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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Pledge: *“I pledge to sacrificially serve the Azusa Pacific University community, utilizing the very best of my knowledge, skills, and abilities as I walk in truth, humility, and integrity, striving to accomplish the university’s Christ-centered mission entrusted to me, so help me God.”*

These are historic days. We just witnessed the inauguration of our 44th President and celebrated Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday. And for this Lincoln aficionado, you can imagine my interest!

When I learned that President Obama chose the Bible used by Lincoln in his 1861 inauguration, I conducted a little research. Apparently, many used a Bible, opened so a new President could place his hand on a particular passage of Scripture. George Washington, in 1789, chose Genesis 49:13. Ulysses S. Grant, in 1873, selected Isaiah 11:1–3. Franklin D. Roosevelt used 1 Corinthians 13 in all four inaugurations. Gerald Ford, in 1974, opted for Proverbs 3:5–6. President Grover Cleveland, in 1885, placed his hand on Psalm 112 simply because that is where the Chief Justice opened it. And in 1861, my own hero, Lincoln, opened the Bible at random to an undocumented passage. Obama’s hand simply rested on top of the fragile tome to preserve its pages.

It’s a powerful picture—arguably the most significant world leadership position, the President of the United States, begins his term with a public promise, an oath made on Holy Scripture.

That vivid image got me thinking about promises I have made, both public and private, which together create the historical narrative of my life. Like many of you, I have chosen my life’s purpose under the Lordship of Christ and the authority of Scripture. Like many of you, I am committed to a life of surrender through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and a commitment to God’s redemptive purposes in the world. Like many of you, I often fall short, and yet find in God’s loving forgiveness, a brand new beginning for His simple plan and remarkable promise.

In light of all this, I reread each of the scriptural passages chosen by past Presidents to publicly align their unimaginable challenges with God’s unimaginable promises. I thought about the verse I would choose if standing before a crowd of witnesses to publicly announce my intention to faithfully accomplish the promises I have made to family, friends, colleagues, and God Himself.

What verse would you choose? What if you were given the opportunity to put your hand on a passage of Scripture and renew your vows to God, family, and vocation? What if tomorrow was your inauguration day?

At our winter meeting, I asked the university Board of Trustees the same question and provided them with the Christ-centered, servant-leadership pledge above, asking that they affirm their service to APU and select a verse as well.

After much thought, I decided mine would be John 17:4, “I brought glory to You here on earth by completing the work You gave me to do” (NLT). If you are so inclined, let me know yours. You can reach me at jwallace@apu.edu.

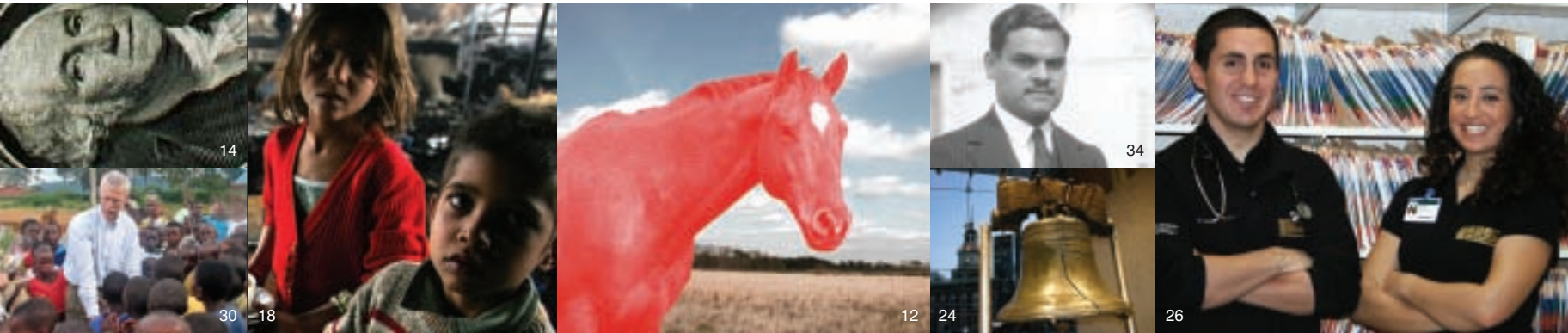
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Committed to my pledge and His promise

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KEN WILLIAMS

THE EPIC APU-BIOLA RIVALRY DREW 2,598 ATTENDEES TO THE FEBRUARY 10 MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME HELD AT THE FELIX EVENT CENTER. DESPITE THE ENTHUSIASM OF DIEHARD BLACKOUT FANS WHO CHEERED FIERCELY FOR THEIR COUGAR SQUAD, THE EVENING CULMINATED IN A SURPRISE EAGLE WIN. FAN ENTHUSIASM, HOWEVER, SCORED A SEASON HIGH. GET THE LATEST SPORTS NEWS AT WWW.APU.EDU/ATHLETICS/ OR FOLLOW APU COUGARS ON TWITTER.

CAMPUS CLOSE UP

IN BRIEF

Students Awarded for Outstanding PR

Open Doors USA, a nonprofit organization located in Santa Ana, California held a news release competition in which three APU students took the highest honors. Professor James Willis, Ph.D., encouraged his Journalism 450 class to research and compose original press releases, documenting international tragedies and persecution stories around the world. Senior communication studies majors

Sarah Yoro '09, Darin Kleespie '09, and Miranda Farmer '08 secured first, second, and third places, respectively, for their achievement.

"Prior to the assignment, I had never written a press release, so I was curious as to how it would turn out," said first-place winner Sarah Yoro. "Out of the three topics presented to us, something in my heart drew me to the famine taking place in North Korea. I thought this was a wonderful learning experience, and I cannot express my gratitude enough to Dr. Willis and Open Doors USA."

The three students found their work highly regarded, monetarily

rewarded by the Target Corporation according to their standing, and selected to appear in Open Doors USA's online newsletter.

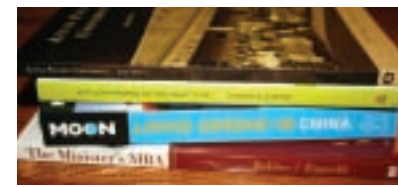
Second-place recipient, Darin Kleespie said, "Being a part of the competition was a great opportunity for me to learn and further develop my public relations skills. The nonprofit PR sector is completely different from anything else, so adapting to meet the client's needs was a rewarding challenge for me."

Open Doors USA seeks to "connect with those around the world who share our faith but not our freedom."

As a part of its ongoing informational

program, Open Doors USA circulates the winning news releases to raise international awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide.

Signing Showcases Faculty



The third semi-annual Barnes & Noble Faculty Book Signing, held November 13, 2008, featured four recently published APU faculty, showcasing university scholarship at a national retailer and affirming an important partnership.

The evening included the following authors and their books: George S. Babbes, Ph.D., associate dean for accreditation and professor of business and management, *The Minister's MBA: Essential Business Tools for Maximum Ministry Success*; Ken Otto, M.S., associate professor and special collections librarian, *Azusa Pacific University*; Stuart Strother, Ph.D., professor of business and management, and wife, Barbara, *Living Abroad in China*; and Sarah Sumner, Ph.D., professor of theology and ministry, and special assistant to the dean for strategic development, and husband, Jim, *Just How Married Do You Want to Be? Practicing Oneness in Marriage*.

The authors discussed their books, read passages, and signed copies during the two-hour event at the Glendora Barnes & Noble. Over a four-day period from the initial signing through the weekend, a percentage of the proceeds generated from sales expressly supporting the university, went toward the APU Writers' Retreat, a bi-annual event

that supports faculty scholarship and writing projects. The bookstore fosters both growing local involvement with scholarly works and exposure of APU professors as they seek to publicize their new books. Seeing the concept as a win-win for both organizations, APU and Barnes & Noble look forward to another event next fall.

University Named in Presidential Honor Roll

For the third consecutive year, APU's commitment to community service and outreach placed the university on the 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. APU is 1 of only 83 institutions to receive a distinction, out of 700 total honor role awardees nationwide. Administered by Learn and Serve America, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the position reflects the recognition from the highest levels of the federal government for commitment to service and civic engagement in a campus setting and on a national scale. Sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, the honor roll stands as one of the most prestigious institutional awards achievable in the areas of service and outreach.

New Program Approved by WASC

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission recently granted final approval to APU's proposal for the new Master of Arts in Transformational Urban Leadership (MATUL), establishing the 27th accredited master's degree program offered by the university.

MATUL proposal headliner, Richard Slimbach, Ph.D., and the Department of Global Studies, Sociology, and TESOL collaborated on the proposal from the early stages of concept and development. The

field-based degree, cosponsored by overseas institutional partners, initially works with Asian Theological Seminary and Hindustan Bible Institute, affording students the opportunity to experience urban leadership at work.

"The MATUL Program focuses on developing leaders to catalyze transformational movements within the world's burgeoning slums and shantytowns," said David L. Weeks, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "Graduates gain firsthand knowledge of urban poverty and pursue vocations within urban movements, nongovernmental organizations, development agencies, refugee and immigration services, government ministries, and business enterprises."

The program extends the mission of the Department of Global Studies, Sociology, and TESOL to intentionally integrate students into the world's many economic and cultural environments.

Former CEO of City of Hope Named Scholar-in-Residence

APU's newest scholar-in-residence, former CEO of City of Hope and renowned pediatric oncologist, James Miser, MD, brings his unique perspective on faith and science to campus and the scholastic communities at large. In this new role, he actively questions how these two elements of human life coexist and function together. At a science and faith luncheon held November 20, Miser made the case for the importance of a Christian influence in science and medicine, especially in light of the weighty ethical issues faced daily.

Miser's experience stems from personal knowledge in the workplace and at home. With three children of their own, Miser and his wife found life as filled and challenging as any typical parents. Atypically, however, they found they had room in their hearts and their home for more. To date, the Misers have adopted seven children from Korea and China, all

of whom were born with special needs. One of their adopted sons, born with a bilateral cleft palate and webbed hands and feet, inspired one nurse's faith.

Advised to euthanize the boy, the biological parents found themselves at an impossible crossroads. Fortunately, the nurse caring for the child advocated for adoption and saved the boy destined to become a Miser family member.

The family's compassion reflects Miser's personal and professional philosophy. Intense dedication to improving the world's health issues and caring for abandoned and/or terminally ill children exemplify his career as well. From City of Hope's 11-year chief of pediatrics to the organization's CEO, his accomplishments as a physician and head of the independent biomedical research, treatment, →



Maximum Accreditation Awarded to Nursing

The School of Nursing recently received maximum reaccreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an independent accrediting branch of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The 10-year accreditation remains one of the most prestigious accomplishments of any program and takes on added significance as the completion of the new Segerstrom Science Center nears.

Following more than a year of preparation by the School of

Nursing, including the completion of a comprehensive self-study, the CCNE visited the Azusa campus in April to assess the program in a full review. The standard review focuses on four core areas of importance: mission and outcomes; resources necessary to the mission; curriculum and teaching, and learning practices; and overall program effectiveness. The visit included observation of nursing classes, including clinical sites where students obtain their practicum experiences. The CCNE representatives also met with individuals and groups of

undergraduate and graduate nursing students, faculty, alumni, and members of the community to gain a broader understanding of the program's scope of outreach.

The CCNE, launched in 1996, stands as the sole national agency dedicated exclusively to the accreditation of undergraduate and graduate nursing education programs. CCNE accreditation supports and encourages constant self-assessment by nursing education programs and the continued growth and improvement of collegiate professional education.



Community Partnership Helps Kids

A sizable grant and the provision of two computer lab tutors from APU launched a much-needed community resource as the new Azusa recreation center opened to a crowd of more than 100 on December 20, 2008.

In an effort to modernize and develop stronger community in Azusa, the City Council revamped the old National Guard Armory. In leasing the armory at North Orange Place for \$1 per year from the state, the renovation provides the community with a new, multifaceted recreation center at the heart of the Canyon City. Among other services, the center now provides a computer lab available to the youth in the surrounding areas.

