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Playing for Dad

I'm often inspired by sports. Now before those of you who don't care for sports flip the page, STOP. Because what I'm about to tell you goes beyond stats and schedules. Sports often include life lessons, heartwarming human interest and motivational stories that can spur on all of us to achievement.

All you have to do is hang around the Moore Fitness Center a little bit and chat with the athletes and coaches to gain some inspiration. You may recall that in the last edition of CIU Today I wrote about CIU's young Women's Soccer Coach Kara Farnsworth and how she worked hard in a short period of time to recruit and organize the first women's soccer team in CIU history. That team went on to a regular season record of 7-7-1, and played in the nationals.

This edition's inspiration comes from the men's soccer team where the seniors, who were the first athletes four years ago to represent CIU in intercollegiate competition, are about to graduate. Among their leaders is Daniel Mallard. The Greensboro, North Carolina native was the first athlete to ever commit to be a CIU Ram, and after four seasons, is the Rams leading scorer (see page 22).

I chatted with Daniel for about an hour after the regular season had ended days earlier. The last match was "senior night" when the parents of the seniors were recognized. Daniel wanted very much for his father to be there.

"There was a chance he was not going to come and I was not happy," Daniel told me.

That's because his father, David Mallard, has been his inspiration to play soccer.

Friends of the Mallard family introduced Daniel to soccer in third grade as a distraction. His father had brain cancer and a three percent chance of making it through surgery. And even if he lived through the surgery, he was told he didn't have much chance of surviving the heavy doses of chemo.

"In a way I was playing for my dad in third grade," Daniel recalls.

The surgery would leave his dad with short-term memory loss. He would also have to give up his role as lead pastor at a large church in Greensboro.

"He was great at his job as a shepherding pastor," Daniel said. "He could do theological circles around anyone. And then God said, 'No I'm not going to let you (pastor) anymore.'"

Daniel's father became his spiritual role model.

"That's one of the biggest examples to me of putting your faith in God," Daniel continued. "God took everything away from him and my dad said, 'I'm still going to trust in you.' It's unbelievable. It's unbelievable. He loves God. He never stopped loving God. That was amazing to me."

And that's why Daniel wanted dad to be at that last game of his collegiate career.

"I'm thankful that I have a dad. I'm thankful that God still allowed him to be in my life."

Thank you, Mallard family for the inspiration.

Bob Holmes
CIU Today
Editor-in-Chief



▲
Daniel Mallard with his father David and mother Michelle, as Daniel holds a team photo on senior night.

CIU News



Robertson McQuilkin Honored in Book, CIU Chapel

The CIU community gathered on Oct. 15 with President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin and his wife, Deb, to dedicate a newly-published book honoring his life and ministry titled, "Transformed from Glory to Glory." The book was edited by CIU Intercultural Studies professor Dr. Christopher Little, and a number of CIU faculty and alumni who contributed to the book joined him on stage to deliver brief messages during the Chapel.

The book includes a variety of topics important to McQuilkin, including missions, hermeneutics, the victorious Christian life, and Christian ethics. The authors hope to use McQuilkin's legacy as a foundation for discussion of important topics in the Church.

"I have felt unworthy throughout the whole project," Little said. "We need others to stand in Robertson's place, to do the things he did and say the things he said."

As the book's authors gave testimony to the impact McQuilkin had made on their lives, it was clear that he influenced a multitude of people.

"I regard Robertson to be my most influential ministry model and mentor," said Ralph Enlow Jr., president of the The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and former CIU provost. "I can attest that Robertson's life has borne fruit that nourishes me and many others."

Though most current CIU students haven't had much direct contact with McQuilkin, a few mentioned they were impressed with the impact he had on their professors.

"Today's Chapel was an excellent opportunity to see the incredible impact one man of faith can have on a community," junior Joy Law said.

After several professors and alumni spoke of McQuilkin's enormous impact, current CIU president Dr. Bill Jones invited McQuilkin to offer a few words. He had only three to share: "This is embarrassing." ■

CIU Kudos

Ethics and Sportsmanship Distinguish Women's Soccer

The CIU women's soccer team is one of only eight teams across all divisions of intercollegiate competition to be recognized for the highest level of ethics and sportsmanship. The Lady Rams received the College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Platinum Award on Dec. 29 from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The award recognizes teams that exhibit fair play, sporting behavior and adherence to the laws of the game, as reflected by the number of yellow caution cards or red ejection cards they are shown by referees throughout the season. The team finished the 2015 season with zero yellow or red cards to achieve the honor.

Professor Recognized for Honor and Distinction

CIU professor of Chaplain Ministries, Dr. Mike Langston has been recognized by his alma mater for his professional and personal achievements. Langston was given the Outstanding Alumni Award by The University of Louisiana at Lafayette in December during a reception at the university.

Langston is a former commanding officer of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center, and a former director of the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center. His service as an active duty Navy chaplain included Operation Desert Storm in Iraq and later as a theater chaplain in Afghanistan. His community service includes working with Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts.

CIU Selected as a Top School for Service Members and Veterans

Military Advanced Education & Transition awarded CIU the designation of a Top School in its 2016 Guide to Colleges & Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education. The Guide arms students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to our men and women in uniform. ■

CIU News

McQuilkin Scholarship Winner: "The theology is so solid at CIU."



Esther Mallard

Esther Mallard was in the local Barnes & Noble in her town of Greensboro, North Carolina doing homework when her cell phone showed an incoming call from the 803 area code that includes Columbia, South Carolina. She figured she better take the call.

"Are you serious?" she shouted to the caller.

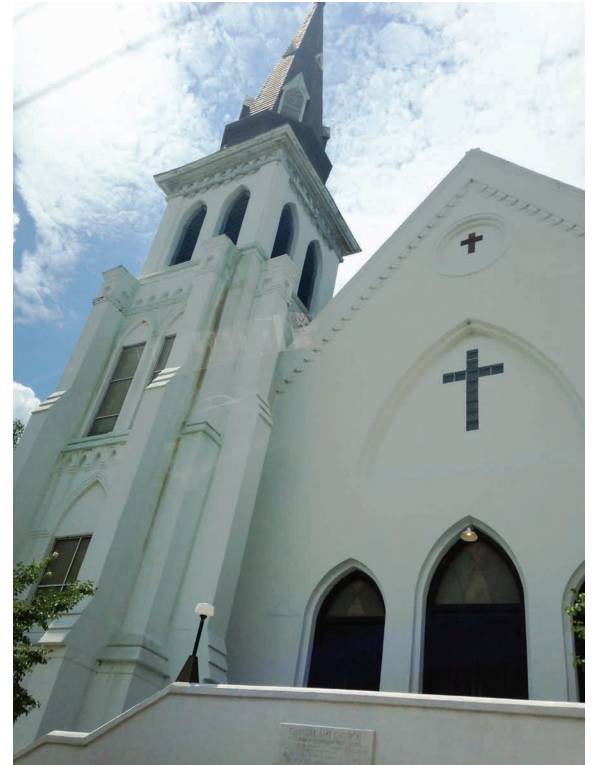
Columbia International University President Dr. Bill Jones was on the phone to let Esther know she was the winner of the annual R.C. McQuilkin full-tuition scholarship.

"I said it relatively loud, especially for Barnes & Noble," Esther recounted. "I had some people turning around and laughing because I was real loud."

Esther was one of 65 high school seniors who competed in the McQuilkin Event Nov. 12-14. They were judged as they took part in intense interview sessions, fun group activities and social scenarios with the full-tuition scholarship and two \$2,500 scholarships on the line.

Esther first learned of CIU through her youth pastor, John Freeman, a 2001 graduate of CIU. But she has gotten even more familiar with the school through her brother, Daniel, a CIU senior and soccer player who, in 2012, was the first athlete to sign a letter of intent to play in CIU's new intercollegiate athletics program. (See page 22.) She has not decided on what her major will be at CIU, but says she is "just really looking forward to being taught, especially about the Bible."

"The theology is so solid at CIU," Esther said. "I want to be involved in ministry. CIU would give me some amazing tools to have in my toolbox for ministry both now and after college. I just can't wait. I think it is going to be so awesome." ■



CIU Establishes Charleston A.M.E Scholarship

CIU has established a scholarship in honor of "The Charleston Nine," the parishioners of Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina who died in a shooting at their church last June. A.M.E. church members who enroll for graduate studies at CIU are eligible for the scholarship.

CIU President Dr. Bill Jones says the CIU family "desires that this small effort honor the victims of this incident and reflect our heartfelt sympathy for the families of the victims."

A \$20,000 endowment has been established to create the permanent \$1,000 annual scholarship.

For more information on the scholarship, contact the CIU Admissions Office at (803) 807-5024 or yesciu@ciu.edu. ■



Fun at the McQuilkin Event: "The McQuilkin Games"

“Urban Legends of the New Testament” Brings Interviews; Unexpected Questions

CIU Professor of Greek and New Testament, Dr. David Croteau, spent a lot of time on the phone in October. His latest book “Urban Legends of the New Testament – 40 Common Misconceptions” drew so much media attention, that he did over a dozen radio interviews about the book, many on secular stations with News/Talk formats. Croteau also did two interviews with Columbia TV stations in December.

