on his priority list. Knowing that becoming a doctor might allow him access to certain countries and unreached people groups, Huntington decided to pursue pre-med in college.

Huntington chose Grace College. He acknowledged wanting “strong, theologically sound Bible training, paired with excellent training in the sciences.” When Huntington arrived, he quickly discovered that his high school science inadequately prepared him. “Fortunately, Dr. Jeffreys, professor of biochemistry, helped me ascend the steep learning curve quickly. I really appreciate that the Grace faculty took the time necessary to help me survive. Dr. Jeffreys expected a lot out of us, but he was dedicated to putting his time into us too. He never punched a time clock — if he wasn’t teaching, he was preparing to teach. It wasn’t uncommon for us to hear him refer to an article or study he’d read in a journal of medicine the day before, incorporating it into our class. Dr. Jeffreys is a true model of life-long learning.” While at Grace, Huntington also met his wife, Charlene (Stayer C 89), who was pursuing a nursing degree. He jokes, “I can say that we legitimately studied anatomy together!”

Later, at Michigan State University, Huntington saw more clearly why Grace had been the right choice for him. MSU had a strong tropical disease pathology program, and





Huntington with wife, Charlene, and kids.



Huntington with mentor and friend, Dr. Jeffreys (left).

Huntington knew it would be important to understand diseases in the developing world, but confesses, “At MSU, with 800 people in a class, I saw dozens of students get lost along the way. It confirmed to me why God had directed me to Grace. There’s no perfect place, but Grace was as close as I could find.”

As a result of his medical training and his doctoral work, Huntington has been invited to many countries hostile towards Christians. Not only has he been able to treat and consult on medical issues, he’s also been able to share his faith with patients, local medical technicians, taxi drivers and just about anyone else he meets. “I use my medical degrees to give me access. But I’m careful not to set up shop wherever I am and make others dependent on me. I want to train local doctors

to care for people, so that when I have to leave, doctors are self-sufficient and medical care is sustainable. I don’t try to make a convert. I get to know my patients and am sensitive to their place in life. I have atheists and Muslims who are loyal to my private practice and I don’t have to get into arguments with them about my faith. We can have a mutually respectful exchange and I can be honest about what I believe. But I know that I don’t have to convince, because the Holy Spirit will take care of that.”

“Actually,” he quips, “it’s not really a fair exchange — because I have Jesus on my side!”

With an M.D. and a Ph.D., Huntington might seem intellectually unapproachable. But “Doc Huntington,” as his patients like to call him,

couldn’t be more personable. His kids (five biological children and soon, two more through adoption) keep him grounded and tease him that he could win a “weird dad” contest for his eccentricities. But those quirks endear him to everyone he meets.

Many have said it’s a successful life to be “he who is well loved.” And whether it’s at home, by colleagues, or by hundreds of people all over the world, Huntington is a virtuoso at healing and loving people. He may have envisioned serving as a missionary doctor in a grass hut somewhere, but God had another plan. Medicine has been a door into “closed” countries and, in many cases, the “closed” hearts of this world. Huntington is a good physician chosen by the Great Physician to do some pretty spectacular things. ✨



Change is inevitable. Spring changes to summer, summer to fall, fall to winter and then the cycle begins again. Around the university campus, each May adds alumni to the Grace family and every August brings the new faces of eager freshmen, excited to experience the life changes that will occur over the next few years.

In the alumni world we have experienced some changes as well. Recently, Tim Ziebarth, director of alumni services at Grace, stopped by my office and wanted to discuss his role within Alumni Services and the Office of Advancement. Because of the changing world of education, Grace has added a three-year option for incoming students beginning this fall. At the same time, Grace has expanded many programs that can be completed entirely online – a Master of Education and a Master of Arts in Ministry Studies to name only a couple. Tim let me know that he had an interest in becoming the new director of online education and growing this new department with the same level of excellence that he has invested in Alumni Services over the past nine years.

I expressed to Tim how much I have appreciated his good work with the alumni and encouraged him to apply for the new position at Grace. Tim was offered the position and as of May 1 became the new director of online education at Grace. I know he is well suited for his new role.

Change is happening in the Alumni Services office. The search for the new director is underway, and Grace will be accepting applications until the position is filled. You can see the job description on the Grace Web site at www.grace.edu/about/employment. If you know someone you would like to recommend, please call 866-448-3472.