The City Council approached APU President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, in hopes of creating a partnership for the center's development. The university agreed, investing \$7,000 to purchase computer equipment and a variety of software, and applying for a Canyon City Foundation grant to fund two computer lab tutors. APU's Center for Academic Service-Learning and Research oversees such outreach, connecting students, staff, faculty, and alumni with the local community through the advancement of education, service, and fellowship. Federal Work Study money underwrites the cost of the two tutors, senior Jessica Garcia and freshman Kyler Reeser.

and education cancer center positioned him at the forefront of American medicine where he could make the highest impact and most significant advances. Miser's collaboration with APU partners two like-minded forces interested in influencing and improving world health issues.

Scientific Instrument Increases Competitiveness

APU's Department of Biology and Chemistry received a modular, single-tube luminometer from the Turner BioSystems' Instrument Grant Program. As a life science company, Turner BioSystems encourages the use and increased knowledge of instruments beneficial to scientific

research. The grant program supplies approximately four to eight instruments quarterly to deserving institutions that could not otherwise afford them.

The luminometer detects light waves specific to certain genes and ultimately differentiates and studies genes activated during a viral infection. The instrument's use by both undergraduate and graduate science students encourages a broader understanding of professional equipment and furthers the preparedness of APU students.

"This piece of equipment expands the experiences our students will have," said Kathleen Tullman, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Biology and Chemistry and one of the few core applicants for the

prestigious grant. "Knowledge of this instrument will make our students more competitive as they apply for graduate programs or jobs working in research labs. Faculty will also have a wider array of choices as we develop protocols for our research and teaching."

Local District Awards APU Good Apples

The Charter Oak Unified School District (COUSD) bestowed an esteemed Good Apple Award on December 11, 2008 to Freshman Readiness Coordinator and Assistant Professor Julie Best's English 099 class and Director of the Center for Academic Service-Learning and

Research Judy Hutchinson, Ph.D. Best's fall College Reading and Critical Thinking class, in collaboration with service-learning advocate and senior liberal studies major Jessica Gonsalves, traveled to Glendora's Washington Elementary School weekly to help students struggling to read, totaling more than 170 cumulative service hours.

Presented by the COUSD Governing Board, the Good Apple Award honors individuals who demonstrate outstanding service to education through creative inspiration and commitment. Carol Gilkinson, a Washington Elementary School teacher, nominated Best's 19 students for their hours of support provided to

COUSD students. In preparation for service, Mary Pat Dodson, literacy specialist and coordinator of Glendora Reads, provided two class periods of specialized, practical hands-on training for tutoring children in reading.

Without cars, many APU students found transportation limited to walking, biking, borrowing cars, and taking the bus to serve. Best appealed to Foothill Transit and received eight round-trip bus passes for all students as a contribution to the class's efforts.

Fundraising Exceeds Expectations for African Relief

In just eight weeks, Adjunct Professor Ron Higgins' fall Real Estate Principles class raised nearly \$30,000 for Empowering Lives International (ELI) in Africa, a nonprofit organization serving impoverished East African nations. For the third consecutive year, Higgins' challenge produced more than \$7,000 from student fundraising alone, an amount Higgins and several other individuals match. Although prior years raised more money in the initial push, an extra matching figure and a capstone donation of \$1,000 increased the figure well beyond expectations.

In 2007, Higgins' daughter and longtime ELI representative, Kierra, informed her father's students that a school in Sudan needed \$7,000 to open. The students raised those funds, and the earnings were then allocated to several locations through ELI's outreach, including the Sudanese school. This year's funds will be similarly divided and dispersed as ELI deems appropriate.

Beyond this annual fundraiser, Higgins, also an ELI board member, dedicates a substantial portion of his course to faith integration, where he explores spiritual formation, global poverty, and how American professionals can best use their skills and connections to support those in need. In reflecting on the spiritual climate of the United States,

Higgins saw an increasing focus within contemporary Christianity on the individual rather than the globe as a whole, misleading young Christians as to where their heart and ministry should reside.

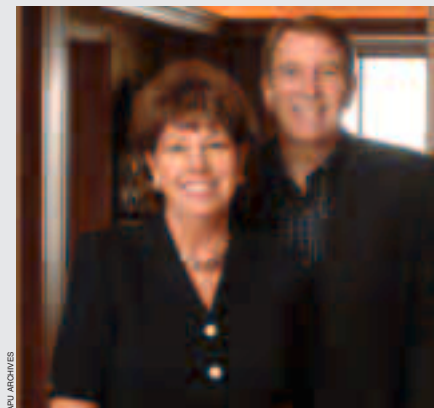
"The heart of God seems to have been lost. The poor, the widows, the orphans—that's who His heart beats for," Higgins said. "I'm just trying to

plant the seed. It's not about waiting until later on, it's about what He's calling you to do today."

Dennis Prager Speaks

Renowned author, lecturer, teacher, and theologian Dennis Prager addressed more than 800 on February 26 about the role of happiness in today's society. His lecture, "What You Should Know

about Happiness but Have Never Been Told," reached beyond the simplistic notion that people have a right to happiness, and boldly stated that they indeed have a moral obligation to be happy. Sponsored by the School of Business and Management, the event drew students, staff, faculty, and guests eager to hear Prager explain the insatiable nature of →



Science Center Given Segerstrom Name

In a remarkable gesture of faith and support, members of the Segerstrom family, who are APU alumni, gave \$10 million last fall toward the new science center, slated for completion in the spring. As the world's need for expertly trained scientists, medical professionals, and math and science teachers with a Christian perspective grows, Azusa Pacific University now stands poised to house the leading faculty and advanced technology necessary to equip the next generation of science leaders.

"From the smallest details to the biggest endeavors, transformational scholarship starts with a commitment to providing our students and faculty

with the best resources available to impact the Kingdom with expertise and integrity," said President Jon R. Wallace, DBA. "The Segerstrom Science Center positions APU to make a huge impact on the local and global community."

Longtime friends of the university, Steve '75 and Susie (Segerstrom '75) Perry met at APU in the 1970s, and their son, daughter, and son-in-law graduated in the 2000s, all grateful for the time they spent on campus. Susie's sister, Sally '83, also attended APU and credits the university and her professors with helping to shape the way she communicates today. Though the family has generously

supported APU over the years, they felt compelled to partner at an even higher level when the science building project began. "Our daughter was a science major and worked four years in the Department of Biology and Chemistry," Steve said. "We want APU to rank among the top science programs in the nation." By providing funds for both scholarships and facilities, the family helps attract the brightest and best students and faculty to APU.

"The Segerstrom Science Center represents an effort to bury the hatchet in the conflict between science and religion," said David L. Weeks, Ph.D., dean of the College of

Liberal Arts and Sciences. "By fully embracing the study of creation, we demonstrate how love for God and love of science go hand-in-hand."

With \$6.5 million yet to raise, the \$54.7 million facility continues to take shape on West Campus, gearing up to serve undergraduate and graduate students as they prepare for post-graduate study and careers in education, health care, mathematics, and science.

To support this project, contact the Office of University Advancement or go to www.apu.edu/give/.



Tennis Courts on Campus

Construction of the Munson and Bavougian Tennis Complex culminated in early February, adding a much-needed home to APU's tennis teams. On February 10, the university dedicated the new eight-court complex named for the late Ward Munson and Vartan Bavougian. After four months of construction, the complex resides on West Campus nestled between the softball and soccer fields.

Until now, APU's long tennis tradition has never included a match on the Azusa Pacific campus. "These courts will be the ultimate home-court advantage," said Head Coach Mark Bohren. "Our new courts give us higher visibility on a national scale as well as on campus, which in turn, will develop exciting opportunities in the future. It will motivate our players to take their game to the next level."

Both the men's and women's tennis programs began their training on the new courts this spring and won their first home matches on February 21 against Point Loma Nazarene.

The 2009 schedule features 16 men's and 13 women's home matches, including an expanded Golden State Athletic Conference slate of 8 men's and 9 women's conference matches at home.

humankind, expound on the many faces of happiness, and illustrate how peoples' actions inevitably influence the world around them.

The best-selling author of four books and nationally syndicated radio talk show host on Los Angeles' KRLA 870 AM has lectured in 45 states, in 9 Canadian provinces, and on 7 continents.

{ Eiro (ār'ō) }

University Software Project Forges Ahead

As APU's largest, campus-wide collaborative effort to streamline efficiency, centralize administrative information, and promote customer service, the *Eiro* Project, which involves the implementation of PeopleSoft 9.0, achieved several significant milestones this spring.

The new software eliminates paper dependency for several on-campus offices and moves financial, enrollment, and employment information to a more accessible format. The human resources and financial aid components launched in January and February, respectively, making matters of employment and student financial services accessible online. PeopleSoft allows off-campus tenants and present employees to maintain records, payments, and timecards from an independent computer. *Eiro's* next milestone, slated for late spring, enables students and family members access to student records and student financial matters easily through the new online platform. As each phase of *Eiro* unfolds, it gradually redefines the way APU does business.

Building the City of Our Dreams

February 12 marked the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and brought words of vision and hope to the city of Azusa as Mayor Joseph R. Rocha delivered the State of the City address to fellow city leaders and influencers. Azusa Unified School District Superintendent Cynthia Cervantes-McGuire, Azusa Chamber of Commerce President Anthony Glassman, and APU President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, joined Rocha as he addressed the City Council, distinguished guests, and citizens of Azusa, all with shared commitment to the city and its citizens.

Rocha's "Building the City of Our Dreams" initiative seeks to establish Azusa as a thriving community in which families can live and work with a sense of pride. After reflecting on the current state and national economic crises, Rocha acknowledged the resilience of the city to survive amidst challenging conditions.

Wallace followed Rocha with a presentation detailing the university's current involvement in the community through the Neighborhood Wellness Center, Community Counseling Center, Pediatric Neurodevelopment Institute, the Office of Ministry and Service, and the Center for Academic Service-Learning and Research. He touched on plans for the future as APU continues to partner with the city toward growth and development, discussed the economic impact APU students make on the city, and highlighted several noteworthy students.

The leaders who presented called for full participation from all Azusans to help make the city an unrivaled place to live, learn, earn, and play.

In Brief compiled by Andrew Hall '09, Cymndie Hoff, and Gary Pine '84.

COUGAR SPORTS ROUNDUP



Baseball

The two-time defending Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) champion Azusa Pacific opened the 2009 season in a thunderous fashion by scoring 76 runs in the first five games to validate the NAIA's Top-10 ranking of the Cougars. An outstanding recruiting class combined with the return of several All-GSAC players, including prospect Brice Cutspec, has Azusa Pacific in contention for a third-straight NAIA World Series appearance.

Men's Basketball

Perhaps never before has the Golden State Athletic Conference featured such a competitive race as this year, and as expected, Azusa Pacific is in the middle of the battle. The nationally ranked Cougars seek their 14th consecutive NAIA Tournament appearance, which would be the second-longest active tournament streak. All-GSAC center David Burgess teams with newcomer Dominique Johnson to give the Cougars a potent inside-outside attack.

Women's Basketball

Under the direction of second-year coach T.J. Hardeman, a youthful set of Cougars are fighting for their sixth-straight NAIA Tournament bid. The team, which does not have a senior on its roster and just 2 juniors among its 12 active players, posted one of the most thrilling victories in program history when the Cougars rallied from 20 down in the second half to beat Biola University, 68-66, with a pair of free throws with 1.3 seconds left on February 10.

Softball

Azusa Pacific's softball team missed postseason play by one victory last year, and with nearly the entire team back for the 2009 campaign, second-year Cougar coach Carrie Webber is optimistic that the Cougars will advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Swimming and Diving

Azusa Pacific's first-ever venture into the water has gone quite swimmingly, as they say. The inaugural Cougar women's swimming and diving team has enjoyed the 2008-09 season with meets in Northern California, at Pepperdine University, and in Long Beach. Nearly a dozen Cougars qualified for the NAIA championship meet in Missouri in early March.

Track and Field

Early season rains did not dampen the spirits of the NAIA's premier track and field program. APU is once again a contender to win the NAIA indoor and outdoor championships for both the men's and women's divisions. All-Americans Jaime Canterbury and Mandy Ross pace a powerful Cougar women's team, while the men's title hopes once again rest with NAIA champion Aron Rono, one of the finest distance runners in NAIA history, and jumper Staphon Arnold.