Croteau says the book challenges what many people believe the New Testament says.

“For example, in the Christmas story, the Bible never says there were exactly three wise men, that they were from the Orient, or that they were kings like the lyrics in a popular Christmas carol state,” Croteau

said. “By challenging those thoughts, many inside and outside the church have their curiosity piqued.”

In the interviews, Croteau says he was asked some questions totally irrelevant to the book, including whether or not Jesus was married. He was bewildered by one question from a radio interviewer: “What part of the Bible do you believe is the most accurate?”

How did Croteau respond?

“For someone who believes in the authority of Scripture, and all of Scripture, this is the equivalent of asking, ‘When did you stop beating your wife?’ If I referred to a certain section or passage of Scripture, then I would be declaring

some of Scripture to be less accurate. The Lord provided the words at that moment, so I said ‘All of it!’ This wasn’t the answer he was looking for, I’m sure, but it was the right one.” ■

Dr. David Croteau interviewed live by news anchor Dawndy Mercer Plank on WIS TV in Columbia. ▼



Epic Day of Bell Ringing

It’s not unusual to encounter a lone Salvation Army bell ringer outside your local Wal-Mart at Christmas. But that was not the case for the shoppers at a Columbia Wal-Mart on Dec. 1. Instead, entire groups of CIU students gathered in front of the familiar red kettles ringing the bells and singing Christmas songs at the top of their voices. The proclamation of Christ through music was heard well across the massive parking lot.

The “Epic Day of Bell Ringing” was organized by the CIU Student Senate with students taking two-hour shifts between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Among those manning the kettle and singing “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” was freshman Joseph Knight who said his motivation for coming out was “To spread the joy of Jesus at Wal-Mart.”

“Make people smile, and tell them what Christmas is about,” added freshman Erica Williamson who wore a contagious smile, a red Salvation Army apron – and flip flops. The Minnesota native was enjoying the South Carolina Christmas weather.

“I’ve never worn flip flops in December in my life!” she exclaimed with delight.



▲ Ringing at Wal-Mart are CIU students (left to right) Abigail Cotton, Abe Vazquez, Bonnie Bryant, Chris Collins.

As shoppers dropped money in the kettle, some sang along or danced to the rhythm of the bells.

“People are so generous,” Williamson said. “People have put in a lot of money.”

Williamson’s statement was later confirmed by the Salvation Army. When the final tally for the day came in, \$1,186.02 was raised by CIU. ■



Compassion to an *International*

A former Muslim is grateful for CIU students
and professors who led her to Christ

By Bob Holmes

Some of the details are fading from memory after 27 years. But Ipek Jefferson will always remember the “very nice” and “compassionate” people from Columbia International University who reached out to her as an international trying to learn English at the University of South Carolina (USC) in Columbia.

Jefferson is a native of Turkey, who later married an American and stayed in the United States. She first came to the USA in 1989, to enroll in an “English for Internationals” class at USC because she says her “English was terrible,” and knew that a better handle on the language could advance career opportunities for her. Her English teachers were CIU students and professors, including a seminary student, the late Christy Cabrera, who invited Jefferson to attend church with her. Jefferson doesn’t remember the name of the now-disbanded church that met in the suburb of West Columbia, but she recalls that they used the facilities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Even though Jefferson was brought up in a Muslim family, she had no reservations about attending church with Cabrera during the Easter season.

“I’ll never forget, (Christy) said, ‘Do you want to come to church with me?’ I said, ‘Why not?’ I was always curious about God. I always knew there is a God other than in the Muslim teachings,” Jefferson said.

As Cabrera’s invitations to attend church continued, Jefferson continued to accept.

When it came time for Jefferson to use her new English skills to write a

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paper for an assignment, she wrote the paper about Jesus, which led to her research her topic. God began to work in her life.

“When the Holy Spirit comes to find you, that’s it,” Jefferson says with a laugh. “There is no escape from that.”

Jefferson recalls the Sunday in church when God captured her heart, a moment she finds “hard to explain.”

“We were singing and all of the sudden, I was overwhelmed. I started crying.”

Her thoughts turned to her family in Turkey and her Muslim background.

“It was confusing, but I said, ‘I do believe. I believe that Jesus died for my sins.’”

So what advice might Jefferson give to Christians who desire to share Christ with someone with a Muslim background just like her? Develop a friendship.

She recalls how one well-meaning Christian “scared” her by emphasizing her eternal damnation in hell. “He was just so strong,” Jefferson explained.

She instead gravitated toward the CIU students and professors who had befriended her.

“They didn’t pressure me. They just showed compassion toward me,” Jefferson said. “They showed what kind of people they are.”

Today, Jefferson lives in the Columbia suburb of Irmo and manages a Chick-fil-A restaurant in nearby Lexington. She says when she encounters young people looking for a college, she tells them about CIU.

“I tell them it’s such a great school, such great people.” ■



▲ Today Jefferson manages a Chick-fil-A restaurant in Lexington, South Carolina. (Photos courtesy of Ipek Jefferson)



▲ Ipek Jefferson becomes a citizen of the United States.



The culmination of a summer love that began at CIU.

A CIU SUMMER LOVE Blossoms

By Abi Martin Marrah



When I was in elementary school, many of my summers were spent at Columbia International University. My dad, Dr. Rick Martin (2004/2015), was pursuing his master's degree and thus, my family migrated down from our home in Virginia to CIU for his summer classes. The campus was a backyard dream for me and my siblings.

One of my sisters learned how to ride a bike with no training wheels down one of the hills on campus, and playing in the student center and the gym made me feel like I was in college. That was a big deal for an eight-year-old. We learned very quickly about red (fire) ants, and were fascinated by the lizards roaming everywhere.

We would stop and buy a watermelon from the "watermelon man" down the road, and my mom would take us to Lake Murray for countless hours. Because we were from a small town, Columbia was the first place we had Chick-fil-A. That's important enough of a discovery to be mentioned, amen?

Needless to say, CIU claims a dear corner in my heart when I reminisce on childhood memories. I remember going to the library daily and pouring over the children's biographies of missionaries like Amy Carmichael and Jim and Elisabeth Elliot and Gladys Aylward and dreaming that one day maybe God would use me like that, too. "To know Him and make Him known" became engrained in my heart as I rode my bike around campus at least five times each day and saw the CIU motto everywhere. I'll always remember breathing in deeply the full and fragrant blossoms of the crepe myrtles lining CIU's paths.



My dad would take us for family walks in the evenings after class and we'd pass CIU's core values engraved in rock. I'd see those rocks so much their words became engraved in my heart, too. Then we'd head to The Pointe. Sunsets sure are lovely there.

By the time I was in middle school in 2007, my dad began pursuing his doctorate and for the summer we returned to live in a house on the old "Faculty Row" with more than one excited "are we there yet?" coming from the backseat as we drove straight south toward CIU.

Little did I know that I would meet my future husband that summer. We were thrilled to hear that the Marrah family of Ohio with six kids moved in next door. The dad, Todd Marrah (2009), was also studying for his doctorate.

<<< Little did I know that I would meet my future husband that summer. >>>

After meeting the Marrah kids, excursions to the lake were planned together and our game size doubled; five of us, six of them. Jacob was my age but I was too nervous to really talk to him; love had not awakened yet. As the years went by our families kept in touch, and Jacob and I did too.

After dating for a few years, I moved to Ohio and we joyfully tied the knot on July 25, 2015. I would have never guessed that of all places on this beautiful earth, God would have me meet my husband at beloved CIU eight summers ago. A CIU banner now hangs in our kitchen and it makes me smile.

We serve with the Columbus, Ohio Dream Center's inner city kids program, and desire one day to return to CIU to be real students on campus. We love CIU and what it stands firmly for.

"To Know Him and Make Him Known." That's what it's all about. A life motto, not just a university motto. CIU, we're thankful for you.

Editor's Note: Today, Dr. Rick Martin serves as the superintendent at Calvary Chapel Christian School in Las Vegas, Nevada, while Dr. Todd Marrah is the superintendent of Tree of Life Christian Schools in Columbus, Ohio. ■



CIU Supporters (left to right) Dr. Rick Martin, Annette Martin, Abi Martin Marrah, Jacob Martin, Jana Marrah, Dr. Todd Marrah (Photos provided by Abigail Marrah)

MEETING PRINCE CHARLES

By Dr. David Olshine, Professor of Youth Ministry, Family, and Culture

A serendipitous moment happened on May 26. I met Prince Charles.

This past spring I was on a Sabbatical study leave from Columbia International University. My family travelled to Europe where I taught at Cliff College and we explored the small towns of England, before sailing to Croatia, Athens, Greece and Ephesus in Turkey.

Following my first weekend of teaching, and speaking at a British Jesus festival, my wife Rhonda wanted us to visit the Hatfield House, a country house built in 1611.

When we arrived, the sad news was given that the home was closed for the day, but that we could walk around the property with its beautiful gardens, paths and a courtyard with shoppes, cafes and pubs.

