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Alumni News

Class Notes from Alumni of Moody Bible Institute



SPRING BREAK 2013

Students Go Global with God's Word





Dear friends,

If you're like me, you look back on your time at Moody with fondness. It's a time when you may have formed friendships and developed ministry partnerships that still endure.

Knowing that God gave each of us spiritual gifts to use in ministry with the body of Christ, Moody follows this example.

Together we prepare students for ministry, produce biblical media content, and pray for God's continued blessing and direction. Let's remember to pray for the Class of 2013 as they enter a new chapter in their lives, going wherever God has called them around the world.

This issue features stories about several alumni and students who partner together for the sake of the gospel and for greater spiritual impact. For example, Moody students and leaders served together in global ministries over spring break. Pastor Mark Jobe's multi-site church includes many alumni and students serving in diverse Chicago locations. And we rejoice that hundreds of alumni attended Founder's Week, including several members of one extended family who celebrated an unexpected reunion! For more on that story, see page 15.

We're so thankful for your partnership with Moody.

Serving Christ together,

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings
Executive Director, Moody Alumni Association

P.S. Save the date now and plan to join other Moody alumni and friends for Moody's Israel trip, June 11–22, 2014. See page 19 for details.

On the cover (clockwise from top left):
Students help with construction work at Matthew's House Rescue Mission in Naples, Florida; Kalyn Branch tutors a first-grade boy in English in Buriram Province, Thailand; the Men's Collegiate Choir performed in churches in Nevada, California, and Arizona; Hanna Barkman plays games during VBS with children in Manila, Philippines.

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In Memory of Micah Stinchfield



Moody Bible Institute held a special President's chapel on January 29 to remember the life of freshman Micah Stinchfield. He died on Saturday, January 26, in a swimming pool-related accident at the Solheim Center, the athletic facility on Moody's Chicago campus. Moody students and employees as well as Micah's parents, Scott and Leslie Stinchfield, and his siblings were comforted during the chapel service, which included a message by Moody president Paul Nyquist and special music by the Moody Symphonic Band and other groups.

"This loss of the life of a gifted student whose desire was to serve the Lord comes as a shock to all of us," says Dr. Nyquist. "Our hearts deeply grieve with the Stinchfield family and those who knew and loved Micah. We call upon our God to bring comfort to this family and to our community as we grapple with such a devastating loss."

Micah, who was nearly 19, was working toward a degree in music, majoring in violin performance, and had recently

completed a brief winter concert tour with the Moody Symphonic Band.

"Micah Stinchfield was an exceptional musician," says Dr. David Gauger, director of the Moody Symphonic Band. "Although only here for one semester, he had an extraordinary impact on the Symphonic Band and music department. He had a heart for ministry and was always making music—if not with his violin, then on the piano or even the recorder, usually with a healthy dose of laughter. The beauty of his music, his love for people, the excellence of his character, and his bright smile will be greatly missed."

A student who had accompanied Micah on tour testified about his friend during chapel: "He was one of the kindest, most genuine people I've ever known."

More than 30 Moody students were able to travel to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, for Micah's funeral on February 2, thanks to an outpouring of funds provided by the community in Micah's hometown. Those students, in turn, ministered to the community with heartfelt thanks.

Distinguished Service Award: Stephen and Phyllis Weilandt



(l to r): Jayanthi Benjamin '02, Benjamin Chelladurai '02, Stephen '59 and Phyllis (Peters '59) Weilandt, and Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Stephen and Phyllis (Peters '59) Weilandt** by **Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings, Benjamin Chelladurai '02,** and **Jayanthi Benjamin '02** in the morning service of the Howardsville Gospel Church in Marcellus, Michigan, on November 25, 2012.

The Weilandts served in a variety of ministries during their 40 years of missionary service in Africa, including establishing and overseeing an aviation program, working as Field Director of Africa Evangelical Fellowship for Zambia, and serving as pioneer missionaries on a one-man station in the African bush.

Founder's Week 2013 Spiritually Enriches Thousands

More than 23,000 Moody alumni, students, and friends were spiritually refreshed and challenged by the biblical teaching and corporate worship at Moody Bible Institute's 112th annual Founder's Week in Chicago on February 4–8. More than 63,000 people from 70 countries viewed the conference online.