Women's Water Polo

Under the direction of Robert Fleming, the Cougar water polo team made its official debut January 24, with a pair of games against Concordia University and Cal State Bakersfield. Swimming standout Janelle Stacey teams with Lindsey Kimbell to lead the first-ever Cougar team.

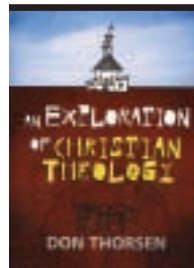
OFF THE PRESS

FACULTY AND ALUMNI BOOKS



100 Media Moments That Changed America (Greenwood Press, 2009) by Jim Willis, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Communication Studies

Growing and changing for as long as the country has existed, the American news media began in 1704 when colonial postmaster John Campbell published America's first true newspaper, *The Boston Newsletter*. From the yellow journalism era of the 1890s, to the coverage of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, to the present-day convergence of media and bloggers, Willis analyzes significant media moments, including the role William Randolph Hearst played in launching Billy Graham's career and the founding of the magazine *Christianity Today*.



An Exploration of Christian Theology (Hendrickson, 2008) by Don Thorsen, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Advanced Studies and professor of theology

This introductory textbook for Christian beliefs, values, and practices spans the spectrum of theology, including the doctrines of God, creation, humanity, sin, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the Church, and eschatology. Thorsen talks about the relationship between theory and practice, that is, how theology impacts Christian life and ministry. Text boxes throughout the book provide thought-provoking questions, reflections, and definitions, and original comics help bring doctrinal issues down to earth in an entertaining and humorous way.



The Holiness Manifesto (Eerdmans, 2008) edited by Kevin Mannoia, Ph.D., director of spiritual care for graduate and adult students, and Don Thorsen, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Advanced Studies and professor of theology

The authors contend that holiness represents a profound biblical term that remains relevant to Christians today. Their book contains two ecumenical statements articulating the holiness message for the 21st century: "The Holiness Manifesto" and "Fresh Eyes on Holiness." These are followed by a dozen penetrating essays grouped in three parts: 1) the understanding of holiness in Scripture; 2) holiness in historical and theological perspective; and 3) holiness in relation to various practical aspects of ministry.

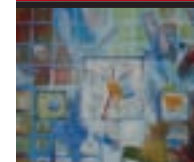


Shame Lifter: Replacing Your Fears and Tears with Forgiveness, Truth, and Hope (Tyndale House Publisher, 2009) by Marilyn Hontz '73

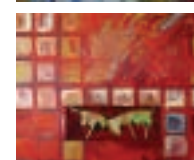
Whether you have been shamed by verbal comments, painful circumstances, or physical or emotional abuse, you do not need to be paralyzed and destroyed by it. In her book, *Shame Lifter*, Hontz shares her personal story of pulling out the root of shame and allowing forgiveness, truth, and hope to grow in its place.

ON THE WALL

FACULTY ART SHOWS



Jim Thompson, Ed.D., associate professor of art; St. John's Lutheran Fine Art Exhibit, August 29–September 7, 2008, Orange, California



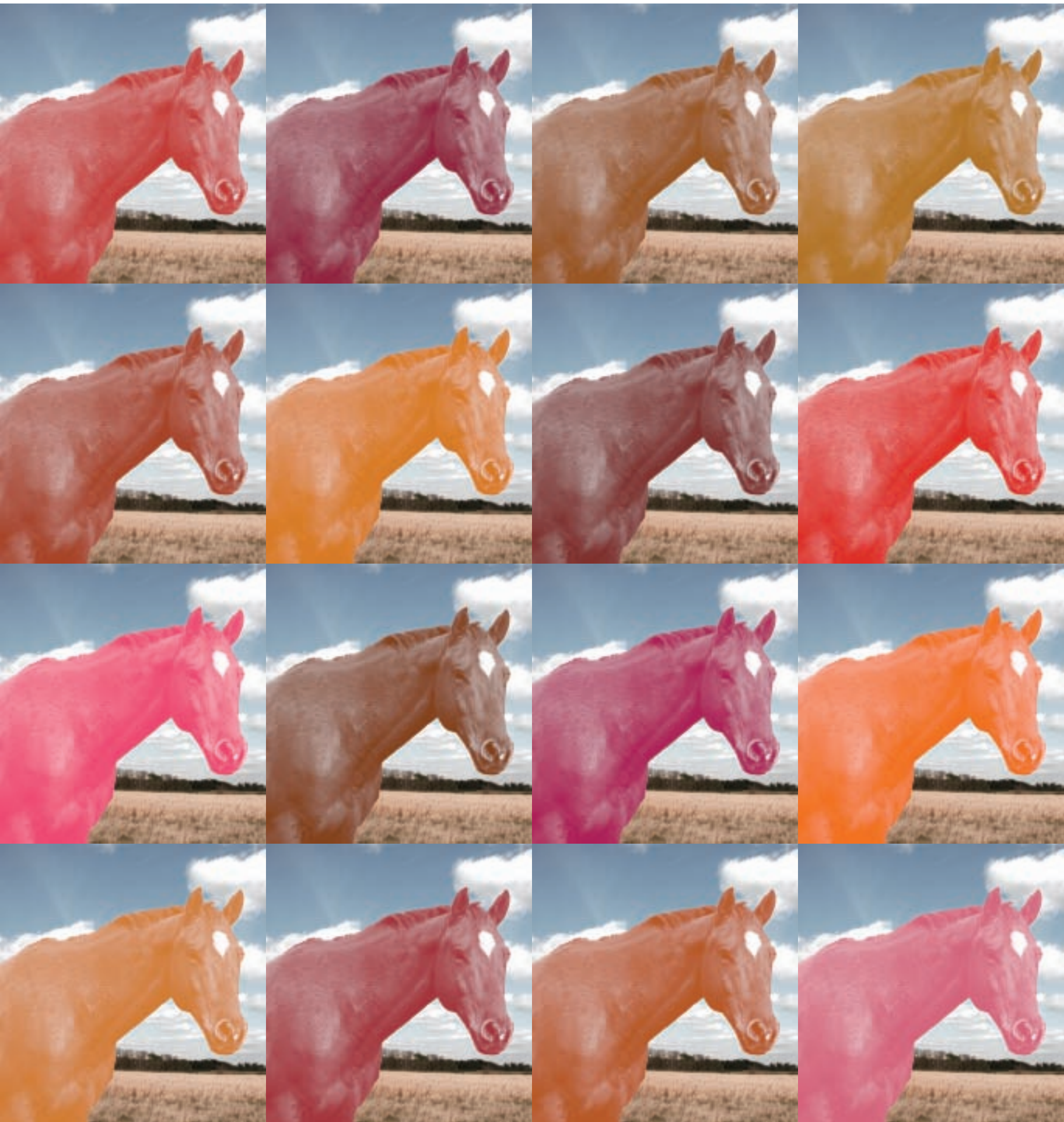
Crosswalk, Mixed Media and Acrylic, 24"x30"
 "Three-dimensional work represents our daily experience because the origin—God's creation—is multidimensional. The small, three-dimensional fabrics coming together and crossing over, illustrate a paradigm. Many times, it's the small things that can keep us apart. The cross brings us to Christ. I titled the piece *Crosswalk* as a metaphor for a humble recognition that His cross can bring us to relationship."

Seven to One, Mixed Media and Acrylic, 24"x30"
 "I have long been intrigued by the kinetic energy of clothes blowing in the wind, woven forms providing textural nuance. The patterns may be multicolored or monotone. *Seven to One* is about coming together as one and coming together because of the One. The dominant red palette symbolizes both the blood of Christ and also a 'red-hot' pursuit of truth. The formal element of repetitive squares suggests the need for an ongoing effort to pursue collective purpose."



Ruth Anna Abigail, Ph.D., professor and curriculum specialist, Center for Adult and Professional Studies; Quilt displayed at Lines Into Shapes Exhibit, Art Center of Estes Park, Colorado, September 19–October 5, 2008

Wisconsin Winter, Hand-dyed Cotton Fabric, 21"x34"
 "On a background of hand-dyed fabric using old gears as stencils, a tree of various fabrics scrunched to create texture stands out starkly amidst a snowfall of machine 'tacks.' Inspired by a spring semester spent teaching in Wisconsin, the piece evokes a cold, lonely experience."



Why Words Matter

by Paul Lehman-Schletewitz and Eric Drewry

Azusa Pacific University serves one of the most ethnically, linguistically, and culturally diverse regions in the world. Southern California school districts daily face the challenge of teaching students from more than 224 different language backgrounds. Within this broad mix of people groups, traditions, and languages, APU seeks to exemplify the Kingdom of God, recognizing that words have profound power in communicating Gospel truths and in building community.

Through their approaches to words and language, two APU professors demonstrate that linguistic theory enhances students' understanding of others and elevates classroom communication. Old Testament professor John Hartley, Ph.D., examined the color vocabulary in the Hebrew Scriptures and found that the people of the Old Testament had a rather sophisticated culture. His studies led him to the premise of a culturally variable color vocabulary, meaning that each culture develops language-specific ways of drawing distinctions between bands of color. Interestingly, languages do not randomly increase the size of their color-term vocabulary; they add color terms in clearly identifiable stages.¹ Faced with the seemingly random use of color in certain ancient texts, some past scholars concluded that at least one entire people group must have been color blind. Yet, according to Hartley, these scholars failed to "understand the phenomenon of a contextualized color vocabulary outside of the lexemes in the color scale that a language had adopted." Hartley's study gives students the ability to

understand the intended meaning of an ancient writer rather than placing contemporary assumptions on the text.

This linguistic system aided Hartley's inductive studies of the ancient Hebrew semantics as recorded in the Old Testament, Ben Sira, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a number of archeological inscriptions. Without an understanding of ancient color vocabulary, texts such as Zechariah 6:2, "The first chariot had red horses . . ." leaves the reader slightly puzzled; however, Hartley revealed that "Biblical Hebrew lacks several basic color lexemes, namely those for blue, brown, pink, orange, and gray." Further, he found that the Hebrew word for "red" is not the same as the modern English word. "Red covers a range from brown to orange, mostly reddish brown. A better lexical gloss is 'brown, reddish brown,'" said Hartley. In the case of the red horses of Zechariah, "chestnut" is likely a more accurate description. Through this use of modern linguistic theory, and in this case semantic theory, Hartley gives APU students and fellow scholars another bridge to connect 21st century readers with the people of the Bible. In so doing, Hartley builds bridges of understanding with the faith community of the past and present.


Meanwhile, Hartley's colleague, communications professor, Bala A. Musa, Ph.D., challenged the more than 150 faculty and university administrators representing 25 academic institutions present at the first annual conference of Christians on Diversity in the Academy in Pomona, California last April to view classroom discourse as an


opportunity to include, empower, and validate each student. Musa suggested ways to avoid excluding or discouraging members of the classroom. In short, he identified how speech code theory based in ethnolinguistics affects APU and today's students. "Each generation has its own speech codes, and if we are going to create understanding as scholars, we must learn them," said Musa. He also noted that the very process of learning and engaging in new language paradigms and approaches not only keeps his courses fresh, but also "engenders the life of the mind and the academic's life of constant discovery in the lives of [his] students." This philosophy led to his concept of the "millennial speech code" which can be used to create community for expressing and encouraging diverse meanings and experiences. Musa suggests strategies for creating "learning communities that bridge learning styles, personality differences, cultural norms, and power-distances in a multicultural, diverse, pluralistic, retribalized, and individualized academic environment." These bridges form the infrastructure of Musa's courses in public relations and advertising as he guides students toward these connections and applications.

This direction resonates as well with APU's commitment to "reflect the broad mosaic of the Kingdom" and advancing President Jon R. Wallace's, challenge to reflect a higher standard of excellence, accountability, and God-honoring love and respect for one another.