I am excited about this next chapter in the Alumni Services office and am grateful for Tim's service to all of us who call Grace College & Seminary our alma mater.



John R. Boal
Dr. John R. Boal (BS 84) | Chief Advancement Officer

ALUM NOTES

Connecting with our family of friends

DOWN THE AISLE

00s

Paul Bell and **Jill Dimatteo** (BM 04): June 13, 2009. Jill teaches music at the Ashland Christian School in Ashland OH. **01**

Kevin Cooper and **Melissa Felder** (MA 06): April 24, 2010. Melissa works in the Office of University Relations, University of South Florida, as a communications and marketing officer. She and Kevin reside in Sarasota FL. cooperm@sar.usf.edu **02**

Kyle Herschberger and **Cristina Hoyt** (BS 09): December 17, 2010. Tina works on the campus of Grace College as the marketing project manager for Brandpoet. The Herschbergers live in North Webster IN. tinaherschberger@gmail.com **03**

John Hook, Jr. and **Amy Engle** (BS 00): November 20, 2010. John and Amy reside in South Whitley IN with Ashley (15), Owen (12) and Gracie (11) Hook, and Austin (7) and Alayna (5) Kreps. amy.hook8@yahoo.com **04**

Mark Pohl (BS 04, MA 07) and Vanessa Sizemore: April 17, 2010. Mark is the associate director of admissions for Grace College. The Pohls live in Winona Lake IN. mark.pohl@grace.edu **05**

Caleb Richardson (BS 09) and **Andrea Zeigler** (BS 10): June 5, 2010. Caleb and Andi reside in Mound City KS. Andi works as a para educator at Prairie View High School. andi.richardson88@gmail.com **06**

Aaron Rohrer (BS 02) and **Emily McAllister** (BS 05): October 16, 2010. Having met and become close friends at Grace College more than 10 years ago,

Aaron and Emily both moved back to the East Coast and are enjoying living happily ever after on Maryland's eastern shore. The Rohrers live in Princess Anne MD. greeneyed.em@gmail.com **07**

10s

David Swanson (BS 10) and **Valerie Faber-Cooke** (BS 10): March 26, 2011. The Swansons reside in Midlothian VA. wavid03@yahoo.com **08**

Charles "Gus" Wheeler (C11) and **Amy Misak** (BS 10): June 5, 2010. The Wheelers live in Winona Lake IN. amysuewheeler@gmail.com

FUTURE ALUMNI

90s

Dr. Raymond (BS 96) and Audrey **Clydesdale**: Charles Wilbury and Evelyn Elizabeth, February 25, 2010. Charles and Evelyn join Kadie (5) and Oliver (3) in San Antonio TX. Ray is a flight surgeon in the United States Air Force. He received his DO from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2001, his MPH from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston and in October 2010 was board certified in Aerospace Medicine. **09**

Brent (BS 98) and **Abigail Damer**: Caroline, November 13, 2009. Caroline joins Michael (9), Isaac (7) and Sophia (5) in Yorktown IN. Brent is an orthopedic surgeon with Central Indiana Orthopedics in Muncie IN. brentdamer@yahoo.com

Myron (BS 95) and **Molly (Smith BA 97) Detweiler**: Clare Grace, October 24, 2010. Clare joins Betsy (5) in Hamilton OH. Myron is vice president of marketing and e-commerce for Berean Christian Stores. In April 2011, he and his team successfully launched a brand new Web site for Berean at www.berean.com.



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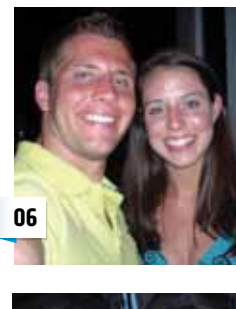
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Chad and **Nicole (Poort BS 03) Dippon**: Tanner Lee, August 13, 2010. Tanner joins Parker (3) in Milford IN. ndippon67@yahoo.ie

Eric Fink (BS 06) and **Mary Honderich** (C 07): Heajen Honderich, August 7, 2009. Eric received his certificate in theology from the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2010. Eric, wife Mary and Heajen reside in Goshen IN. esfes1025@yahoo.com

Jordan (BS 06) and **Bethany (Vaughn BA 06) Muck**: Corinne Grace, June 1, 2010. In December 2009, Bethany received her master's in piano pedagogy from Webster University. Jordan serves as the associate/youth pastor at Community Gospel Church in Bremen IN. The Muck family lives in Bremen. jordan.muck@gmail.com **10**