Stephen followed his parents' footsteps to study at Moody, graduating from the Moody Missionary Aviation Course in 1959. His high school sweetheart, Phyllis Peters, graduated from the Missionary/Christian Education of Youth course the same year. After graduation, Stephen and Phyllis married and served at a church in Illinois for three years while Stephen also worked at the Palwaukee Airport. God gave them two sons, Steve and Jonnie, before they left for Africa. Two weeks after arriving in Zambia, tragedy struck when young Jonnie was run over and killed. One year after that difficult loss, God gave them a third son, Rich.

They learned valuable lessons in ministry effectiveness through their close relationships with the local people. "I have learned that absolutely nothing done in the flesh has eternal value," says Stephen. "The use of time and resources is extremely important; use them wisely under God's direction and they become a blessing."

Since their retirement in 2003, the Weilandts have returned to Zambia every two years with teams to do projects.

Respected Bible teachers and preachers, including Tony Evans, **James Ford '84,** **Mark Jobe '84,** Erwin Lutzer, John MacArthur, James MacDonald, Paul Nyquist, David Platt, Phil Ryken, and others, gave spiritually challenging messages based on the theme "Knowing Christ." Worship was led by Shane and



(l to r): Dr. Paul Nyquist, Bob Gunn '62, Mary (Bower '62) Gunn, Alumna of the Year, and Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings

Shane, Meredith Andrews, **Charles '81** and **Donna (Baskett '81) Butler,** and **Tim Stafford B.A. '01.** Moody's four student music ensembles also performed.

Awards Presented at Founder's Week

On Alumni Day, Tuesday, February 5, the Alumna of the Year Award was presented to **Mary (Bower '62) Gunn,** who has served the Lord with her husband, **Bob '62,** as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Columbia and Panama. After 18 years, Mary and her family presented the first Buglere New Testament to believers of Rio Luis, Panama, in 1988. They developed a hymnal recently and continue to serve the church in Panama City.

Senior Richard "Ben" Carr received a \$500 scholarship from the Student Council. Ben plans to work in Bible translation, just as the Gunns have.



Dr. John Koessler, recipient of the Faculty Citation Award

Dr. John Koessler received the Faculty Citation Award for his ministry as a pastor, author, speaker, and professor at Moody Bible Institute. Nominated by his peers and selected by an Alumni Association committee, Dr. Koessler has served on Moody's faculty since 1994 and as department chair since 2001.

On February 7, three students were presented with the 2013 Jerry B. Jenkins Writer Award for their outstanding nonfiction narratives. Out of more than 60 entries, first place went to Christine Mann, senior TESOL major, for her essay "Sanctification through Sorrow and Sickness." Emily McGrath, a ministry to victims of sexual exploitation major, won second place for her essay "Red Light, Green Light." Holden Maschari, freshman communications major, won third prize for his essay "The Power of Powder." To read the stories, visit www.moodyministries.net/news and click on February 7, 2013.

MBI-Spokane Founder's Conference

Moody Bible Institute–Spokane held its third annual Founder's Conference February 24 and 25. Scott M. Gibson, the Haddon W. Robinson professor of Preaching and Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, spoke during all three sessions. Patrick Ryan Clark, recording artist with Word Records, led music. If you missed any of this year's sessions, please visit www.foundersweek.org to watch sessions online.

If you would like to purchase CDs or MP3s of Founder's Week conference sessions, you may do so at www.foundersweek.org. To see photos from the 24 class reunions and Founder's Week, visit www.moody.edu/ alumni and click on the Facebook icon.

Students Serve During Spring Break

Nearly 250 students spent spring break ministering to people in the U.S. and abroad on 13 Moody ministry trips. From March 8–24, students served in Florida, Oklahoma, the Czech Republic, England, Ethiopia, Haiti, Utah, the Philippines, and Thailand. Moody's four music ensembles—Chorale, Men's Collegiate Choir, Symphonic Band, and Women's Concert Choir—traveled in various states in the U.S., performing in more than 50 churches.