We noticed secret service all over the place, so being curious, I asked what was going on. "Prince Charles will be coming shortly to visit." I am thinking, "Wow, a

chance to meet Prince Charles, he's going to be thrilled to meet me (just teasing)."

Our short wait turned from 30 minutes to over an hour and a half. And then, to our gleeful surprise, enters Prince Charles and his entourage.

The Prince went into one of the shoppes, and then came out the other side of the store, in which my son Andrew and I were positioned to say hello. He looked out us, put his hand out toward mine, and we shook hands. (I was not sure if you are to touch royalty.)

We spoke for less than a minute. He asked me who I was, where I was from and how long we were going to be in the U.K. I explained that "I am from America, was teaching in the Peak district and would be taking a cruise to the Adriatic seas the following week."

And yet I could not resist one last



▲ Prince Charles chats with Dr. David Olshine (Photo provided by David Olshine)

comment, so I piped in, "The real reason I came here to England was to meet you." His response was priceless, "Well, you've come to the right place." We both laughed, and that was our spontaneous meeting with Prince Charles. ■

Examples of Christ in the Workplace

Sheriffs discuss integration of their vocation and faith

By Michael A. Lanier, CIU Student Writer

Two men whose professional lives are very public, joined Columbia International University President Bill Jones in Chapel on Oct. 29 to discuss living out their Christian faith in the workplace. South Carolina sheriffs Leon Lott of Richland County and Jim Matthews of Kershaw County both recently had the opportunity to show the community their faith through service after devastating floods in South Carolina in early October.

Jones interviewed Lott about his experiences during a month that included the flooding and other challenges. But Lott told the CIU student body that during difficult times, "That's when we need to be the strongest Christians we can be."

"That's not when you run away from your faith, that's when you rely on your faith," Lott said.

Lott also acknowledged that seeing those in the community who displayed Christlike behavior during the floods by helping neighbors and strangers, boosted his own morale.

"People ask me how I made it 72 hours without sleeping," Lott continued, commenting on the first nights of the flood. "It was because of the good Christian people helping others."

Meanwhile, Matthews talked about his professional and spiritual struggles, and how he ultimately has come to see what God has called him to do: share the gospel through his actions as a law enforcement officer.

"My main goal as sheriff is to not do anything to bring dishonor to the Lord," Matthews said. "I'm trying to do things now that affect eternity." ■



CIU President Dr. Bill Jones (center) is joined in Shortess Chapel by Kershaw County Sheriff Jim Matthews (left) and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott



PRISON INITIATIVE

CIU Student-Inmate Earns Bachelor's Degree

By Bob Holmes

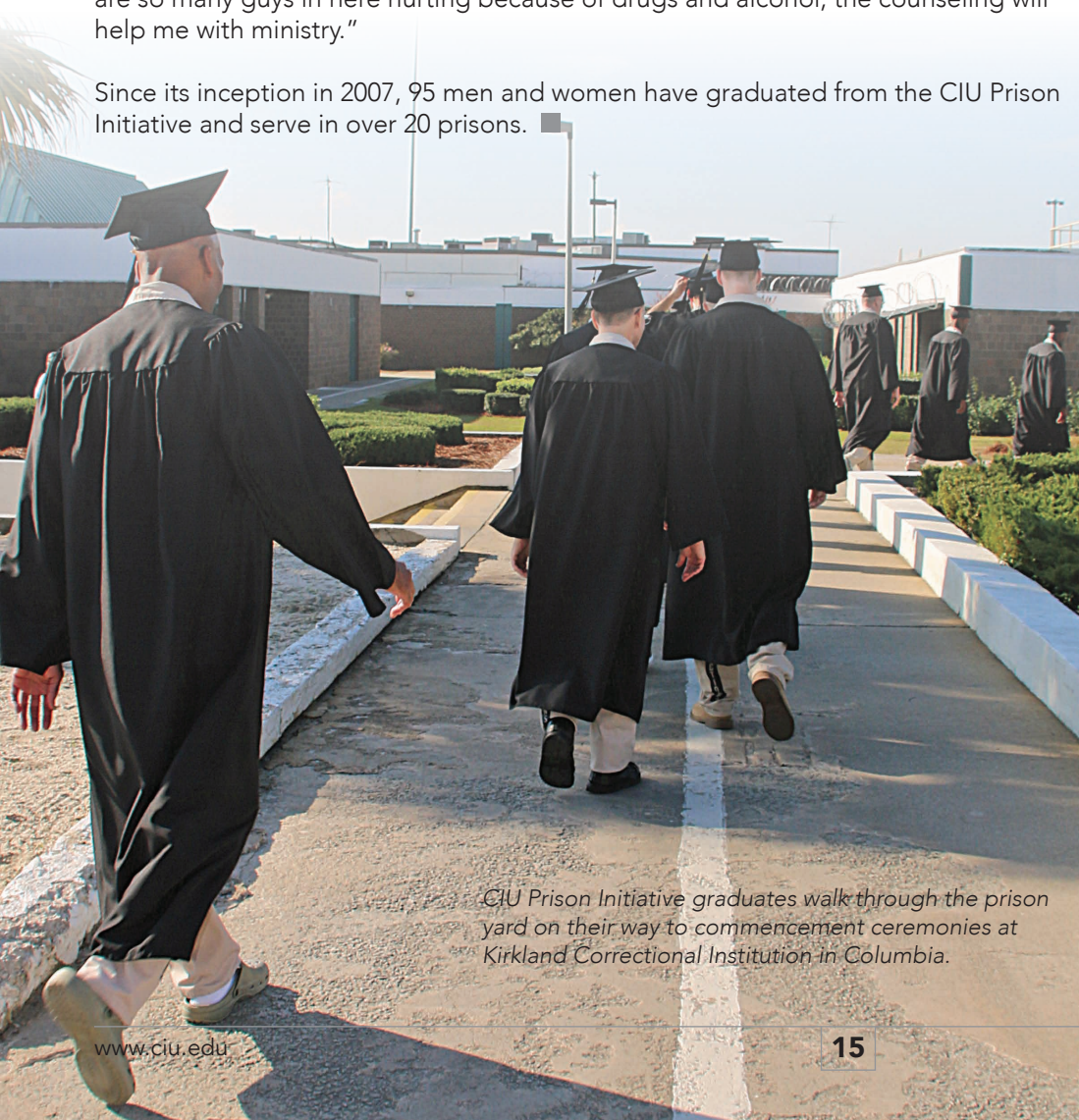
Billy holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia International University. That may not seem like a big deal until you consider Billy is an inmate in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He was one of 14 student-inmates to receive his college degree at the CIU Prison Initiative commencement ceremony at the Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia on Dec. 11.

The mission of the CIU Prison Initiative is to train inmates through an Associate of Arts degree, to live in accordance with biblical principles and to equip them for the unique ministry opportunities afforded by their incarceration. After graduation they are assigned as chaplain assistants to prisons throughout South Carolina.

But Billy (full name withheld because of security concerns) who had already been through the Prison Initiative program, kept on learning and found Ashworth College in Georgia that allowed him to study via correspondence, doing his assignments with pen and paper. (Online learning is not possible for the inmates because of Internet access restrictions.) His credits that included a concentration in Psychology, were then transferred to CIU which issued his diploma. Billy says he is not done.

"University of Nevada and University of South Dakota offer master-level classes in counseling," Billy told CIU Today. "That's the direction I want to go because I want to get into drug and alcohol counseling. That was my (criminal) background and there are so many guys in here hurting because of drugs and alcohol, the counseling will help me with ministry."

Since its inception in 2007, 95 men and women have graduated from the CIU Prison Initiative and serve in over 20 prisons. ■



CIU Prison Initiative graduates walk through the prison yard on their way to commencement ceremonies at Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia.



"Remember the Prisoners as if Chained with Them"

The commencement speaker at the December CIU Prison Initiative reminded the graduates that they are in a unique position to reach their fellow inmates for Christ because they share their "chains."

The speaker was the director of the CIU Prison Initiative, The Rev. Andre Melvin whose commencement address came from Hebrews 13:3 that includes the admonition to "remember the prisoners as if chained with them."

"You might say that this admonishment is for those of us who are on the outside," Melvin told the graduates. "But I want to push you forward. Now that you have been equipped and trained, now it is your turn to take the lead and show us how it's done. Why? Because you know better than we do how to relate and minister to (prisoners)."

"Because you are walking in their shoes you can relate to the inmate better than we could ever relate to them. That's the goal of this program. You can reach people that I can never reach." ■



A
1,000-year
Flood
South Carolina
2015



This was a common sight around the Columbia area on Oct. 4, 2015 when hundreds of people had to be rescued from their homes as 16-inches of rain caused rivers and creeks to swell to unprecedented levels, and dams to breach.

In the Pine Glen neighborhood alone (pictured), 134 homes were flooded. The cleanup and repair around South Carolina continues to this day.

College students are busy people. But this is the story of how Columbia International University students took time out to reach out and share the love of Christ to a hurting community.