Chris and **Jessica (Geib C 02) Norris**: Marley Grace, May 17, 2010. Marley joins Cooper (3) in Tallahassee FL. Jessica is the owner of My Little Girl Bows. thegeibs2008@yahoo.com

Joel (BA 06) and **Kristy Owens**: Jeremy Ray, November 20, 2010. The Owens family resides in Wyoming MI. joelowens@gmail.com

Thomas and **Stephani (Hart BS 03) Rogers**: Cohen Thomas, January 12, 2011. Thomas and Stephanie were married on April 2, 2010. In 2005, Stephani received a kindergarten endorsement from the University of Indianapolis. She teaches high school math in the Lafayette LA area. Thomas is a mobile field computer technician for the southern half of Louisiana. The family lives in Lafayette. stephaniandmocha@gmail.com **11**

Chris (BS 04) and **Bethany (Liston BS 04) Solyntjes**: Vera Riley, September 13, 2010. Vera joins Ella (2 1/2) in Wadsworth OH. Chris and Bethany are planting a church in Berea OH called Renew Communities. Chris is the worship and creative arts pastor and Bethany serves as a worship leader. **12**

Kenneth (BS 02) and **Ruth (Delagrance BS 02) Stabler**: Ethan Garrett and William Kenton, October 30, 2009. Kenneth is an international sales associate for Da-Lite Screen, Inc. in Warsaw IN. The Stabler family lives in Winona Lake IN. krstaber@yahoo.com **13**

Ryan (BS 01) and **Heidi Sturm**: Brody Ryan, July 29, 2009. The Sturm family resides in Shawano WI. **14**

CLASS NOTES

50s

Harold Henderson (C 57) attended Grace College for one semester before enlisting in the United States Air Force. While in the service he worked in operational intelligence. He then returned to Grace for three more semesters before transferring to the University of Chicago where he received his bachelor's in 1962 and a doctor of law degree in 1964. Harold and wife **JoAnn (Garber C 57)** were married in 1958. JoAnn taught language arts in middle school and high school for the first 10 years of their marriage. After law school, Harold practiced with firms in New York and Chicago and then served as the General Counsel of Firestone, RJR Nabisco and the Eastman Chemical Company. In 1984, he completed the AMP Program at the Harvard Business School. JoAnn and Harold have one son, Donald. He and wife Lori have gifted the Hendersons with three wonderful grandchildren. Harold retired for the second time in 2001. The Hendersons live near Naples FL where they are active in the Covenant Presbyterian Church and committed to its vision to reach the world for Christ.

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William J. Slocum (BA 69) is the director of the Greenville Rescue Mission. He lives with wife Janine in Greenville SC. wjslocum@gmail.com

In 2008, the **Reverend Ron Weimer** (BA 68, MDiv 72) retired as pastor of the Waterloo Grace Brethren Church. He served as pastor in Grace Brethren churches for 37 years – 5 years at the Davenport GBC and then at Waterloo. Ron is presently the chaplain at Friendship Village. He and wife **Vivian (Byers BS 68)** reside in Waterloo IA. rvweimer@gmail.com

In March 2010, **Nancy (Nye BS 68) Weirich** was honored as a Patient Champion during National Kidney Month. She was one of 31 dialysis patients chosen in a nationwide search that covered more than 1,700 facilities and 130,000 patients. Nancy was nominated because of her positive attitude after 10 years on dialysis and for her inspiration and service as a patient advocate for other dialysis patients. Nancy is described as someone who lives life to the fullest and is very involved in the lives of her family and



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church. A retired elementary school teacher, she lives with husband **Ned** (BS 66) in Hagerstown MD.