Students gained cultural and ministry experience as they led worship services, taught vacation Bible school, evangelized youth in juvenile detention centers, sang, performed skits, ran sports clinics, taught English, and more.

Daniel Dunn, the men's basketball coach, accompanied 20 student athletes to Ethiopia, where they played basketball games, hosted basketball clinics, and visited school classrooms. They answered questions at every stop and shared testimonies. "Through sport, the Ethiopian evangelical church is able to bring people together, develop relationships, and talk to people about

Jesus," he says. "Every other avenue is rebuffed by the orthodox church and by Muslims."

During her trip to Thailand with 10 other Moody students, Kelly Belcher, a sophomore majoring in applied linguistics, worked with a ministry reaching out to those trapped in prostitution and human trafficking. Kelly says she was impacted most by the nearness of the Lord. "The duration of the trip was very challenging in many ways—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—yet He was there, in the midst of it all. His very personal care of us is always astounding and turns our faces to Him in worship."

Northwest England was the destination for a team of eight students, who led Sunday worship services and worked with youth and adults at Formby Baptist Church. During this year's trip, the tenth for Moody, Chad Mower, a sophomore majoring in pastoral studies, enjoyed preaching at a Sunday service and applying what he'd learned at Moody, "but the people were the best part of the trip," he says. "I loved being

able to minister to them and to share the love of Christ with them. When we love others horizontally, properly, our vertical love for God is visible."

Moody's Oklahoma team celebrated 35 years of sending teams to minister in southeast Oklahoma. Janelle Hoyt was among eight students who served with Native American Bible Ministries, counseled middle- and high-school students at Bertram Bobb Bible Camp's spring retreat, and led a service at a Choctaw Indian church. "It was a powerful blessing to see the faithfulness of God through the trip and in the lives of everyone it touched," Janelle says. "It gives me hope and anticipation to see what God will do with my life as I remain faithful to Him."

Naomi Sine, a junior children's ministry major who also traveled to Oklahoma,



Students Christina Krahling and Naomi Sime model Christ's love to a child at Cedar Baptist Church in Oklahoma.

agrees. "I learned so much about ministry in a rural environment and how the body of Christ is united, no matter how small the church or how varied the people. I was encouraged to see how much believers need each other, especially when we complement each other with our differences!"

Alumni Giving and Scholarships

Giving is vitally important for funding scholarships and endowments at Moody, including educational scholarships for Moody students and travel funds for faculty.

Each year the Alumni Board of Directors chooses three students from the Undergraduate School junior class and two students from Moody Theological Seminary to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship recipients are determined on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, Christian character, extracurricular activities, and other criteria. The 2013 undergraduate recipients are Chelsea Buchwalter, Donald Faber, and Caleb Watson. The seminary recipients are Shane Deane and Aaron Tubbs.

The Faculty Endowment Travel Fund supports faculty who minister overseas. This year **Kyeong-Sook Park ASP '83** will go to Turkey, **Bob MacRae '75** will go to the Czech Republic, **Ian Kerrigan B.S. '04** will go to Nairobi, Kenya, and possibly Ethiopia, and **Kirk Baker '06** will go to India and Dubai, UAE.

On February 5, Alumni Day of Founder's Week, Nancy Hastings thanked the 3,869 alumni who gave more than \$6 million to Moody in 2012. The Class of '57 was also praised for their generosity in raising over \$64,000 for scholarships to train new generations of students for ministry.

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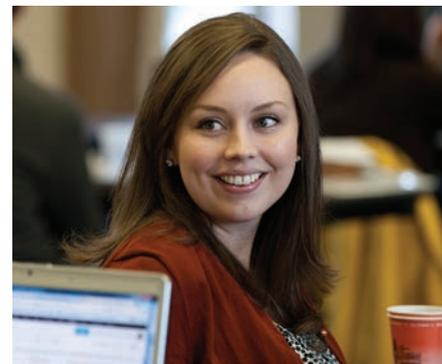
Children with VBS diplomas gather around freshman Andrew Pak in Manila, Philippines.