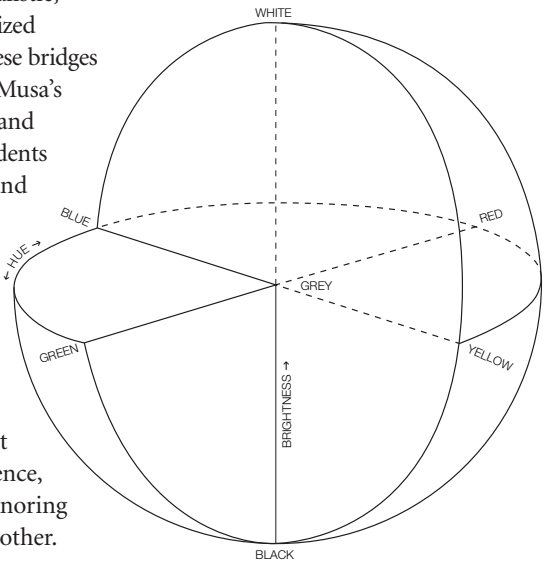
In light of these goals, the careful study of words and language and the understanding of intended meanings become key components of honest academic inquiry, genuine Christian community building, and effective and healthy human relations.

¹Berlin and Kay, *Basic Color Terms: Their Universality and Evolution*, 1969.

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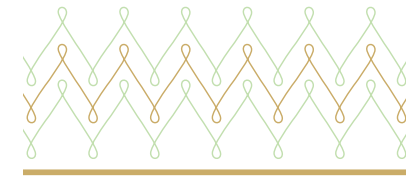
The following illustration represents perceived color space. In this illustration, the six primary color categories are mapped to the end points of a three-dimensional sphere. Any perceived color can be described as a point inside this sphere. (Kay and McDaniel 1978: 627)



FOR THE BIBLE TOLD US SO

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND THEOLOGICAL RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

by Stuart Strother and Kenneth Waters



“... JUST WALKING AWAY AND DEFAULTING ON THE MORTGAGE BECAME COMMONPLACE.”

The global financial crisis of 2008 could have been avoided if the housing and financial markets had only looked to the Bible. The natural laws of supply and demand, divinely established like gravity or thermodynamics, govern the marketplace, and interaction

between buyers and sellers, determining what should be sold and at what price (without the intervention of a third party), stands as the market’s foundation. Despite the fact that both buyers and sellers act according to their own self-interest, as Adam Smith taught back in 1776, markets function properly only as long as buyers and sellers follow the biblical principles of practicing honesty, caring for one’s neighbor, and taking responsibility for one’s actions.

Before the 1930s, housing markets relied more on cash than credit. Global megabanks did not exist. Individuals applied for loans from local banks and received approval only if they were able to sign over 50 percent of the equity or provide a 50 percent down payment. Banks would loan out the other 50 percent on short, 5- or 10-year mortgages. In the event of a default, the bank could liquidate the property and recover its stake. This risk/reward relationship defines the investment procedure that works only when the involved parties act with integrity and honesty.

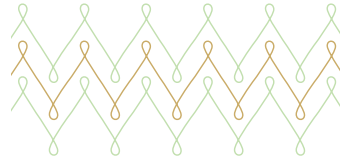
But during the Great Depression, many borrowers defaulted on their mortgages, and banks quit lending. In response, FDR’s New Deal created federal agencies and pseudo-agencies such as the Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB), Federal Housing Authority (FHA), and Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), known also as “Fannie Mae,” that together provided funding to banks, insured mortgages, and created a secondary market for mortgages. As a result, private banks became flush with cash and could generate significant income from mortgage loans while shifting the risk of the loans to the new government agencies. While banks welcomed these market distortions, this ultimately shifted their investment risks onto the backs of U.S. taxpayers, violating their biblical rights of liberty and choice. Given the option, most would not provide a safety net for private banks, though in effect, that is what happened.

The changes to U.S. housing markets represent a systematic shift away from an efficient competitive free market toward a distorted market destined to fail. But why did it take so long for the system to break down? By 2000, demand for housing outpaced supply due to a number of demographic factors, including population growth, increased migration to cities, and



an overall diminishing number of residents per household. At the same time, the Fed’s “easy money” policies gave banks cheap access to funds, and the banks, in turn, offered easy credit to home buyers. Housing prices rose dramatically. Though this had happened a number of times in the past, two new unethical and illegal business practices emerged: dishonest sales tactics and overly creative finance.

In an effort to cut labor costs, banks turned to aggressive third-party mortgage brokers to represent them in the marketplace. The brokers relaxed the standard practice of requiring the borrower to document their income, and the banks turned a blind eye to the buyer’s ability to repay the loans. Issuing loans to unqualified buyers was no great concern for the banks because they could sell them to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac who would repackage the individual loans, both good and bad, into mortgage-backed securities. Within the past 10 years, these securities replaced U.S. Treasury bonds and corporate bonds as the fixed-income investment of choice, which had



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1 Corinthians 12:26

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All in all, secondary mortgage markets seemed fairly stable until recent years when unethical financial whizzes engaged in creative finance. Traditional 30-year fixed mortgages were replaced with riskier terms, zero-down payments, “no-doc” loans, and most notoriously, adjustable-rate mortgages starting out with teaser interest rates below the benchmark *Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate. Issuing banks remained unworried because they shifted their risk to Fannie and Freddie, and as long as market interest rates remained low, homeowners would still make their monthly payments.

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The mortgage-backed securities no longer provided cash flow to investors. The value of related securities declined, especially mutual funds that included mortgage-backed securities. Financial firms, including banks and insurance companies who owned these now toxic securities, saw their balance sheets and stock values decline. Nervous stock market investors shifted their assets to cash with a massive stock sell-off, resulting in a stock market crash that wiped out 10 years of appreciation. Though these were mostly paper losses, what came next sent the economy into recession.

After bad home loans burned them, financial firms cut back on other forms of credit. Legitimate businesses could no longer access capital to finance business deals, and they could not afford to keep employees. Unemployment skyrocketed. Consumer spending declined. The ensuing crisis not only illustrates poor business judgment, but also deeper issues if considered from a biblical and theological perspective. Individual borrowers ignored biblical wisdom when they took on financial obligations that they could not fulfill. Bankers, brokers, and financiers worsened the crisis with their dishonest and unethical business practices, ignored the interrelatedness of human society, and mistakenly believed they could create wealth without value.

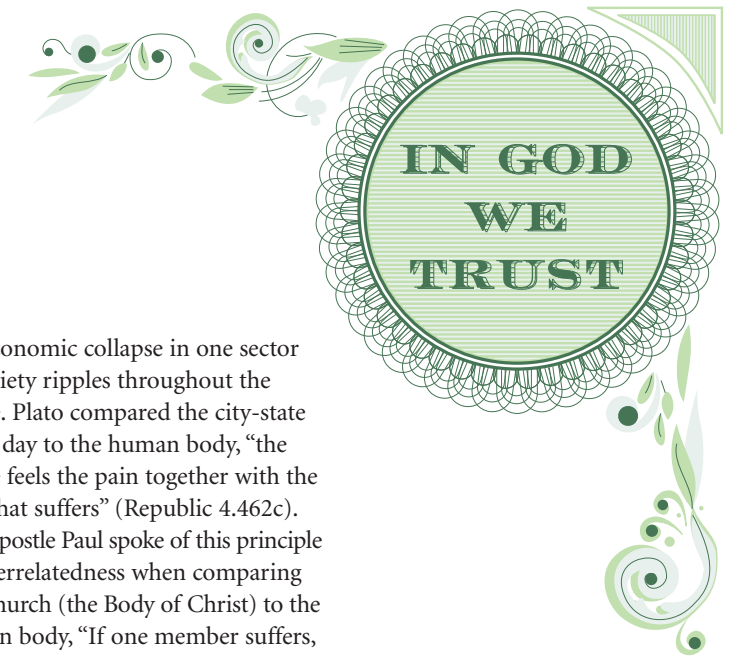
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Economic collapse in one sector of society ripples throughout the whole. Plato compared the city-state in his day to the human body, “the whole feels the pain together with the part that suffers” (Republic 4.462c). The Apostle Paul spoke of this principle of interrelatedness when comparing the Church (the Body of Christ) to the human body, “If one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Corinthians 12:26). The same applies to the economic structure of society.

From a biblical viewpoint, banks showed blatant disregard for fellow human beings, setting borrowers up to default on their loans and lose their homes. But the blame rests equally on the shoulders of the borrowers who failed to “count up the cost” of their decision (Luke 14:28). In the end, the present crisis owes its existence to individual failure to practice foresight and restraint and financial institution failure to practice care for customers. At the most fundamental level, we weren’t good neighbors. Yes, government agencies and financial institutions are expected to be good neighbors. Though no one expects public agencies and private firms to avow Christian love, it would serve the public good (and their own best interests) if people in these institutions embraced fundamental biblical tenets. It’s simply good business to be a good neighbor.

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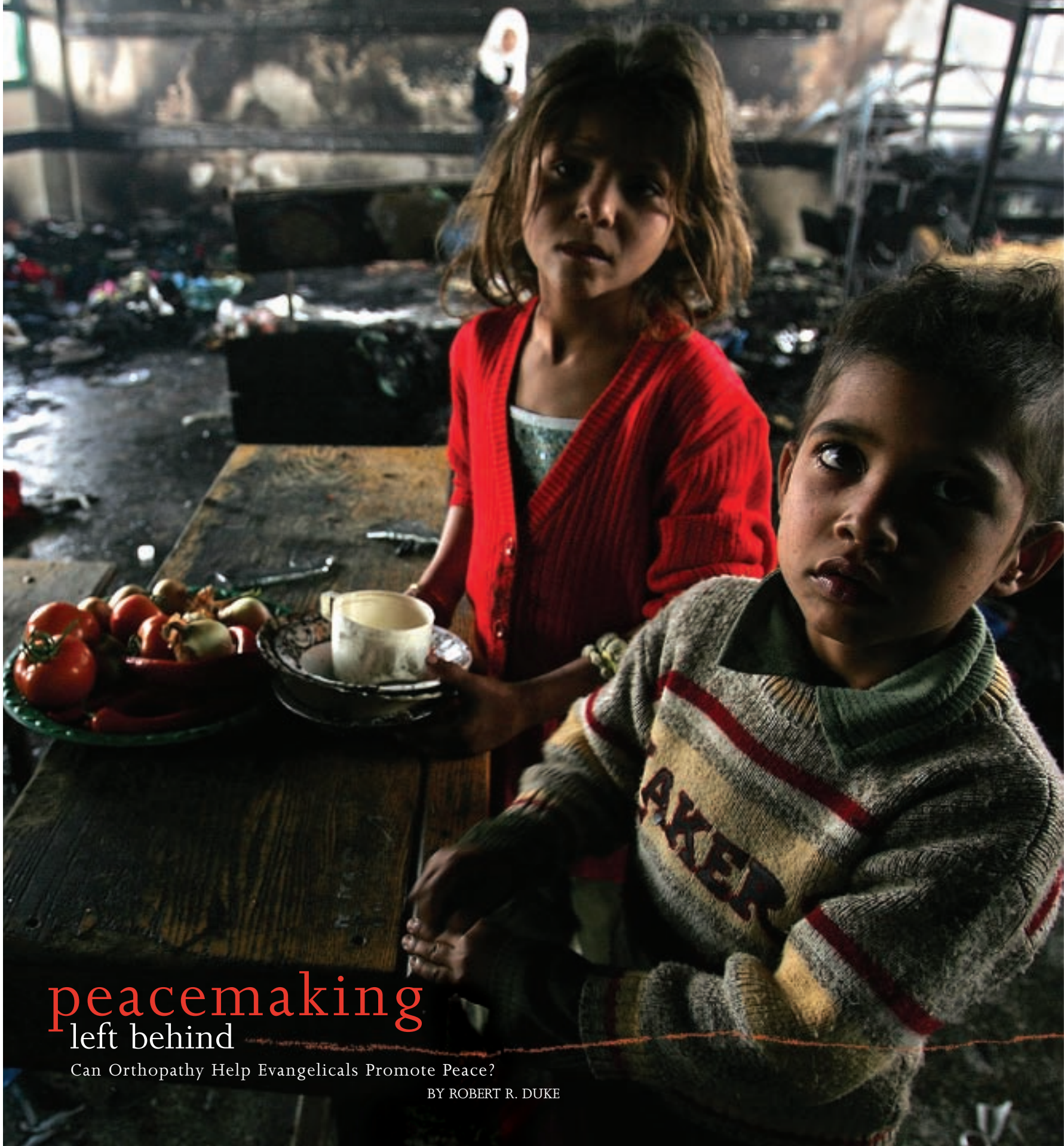


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peacemaking left behind

Can Orthopathy Help Evangelicals Promote Peace?