80s

Gary (BS 83, MA 86, CertBibSt 87) and **Lisa (Goodman BA 80, MA 84) Heim** have established True North Ministries, Inc., a Christian counseling, coaching and training ministry located in Rockford MI. Their first book, "True North – Choosing God in the Frustrations of Life," published by Kregel Publishers, will be released June 30, 2011. Gary is also the pastor for small groups and discipleship at Blytheville Hills Church, Rockford. The Heims reside in Rockford and have two children, **Brandon** (C 12) and **Kailie**. heim5311@charter.net **15**

Jim (BS 89, MA 05) and **Debbie (Austin BA 87) Momeyer**, along with children Michel (14), Peter (11) and Jena (7) have moved to Battle Creek MI. Jim is employed at Kellogg Community College as the programmer analyst. jmmeyer@live.com

Kathryn (Martin BA 88) Ringso was hired as assistant principal at Lower Dauphin High School, Hummelstown PA. She was a math administrator in the Steelton-Highspire School District,

and has 20 years experience in math education. Kathryn received her master's in education from Millersville University and her principal's certification from California University of Pennsylvania. **Cheryl (Thomas BS 80) Shipley** received her master of science degree in education from Philadelphia Biblical University. The focus of her program was international education. Cheryl serves as a consultant for missionary and business expatriate families needing advice on schooling their children while stationed overseas. Husband **Greg** (MDiv 78) is an adjunct professor at PBU's school of life-long learning. The Shipleys live in Newtown PA.

In January 2011, **Alicia (Felts BS 83) Wedertz** released a CD of 15 selected sacred songs performed on the harp. The CD is available directly from her Web site, simplylovely.pj-felts.com. Alicia and husband **Allen** (BS 80) live in Osceola IN. alicia@pj-felts.com

Yang Xi (C 84) is a concert violinist, assistant concertmaster and conductor with the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra. Prior to moving to Raleigh he was the principal violinist for the Symphony of the Americas and the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra. He wishes to convey his heartfelt thanks to retired music professor Don Ogden. **16**

90s

In 2007, **Brad Shupe** (BA 98) received his MBA from the University of Leeds in Yorkshire England. In 2009, wife **Sarah (Galvin BA 99)** graduated from Notre Dame with an MBA. The Shupes live in Winona Lake IN. bshupez1@gmail.com

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Tim (BA 06) **Bailey** and **Joseph Saunders** (BS 05) are both employed by the California Highway Patrol in the County of Los Angeles. Joe began with the CHP in 2006. Tim graduated from the police academy in September 2010. Joe and wife **Christie (Blackwell BS 04)** have two children, Elinor (2 1/2) and Charley (1). Tim is married to Christie's sister, **Casie (Blackwell BA 05)**. Both couples live in Simi Valley CA. **17**

Dr. Tammy Schultz and **Hannah (Hermiz MA 07) Estabrook** have co-written the book, "Beyond Desolate." The book was released this spring and proclaims hope for those experiencing the pain of sexual abuse. Dr. Schultz is the department chair for the graduate counseling programs at Grace Schools. Hannah worked for several years as a student counselor.

Brian Kelley (BS 00) serves as the student and family pastor at Faith Christian Fellowship in Williamsport MD. Brian lives with wife Krista, Mackenzie (7) and Ian (4) in Hagerstown MD. bgkgrace@aol.com

Rachel Nielsen (BS 04) lives in Noblesville IN. She is a job change employment specialist with Clarian Health System. rachelanielsen@gmail.com

Sarah (Hadley BS 05) Nunnenkamp works as a Family Permanency Specialist for KVC Behavioral Health. Sarah and husband Andrew reside in Henderson NE. andrewsarahnunnenkamp@hotmail.com

David Robertson (BS 03) completed his master's in education in 2009. In July 2010, he began as principal of the Model Elementary School in Goshen IN. Dave and wife **Meredith (Simpson BS 03)** live in Winona Lake IN with Anna (4) and Kathryn (2). robertson_dm2003@yahoo.com **18**

Amy Roe (BA 02) works as a call center representative at SC Telco Federal Credit Union. She lives in Greenville SC. amesroehoe@yahoo.com

Michael Sullivan (MA 05) has served with New Tribes Mission for 28 years. He is currently on the executive board as the director of church relations. Michael and wife Virginia live in Deltona FL. foreverliving@juno.com

IN MEMORIAM

Julie (Tritch C 79) Fahrback died on October 1, 2010, at the age of 52. She had been diagnosed with a brain tumor only 12 days prior to her passing. Julie worked in food services for Grace College while husband **John** (BA 80, MDiv 86) completed his college and seminary education. The Fahrbacks were married for 33 years and have four children, John Gunther, George, Ruth and Louis and two grandchildren. After her children became adults, Julie began completion of her college degree at the University of Toledo, majoring in marketing and fundraising. She would have graduated in spring 2011. Julie previously had worked at Goodwill of Northwest Ohio, the Toledo Opera and the Victory Center, a cancer treatment center in Toledo. She had a passion