A Look at Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan

Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan is located in Plymouth, Michigan, an inviting community between Ann Arbor and Detroit. About 150 students attend the seminary each year to strengthen their biblical expertise and enrich their skills in ministry leadership. Students can choose from a Master of Divinity, a Master of Theological Studies, or a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology. Or they can earn a Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies. Because degree programs are subject to change, look for graduate program updates on Moody’s website at www.moody.edu.



Students enjoy community at MTS–Michigan.



MTS–Michigan offers three graduate degrees and holds many evening classes.

Students and alumni use their MTS training to serve Christ far and wide. Ministries include counseling in local Michigan clinics, translating the Bible in Papua New Guinea, church planting in St. Vincent in the Caribbean, training pastors in Kenya, ministering in house churches in China, teaching sexual abstinence until marriage in the U.S., as well as serving in many other capacities.

A close-knit student community

“The body of Christ is intimate, and we are very intimate given that we are

a smaller school,” says Eric Mockaitis, a part-time admissions counselor who will graduate with his M.Div. in December 2013. The strong sense of community is fostered by small class sizes, group projects, outreach events, prayer meetings, and Bible studies. Nine times a semester, the student leadership team prepares hot meals before chapel, creating a regular opportunity for fellowship. Students also enjoy hanging out in the park, grabbing coffee, dining, and shopping in nearby downtown Plymouth.

Expert professors and training

The seven full-time professors at MTS–Michigan hold a total of 30 academic degrees. Dr. J. Brian Tucker, Associate Professor of New Testament, was recently named an Honorary Research Fellow at the School of Theology, Religious Studies and Islamic Studies at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David. The first American to receive this honor, Dr. Tucker will collaborate with the university on research projects, books, and seminars. “This appointment impacts my ministry at MTS–Michigan by allowing me to

continue to keep current in the areas in which I teach and to reflect on theology in a more global context,” he says.

MTS professors motivate students with not just knowledge but spiritual zeal. “I try to get our students to think about their spiritual journey and the ways their past can bring a specific missional focus, one that is unique to each of them,” says Dr. Tucker.

Dr. Eric Moore, Assistant Professor and Chair of Pastoral Ministries, agrees. “While teaching in the seminary allows me to stay academically abreast of the latest research and current trends in ministry, my main goal is to impact students’ lives,” says Dr. Moore, who had an article published in the February 2013 online issue of *Leadership Journal*. Students say he brings a pastor’s heart to his teaching, which they hope to duplicate.

MTS–Michigan is passionate about serving pastors, just like Moody in Chicago is. On May 10, MTS–Michigan



Dr. Eric Moore, Assistant Professor and Chair of Pastoral Ministries

held a free daylong conference to equip local church leaders with leadership training, featuring Moody’s 1985 Alumnus of the Year, pastor, author, and speaker Dr. **Gene Getz '52**. The pastors also received Logos Bible Institute software training. Moody Bible Institute held its annual re|FOCUS Pastors’ Conference May 20–23.



Nearby downtown Plymouth offers an optimal setting for fellowship and recreation.

Moody Radio Milestones and Awards

God has been faithful to Moody Radio since its inception in 1925. The past several months have been no exception as Moody Radio has celebrated several milestones in 2013.

urbanpraise

Urban Praise. Just one year since its launch, Urban Praise, a 24/7 Moody Radio Internet station, has reached the mark of one million listening hours. Its impressive growth of 362% in one year makes it the fastest growing of Moody Radio's 19 Internet stations.

Radio Program of the Year. Moody Radio received the 2013 Radio Program of the Year Award from the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) for the One Cry Prayer Summit, a four-part series originally broadcast in May 2012. An unprecedented 461 broadcast outlets carried the event.



"The One Cry Prayer Summit encouraged the local church to come before the Lord in prayer," says Collin Lambert, vice president of Moody Radio. "It was a powerful, deeply moving time of the body of Christ coming together in prayer and

worship." The award was officially presented to Moody Radio on March 5, 2013, at the NRB Convention and Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee. The One Cry Prayer Summit coincides with the National Day of Prayer and was held this year on May 2, 2013.