BY ROBERT R. DUKE

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007, Ruba, a precious, little Palestinian girl not yet a year old, left the Wolfson Medical Center in Tel Aviv to return to her home in the Gaza Strip. Ruba was born with a heart defect which would have been fatal were it not for the surgery performed by Israeli doctors. Her story is only one of many about Palestinian children being saved by Israeli doctors through the assistance of an American evangelical group called *Shevet Achim* (pronounced sheh-vet ah-keem, meaning “brothers dwelling together”; www.shevet.org). It is their hope that all people, regardless of their religion, can see the good that comes from compassion and that through it, peace between the Israelis and Palestinians may become a closer reality.

During spring 1997, I had an opportunity to travel to Ruba’s home town and observe everyday life. I came to the region with a certain mindset, having been reared and educated in an environment that supported Israel because of a particular eschatological framework called “dispensationalism.” This view sees the modern state of Israel as fulfilling biblical prophecies and underlies the popular *Left Behind* book series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. Given this background, I traveled to the Gaza Strip solely to satisfy my curiosity about this small piece of land that garnered so much media attention. I had no special affinity for the Palestinian people. However, the emotional experiences of that time led me to question my belief system and begin a journey of self-reflection.



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Upon returning from the Gaza Strip, I shared with friends and family about my experience and how interacting with the Palestinian people gripped my heart and stirred my emotions. Though many people were touched by my story, one of my childhood spiritual mentors was not. He wrote me a scathing letter accusing me of falling away from my faith. His basic argument (based on his dispensational views) was that the land, including Gaza, belonged to Israel and any actions hindering Israeli possession of it were wrong and unbiblical. He asserted that compassion for the Palestinians must be kept in check by a “proper”


theological framework. If this were true, I was at a loss with how to assimilate my Gaza experience with my theological worldview.

Recent work in the area of religious affections from Wesleyan, Pentecostal, and Catholic theologians promises to assist evangelicals as we face our complex world. These scholars identify a missing element in our theological reflection: orthopathy. Many understand their faith solely through the lens of orthodoxy (right thinking) or orthopraxy (right actions). When orthopathy (right feelings and desires) is also considered, it can transform one’s view of the world. My feelings of compassion for

Israelis and Palestinians who have lost loved ones during the protracted struggle has influenced the way I think. My desire for peace has reoriented my theological system which, in turn, influences my actions.

When I learned about *Shevet Achim*, I found a group that united orthopathy, orthodoxy, and orthopraxy. My feelings, thoughts, and actions are now in complete unity. *Shevet Achim* helps save the lives of Palestinian, Jordanian, and Iraqi children with the expertise of Israeli doctors. The positive benefit of *Shevet Achim’s* work is clear. People on all sides are humanized. People suffer together. People laugh together. People cry together. People on two sides of a great divide come together to heal the heart of a child. Most who read about the children helped by *Shevet Achim* feel the profound impact of this good work and can’t help but change how they read the text of Scripture and how they direct their actions. For Israelis and Palestinians, *Shevet Achim* produces new realities and new hope; for me, it offers the assurance that peacemaking need not be left behind.

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WHY DO HEATHENS MAKE THE BEST CHRISTIAN FILMS?



SINCE BECOMING A FILM SCHOLAR RATHER THAN A MERE AFICIONADO, I have made a remarkable conclusion: most films that successfully incorporate religious themes are made by nonreligious people. In my opinion, Christian filmmakers need to reclaim their artistic heritage as trendsetters rather than trend followers. By following Jesus of Nazareth's example as the Master Storyteller, we as Christ-followers have the potential to radically transform a philosophy of aesthetics.

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by Thomas Parham

It's an Art Thing

My theory that nonbelievers make better Christian films starts with the fact that they understand the purpose of art better. In *The Poetics*, Aristotle describes a classical model, noting in Part XXV, “The poet being an imitator, like a painter or any other artist, must of necessity imitate one of three objects—things as they were or are, things as they are said or thought to be, or things as they ought to be” (classics.mit.edu). Films ranging from *Chariots of Fire* (1982) to *Dead Man Walking* (1995) and *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy (2001–03) are distinguished by a high overall standard of quality because they were produced for the mainstream market and received wide theatrical release. However, when Christian filmmakers only target other Christians, storytelling and production values often take a backseat to the movie's message.

Parables, Not Propaganda

Samuel Goldwyn, the legendary film mogul renowned for his sharp wit, once remarked, “Pictures are for entertainment; messages should be delivered by Western Union” (brainyquote.com). Film excels at metaphor—forging a connection between dissimilar objects or themes. Christians, however, seem unable to resist using film as a high-tech flannel board. The result is more akin to propaganda than art, and propaganda has a nasty habit of hardening hearts. Jesus began many of His parables with the phrase, “The Kingdom of God is like . . .” (He used this construct 12 times in the Gospel of Matthew alone.) In the book *All the Parables*

of the Bible, Herbert Lockyer explains, “Because of His infinity, God had to condescend to those things with which man was familiar in order to convey the sublime revelation of His will.” Jesus' parables allowed His audience to understand heavenly principles in earthly terms.

Secular filmmakers may have an advantage over Christians in three distinct areas:

1. The Problem with Pain

Contemporary Christian art rarely grapples with big issues. Where are modern versions of the Psalms or Ecclesiastes? Where are the stories about people of faith who struggle with God? Christians must not be afraid to grapple with the nature of reality and, indeed, with God Himself in their art.

2. The Wonders of God

Those who grew up in the church cannot always appreciate the wonders, ironies, and paradoxes inherent in faith. Christ's claims to be both man and God were *not* small! For many of His followers, however, these claims become so second nature that we do not fully understand their ramifications.

3. The Need for Redemption

Though many accept the concept of “good,” most are reticent to acknowledge the tangible existence of evil, making it nearly impossible to discuss the notion of sin. French philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal wrote, “There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known though

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Jesus Christ” (thinkexist.com). Since then, this God-shaped hole has been acknowledged by such disparate sources as Jean-Paul Sartre, 12-step groups, and numerous contemporary Christian singers, but Christian filmmakers avoid the concept on screen.


What's in a Story?

A particular group of Christians excelled in its craft during the first century of cinema. This fraternity includes Frank Capra, Francis Ford Coppola, John Ford, Alfred Hitchcock, and Martin Scorsese—all of whom came from a Roman Catholic background. This is not to say non-Catholic Christian filmmakers are at a complete disadvantage when creating cinema, but the Protestant evangelical emphasis on the Word hinders them from fully realizing their ability to translate the image of God into moving pictures.

Finally, story prevails. People go to movie theaters or watch television to be entertained. There is an innate

human desire for story, but too many forms of entertainment are mere diversion. Our sustained focus should be on telling stories that enlighten or edify the audience and truly leave spectators in a better place than when they entered the theater.

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ACE—A serve that is not passable and results immediately in a point. **ATTACKER**—Also “hitter” or “spiker.” A player who attempts to hit a ball offensively with the purpose of terminating play in his or her team’s favor. **BACKCOURT**—The area from the endline to the attack line. **BLOCK**—A defensive play by one or more players meant to deflect a spiked ball back to the hitter’s court. It may be a combination of one, two, or three players jumping in front of the opposing spiker and contacting the spiked ball with the hands. **BUMP**—A common term for forearm passing. **CENTER LINE**—The boundary that runs directly under the net and divides the court into two equal halves. **DIG**—Passing a spiked or rapidly hit ball. Slang for the art of passing an attacked ball close to the floor. **FLOATER**—A serve which does not spin or rotate and therefore moves in an erratic path. This is similar to a “knuckle ball” pitch in baseball. **KILL**—An attack that results in an immediate point or side out. **MIDDLE-BACK**—A defensive system that uses the middle-back player to cover deep spikes. **OVERHAND SERVE**—Serving the ball and striking it with the hand above the shoulder. **ROTATION**—The clockwise movement of players around the court and through the serving position following a side out. **SERVE**—One of the six basic skills used to put the ball into play. It is the only skill controlled exclusively by one player. **SPIKE**—Also hit or attack. A ball contacted with force by a player on the offensive team who intends to terminate the ball on the opponent’s floor or off the opponent’s blocker.

Christ-Centered Identity

BY JOE REINSCH

On the last Saturday before spring finals seven years ago, freshman Jordan Baker and a few friends took a break from their studies and spent the evening racing go-karts and playing video games off campus. As they left for home, Baker collapsed in the parking lot without warning. One minute he was talking, joking, and laughing, and the next he laid still and helpless. He never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead in the hospital later that night. The autopsy offered no explanation for his mysterious sudden death.

His youngest sibling, Jill, seven years his junior, took it hard. “I had to grow up fast,” she said. “Things were really put into perspective, just how short life is, and my faith definitely strengthened. My parents are incredible people, and they encouraged me to run to God in that situation.” And God, in turn, led her right back to Azusa Pacific. “I knew years ago when I visited APU with Jordan that this is where I would go to college. In a way, it’s like continuing his story. This place constantly reminds me of him.”

Though her brother’s memory drew her to APU, her volleyball skills cemented the deal. Baker quickly emerged as one of the Golden State Athletic Conference’s (GSAC) most feared hitters. Throughout her sophomore and junior campaigns, she drew increased attention from opposing coaches, often facing double and even

triple blocks at the net. Still, her numbers improved. Considered one of Azusa Pacific’s best-ever volleyball players during her first three seasons alone, she owns the program’s career, season, and match kills records, all while leading the Cougars to two National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament appearances. Perhaps that’s why Head Coach Chris Keife doesn’t flinch when asked if the Cougars have a chance to compete for an NAIA championship for the first time in nearly 30 years during Baker’s upcoming 2009 senior season.

“Recognition isn’t what’s important to her. It’s team success she cares

about,” Keife said. “You can’t ask for anything more from a player than to put the team first.” Shy by nature, Baker never seeks the spotlight. She wants to win and be the best player she can be, but she prefers to do it quietly.

That quiet strength and willingness to share her life experience directly influenced teammate Robin Portela’s decision to attend APU. Three years earlier, Portela’s older sister died in a car accident, and because of that, she made an instant connection with Baker. “I was very comforted at APU where everything is about relationships,” Portela said. “Jill’s more than a friend and a teammate; she has impacted my life more than she knows.”

“Her leadership style is different than others’, but it’s one that instills confidence in our team when we need it,” Keife said. “Her teammates like and respect her.”


Tragedy tested that confidence three weeks into the 2008 season, when her mother, Lynette, learned she had stage II breast cancer. That crushing blow threatened the momentum of the team’s 10-3 start, rendering all things volleyball insignificant in light of the daily challenges for the Baker family. “Cancer is a very intimidating word,” Baker acknowledged. “My heart sank, and my first thought was that I can’t lose my mom. I’ve already lost my brother, and there’s no way I can experience that kind of loss again.”

With Lynette’s encouragement, Jill remained with the team and never missed a match. The team she had so often carried became a source of strength for her. The Cougars twice wore pink jerseys during the American Volleyball Coaches’

Association breast cancer awareness campaign as a tribute. “Seeing them play with pink bands and ribbons was really special,” her mom said. “I felt embraced by the whole team.”

Baker ended up putting together her best season yet, becoming Azusa Pacific’s first-ever, two-time NAIA All-American first-team selection after posting her third-straight, 500-kill, 300-dig campaign as the GSAC’s overall kills leader with 529. Her success translated into Azusa Pacific’s deepest NAIA Tournament run since 1991, an impressive straight-sets sweep through three pool-play matches before a playoff-round upset that would have netted the Cougars their third national quarterfinals appearance in program history. Shortly after the NAIA Tournament, where she watched her daughter earn all-tournament honors, Lynette began a six-month chemotherapy regimen and remains optimistic about the high survival rate for this type of cancer.