*(Photo courtesy Tim Dominick
The State newspaper)*



CIU STUDENTS SERVE *the* COMMUNITY

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

The 1,000-year flood in South Carolina Oct. 3-5 was nothing short of devastating. Dozens of dams breached, 19 people lost their lives, and thousands of residents had to evacuate their homes. Less than two miles from Columbia International University, houses in the Denny Terrace neighborhood flooded with up to six feet of water. Remarkably, CIU's campus was spared any major damage.

Like many others in the Columbia area, CIU Junior Class President Savannah Blest wanted to help those whose homes were damaged. With the help of her church, Riverside Community Church, she organized a day of service so that CIU students could provide aid to families who needed it.

"Right after fall break, there had been a lot of talk about [students] wanting to get involved," Blest said. "We wanted to give people an opportunity, because a lot of people wanted to serve but didn't really know how to."

Riverside Community Church is a part of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA) which sponsors a crisis response team as part of their missions agency, ReachGlobal. The crisis response team found families who needed help, and sent workers as they were available.

"Some (CIU students) were in a crawlspace gutting, pulling everything out that had flooded," Blest said. "There was another group just off Monticello Road, and they were gutting a house and taking the wet moldy stuff out."

Blest says she learned a few things in the cleanup.



Frank Edson of Riverside Community Church explains the job to CIU students Mark Gossage, Alicia Heatherly, and Cameron Licklitter before entering a crawlspace. (Photo courtesy of Cameron Licklitter)





◀ A familiar intersection under water: flooding at the bottom of the hill on Monticello Road near CIU.

Heatherly changed her mind-set about the day, and gladly spent the morning ripping out water-filled air ducts and ruining her jeans.

"Maybe two weeks after the flood, we were helping pick up the debris all over [a] yard... I also learned how to install insulation, and spent one Saturday in a crawlspace installing insulation," Blest said. "You have to be very flexible, you never know what you're going to do."

As part of the service project, sophomore Alicia Heatherly spent her Saturday underneath a house ripping out flooded air ducts. It was dirty work, and she confesses that God had to change her attitude at the beginning of the day.

"When I first got there, [my thought] was, 'I should have changed my pants, I don't want to get these dirty,'" Heatherly admitted. "My thought was, 'I want to serve, but I want to be in my comfort zone.' I realized my selfish thinking. I am so blessed to have everything I need, and I was thinking about my pants."

Heatherly changed her mindset about the day, and gladly spent the

morning ripping out water-filled air ducts and ruining her jeans.

"My pants got really dirty that day," she said. "I prayed, 'Lord, I'm giving this to you. Do my pants matter over helping someone? Does the loss of one pair of jeans matter over all this family has lost?' Then I prayed, 'Father, give us more opportunity to serve these people.'"

Heatherly says the biggest blessing of the day was forming a relationship with the grateful homeowner, Kelli Powell, who is a single mother of four children.

"It was really neat to have an opportunity to just talk [to her] and say, 'How are you doing with this? How has this affected you? Are you doing all right?'" Heatherly said. "She just started to tear up and say, 'You all are just angels, you're angels from God, and I can't believe you're doing this for me.'"

The flood nearly devastated Powell's

home. Several large sinkholes formed in her yard, and the house filled with two feet of water. She lost a washer, dryer, and several precious family possessions.

"A total of five students, on two separate occasions, came to offer help," Powell said. "All of these loving individuals put such a beautiful and strong loving impression on my heart. I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the abundance of support during such an emotionally strenuous time."

As the day drew to a close, the students who were working at Powell's home gathered to pray over her family.

"I prayed over her that God would continue to breathe in her strength, that He would continue to hold her up and that she would lean on Him to be her strength and get her through the next days," Heatherly said. "She cried, and made me cry. It was neat to see how God can use a flood to open doors."

Though the floods are months past, Blest and Heatherly encourage CIU students and the Columbia community to remember that there is still work to be done; many families are still rebuilding.

"We still have the opportunity to help and show love and to give our time to serve like Christ served us," Heatherly said. ■

ACADEMICS



Dr. Brian Simmons is the program director of the College of Education's Ph.D. program.

College of Education now offering a Ph.D.

The Columbia International University College of Education made an important move in 2014 when the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program was retitled to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program.

Dr. Brian Simmons, the Ph.D. program director, says at the inception of the College of Education's doctoral program in 2004, it was implemented as a Doctor of Education for accreditation purposes, but the plan had always been for the program to eventually be offered as a Doctor of Philosophy.

"The Doctor of Education program was originally designed as a Doctor of Philosophy program with comprehensive exams, portfolios, and a dissertation that makes a contribution to the scholarly literature," Simmons said. "So when doctoral graduates did Ed.D. work, they were already doing the work for a Ph.D."

Simmons also says changing the Ed.D. to a Ph.D. positions CIU as a frontrunner in the field of educational leadership.

"This newly retitled degree prepares graduates, for leadership roles in K-12 education, higher education, curriculum, theological education, and other education related fields," Simmons said.

The 34 graduates of the College of Education's doctoral program circle the globe from Australia to California. Currently, 30 students are enrolled, studying under a dozen full-time and adjunct professors, whose combined experience equals over 450 years in K-12 administration, higher education administration, and higher education teaching positions.

Meanwhile, CIU graduates who hold the Ed.D. degree are encouraged to contact CIU's registrar to have their degree changed to a Ph.D.

"The Ph.D. is recognized as the best terminal degree for educational leaders," Simmons said. "No matter what your ministry path is, the Ph.D. will stand you in good stead." ■

CIU Partner School Reaching Middle Eastern Refugees

Refugees "very open to hear the message of the gospel"
By Karin Moser in Korntal, Germany and
Bob Holmes in Columbia, South Carolina

Columbia International University officials learned how an institute housed at CIU's partner school in Korntal, Germany is helping German churches assist in the immigration crisis facing that country.

CIU Provost Dr. James Lanpher and CIU Board of Trustee members Pastor James Dixon and Dr. Jerry Rankin visited the Academy for Word Missions (AWM) to attend graduation ceremonies and celebrate AWM's 25 years of partnership with CIU. While in Germany, they also learned more about the European Institute for Migration, Integration and Islam Studies (EIMI) based at AWM. EIMI is flooded by invitations and requests for information on how Christians can help the overwhelming number of Middle Eastern refugees pouring into Germany.



▲ As refugees learn German the gospel is shared with them by EIMI staff. (Photo provided by EIMI)

we are standing alongside the church and the believers in Germany to encourage, equip and facilitate them to reach out to the refugees with the Good News and to build bridges to integrate them into the society."

Eric noted that most of the refugees have a Muslim background, but "are very open to hear the message of the gospel."

"That is because of either disappointment from Islam or they have seen the real ugly face and reality of Islam," Eric said. "Not only that, but most importantly, they have seen the love of Christ and the changing grace in the lives of those who try to help them."

Eric says an EIMI team operates a help center for the refugees where they learn the German language and are offered advice on German laws and culture.

"We share the gospel with them and pray with them," Eric said. "I'm touched by the fact that nowadays we don't have to reach people overseas, but that they come to us. I see a great chance



▲ EIMI assists refugees with paperwork. (EIMI photo)

in ministering to people we would never be able to reach in their original country. Again and again I'm overwhelmed by all the people who give their lives to Christ."

Meanwhile, at AWM's graduation ceremony, 45 graduates were awarded master's or doctoral degrees with some already committed to serving in Thailand, Kenya, Mali, Peru, India and the Siberian region of Russia. Graduates of AWM's continuing education programs received certificates for Intercultural Coach, HR Resources & Development, or Integration Assistant.

Four CIU professors travelled to Korntal in 2015 to teach at AWM. At the graduation ceremony, Lanpher called AWM a "soul mate" to CIU. He said that because CIU professors teach at Korntal, they "gather experience in teaching in another culture."

"The mission of CIU is to impact the world with the message of Christ, and we are able to do that even more extensively with and through our partnership with AWM," Lanpher said. ■



▲ EIMI director Yassir Eric (center) with CIU Provost Dr. James Lanpher (left) and CIU Board member Jerry Rankin.

ATHLETICS

Culture Club

Team leader says humility and Christian brotherhood set the tone for men's soccer

By Bob Holmes

Daniel Mallard was limping as he greeted me in the lobby of the CIU Moore Fitness Center. My thought was, "This is not good," because in the short history of CIU athletics, Mallard holds the CIU Rams men's soccer record for career goals. And while the regular season was over, the regional tournament, to be hosted at CIU, was coming up. Then I looked down and saw the medical boot on his right foot. Describing a broken toe, he said he would play in the tournament despite the pain. And after all, he continued, he was at the end of his playing career.