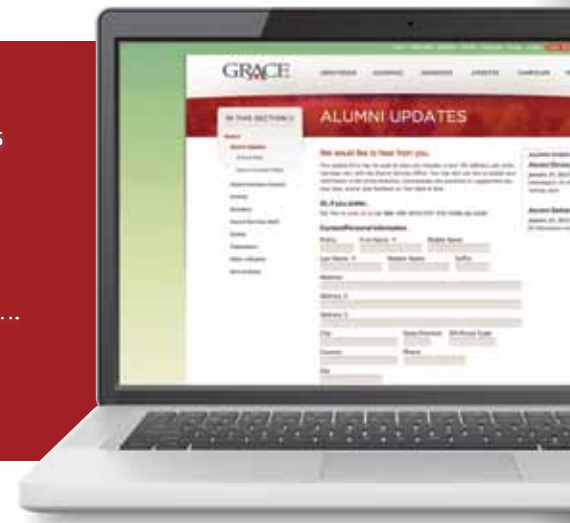
for the arts, especially classical music and the great hymns of the Christian faith. While in high school, she studied music at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and at Bowling Green State University. Other interests included gardening, cooking, riding ATVs, canoeing and traveling. She loved supporting her son Louis in his golfing endeavors. It was her joy to watch him compete in state tournaments. Always supportive and others-oriented, Julie followed the pattern of her Savior as a servant first and foremost. She was loved dearly and will be missed by many. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy in her memory are asked to consider The Victory Center, Toledo OH or the Grace Brethren Chapel in Fremont OH. **19**

Virginia (Mardikian C 86) Haney died October 12, 2010. She was 82. Beginning in 2006, Virginia became increasingly ill. She was finally diagnosed with Parkinsonism (a form of Parkinson's). Virginia lived a full life, raising four children and serving as a missionary with SIM in Nigeria for 32 years. For 16 of those years she taught physics. Most of the time she was the only physics teacher at a high school which included junior college equivalent courses. For



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13 years she taught Bible at a training school for pastors. When she returned to the United States, she taught New Testament Greek at Hardee Correctional Institution. In 2000, Virginia and husband **Paul** (S 78) returned to Nigeria and spent two more years teaching at Aba Bible College. She is survived by husband Paul, daughter Paula, daughter **Sarah** (BA 77) and husband Vern Bell, daughter Mary and husband Steve Bendorfeanu, son Peter and wife Connie, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Pastor Bob Kern (C 78), of Quarryville PA, went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 17, 2011. He was 77. Pastor Bob's voice was well-known on a local radio station WDAC. For more than 30 years he had a spot devotional called "Bits of Truth." Pastor Bob served as a pastor/teacher/counselor in Philadelphia, Myerstown, Denver and Ephrata PA. He also ministered in Mansfield OH and Elkhart IN. He helped to create a Christian camp ministry that became Camp Conquest, located in Denver PA. For the last 10 years, Pastor Bob was the chaplain at the Willow Valley Resort and associate pastor of senior adults at Grace Church at Willow Valley. In addition to Dorothy, his loving wife of 54 years, he will be missed by daughters **Deborah Lee** (C 83) (**Kerry Rapp** BA 79) and Beth-Ann (Patrick McKinney), son Mark, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A celebration of his life was held at the Grace Church at Willow Valley on February 27. Memorials can be made in Pastor Bob's memory to the Bob Kern Memorial Endowment Fund to provide need-based scholarship money for children to attend Camp Conquest, 480 Forest Rd, Denver PA 17517 (171-336-2541).

Robert R. Kolbe, Sr. (MDiv 73, MTh 76) died March 3, 2011, at the age of 82. Mr. Kolbe held an engineering degree from Drexel University and a degree from Philadelphia Bible University. He is survived by his family and wife **Jo Anne** (C 75). A devoted Christian, he remained the keystone of family strength and integrity. His legacy of goodness and devotion shall live on forever. A celebration service of Mr. Kolbe's life was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Oswego IN, with pastors **Kirk Barger** (BA 85, MA 96) and **Greg Harden** (MDiv 90) officiating. **20**