With Baker leading the way, the Azusa Pacific volleyball team and enthusiasts envision making volleyball history. It’s easy to imagine that anything is possible for the 6’ 2” outside hitter, whether GSAC or even NAIA Player of the Year honors. But whatever path she takes, her faith secures her future. “I play volleyball, but I know that’s not going to last forever,” Baker said. “My focus is on finding my identity in Christ. That’s who I want to live for, and I want my life to be a testimony that glorifies God.”

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America's Historic East Alumni Trip, May 16-23, 2009

Craig Wallace '81, executive director of alumni relations, will take a group of alumni travelers on an eight-day excursion through America's historic east, exploring landmarks in the country's early development from Williamsburg to Philadelphia, Arlington National Cemetery to Gettysburg National Military Park. Through guided tours and personal exploration, the group will take a

closer look at America's roots and get to know the country a little more in depth. At only \$2,176 per person, all interested travelers can join the group by submitting a \$250 deposit to secure a spot. For further information regarding fees and deadlines for America's Historic East Alumni Trip, contact Jill Maclaren at jmaclaren@apu.edu in the Office of Alumni Relations.



Imperial Splendors and Oberammergau Trip, July 15-27, 2010

Every 10 years for the past four centuries, the original *Passion Play* comes to life in the small village of Oberammergau, Germany. Performed by the village residents, the production explores the agony and glory of Jesus' final days on Earth. With nearly 400 years of tradition to draw upon, the actors portray Jesus' life with mastery and grace to crowds from all over the world. In addition to experiencing the play, Executive Director Craig Wallace '81 plans to guide fellow APU

travelers on an exploration of the former Habsburg Empire and important European landmarks. The excursion costs \$2,924, plus airfare, with a \$200 reservation deposit required to secure a spot. Half of the total cost is due by September 8, 2009. For further information regarding fees and deadlines for the Imperial Splendors and Oberammergau Trip, contact Jill Maclaren at jmaclaren@apu.edu in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Meals and Memories

In a yearly effort to maintain the relationships cultivated at APU as undergraduates, a small group of alumni meets the first Saturday in October to share lunch and memories of times past. The annual Alumni Women's Luncheon draws an average of 20 women who graduated in the late '50s and early '60s to rotating Southern California locations.

"I heartily recommend this idea to any age group," said Sherri Bode '62 (pictured front row, first on left), longtime member and group administrator. "All you need is a few people to get it started, one to keep up with addresses, and those who are willing to take turns hosting the get-together."



1960s

1 REV. PAUL YEUN '68 was chosen by the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries as the 2009 Chaplain of the Year. He also received the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Professional Chaplains. He is not only a lieutenant colonel, but also a life member of the American Legion. He retired from active duty in the Air Force in 1999. He became director of pastoral services at Chambersburg Hospital in Pennsylvania, where he supervises more than 60 clergy and lay persons in the Pastoral Care Program. He received an Outstanding Achievement Award in 2003 from the Hospital and Health Systems Association of Pennsylvania for his community outreach programs. His work is recognized nationwide, and he lectures several times a year at various hospitals on pastoral care. 128 Buckingham Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201-8370. pyeun@summithealth.org

1970s

DAVE GALLAGHER '73 has served in pastoral ministry since graduation and is on the staff of Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake, Wisconsin. As program director, he oversees the Assessment Center 4 Church Planters (AC4CP). He has published more than 40 articles and two books with a third manuscript with a literary agent. He maintains a website dedicated to assessing potential leaders for church plants or multisite expansion: www.legacy.pastors.com/rwmt/article.asp?20313.N.Queen.Palm.Ln.,.Surprise,AZ.85374-5097.drdavog@cox.net

2 GLENN GILMORE '77 serves as executive/associate pastor at Harvest Hills Alliance, and his wife, **DAWN '78**, is director of music at Rocky Mountain College. 258 Arbour Ridge Park NW, Calgary, Alberta T3G4C6, Canada. glenn@harvesthillsalliance.com dgilmore@rockymountaincollege.ca

1980s

KATHRYN (SITARZ '88) SPINELLI spent the past 19 years teaching junior high American history and Bible at Arcadia Christian School. In October 2008, she and her husband welcomed daughter Emma. She loves being a full-time mom. The family attends The Church on the Way in Van Nuys and is involved in various ministries. 1905 S. Santa Anita Ave., Arcadia, CA 91006-4608. jandkspinelli@sbcglobal.net

1990s

3 DAVID WALTERMAN '92 owns Santa Fe Springs-based West Coast Drape, Inc., which rents drapes for corporate, social, and political events. He is married with three sons and resides in Corona. David and his family attend Yorba Linda Friends Church. 25630 Hyacinth St., Corona, CA 92883-3153. dave@westcoastdrape.com

3 DAWN (STANDRIDGE '93) SEGAWA married her high school sweetheart, Matt, and is a full-time mom to son Theo, 2. Since college, she has instructed hundreds of music students, dabbled in fine art and painting, and worked as a personal life-coach. Now, she plays the flute weekly with the Irvine Valley Community Orchestra and enjoys swimming and organic cooking in her spare time. 64 Deerfield Ave., Irvine, CA 92606-7615. desiarts@deltanet.com

3 MARK EDWARD LEWIS '94 directs television and commercials, and writes music for films, including his latest project, "Case for Faith," based on Lee Strobel's best-selling book. He lectures on healing the adversarial nature between the genders and promoting passion, empowerment, and fun through the use of brand new research for transforming the world of relationships. 6548 Woodley Ave., Apt. M, Van Nuys, CA 91406-6431. mark@markedwardlewis.com

2000s

JAMIE LAPEYROLERIE '03 just launched Jamie Lynne Photography, raising awareness of and financial support for those making a difference in the world. 2601 Scofield Ridge Pkwy., Apt. 714, Austin, TX 78727-6327.

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4 JEREMY HANSEN '04, MBA '07, traveled for two months throughout Southeast Asia in 2007. Upon returning to the U.S., he took a job with Mars, Inc. as a demand planner in the operations department. He spends his free time riding his motorcycle, hiking, contemplating another triathlon, learning Chinese, and otherwise trying to get out of the house. 371 N. Powell Ave., Apt. H102, Azusa, CA 91702-6305. Jeremy@JeremySutra.com

5 CHARITY (MORSE '05, M.A. '08) FISHER and her husband, **EVAN '06**, moved to the Washington, DC metro area in summer 2008. Charity teaches advanced placement history in Fairfax, and Evan works for a civil engineering firm. 13666 Bayberry Ln., Apt. 103, Centreville, VA 20121-4711. charity.fisher@gmail.com

6 STEVEN JOHNSON '05 published an article, "Time Flies," through Fuller Seminary. View the content at <http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/2009/01/time-flies/>. 702 W. Orangepath St., Glendora, CA 91741. Caom747@gmail.com

MARIE ANNE LEGASPI '05 is an assistant professor of nursing at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles and an occasional actress with credits including *ER*, *Chicago Hope*, *Law and Order*, *Power Rangers*, and *Boston Public*. She has traveled extensively throughout Europe and hopes to return to her Ph.D. studies soon. 1334 N. New Hampshire Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027-6002. uscmsmc1@aol.com

CALEB SHAW '07 performs in the national tour of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. The show began with late-October rehearsals in New York City and opened in Colorado Springs. The show will be in the L.A. area December 16-21, 2009. 853 W. Van Buren St., Nappanee, IN 46550-1524. jbshaw@embargmail.com

JUST MARRIED

7 DEENA SHARP '96 to Jay Szczypiorski on November 14, 2008 in Temecula, California. Jay is a pilot and works with Deena in a ministry called

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ALUMNI INTERVIEW



DARIN DOBSON '89

APU LIFE: In 1999, you were diagnosed with Hereditary Spastic Ataxia (Ataxia 7). Tell us about it.

DARIN: Ataxia 7 is an extremely rare neurological condition that dramatically deteriorates balance, coordination, and vision. I'm one of only three people in the world with it. As a result, I am blind and use a guide dog named Paxton to get around.

APU LIFE: You seem to lead a very active life. Describe your recent exploits.

DARIN: I recently completed my master's degree, and I went sky diving to celebrate. I didn't take Paxton on that one—I didn't want him to decide to come along for the

jump! I also went bungee jumping just a few months ago, and a few weeks ago, I went to Portland on the train, alone. Going to a new city when you're blind can be very scary, but I saw it as an adventure. The next dream I'm pursuing is to carry the torch for the 2010 Winter Olympics. I want to prove that just because you can no longer see does not mean you cannot live anymore.

APU LIFE: Every month, you provide the coffee beans that the Alumni Relations office brews for students. How did that start?

DARIN: I loved my experience at APU, and I wanted to give back. I prayed for some time that God would guide me to the right way to do it. Then I read a note in the alumni e-newsletter that said, "Come by the office, have a cup of coffee, and shoot the breeze with us." I have always loved coffee, and students love anything free, so it seemed like a perfect fit! I don't have a lot of money, but this is a tangible way I can give back to the school I love.

Southern Comfort: Living to Serve the Underserved

by Andrew Hall

From call to action, and action to great change, community often functions as the spark behind transformation, and prompts empathy. Whether on campus among scholars and athletes, off campus within local neighborhoods, or within the global community at large, many Azusa Pacific University students and alumni find it in themselves to be the change their community needs. Monica Barajas '06, an applied health major, and Brian Mikolasko '06, a philosophy and biology major, have done just that.

"I am convinced that a life dedicated to following Jesus involves serving marginalized individuals," said Barajas. "In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches that those who feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe those in need, and care for the sick will inherit the Kingdom. My passion for science and health has inspired me to focus on the sick."

The story begins in the heart of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at Wake Forest University School of Medicine (WFUSM), where these two aspiring physicians and second-year medical students combined a

shared passion to serve the local community in a transformational way.

The Delivering Equal Access to Care (DEAC) Clinic, founded in September 2008, provides free preventative health care to the uninsured and underserved community outside the walls of the university. Every Wednesday, the clinic opens its doors to anyone in need of care, and does so solely as a student-sponsored, student-run organization.

"I think that DEAC has really taken on a culture of its own within Wake Forest," said Mikolasko, DEAC executive director. "We've grown from

our original group of 3 to 47 student leaders. We do not pay salaries, and all involvement is strictly volunteer work, allowing us to focus all of our resources and time on patient care."

And much is needed, given that more than 49,000 local residents hold no form of health insurance and have received little to no care in their lifetimes. "From the beginning, our team was very interested in closing this perceived access gap, but when we started looking at the actual numbers, we were shocked," said Mikolasko.

Following that assessment, more than 300 WFU students and a cadre

of doctors expressed interest in volunteering at the clinic, so attention quickly turned to finding a location and fundraising. "We had to locate a home for our clinic and find dollars to purchase medications and supplies," said Mikolasko. "In the meantime, we temporarily staged ourselves out of a local church, focusing on health education and prevention."

The momentum built, and within months, the clinic served countless patients, held specialty nights with leading doctors from a battery of fields, and established itself as home for many lost patients who previously wandered from clinic to clinic. "We now operate out of the Community Care Center facility," said Barajas, who partners with Mikolasko as pharmacy and supplies chair. "The staff at the CCC, with whom we signed a lease for only \$1, taught our leadership team how to operate our front desk, triage, lab, pharmacy, and clinic." The goal now turns to building an endowment, which will provide future medical students with this significant hands-on experience and ensure

that more patients have equal access to health care.

Mikolasko admits that seeing abject poverty inevitably challenged his faith. "I think it's natural to question your faith in a just and loving God when you see this kind of suffering. When we choose to engage our communities, embrace humility, and define our actions by altruism, sacrifice, and mutual respect, we bring a small but important amount of good into the world, and together, grow in our faith."


And while the clinic's name grows and its reach expands, the two

graduates point to their *alma mater* and the development of their character during that time as the foundation of their stewardship. "My experience at APU helped me develop the framework to become a servant-leader," said Mikolasko. "The worldview I developed at APU encouraged me to engage my community and bring change to it using the principles of social justice, compassion, and care for humanity."