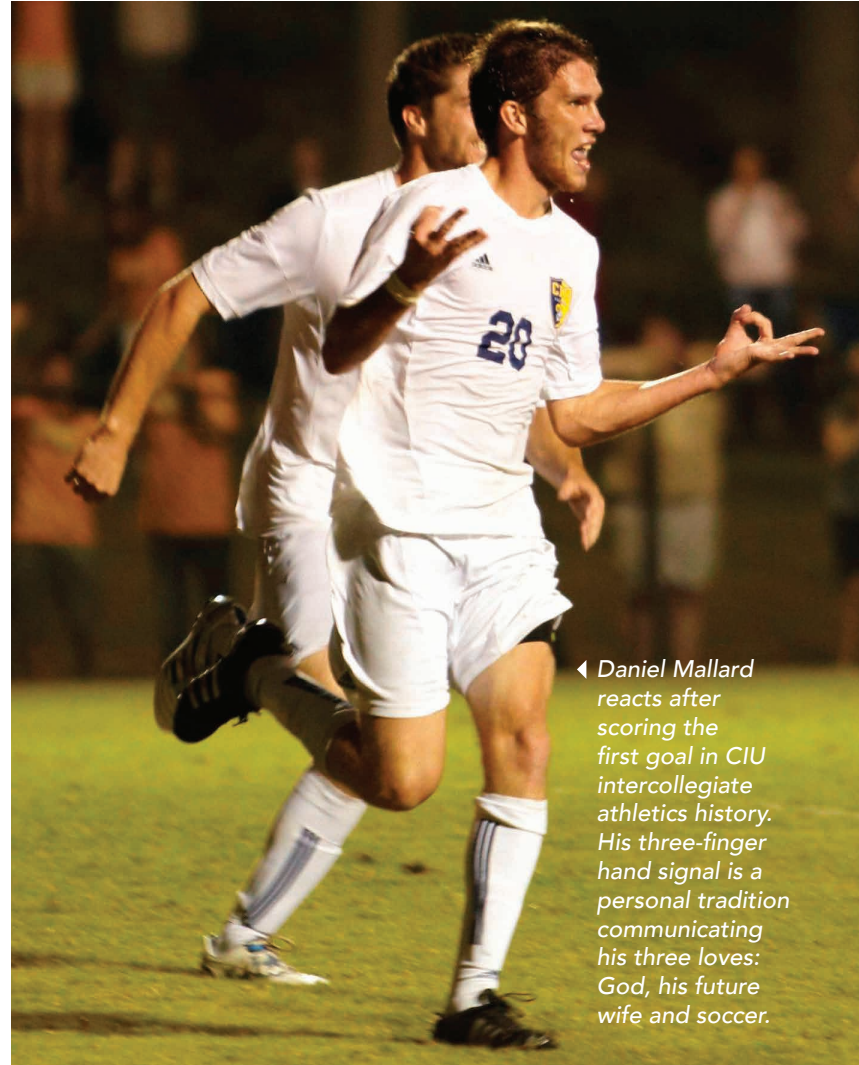
Mallard is one of 10 CIU seniors most of whom, beginning as freshmen, have been the core of the very first intercollegiate soccer team in the 93-year history of CIU.

"I wanted to start something that had never been done before," Mallard said explaining why he chose CIU. "How many people get to be on the ground floor of starting a soccer program? You can influence the culture (of the program) for years to come."

If Mallard's influence represents the culture, it is made up of one part humility, and one part Christian brotherhood.

His Firsts

In high school, Mallard was the team captain for the Wesleyan Christian Academy Trojans in High Point, North Carolina, one of the top private school soccer programs in that state. He led the



◀ Daniel Mallard reacts after scoring the first goal in CIU intercollegiate athletics history. His three-finger hand signal is a personal tradition communicating his three loves: God, his future wife and soccer.

"How many people get to be on the ground floor of starting a soccer program? You can influence the culture (of the program) for years to come." –Daniel Mallard

team in scoring his sophomore and junior seasons, and earned a state championship. While Mallard's teammates committed to established and successful collegiate soccer programs, he signed early to come to CIU, where success would follow him.

Not only is Mallard first in career goals for the CIU Rams, he was the first athlete to commit to CIU and the first athlete to put a number on the scoreboard in a 1-0 victory over Toccoa Falls College in the first-ever CIU intercollegiate match in 2012. But something wasn't right.

"I came to CIU and I was pretty immature," Mallard said. "I thought I knew everything about soccer, and I thought I was a really, really good player. I used to only see things my way. Being at CIU, I've matured a lot in how I view God and how I view other people."

These days, Mallard is uncomfortable when asked about the "firsts" and prefers talking about the camaraderie of the team.

"I've made friends with guys who I consider my brothers," Mallard said. "I wouldn't trade these friendships for anything. They're real, they're deep and they're good. And I'm very thankful for that."

Mallard remembers how that brotherhood turned into a win at a home match against Bluefield College when the team was down 2-0 at halftime.



Daniel Mallard in his senior year.

"We looked at each other and said, 'We're better than this team. What are we doing? Let's go win this game'" Mallard recalls. "We came out and we just slaughtered them."

CIU scored a couple of quick goals and won the game with a third goal in the last minute.

"That was the best win for me because it was such a team thing," Mallard said. "That's what we play for. We play for each other, we play for the people in the stands. Our effort glorified God that night because of how hard we worked. We gave everything we had."

His Future

While Mallard's playing days are behind him, he'll be an assistant coach with the Rams next season as he pursues his master's degree in elementary education at CIU. His short-term goals include sports ministry in Chicago where he has already directed summer soccer camps.

"Ultimately, that's what I want to do in Brazil, is start sports ministries at churches," Mallard said. "So I need to get some practice here. Hopefully in seven to eight years I'll be down in

Brazil, but I've got some time here in the United States to learn more things. I'm not there yet. I've got a lot to learn."

His Final Advice

Now that he and his graduating class have had the opportunity to influence the culture of CIU men's soccer, I asked Mallard what advice he would give to freshmen joining the team. The themes of humility and Christian brotherhood returned.

"It's not about you," Mallard begins. "That's something I had to really work through. Be humble in speech.

"We play as hard as we can for 90 minutes, ultimately to glorify God," he continues. "As we do that as a team, friendships become deeper. You are playing for the brother beside you. But by playing for the brother beside you, you are playing for God. We really try to do that at CIU. That's what makes this place special."

Mallard pauses.

"I'm really going to miss it." ■



RAM FACTS

The growth of athletics at CIU
(Total athletes by academic year)

- 2012-13: 40**
- 2013-14: 81**
- 2014-15: 95**
- 2015-16: 106**
(Fall semester)

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Athletes represent
at least 18 different
U.S. states

22 CIU athletes are
enrolled in 22
different majors.

TOP 3 MAJORS FOR ATHLETES

- Business & Organizational Leadership
- Psychology
- Teacher Education

CAMPUS LIFE

The Influence of “The Praying Ladies” Continues

Student Leader Heads on- and off-campus prayer initiatives
By Bob Holmes



Over nine decades after Columbia International University was founded on the prayers of a handful of praying ladies led by Sunday school teacher Emily Dick, CIU students have not forgotten the importance of this heritage. Under

the leadership of a trio of students, weekly prayer times for CIU continue. But the prayers are not only for CIU, but more recently for Columbia, through prayer walks in the city.

“This group has been inspired by Emily Dick and the Praying Ladies who believed calling on the Lord’s name was of the utmost importance in everyday life,” said organizer and CIU Student Senate President Drew Lindeman. “CIU exists because of their everyday prayers.”

The new prayer initiative began with lunchtime gatherings every Wednesday in the fall semester, using Colossians 4:2-4 as a guide:

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

“We believe that the Lord calls us to have an intimate relationship with Him through prayer and living it out in our lives and spurring others on to this relationship is a necessity,” Lindeman said.

Lindeman says the awakening to intense prayer began with experiences last summer that included a missions trip to Jamaica for him and a missions trip to Africa for his roommate Scott Swier. After the on-campus prayer group was established, Lindeman, Swier and fellow student Sarah Lovin discussed ways of going beyond the campus to impact Columbia with the message of Christ through prayer.

While Lindeman considers living on a Christian University campus “an incredible experience” because it’s where “lasting relationships are built,” he also calls the experience “dangerous” saying it’s easy to ignore what’s going on in the “outside world.”



CIU students pray at the South Carolina Statehouse.

So Lindeman and his fellow students prayer walk the streets of Columbia, and make a special effort to pray at the University of South Carolina. It is interesting to note that three years after the praying ladies began to ask God for guidance in establishing a Bible school in Columbia, they leased a large house and opened CIU under its first name, the Southern Bible Institute. Its address was 1627 College Street, which today is at the center of the University of South Carolina campus. The prayers have come full circle. ■

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–Drew Lindeman

CIU Student Senate President



A little do-si-do at the CIU pavilion.

Hoedown! A New CIU Autumn Tradition

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

Columbia International University students took a break from homework on Oct. 17 to learn the art of the do-si-do and the promenade. Hundreds of students packed into CIU's outdoor pavilion for the annual hoedown, a school-wide event sponsored by the sophomore class.

"We wanted to provide a relaxed atmosphere where students could gather together and have an overall fun time, just to be with other students," Sophomore Class President Kyle Jones said.