Best Newscast. Moody Radio Chicago won second place in the "Best Newscast" category for the Illinois Associated Press Broadcasters Association's annual Journalism Excellence Contest. Previously, Moody Radio Chicago took first place in 2002, 2003, and 2006, and second place in 1999, 2000, 2011, and now 2012. Moody Radio Chicago

station manager **Roy Patterson '81** praised the Moody Radio Chicago news team for their excellent work. "Dave Mitchell and **Monte Larrick '81** work hard to report news that will bring awareness and compassionate insight."

Service Anniversaries. Three Moody Radio stations celebrated service anniversaries this year: Moody Radio Indiana has been broadcasting for 15 years, Moody Radio South for 25 years, and Moody Radio Southeast for 40 years.

Learn more about these recent milestones at Moody Radio by visiting www.moodyradio.org/news.



New Radio Programs and Initiatives

In a continuing effort to reach listeners with solid biblical insight, Moody Radio has introduced three new Saturday morning programs that can be heard on many Moody Radio stations as well as live online. In addition, a new global initiative to train professionals in Christian media will take place June 18–21 in Ghana, West Africa.



Open Line. This live, two-hour program invites listeners to call in with questions about the Bible, theology, or spiritual life. It is hosted by Dr. **Michael Rydell**

'77, B.A. '78, Moody professor of Jewish Studies and son of a Holocaust survivor. He regularly leads trips to Israel and is the author of such books as *Arab Israeli Conflict* and *The Messianic Hope*.



Law Talk Live. Renowned attorney/author David Gibbs III engages listeners in lively discussions about cutting-edge legal issues and controversies in this

live, one-hour program. Gibbs makes complex legal issues understandable and interesting for the layperson. Known for his work as the lead attorney in the Terri Schiavo case and author of *Fighting for Dear Life*, Gibbs is president of the National Center for Life and Liberty and general counsel at Gibbs Law Firm, P.A. and Homeschool Legal Advantage.



Up for Debate. Each week, guests holding divergent views join host Julie Roys for a lively, yet respectful and biblically-based debate about important issues

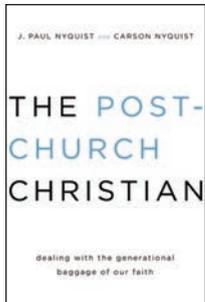
on which Christians disagree. Roys has become a trusted voice of biblical wisdom on Moody Radio, earning an audience through her weekly commentaries and as a frequent guest on *The Morning Ride*.

To listen to Moody's new radio programs online, go to www.moodyradio.org.



Global Partners Training. As a follow-up to the Global Partners Training that took place in Bulgaria in November 2012, Moody Radio is partnering with Theovision International to train Christian media professionals in Ghana, West Africa, June 18–21. Attendees will explore biblical programming, digital technology, radio production, management, marketing, social media, television, and more. For more information, contact gpt-ghana@theovision.org.

Nyquists' New Book Discusses Millennial Migration from Church



Why have so many millennials, those born between 1982 and 2000, walked away from the Church, and what can be done about it? Those questions are the subject of *The Post-Church*

Christian, a book written by Moody President Dr. Paul Nyquist and his millennial-age son, Carson.

This book, published by Moody Publishers, provides perspectives from two generations that often come from differing viewpoints. **Carson '10** expresses his generation's love for Jesus but disillusionment with the evangelical church, citing reasons such as judgmentalism, a lack of Christian liberty, and too little engagement with culture. In his response, Paul Nyquist points out the church's strong foundation and cautions against a complete departure from the church. With 10,000 baby boomers retiring every day, the church leadership will soon pass to the next

generation, he says. Nyquist then presents steps to help both generations move forward together.

Carson concludes the book by urging his generation to use the frustration they've experienced in the church as the inspiration for creating a renewed community of faith. He exhorts millennials to lead with creativity, innovation, and passion for Jesus. "We have been hurt, yet we need to get past the self-reflection and lead the church forward in a culture desperate for hope," he explains.

Both father and son held a panel discussion about the post-church Christian in Torrey-Gray Auditorium on Moody's Chicago campus on February 6 during Founder's Week. Other members of the panel included Ben Stewart, **Doni Alicea B.A. '04**, **Neal Anderson '05**, and **Bob MacRae '75**.