Vera Jane Susannah Mayne, who served as president of Dorothy Lane Market from 1972 to 2005, died February 28, 2011. She was 105. In the 1930s, while

raising four young daughters after the death of her first husband, Mrs. Mayne took over operations of her late husband's Dayton-based wholesale produce company, and later operated a retail fruit stand in downtown Dayton until 1950. In 1942, she married Calvin Mayne, co-founder of Dorothy Lane Market, which had started as a fruit stand in 1948 until the first grocery store was built in Oakwood in 1953. In 1955, it was Mrs. Mayne's idea to launch the Good Neighbor Program at Dorothy Lane Market. Over the years this program has contributed millions of dollars to local nonprofit organizations. Today, DLM has three stores—Oakwood, Washington Twp. and Springboro, employs 700 people and has annual revenues of \$75 million. "She signed 700 paychecks every week, signed about 300 checks to vendors every week, and looked at every bill that we received until she was almost 100 years old," said Mrs. Mayne's son, Norman Mayne. "She taught me to focus always on quality, and showed me there is no substitute for integrity." Calvin Mayne, Norman's son and Mrs. Mayne's grandson, said, "As the matriarch of our family and the extended DLM family, she always had sensible advice, but was never intrusive... she leaves a legacy of kindness, dignity and character." Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvin Mayne Scholarship, c/o Judson University, 1151 N State St., Elgin IL 60123 or Grace College and Seminary, 200 Seminary Dr., Winona Lake IN 46590. —Mark Fisher/Dayton Daily News

The **Reverend Joseph Ward Tressler** (DipTh 48), 94, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 9, 2011. His wife of almost 65 years, Agnes Fay, survives. Reverend Tressler was a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. He worked at the Pennsylvania coal mines for eight years prior to entering the ministry. Reverend Tressler served as a Grace Brethren pastor for the past 64 years in Chico CA, Altoona and Meyersdale PA, Lansing MI, Fremont and Dayton OH, Kokomo IN and Clayhole KY. In 1989, he returned to Fremont OH where he served on the staff of Grace Community Church. He was the pastor in Fremont when the church purchased land and moved the church to their current location, 900 Smith Road. During Reverend Tressler's tenure of being a pastor he built several churches and started several others with Grace Brethren Home Missions Council. He also had the privilege of being involved in the



GOLDEN GRAD REUNION | 1961

The Golden Graduate Reunion for the Grace College and Seminary Classes of 1961 was held May 12-14. On Saturday the class members were honored with memorabilia graduation stoles and ushered with the Class of 2011 into the commencement ceremony at the Orthopaedic Capital Center.

Class members present for the reunion included (front row, left to right): Janet (Hammers BS 61) Minnix, Lois (Brown BS 61) Holland, Sylvia (Fink BS 61) Lambright, Lucene (Sampson BS 61) Harstine. Back row: Gordon Austin (BDiv 61), Joseph Cunningham (BDiv 61), Floyd Welling (BA 61), Glenn Coats (BDiv 61), Robert Livingston (MDiv 61).

erasure of several building debts and the burning of three mortgages. Reverend Tressler received the CE National Honors Award for the Most Outstanding Senior Adult in the area of Senior Adult Ministry in 2006. He was president of the Ministerial Association of Altoona and co-founded the Evangelical Ministerial Association of Greater Lansing. Reverend Tressler also had a radio ministry on WFRO for 13 years. He enjoyed trains and traveling, and was very compassionate about people near and far away. In addition to Agnes, he is survived by daughters Rachel Kisman, **Deborah** (C 73) (Les) Cancel and Lois (David) Harmon; grandchildren Sheryl (Matt) Simko, Tami Gee, Davey and Kendra Kishman, Victor and Jac Cancel, Stephen (Maggie), Timothy and Jonathan Harmon; and nephew **Roland** (BME 75, MDiv 97) (**Karen Essig C 76**) **Maust**.