The event was certainly a fun time: students laughed their way through square dancing calls, took pictures with friends at a photo booth, and enjoyed fellowship over good food. The event came on the heels of a devastating flood in the Columbia area that forced some faculty and staff from their homes, prompted the cancelling of classes and caused some very inconvenient travel off campus because of damaged roads and bridges.

"Last week was a crazy week after all that happened with the flood, so the hoedown was a really great time to relax, unwind, and laugh," sophomore Heather Hoopes said. "Everybody seemed to have a great time."

The sophomore class transformed the pavilion with fall decorations, including hay bales, a crackling fireplace, and outdoor Christmas lights. The warm atmosphere allowed students to enjoy a cool October night with friends.

"I enjoyed the set apart time to come together and have fun, relax, and build relationships," Hoopes said.

The event also featured a pumpkin pie eating contest, where students had one minute to eat as much of a pumpkin pie as possible. Though it was a heated battle, junior Mitch Gebell ultimately triumphed with a huge smile and a pie-covered face.

"I really respect the other contestants' performances, but they were 'patchy' at best," Gebell joked. "I feel I 'squashed' the competition."

With midterm exams approaching, Class President Jones said the timing of the hoedown was perfect.

"It was great to provide students with a break from studying and just have a fun and relaxed night." ■

DEVELOPMENT



“If it weren’t for your kindness, I would not be able to attend CIU full time.”

Support CIU – Support a Dream

When you support Columbia International University, you are making dreams come true. Just ask Esther GeeVarghese, who is working on a Master of Divinity degree in Chaplaincy. She has had the desire to be a missionary from a very young age.

It’s a dream that could have been snuffed out anywhere along the way of a very hard family life. She mentions domestic violence, including torture and even being kidnapped, but keeps the details guarded. After her parents divorced, she became familiar with poverty. Her own marriage, arranged by her India-born parents, ended in divorce. She is raising an eight-year-old daughter on her own.

Esther says it is these experiences that will help her relate to people as a missionary. Not the type that goes overseas, but the kind that ministers as a hospital chaplain.

“I feel like with all the varied experiences I’ve gone through, I can relate to people at so many levels,” Esther said.

“I can relate to abuse, I can relate to sexual mistreatment, I can relate to verbal abuse and neglect. I can relate to poverty, extreme poverty. I’ve relied on borrowed clothes and food stamps. I went to work at age 15. I can relate to living with a single parent. I can relate to being a single parent.”

Esther has worked a 30 hour per week job while studying at CIU, enough to get health care benefits for her and her daughter. But without faithful donors who have contributed to three scholarships that have helped with her tuition, earning her degree would be very difficult.

She has a message for those donors.

“You make a huge impact on students, because if it weren’t for your kindness, I would not be able to attend CIU full time,” Esther said. “I think I speak for many when I say that. So I thank them from the bottom of my heart for making my dream possible.” ■

The Benefits of Estate and Gift Planning

The Testimony of Ken & Susan Crabb



Columbia International University alumnus Ken Crabb ('88) and his wife Susan served for 10 years as missionaries to Chile with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Returning to the United States in 2000, Ken became missions pastor at Arden PCA near Asheville, North Carolina for 13 years. Since the time they left for the mission field, they had been renting out their

home in West Columbia, South Carolina. After retiring in 2013, they began to evaluate and consider the advantages and disadvantages of keeping the home. That's when Ken's alma mater entered the picture once again. Here is their testimony of the benefits of estate and gift planning through CIU:

After praying and consulting with our children, we all agreed that this was the time to relinquish the house. We wondered how best we could be faithful stewards and looked for possible recipients. Having been so wonderfully blessed, we thought it best not to try and sell the house but to donate it to a good ministry. The Lord then impressed on us both – what about CIU? Would they consider receiving the gift of our home?

A simple call to the Estate and Gift Planning Department at CIU began a relationship with Keith Marion, vice president of the department. We had several discussions with Keith and he asked to meet us in our home in Fletcher, North Carolina. He introduced us to the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT),

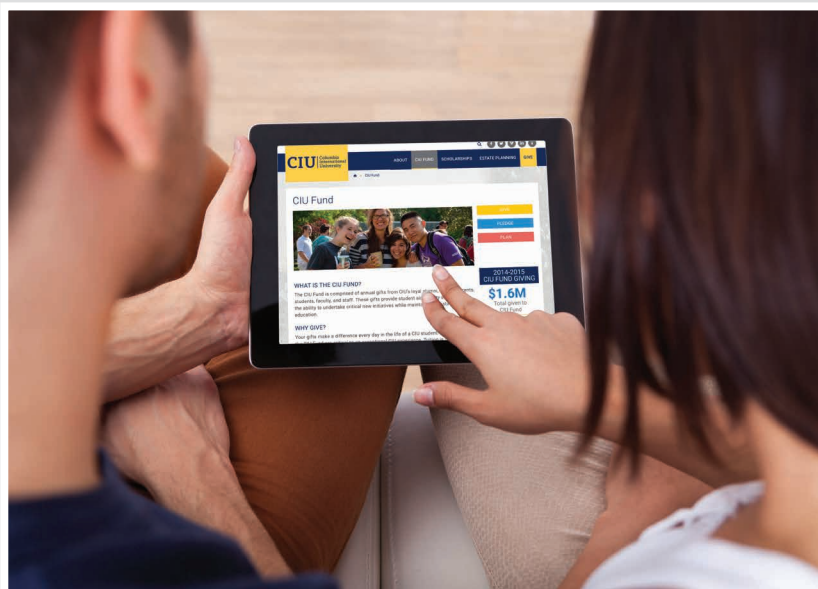
giving us a way to bless CIU by donating the house to the university. Keith and his department made an assessment of the house and put it on the market to sell. They assumed all the details of the house – upkeep, bringing it to the market, and finding a buyer.

In addition, CRUT allows us to bypass the issue of capital gains on our property, provides us a Charitable Income Tax deduction, and a stream of income for the next 20 years. It also allows us to provide for two additional future ministry beneficiaries: Mission to the World (PCA's Sending Agency) and Third Millennial, a ministry to train pastors around the world. What a blessing! We were particularly blessed that CIU graduates bought the house!

We had never anticipated such a win-win situation! We were relieved of all the details of disposing of an asset needing significant renovation that would have run into thousands of dollars. We were enabled to honor and benefit CIU and return the blessings received from graduate work there. The Lord gave us joy in being able to donate an asset that would continue to give – to our physical needs and the needs of ministries for years. How great is our God!

Thank you, Keith and your associates for allowing us to be better stewards. We highly recommend this designated giving option and encourage others to contact these fine people. May God be praised for His goodness!

Learn more about Estate and Gift Planning by contacting Keith Marion at (803) 807-5011 or kmarion@ciu.edu. ■



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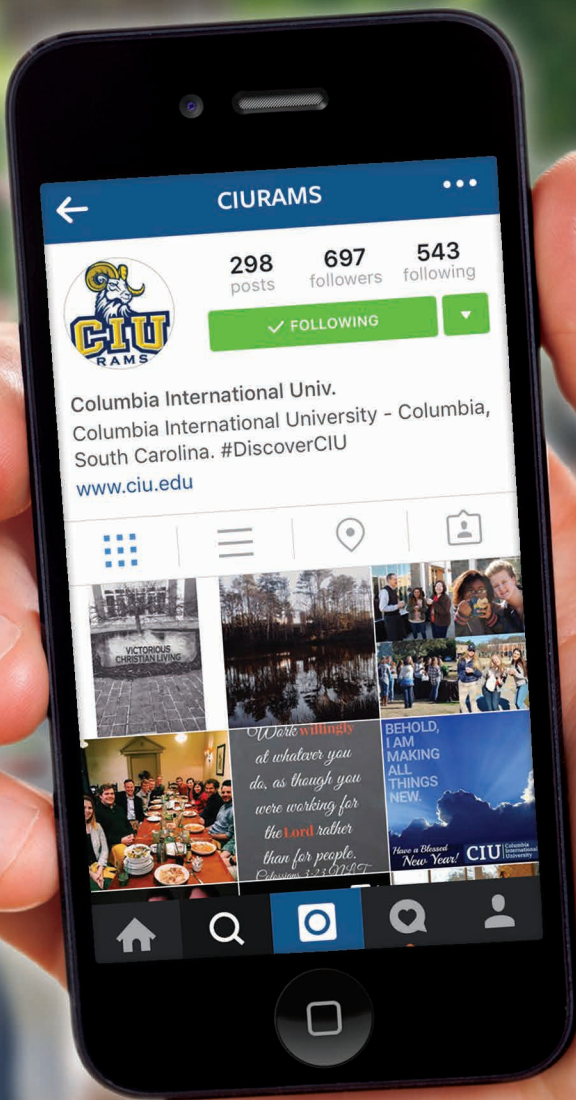
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ALUMNI

Homecoming 2015 Review: The Anchor Still Holds

By Melissa McCutchan and Michael A. Lanier
CIU student writers

November is a busy time at Columbia International University; exams are looming, the holidays are coming, and for one exciting weekend, alumni return to CIU's campus for the annual Homecoming celebration.