The Post-Church Christian is one of several books published by Moody's millennial generation publishing team. For more information about *The Post-Church Christian*, please visit www.postchurchchristian.com.

Moody Publishers' Recent Releases from Moody Professors

Thirty Days in the Land with Jesus by Charles H. Dyer

Unseduced and Unshaken by Rosalie de Rosset

Joy and Tears: The Emotional Life of the Christian by Gerald W. Peterman

The Surprising Grace of Disappointment by John M. Koessler

God as He Wants You to Know Him by Bill Thrasher

The Christian Life (set of three books) by George Sweeting and Donald Sweeting

You can find these books at your favorite online or local retailer, or visit www.moodypublishers.com.



Alumni Reception, Dinner, and Concert—Saturday, June 29

You are invited to attend an alumni reception, dinner, and concert on Saturday, June 29, during Moody Week at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, Michigan.

The reception begins at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a concert featuring The King's Brass at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$11.50 per person. The reception and concert are complimentary.

You can also stay for the whole week. Enjoy fellowship with alumni and friends, and hear biblical teaching from the book of Daniel. Speakers include Roy Patterson '81, station manager of Moody Radio Chicago, Dr. Michael Rydelnik '77, B.A. '78, Moody professor of Jewish Studies, and Dr. Michael Vanlaningham, Moody professor of Bible.

To RSVP for the alumni reception, dinner, and concert, call 312-329-4412, or e-mail mbialum@moody.edu. Visit www.vacationwithpurpose.com to register for the week.



The Power of Partnership: Mark Jobe



Mark Jobe's vision to replant a church on Chicago's southwest side nearly 30 years ago has blossomed from a handful of people to a multi-site congregation of more

than 5,000 meeting at 19 campuses with 33 weekend worship services.

As lead pastor of what today is New Life Community Church, **Mark Jobe B.A. '84, M.A. '98** developed his passion for urban ministry at Moody, where he had many opportunities to serve alongside peers, professors, and friends of Moody. Working with others has been a key practice that Jobe believes has contributed to the church's growth. Currently Jobe has 24 pastors on staff, 14 of which are Moody graduates.

"We are incredibly committed to work as a team, and together we believe that we can accomplish extraordinary things for the kingdom of God," says Jobe, whose entire pastoral team meets weekly to go over the passage they will preach on Sunday. "We function as one church that meets in multiple locations."

The multi-site model reduces the isolation and lack of support in single churches that can cause some pastors to leave the ministry, he says, and also allows the church to reach multiple cultures and languages. New Life's vision is to plant about 20 more churches in Chicago and 10 new churches in other major cities by the year 2020.

Jobe also involves Moody's next generation of leaders in ministry at New Life Community Church, where many students fulfill their Practical Christian Ministry assignments (PCMs), "doing

everything from worship to Sunday School to outreach," he says. Other students fulfill their PCMs at one of Jobe's six New Life Centers, which offer help to at-risk children and teenagers in the city. His own son Mark, a freshman at Moody, recently joined his dad during spring break to speak at a school's spiritual enrichment week in Ecuador.

"The beauty of being close to Moody is seeing the students launch into lifelong ministry and partnering with them in reaching the city," says **Asa App '86, '91**, pastor of New Life Portage Park. He and his wife **Elizabeth (Gardner '87)** planned to be missionaries overseas, but they soon realized that "the mission field is wherever God plants you."

The results of working together to plant churches and mentor youth can be seen in transformed lives. For example, **Matt DeMateo '03**, youth pastor of New Life Community Church in Little Village, directs the Urban Life Skills program matching Christian mentors with gang-involved youth in the juvenile justice system. "Since November 2007, we've mentored more than 300 youth," says DeMateo.

To seek God's transforming power in Chicago with the larger Christian community, Pastor Jobe joined two other Chicagoland pastors in Moody's Torrey-Gray Auditorium on April 12 for the "One City, One Gospel" worship event. Pastor **James Ford '84** of Christ Bible Church of Chicago and Colin Smith of The Orchard Evangelical Free Church helped lead the night of teaching, worship, and prayer. They asked God to unite believers with boldness and the power of the Gospel to bring an end to violence in the city.