Franklin Eugene Weaver (C54) passed away on June 29, 2010, at the age of 77. Frank attended Grace College and the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago IL. He retired from the United States Army in 1976 as staff sergeant. In the army, he served as a chaplain's assistant and was awarded many commendations, including the Vietnam Service Medal. After 21 years of military service, he worked for Arvin Industries in Columbus IN. Frank was a founding member of Burk Street Bible Church, now known as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He belonged to the church choir and

was a frequent soloist. His love of music was well known and he wrote hymns, including "Trusting in Him." Frank served as district director of Child Evangelism Fellowship. He is survived by sons Eric (Jennifer), Keith (Ruby) and Paul (Jill); two grandsons Jonathan and Nathaniel; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Beth (Munn BCE 49) Yntema passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior on March 27, 2011. She was 87. After graduating from the St. Peter School of Nursing in 1944, Mary Beth then attended Grace Theological Seminary. She became a career missionary to the Central African Republic, doing pioneer medical work with people suffering with leprosy. When she retired from active mission work, she returned to the United States and worked as a nurse in Alaska and Washington. She taught women's Bible studies and Sunday school classes wherever she lived. In 1979, Mary Beth married William Yntema. The couple went on several short-term mission trips. Bill would help with building projects while Mary Beth worked with women and taught Bible classes. Mary Beth was preceded in death by Bill. She was a faithful member of the San Juan Baptist Church in Port Townsend WA. Memorials may be given to Grace Brethren International Missions, Winona Lake IN.



"Grace came into my life at the perfect time. I transferred there as a junior shortly after becoming a Christian. It provided an ideal atmosphere for me to grow as a new believer. Teachers like Professor Bill Gordon and Coach Jim Kessler were great examples of Christian men and they pushed me to become more like Christ. Teammates like Matt Abernethy (BS 03) and Corey Smith (BS 04) were great friends and encouragers. These godly relationships have had a lasting effect on my life." — **Daniel Bucher**

From 2005-2010, Daniel (BS 03) and Susan (Ennis C 05) Bucher lived in Manila, Philippines, serving Filipinos through First Love International, a mission agency that brings the message of Jesus to unreached people in impoverished regions around the world. The Buchers pioneered two specific ministries in the Philippines while there. The Arthur Center serves families and children whose average income is often less than \$5 a day. Many cannot count on being fed each day and most cannot afford basic medical attention. Through the Center, children are able to eat a meal, receive free dental care, listen to Bible stories and build relationships with the staff. The Buchers also helped begin Buhay Sports, which shares the message of Jesus through basketball. Nobody in the world loves basketball like the Filipino people; every village has a basketball court. The Buhay team has played in more than 400 games, sharing the Gospel with more than 250,000 Filipinos. Since the Buchers

returned to the U.S. in 2010, they continue to raise funds for the operations of The Arthur Center, network with American basketball teams and manage the Filipinos who work to fulfill the vision of Isaiah 1:17. They've also started a sports apparel company. The uniforms are made in the Philippines to provide jobs. Through this work, the Buchers provide funds for the operations of The Arthur Center and Buhay Sports.

Daniel and Susan are parents to JoAnn (3) and Isaiah (1). Their third is due in September and will be their first born on U.S. soil.



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Long ago the creator God expressed His all-encompassing view of His creation (Genesis 1:31a). This triune God is the God of all created reality (John 1:3; Acts 17:24-31; Colossians 1:15-16). And His Word, rooted in the cultures of both the Eastern and Western worlds, highlights the global reach of God's work (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19). And Jesus' message of good news reaches across barriers and boundaries and cultures (Luke 18:9-14; John 4:4; Ephesians 2:11-14; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Galatians 3:26-28). God's eschatological work has this same encompassing focus (Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 13:7; 17:15). In short, God's interests reach around the globe, crossing the boundaries of language, people groups, cultures and subcultures.

Followers of God who align with these patterns in God's Word engage their community while living with a global interest. These individuals are acting locally and thinking globally. That is, they have a global awareness as they actively engage the community in which they live. They serve God through various careers and places, following Him wherever He leads them. Their courage is buoyed by His clear leading. These followers engage their community wherever it may be. Sometimes that community is within their birth culture, requiring use of their first language and navigation through

a very familiar cultural setting. Sometimes that community is within a culture remote to their birth culture, requiring communication through a second or third language and development of a new pattern of living. Whether their work is education, business, communications, ministry, social service, law, medicine, journalism, or the like, these followers are acting locally and thinking globally. They are aligning their life with God's all-encompassing viewpoint of and work within His creation.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald E. Manahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ronald E. Manahan | President

GRADUATION, MAY 14, 2011

Suwilo Charity Namfukwe receives a hug from one of her biggest fans, niece Jael (daughter of Kondo (BA 00, MDiv 04) and Melissa (Rants BS 98) Simfukwe), after receiving her master's in counseling diploma.



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