This framework so engrained itself into the work of these budding physicians that now the lives of their neighbors are extensions of their

own. "I am connected to the sick, the homeless, the impoverished, and the outcast. My life is bound up in theirs and theirs in mine, such that what happens to them in a sense happens to me," said Barajas. "If you have an inner passion to serve and impact your community, listen to your instinct and take action."

For more information on the DEAC, visit www.wfubmc.edu/deac/.

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Student Venture, a Campus Crusade for Christ high school ministry. He also runs two other outdoor and biking ministries: Cast a Shadow (castashadow.org) and Nikao da Xtreme (NikaodaXtreme.com). 29168 Bay Bridge Ct., Sun City, CA 92585-5616. deenaleesharp@yahoo.com

8 MARK ARAGON '98 to ANN MEINERS '01 on August 9, 2008 in Sierra Madre, California. Mark is the director of event technology at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown L.A. Ann is the technical producer for *The Frank Pastore Show* on 99.5 KKLA. 633 E. Colorado St., #A, Glendale, CA 91205-1709. ann_meiners@hotmail.com

9 LEEANNE CARSON '02 to Paul Jones on November 8, 2008. Paul works in information technology for Valley Christian Center in Dublin. 7320-i Parkwood Cir., Dublin, CA 94568. writerleeanne@gmail.com

10 KELLY BROWN '03 to Cameron Lee on September 1, 2007 in Mission Viejo, California. They met swing dancing in Irvine in 2006 and both work in the accounting department at Mesa Energy Systems. 21406 Lake Forest Dr., Apt. D, Lake Forest, CA 92630-6045. songbird_bel@hotmail.com

11 KRISTEN LARSEN '03 to Ross Martin on July 26, 2008 in Walnut, California. They are stateside missionaries with Life Action Ministries out of Buchanan, Michigan. Krysten serves as the secretary of the Blue Team, and Ross as the director and bass player of the praise team. PO Box 31, Buchanan, MI 49107-0031. k.wedding08@yahoo.com

12 CASI FICKEN '04, MBA '07, to Jeovany Castellano on October 7, 2007. Casi works in the credential office at APU, and Jeovany is a family consultant for Boys Town. 363 1/2 E. Badillo St., Covina, CA 91723-2208. casificken@hotmail.com

13 CARLA BYERS SMITH '05 to KENNY KNEEZE '07 on July 14, 2007 in Denver. They will go to South Africa in May to serve as missionaries with the Living Hope for a year or two. 9247 S. Sugarstone Cir., Highland Ranch, CO 80130-4451. carlakneeze@gmail.com

14 LISA WAGNER '06 to Captain Jonathan Stoddard, USMC, on October 26, 2008 in Fullerton, California. 98-410 Koauka Loop, Apt. 25D, Aiea, HI 96701-4521.

FUTURE ALUMNI

15 To CELI (PARRISH '95) SAROUGHIAN and her husband, Arthur, twin sons, Isaac Elijah and Josiah Sando, on September 15, 2008. They join big sister Myla. 2036 Bel Aire Dr., Glendale, CA 91201-1167. acsaroughian@charter.net

To **TIMOTHY SEBEK '96** and his wife, **KELLY (DRYDEN '98)**, a daughter, Jessie Lillian, on June 9, 2008. She joins

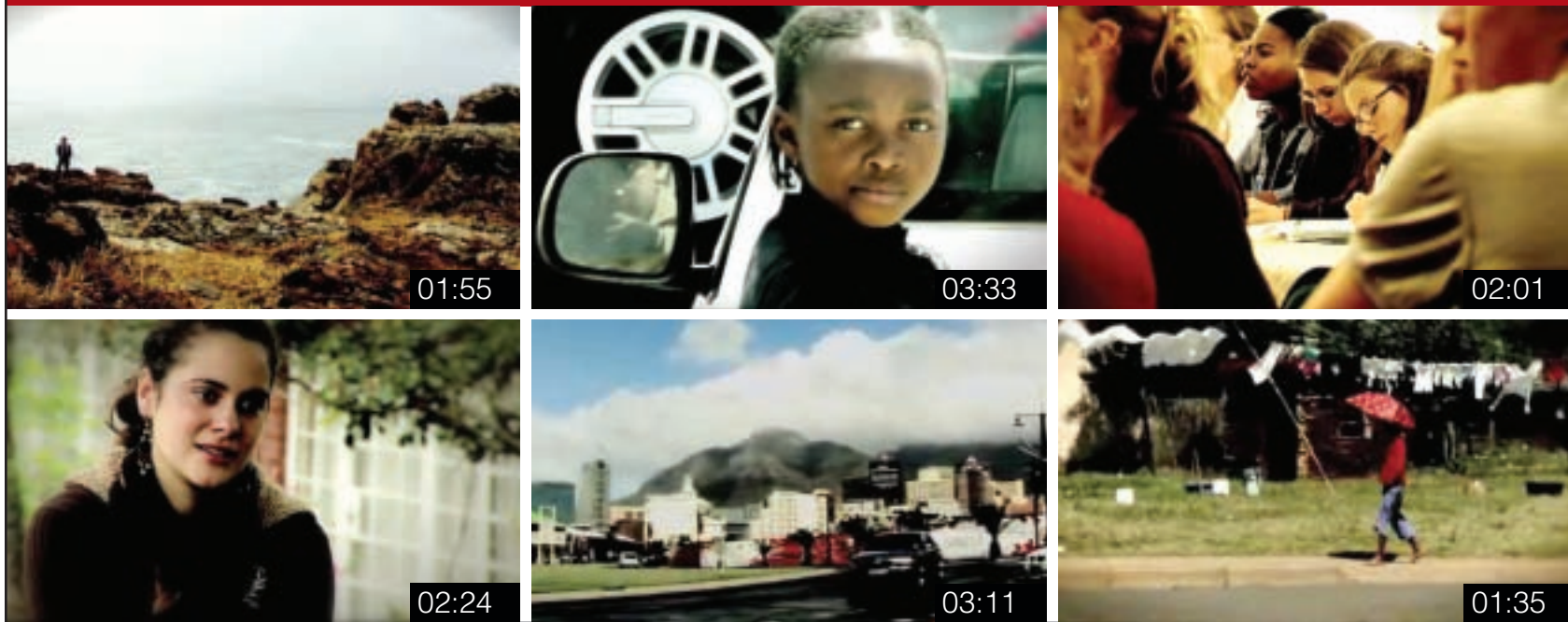
big brother Caleb Timothy, 2. Tim is a commercial real estate broker, and Kelly stays home with the kids. 8387 Via Ladera, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730-1045. kelly_sebek@yahoo.com

16 To NOAH THOMPSON '96, MBA '05, and his wife, Heather, a son, Reed Noah, on December 2, 2008. Noah is a federal agent working for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Heather is an account executive for Scholastic, Inc. 34 W. Grandview Ave., Sierra Madre, CA 91024. noahthom@aol.com

17 To BRANDON HUFFMAN '98 and his wife, **AMANDA (HAYDEN '99)**, a daughter, Avery Hayden, on October 19, 2008. She joins big sister Alexandra, 5, and big brother Caleb, 3. Amanda stays at home with the kids, and Brandon is a national football recruiting analyst for scout.com. 5215 Nathan Ave. SE, Auburn, WA 98092-8792. amandagaile@yahoo.com jbrandonhuffman@gmail.com

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by Christopher Martin

A land of a thousand hills, Rwanda enchants its visitors with abundant eucalyptus and banana trees that dot the landscape while huge clouds hang low, misting the fertile countryside. But alongside this beauty lies immense poverty and desolation. Nearly 15 years after a genocide that left more than 800,000 murdered and many more orphaned, and in the midst of fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic that ravishes sub-Saharan Africa, the nation of Rwanda struggles to find hope and healing. Shoulder to shoulder with them in the struggle stand Phil Smith '77 and his wife, Becca (Baker '76), who moved there in 2006 when he accepted the position of country director for World Relief Rwanda.

Despite a successful career at Pitney Bowes, which included running the company's financial services business units, Smith heard God calling him to a different form of service. "I believe that serving the poor is a non-negotiable aspect of following Christ," Smith said. "God calls us in different ways, but fulfillment can only come from following God's lead."

While at Pitney Bowes, Smith first visited Rwanda in 2003. "That initial trip was one of those special, God-ordained coincidences," Smith said. "A pastor asked if I wanted to go to Rwanda, and it turned into a life-changing event." This led to volunteer involvement with World Relief's Microfinance Advisory Council. Becca joined Phil on a second trip to Rwanda in 2005.

The next step in his career transition came when he accepted the position as executive pastor at Walnut Hill Community Church in Bethel, Connecticut. This allowed Smith to directly apply his business expertise to ministry.

In 2006, Phil and Becca joined World Relief in Rwanda. As country director, Smith coordinates the development and implementation of World Relief Rwanda's mission. Their interventions in Rwanda include HIV/AIDS education and care, maternal and child health, child development, and economic development (agricultural and microfinance). "Our efforts target holistic transformation of people's lives, impacting their social, economic, and spiritual well-being," Smith said. "Though we work closely with government and community leaders, our main objective is to empower the Church to serve the most vulnerable."

Smith loves working alongside other World Relief Rwanda staff members, 96 percent of whom are Rwandan. "Our staff consists of wonderful people who are committed to Christ and serving the most at-risk,"

Smith said. "Like ministry counterparts in the United States who often work for lower salaries than those in the private sector, the same is true for our staff. We have people on staff with advanced degrees making immense sacrifices to serve."

In Rwanda, the Smiths' ministry isn't a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. operation. Phil and Becca live in the World Relief guest house run by Becca. "Sometimes we assume God's plan for us is in a defined position," said Becca. "I've learned that He calls us to be available to whatever needs He places before us." Their latest guest is a newborn baby boy, Iranzi, which means "God knows me," whose AIDS-ravaged mother died during childbirth and who has no known

father. The Smiths have great hope for his future.

They also harbor great hope for the continuing reconciliation in Rwanda. "Emerging out of the horrors of the past, there are many stories of reconciliation and hope that come through Christ," Smith said, noting that World Relief's programs naturally bring together individuals on the opposite sides of the 1994 genocide.

Smith recounts numerous examples of transformed lives as people realize they are precious in God's eyes, capable of providing for themselves and their families, and have a community in the local church ready and eager to accept them. Smith says that these realizations often lead to worship services that inspire and

encourage. "They sing and dance joyfully with genuine praise and worship. Kids, moms, dads, people with AIDS, all join together to worship the Lord."

For more information, visit <http://rwanda.wr.org/>.

 Christopher Martin '98 lives in Washington, DC. cm1977@hotmail.com

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27 (NIV)



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18 To **BRETT SMITH '98** and his wife, **MOLLY (SANCHEZ '98)**, a son, Jaxon Mathis, on December 2, 2008. 688 Laugenour Dr., Woodland, CA 95776-5135. brettandmolly@hotmail.com

19 To **KIMBERLY (SCHWARTZ '99, M.A. '01) EAGLE** and her husband, David, a daughter, Abigail Grace, on May 21, 2008. After teaching elementary school for eight years, Kimberly is now a stay-at-home mom. 2041 Baja Ave., La Habra, CA 90631-5801. kimeagle2005@gmail.com

20 To **AMY (HICKS '99) WESTLUND** and her husband, Todd, a daughter, Brialyn Mary, on January 7, 2009. She

joins big sisters Emmalyn, 3, and Karalyn, 18 months. 2013 Shasta Dr., Atwater, CA 95301-9664. toddandamywestlund@yahoo.com

21 To **KARA (VANDER PLAATS '00) BROWN** and her husband, Luke, a daughter, Jose Anne, on July 21, 2008. She joins big sister Lila, 2. Luke is a songwriter for Sony/ATV. Kara enjoys staying at home with the girls. 429 Kinhawk Ct., Nashville, TN 37211-6803. karaLbrown@gmail.com

22 To **KRISTINE (LATORRE '00) MANDANI** and her husband, **JAMES '01**, a son, Jericho Christian, on December 9, 2008. Kristine works for Versant RN Residency as an

implementation specialist, and James is the assistant department administrator for the NICU/Pediatric Units at Kaiser. 526 Anderson Pl., Apt. 14, San Diego, CA 92103-4225.