Homecoming 2015 festivities took place on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7, with the theme "Anchored: Appreciate the Past, Anticipate the Future."



▲ (Left to right) Scotti ('66) and Bob Hammond ('66) and Don Sarazen ('92) chat with sophomore Nassar Najjar.



Current students, faculty, and alumni gathered for the Alumni of the Year Chapel on Friday, which honored Dr. David Chow ('75). Chow serves as the president of Ambassadors for Christ, a ministry that reaches out to

Chinese intellectuals and Chinese students who are studying abroad. The Alumni Association also awarded Alumni of the Year honors to Chow's late father, The Rev. Moses Chow ('58), posthumously.

"I believe the Lord wanted to use this [award] as a milestone of encouragement to me, to end well and to end strong," Chow said.

Chow also spoke at the annual President's Banquet that evening, where he emphasized the importance of evangelizing Chinese students studying abroad in the United States and mobilizing them to take the gospel back to China.

"The [Chinese] people have found God (in the United States), and they go back [to China] with a sense of purpose: 'To Know Him and to Make Him Known,'" Chow said reciting CIU's motto.

Reflecting on his CIU experience, Chow said that he is "forever grateful to God and indebted to CIU for the life-transforming education I received as a student here."

Current students made an effort to be very involved in Homecoming, attending several events including the yearly speed meeting with alumni. The students learned as much as they could about CIU's past from each alumnus in one-on-one interactions lasting only a few minutes. In turn, the students shared their plans for the future.

Friday, alumni had the opportunity to sit in on classes and even reunite with their professors. "I enjoyed attending a class I took as a student and meeting current students," said John Sellers ('87).

On Saturday, alumni were treated to two athletic events. The first was men's soccer. The Rams lost a tough one to Chowan University 3-2 as the seniors, who made history in CIU's first-ever intercollegiate athletic event four years ago, played their final game. (See page 22.) The second athletic event was the legendary intramural North/South game, now more commonly referred to as the CIU Bowl. The South won 8-6.

So, while the anchor of God holds at CIU, some aspects of CIU life remain rooted in the past, while changes bring anticipation of the future.

"I've been coming (to Homecoming) ever since I finished in '99," alumna Luadell Edmond said. "I enjoy coming to see the changes and the people." ■

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Homecoming 2016 November 4-5



CIU HOMECOMING 2015

ANCHORED

APPRECIATE THE PAST  ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE

Homecoming in Photos

Over 500 alumni and guests celebrated the theme:

Anchored: Appreciate the Past, Anticipate the Future.

Smiling faces and a variety of events made for a memorable weekend, Nov. 6-7, 2015. See more photos and video from Homecoming at ciu.edu/homecoming.

- 1 Rams fan trying to start The Wave
- 2 Watching the fireworks from Pine View Apartments
- 3 Class of 1965 and spouses
- 4 The CIU Players perform Alice In Wonderland for the alumni and community
- 5 Dennis ('12) and Evangeline Chow with Bill and Debby Jones
- 6 Alumni reconnecting after many years
- 7 Nathan '04-'07 and Melody '05 Aylestock and family
- 8 Learning Corn Hole etiquette
- 9 Future CIU Ram with soccer player Taylor Endicott
- 10 Alumni and their families hang out at the student center on Saturday
- 11 David Chow ('75) and Robertson McQuilkin ('47) at the President's Banquet
- 12 Class of 1975 Reunion

(Photos by Elizabeth St. Amand and Laura Bebber)





ALUMNI Class Notes

Dian Frew Bagley ('59) In 1950, Dian dated a man named George Bagley when she was a student at Houghton College in New York. But they split up after the Lord led Dian in a different direction which included graduate work at Columbia Bible College in 1959, marriage to John Kautz, and a career as an elementary school teacher. After her husband died, she moved to Pennsylvania and discovered that 62 years after dating George, they lived just 20 miles apart. A few months later, they were married on Dec. 13, 2014. They are very thankful for the way that the Lord has worked in their lives and has now brought them together. They reside in Woodcrest Villa Retirement Facility in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. dianfkb@icloud.com

Robert ('62) and Noreen Dawkins ('62) Vajko served as church planters under The Evangelical Alliance Mission in France from 1965-1994 and then taught at the Adelaide College of Ministries in Australia from 1996-2003. From 2004 to present, they have served as church planting consultants under TEAM on special assignment. bobvajko@gmail.com

Linda Garren ('69) was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in June of 2014 and moved to a retirement community. She moderates an informal thread on Christianity at the website of the National Parkinson Foundation forum, which she has found gratifying, and at times, very challenging. The thread is visited by both Christians and non-Christians/seekers. She is very grateful for this unique opportunity to share Christ. lgarren@jhmi.edu

John ('70) and Mollie Harmon are celebrating 43 years in missions. The first 28 were with Wycliffe Bible Translators where John served with JAARS Aviation in Brazil, and Mollie served as a nurse in a remote jungle location. They returned to the United States where John was the CFO of JAARS. Their second missions assignment was with Greater Europe Mission where they set up a multi-ministry finance office. Since 2005 they have been with Mission to the World (PCA), specializing in accounting and finance operations. They are enjoying their eight grandchildren and praise God that they are all in families who worship our Savior. jc9harmon@gmail.com

William "Smith" ('77) and Cheryl Hannum ('77) Cutter served for six years as missionaries in Peru then moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Cheryl retired after 18 years as the office administrator of their church, Hixson Presbyterian, PCA, and William retired after 19 years with the Chattanooga Police Department. After a 15-month assignment as missionaries in Mexico, they now reside in Chattanooga and enjoy being with their kids and grandkids, and involved in ministry at their church. cutterhouse76@gmail.com

Larry ('77) and Janet Weidman retired from WGRC-FM Radio, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, which they operated since 1988. They moved to Cumming, Georgia to be closer to their daughter, Krista Curcio ('96), and her family. Although "retired," Larry is

now a certified tennis instructor teaching "winning strategies for tennis and life." He also serves as the part-time audio/visual tech coordinator for First Baptist Church, Cumming, Georgia. connect2larryweidman@gmail.com

Bill ('81) and Jenny Shattuck ¹ are the founders and directors of Whispering Cove Retreat in Sylvia, North Carolina. It offers healing, restoration and spiritual renewal for those in full-time Christian ministry. www.whisperingcove.org

Andrew ('84) and Anne Lamb live in Orange Park, Florida where Andrew serves as the vice president of emerging opportunities and global distribution for Third Millennium Ministries bringing free theological and biblical education to the world in various languages and on every technological platform. alamb@ThirdMill.org

Stewart ('84) and Janice McCarter ² After serving four churches over 37 years, Stewart is seeking God's will for the next phase of his life. Their two daughters are married to pastors/missionaries and their son is in his third year of college. They have two grandchildren, Annabelle and Kian, with one more on the way! smccarter2159@gmail.com

Ronnie ('85) and Patti Hodge ('91) Wilson married on Dec. 22, 2015. Patti teaches sixth grade at a private school, and Ronnie directs the organization People I Love, acting as a consultant for ministries and businesses, some of whom he has served for over 30 years. ronnie@peopleilove.com

Carlton ('86) and Shannon Cross ('86) Deal have been missionaries in Europe since 1992, first in France, and then for the last 11 years in Brussels, Belgium where they planted a church called The Well which meets in five areas of the city. In addition, Carlton founded Serve the City, a charity that mobilizes volunteers from within and outside the church to serve the poor. He also coordinates the European Prayer Breakfast at the European Parliament in Brussels, seeking to encourage and support political leaders as they follow Jesus. Shannon engages in Bible teaching, and published a book titled, "Rest: Living Sabbath Every Day." shannoncdeal@gmail.com

Jeri Both ('86) and Roger Valentine live in Wellington, Ohio where Jeri recently retired from a pediatric physical therapy career. They have two children, Kate and Nathan, and two grandsons, Alexander and Nikolai. They recently travelled to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip helping Solid Rock International with medical clinics and new hospital construction. jeribok55@hotmail.com

Joe ('87) and Ann ('07) Lyle have been serving as English teachers at Christ's College since 1991 and would love to have some other CIU alumni join them. joannlyle@yahoo.com

Stefan ('88) and Heidi Konig ³ recently moved to the Muskoka area of Ontario, Canada to work for a kitchen manufacturer in design and sales. They also opened a ministry retreat center for burned-out Christian leaders. Heidi is getting her training and credentials as a spiritual director, and Stefan is managing their 55-acre property for ministry retreats. www.kingfishercrossing.weebly.com

Steve ('90) and Phyllis Dickey ⁴ After serving as a pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention for over 20 years, Steve was ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in August 2014. He serves as the associate pastor at Clemson Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina and on the Administration Committee of Calvary Presbytery and on the board of the PCA Foundation. His wife of 36 years, Phyllis, serves as the parish administrator of Grace Episcopal Church in Anderson, South Carolina. Steve and Phyllis enjoy time with their grown children and their spouses, as well as their five grandchildren. steve.dickey@clemsonpres.org

Craig ('94) and Anne Jones served as church planting missionaries in Bosnia and Northwest Indiana for several years. Today, Craig is a special education teacher in Lowell, Indiana and an adjunct professor at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. They have five children: Andrew, Meredith, Delaney, Mackenzie and Spencer. Craig.jones@moody.edu

Jonathan ('98) and Julie Reibsamen live in St. Louis. In April of 2015 he received a Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University (SLU). He is employed as the project manager for the Happiness and Well-Being Project at SLU. They have two children, Evalia who is four years old and Ethan who is two. A third child is on schedule to be born early this year. jreibsamen@gmail.com

Bernie and Kari Cope ('03) Ochoa ⁵ live in Columbia, South Carolina where Kari is a fifth grade teacher at Center for

Knowledge in Richland School District Two and Bernie serves in the military. kochoa@richland2.org

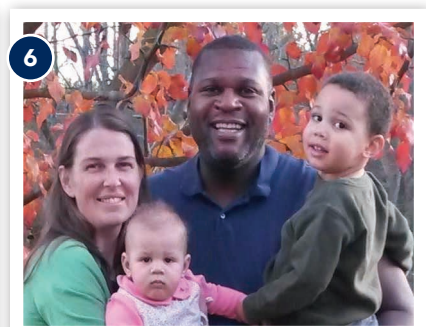
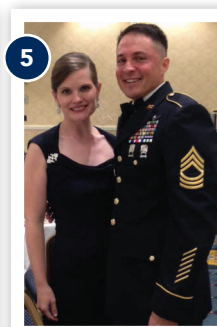
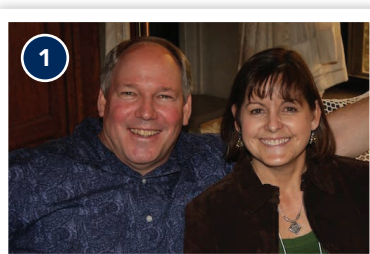
Sean and Mary Somerville ('03) McAfee ⁶ continue to serve God in Rutherford County, North Carolina; Sean as a youth advocate for Youth Empowerment, Inc. and Mary as an instructor of future missionary kids at the Center for Intercultural Training. They welcomed Audrey Camille into their family in May. Big brother Ian is in love! mcafeeville@gmail.com

Ben ('06) and Heather Skelton ⁷ are stationed at Los Angeles Air Force Base where Ben was recently selected for Active Duty Air Force after serving over 11 years in the Guard and Reserve. They welcomed their first child Curtis James on Oct. 19, 2015. Chaplain.Skelton@gmil.com

Marissa Burt ('06) is happy to announce the publication of her novel for middle school students, "A Sliver of Stardust," published by Harper Collins Children's books in October 2015. Marissa lives in the Seattle area with her husband, Aaron Burt ('10), who is the rector of Advent Anglican, and their three sons: Griffin, Elijah and Ransom. marissa.burt@gmail.com

Chris ('08) and Julianne Wolfe ('07) Kanyugi ⁸ welcomed Halle and Hazel into their family in September 2015. Ella loves being a big sister. chriskanyugi@hotmail.com

Brandon ('09) and Liz Roth ('09) Mason ⁹ live in Hershey, Pennsylvania at the Milton Hershey School where Brandon is a home life administrator overseeing 10 student homes, 22 house parents and 120 students in grades 9th-11th. He is also pursuing a master's degree from Kansas State University in Family Studies & Human Services with a specialization in Youth Development. Liz works part time in the Communications Department at the school, providing public tours. They welcomed Sadie Marie Mason into their family on June 1, 2015. eroth.mason@gmail.com



ALUMNI Class Notes

Daniel Stevanus ('09) moved to Long Island, New York after graduating from CIU where he served as a middle school youth pastor for five years. In November 2014, he followed God's leading to move back to South Carolina to be the middle school coordinator at Mt. Horeb United Methodist in Lexington. dantheitalianman@gmail.com

Tim Jones ('10/'13) and Nazia Jones are the proud parents of David Aslam Jones, born June 19, 2015. Tim is a youth pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Lexington, South Carolina and Nazia is a pediatrician at Carolina Pediatrics.
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James Lewis ('15) began clinical pastoral education at Palmetto Health Baptist Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He was ordained into ministry on September 13, 2015 by The Reverend Christopher Waters at Thankful Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia.
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With The Lord

Laura Gordon Williams '42 – October 2015
Ruth Rhymer Hegler '44 – December 2015
Lucille Burdick Kemper '44 – October 2015
Sarah Rowlett Lewis '45 – February 2015
Douglas Cather '46 – September 2015
E. Jocelyn Gordon '46 – December 2015
Mary Irwin Gordon '47 – October 2015
Archie Davis '51 – August 2015
Lorraine Gienko McWilliams '55 – November 2015
Guy "Gene" Bell '61 – September 2015
Joan Givens '62 – November 2015
George Simon '62 – March 2015
Richard Milroy '68 – October 2015
Stuart Baliles '68/'72 – December 2015
Allan Vivona '70 – August 2015
Rachel Engel '74 – October 2015
Franky Noell '77 – November 2015
Hedy Jones '81 – November 2015
Michael Morgan '92 – September 2015
Gladys Friesen, wife of Jerry Friesen
 (Former Faculty) – August 2015

CIU Alumni Celebrate with SAM

South America Mission (SAM) celebrated 100 years of God's faithfulness by gathering in Panama from Sept. 21-26, 2015. Over 300 people enjoyed worship, teaching, and lots of fellowship. In attendance were current missionary families, home office staff, board members, national partners, and guests.

CIU Alumni in attendance included: **William Ogden ('68), Laura Norwood Ogden ('68), David Simmons ('71), Domna Colepaugh ('82), Dan Snyder ('00), Jonathan Howard ('05), Dana Wilson ('06)**. A featured speaker was author **Philip Yancey ('70) and his wife Janet Norwood Yancey ('70)**. Other SAM missionaries who have taken courses at CIU include: Gertrude "Trudy" Seng, Marilyn Simmons, and Danielle Potter.



Evangelical Theologians Meet

CIU alumni, current students, and faculty met with 400 educators from 70 nations in Antalya, Turkey Nov. 5-11, 2015 for the triennial consultation of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). Those associated with CIU include:

Frew Tamrat ('13), Vladimir Degtyarov ('01), Ralph Enlow ('72/'82), Traugott Hopp (Faculty), Bernhardt Ott (Faculty), Yohanna Oliveira ('10), Jason Ferenczi ('12), Eric McCauley (Ph.D. candidate), Renata Hanscamp ('93), Paul Sywulka ('61), Shirl Schiffman ('94/Faculty), Sue Ferris (wife of Bob Ferris), Joachim Pomrehn (Ph.D. candidate), Robert Ferris (Former Faculty). Attended but not in the photo: **Paul Bowers ('63), Hans-Peter Rüegg ('01), Johann Vanderbijl ('97), and Paul Penley ('01)**.



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THE FINAL WORD

Terrorism: How should the Church respond?

ISIS. Only simple letters, yet they immediately produce mental images of brutal savagery that cause many to want to retaliate not only against ISIS but against all Muslims. Is that how the Church should respond?

The prophet Jonah faced similar emotions and attitudes in his day. God commanded him to preach to Nineveh, capital of the feared Assyrians. They notoriously tortured their enemies when they conquered them, and they were becoming more aggressive and powerful all the time. Jonah ran from his assignment preferring to let God's judgment fall on Nineveh. He would have rather died than take the Good News to those people. Yet God's compassion was greater than Jonah's hatred, and once Jonah's heart was changed in the belly of the great fish, he preached and Nineveh repented.

Yes, ISIS and other terrorists cause us great concern. We want to protect ourselves and our loved ones. Desiring protection from harm is not just normal; it's biblical. That is exactly the role God has assigned to government. Consider 1 Peter 2:13-14. *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.* So God clearly tells us that government is called to protect us. But what is the responsibility of the Church?

Our fleshly desire may be like that of Jonah, to just let God's judgment fall on the Islamic world. God, however, calls the Church to be radical. Believers must respond by taking the gospel to the Muslim world. We must spread the message of God's love and forgiveness to those who consider us their enemy. We forget that we, too, were once enemies of God. Romans 5:8, 10 reminds us of that truth. *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us ... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

If Christ so loved us, then we need to love others with the same sacrificial love. On the wall of Memorial Residence Hall hang plaques in memory of six CIU alumni who gave their lives for the sake of the gospel; a gospel meant to be shared with every tribe, tongue and nation, including the Muslim world.

CIU has a passion for Muslims. In addition to our M.A. degree in Muslim Studies, we house the Zwemer Center, which provides research, training and resources to effectively minister to Muslims. Discover how you can reach out to the Muslims you meet at www.ciu.edu/zwemercenter.

When the newscasts and headlines arouse strong feelings of ill-will toward others, remember that ultimately the Church's responsibility is not to defeat terrorism, but to boldly proclaim the gospel of Christ.

May God continue to raise up men and women dedicated to proclaim Jesus Christ – even to ISIS!!

Yours for His glory,



William H. Jones
President

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