23 To **JULIUS DICHOSA '01** and his wife, **APRIL (DONG '01)**, a daughter, Melody Lorene, on November 20, 2008. Both teach in the Covina Valley Unified School District and are members of Vantage Point Church in Eastvale. 7882 Natoma St., Corona, CA 92880-3258. aprilfools@hotmail.com

24 To **BROOKE (VAN STELLE '01) GUIKEMA** and her husband, Mark, a daughter, Kinley Hudson, on February 7, 2008. She joins big sister Kya, 3. 19101

E. Crestridge Cir., Aurora, CO 80015-5165. mbguikema@gmail.com

25 To **DARRICK LINENBERGER '01, M.A. '03**, and his wife, **GINNY (MASTERANI '02), M.A. '04, M.A. '05**, a son, Darrick Lee, on May 23, 2007. Darrick is the head athletic trainer at South Hills High School in West Covina, where he also teaches health and sports medicine. Ginny is a stay-at-home mom who previously taught special education, English, and world history at Diamond Ranch High School in Pomona. They attend Calvary Chapel Chino Hills. 15806 Canopy Ave., Chino, CA 91708-9207. GingerLee007@hotmail.com

26 To **CHUCK SHELDON '01** and his wife, **TRACI (LEHMAN '02)**, a son, Charles Maxwell, on November 3, 2008. 22210 Ave., #252, Lindsay, CA 93247-9789.

27 To **SHANNON (CAMPBELL '02) LIGHTLE** and her husband, Brent, a son, Jonathan James, on November 24, 2008. 3115 E. Rosemonte Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050-3451. shannonc001@hotmail.com

28 To **MICHELLE (WADE '02) RAFTERY** and her husband, John, a daughter, Kaitlyn Rebekah, on August 8, 2008. She joins big sister Abi, 4. 3011 Huntington Ct., Waxahachie, TX 75165-6004. michelle@patriotmhc.com

To **AMY (HALVERSON '03) KILLGORE** and her husband, K.C., a son, Evan Alexander, born on October 29, 2008. He joins big sister Lauren, 3. 7546 S. Penrose Ct., Littleton, CO 80122-2826. amylynn_tourm@yahoo.com

29 To **KAREN (ABRAHAMSEN '03) MATLOCK** and her husband, a daughter, Kayden Joy, on November 18, 2008 in Lille, France. Her husband serves as a captain in the U.S. Army and works with NATO in France. kgmatlock@gmail.com

30 To **MELISSA (KEELER '04) ANDICOCHEA** and her husband,

Chad, a daughter, Alaia Joy, on January 7, 2009. When Chad finishes medical school this year, they plan to move to Arizona. 315 N. Mulanix St., Kirksville, MO 63501-3056. melissaandicochea@wlgdirect.com

31 To **TIA (BASTIANON '04) KANAWYER** and her husband, **WESLEY '04**, a daughter, Caeli Grace, on September 5, 2008. She joins big sister Karis. Welsey works as a middle school social studies teacher and leads an after-school program. Tia enjoys staying home with the girls. PO Box 2092, Apple Valley, CA 92307-0040. kanawyer@hotmail.com

32 To **ELYSE (SCHARER '04) MURPHY** and her husband, Robert, a son, Micah Benjamin, on July 4, 2008. They both work at Visible School: Music and Worship Arts College near Memphis. 5474 Pine Oak Ln., Memphis, TN 38135-8265. elyseyse@gmail.com

33 To **ERIN (WHYTE '04) VAN TUINEN**, and her husband, Patrick, a son, Brody Jay, on November 12, 2008. Patrick is the vice president of finance at West Michigan Uniform, and Erin stays home with Brody. 10481 Perry St., Zeeland, MI 49464-1471.

34 To **JILL (BODINE '05) OVERFIELD** and her husband, Brett, a son, Brayden

Nathaniel, on October 11, 2008. 9020 Lake Steilacoom Point Rd. SW, Lakewood, WA 98498-5942. jilloverfield@gmail.com

35 To **TIA (RESLER '05) PRUETT** and her husband, **SHAUN '08**, a son, Nehemiah Don, on November 2, 2008. Shaun works as a program manager for People Assisting The Homeless (P.A.T.H.) in Los Angeles, and Tia is a career advisor for Tri-Cities ROP School in Whittier. 9238 1/2 Walnut St., Bellflower, CA 90706-5642. tianeverfrown@gmail.com

IN MEMORY

36 **MAE BETH LITTLE '56** went to be with the Lord on January 13, 2009 after a 10-year battle with cancer. Born November 11, 1934 in Concrete, Washington to Ed and Rachel Spurling, she spent her childhood in both Washington and Arizona, but resided in Pomona for the last 20 years. She graduated from Phoenix Christian High School in 1952, then attended Pacific Bible College and Upland College. She worked at Aero Jet Corp. in Azusa and Radiometer in Burbank and Anaheim. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Tina Little; sisters Rosa Lee Bowers, Ruth Wilkens, and Leona Nelson; and many loving nieces and nephews.

37 **JACK BROOKS '57** passed away August 27, 2008. He is survived by wife Mary Lue; sons Steve and John; grandchildren Brittany and Brett; brother Guy Allen and his wife, Carmen; and brother Bill Brooks and his wife, Lola.

JEFF RICHARD '80 passed away on January 20, 2009 from aneurysm complications. Jeff had enthusiasm and zest for life and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and two children, Jeremy and Amber.

GLADYS WILSON, one of APU's long-standing staff members, passed away on February 17, 2009. She was a vital part of the APU community, affecting many lives through her selfless and godly service through the Heart-to-Heart ministry, and inspiring commitment to discipleship and servant-leadership.

Written tributes to Gladys may be submitted to www.GladysWilson.blogspot.com. In lieu of flowers, the Wilson family requests that gifts be made in her honor to the Gladys Wilson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please direct those gifts to the Office of University Advancement. For more information, please call (626) 815-5069.

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Faculty 1928

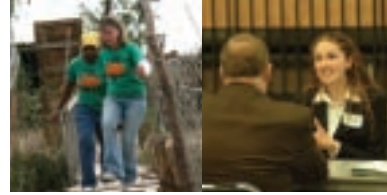
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These words, appearing in the 1928–29 catalog for the Training School for Christian Workers (now Azusa Pacific University), remain relevant more than eight decades later. The 1928 faculty included Señor Huberto Falcon, Spanish

teacher (top row, far left); Carrie R. Samms, returned Alaskan missionary (top row, fourth from left); and Dr. George Asbury McLaughlin, prolific writer of biblical commentaries (bottom row, far left). Today’s full-time faculty may exceed 300, but these educator-mentors, scholar-practitioners, and servant-leaders continue to counsel, advise, and inspire APU students to develop a Christian worldview of truth and life, just as their counterparts did so many years ago.

—Ken Otto, M.L.I.S., associate professor, special collections librarian

CALENDAR



ALUMNI

APRIL

3 FR 8:30 a.m. **The Getty Center Excursion** | *The Getty Center* | Los Angeles, CA

MAY

8-10 FR-SU **50-Year Reunion: Class of 1959** | *Upper Turner Campus Center and Richard and Vivian Felix Event Center* | East and West campuses

16-23 SA-SA **Alumni Trip—America's Historic East Coast** | *East Coast*

JUNE

TBD **25-Year Reunion: Class of 1984**

1 MO **Southern California Golf Tournament for Football** |

Via Verde Country Club | San Dimas, CA

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4 TH **Northern California Golf Tournament for Football** |

The Course at Wente Vineyards | Livermore, CA

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20 SA **LAPC Reunion**

ARTS AND CULTURE

MARCH

26-28 TH-SA 7:30 p.m. **42nd Street** | *Main Stage Theater* | *Mary Hill Theater* | West Campus

21, 28 SA 2 p.m. **42nd Street** | *Main Stage Theater* | *Mary Hill Theater* | West Campus

22 SU 6 p.m. **Bel Canto Women's Choir** | *The River Christian Reformed Church* | Redlands, CA

31 TU 7:30 p.m. **Symphony Orchestra** | *Haugh Performing Arts Center* | *Citrus College* | Azusa, CA

APRIL

1 WE 6 p.m. **Science, Faith, and Culture Lecture: "Theological Perspectives on Science and the Bible"** | *Marty Michelson* | *Los Angeles Pacific College Board Room* | East Campus

18-19 SA-SU 7:30 p.m. **No Need for Subtitles: Opera in English** | *Wilden Hall Atrium* | East Campus

21 TU 5:30 p.m. **Matheteis Forum: The Mega Church** | *Los Angeles Pacific College Board Room* | East Campus

21 TU 7:30 p.m. **Wind Ensemble** | *Munson Recital Hall* | East Campus

22 WE 7:30 p.m. **A Night of Percussion** | *Munson Recital Hall* | East Campus

23 TH 7:30 p.m. **Jazz Choir** | *Munson Recital Hall* | East Campus

24 FR 7:30 p.m. **Gospel Choir** | *Munson Recital Hall* | East Campus

MAY

1 FR 7:30 p.m. **Oratorio Choir and Symphony Orchestra: Messiah by George Frideric Handel** | *Wilden Hall Atrium* | East Campus

12 TU 6:30 p.m. **University Choir and Orchestra** | *Hotel Valley Ho* | Glendale, AZ

14-16, 21-23, 28-30 TH-SA 7:30 p.m. **Once Upon a Mattress** | *Main Stage Theater* | *Mary Hill Theater* | West Campus

16, 23, 30 SA 2 p.m. **Once Upon a Mattress** | *Main Stage Theater* | *Mary Hill Theater* | West Campus

24 SU 10 a.m. **Men's Chorale** | *Pinnacle Presbyterian Church* | Scottsdale, AZ

ATHLETICS

MARCH

25 WE 2:30 p.m. **Men's Tennis vs. UC Santa Cruz** | *Tennis Complex* | West Campus

28 SA TBA **Track and Field vs. California-Nevada Championships** | Westwood, CA

APRIL

7 TU 6 p.m. **Baseball vs. Rancho Cucamonga Quakes** | *Rancho Cucamonga, CA*

16-17 TH-FR TBA **Track and Field vs. Bryan Clay Invitational** | *Glendora, CA*

17-18 FR-SA TBA **Women's Water Polo vs. NAIA National Invitational** | *Riverside, CA*

22-26 WE-SU TBA **Women's Tennis vs. Ojai Tournament** | *Ojai, CA*

26 SU TBA **Men's Tennis vs. Ojai Tournament** | *Ojai, CA*

MAY

5-7 TU-TH TBA **Baseball vs. GSAC Tournament** | TBA

11-13 TU-TH TBA **Men's and Women's Tennis vs. NAIA Men's and Women's Tennis National Championship** | *Mobile, AL*

14-20 TH-WE TBA **Softball vs. NAIA Championship Tournament** | *Decatur, AL*

21-23 TH-SA TBA **Track and Field vs. NAIA Outdoor Championships** | *Edwardsville, IL*

22-29 FR-FR TBA **Baseball vs. NAIA World Series** | *Lewiston, ID*

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH

25 WE 10:30 a.m. **Career Fair** | *Cougar Walk* | East Campus

25 WE 2:30 p.m. **On-Campus Interviewing** | *Upper Turner Campus Center* | East Campus

25-27 WE-FR **Christians on Diversity in the Academy: "Envisioning the Future"** | Azusa, CA

27-28 FR-SA 8 p.m. **Battle of the Big Bands** | *Haugh Performing Arts Center* | *Citrus College* | Azusa, CA

APRIL

2-4 TH-SA **Alpha Chi National Conference** | *Indianapolis, IN*

4-13 SA-MO **Easter Vacation**

4-10 SA-FR **Mexico Outreach** | *Mexicali or Ensenada, Mexico*

11-17 SA-FR **Mexico Outreach 2** | *Mexicali or Ensenada, Mexico*

MAY

9 SA **Spring Commencement** | *Cougar Athletic Stadium* | East Campus

12 TU 9 a.m. **Teacher Interview Day** | *Richard and Vivian Felix Event Center* | West Campus

OCTOBER

22-24 TH-SA **Homecoming Weekend**

NOVEMBER

7 SA **Dinner Rally**

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