A Legacy of Faithfulness

If you have attended Moody Bible Institute in the last 80 years, there is a good chance you crossed paths with a member of one family with an unbelievable web of alumni. **Maurice Peterson** graduated from Moody in 1930 and **Ione Reed** in 1935. Maurice married a woman named Lucille who just happened to be Ione's sister. There was a third Reed sister, **Marcellyn**, who was a 1941 graduate. And this is where the story gets interesting. The families of these three sisters have produced 23 Moody alums and one current student—28 Moody students in all.



Family reunites at Founder's Week

At Founder's Week in February of 2013, several members of this family connected for a mini, impromptu reunion. It was unplanned because they didn't know the others would be in attendance! **Ruth Hasenauer '63**, daughter of Maurice and Lucille, tells the story:

"I was there for my 50th reunion and was surprised to find that there were seven other members of my extended family attending the evening service at The Moody Church for Alumni Day! With text messages back and forth, we managed to get together after the service: cousins Margaret and Harold Baker (Moody Stewardship

representative), nephew **Jim Huhta '83** and wife Cathy, cousins **Nathan '07** and **Tricia (Boyle '01) McMillan**, and cousin Tommy McMillan, who is a present student. We shared together until the church's lights flashed on and off for us to leave. We discovered there were 28 family members who had attended or were attending Moody."

At least two members of this extended family have graduated in every decade since the 1930s—that's eight decades—and at least two more will have graduated by the end of the current decade. Over the years and generations, there have been 14 last names that have been part of this family through marriages. And the legacy doesn't stop there.

In true Moody fashion, this family has done gospel work. They've produced two pastors, two missionary doctors, and two missionary aviators. Twelve others engaged in missions in numerous countries and ministries. Three have gone into Christian education while others have served at Moody.

The story that started with three sisters in the 1930s is one of faithfulness. Foundationally, it is a picture of God's faithfulness to a family across decades and across the globe. It is also a powerful depiction of familial faithfulness to Jesus. Eighty-three years and 28 students serving the King is an amazing thread to trace. Alongside them, though, is the faithfulness of the ministry of Moody Bible Institute over the years as a place people turn to for biblical truth and training. We are thankful to God for his sustaining hand on this family and this ministry.

Bible Translators in Columbia Relying on God

During a course on exegetical methods, **Clay Strom '77** (Advanced Studies) remembers when one of his professors leaned on the podium to pose a question: “What if God took everything you had, and you had to rely just on Him alone?”

Clay never forgot the question, because he and his wife, **Bev (Brander '72)** (B.A. in Missionary Nursing '77), have faced many dangers over the last 31 years as Wycliffe Bible translators in Columbia, South America. “I wouldn’t trade any of it, because I learned so much about how faithful God is,” Clay says.

The Stroms arrived in a remote Columbian Amazon jungle village accessible only by aircraft or boat in 1982 and began learning the language of the Letuama/Tanimuka people and befriending them. Just three years later, guerrillas came looking to harm the American missionaries. By God’s grace, the Stroms were at the Wycliffe Mission Center in the plains at that time, but their house was burned and the chief urged them not to return. Reluctantly they stayed away for two-and-a-half years.

“At the time we saw it as a catastrophe, but we see how God was in it,” Bev says. The move allowed them to concentrate on producing literacy books in order to launch an education program and distribute scriptural materials in the Letuama/Tanimuka villages.

The Stroms also began recording the translated Word on audio cassette tapes, including a panorama of the Bible with Scripture passages, a salvation message, and songs. The tapes and hand-cranked tape players were distributed in isolated jungle villages beginning in 1989.



Bev and Clay Strom with El Alfarero Bible Institute graduates

In 1994 a colleague, Ray Rising, was kidnapped just outside the center where the Stroms worked. The Stroms’ prayers were raised to God continually until the missionary was released unharmed two years later. However, they grieved when five New Tribes missionaries were killed. Because of ongoing security concerns, the Stroms moved to the Wycliffe Center reestablished in the capital city of Bogota.

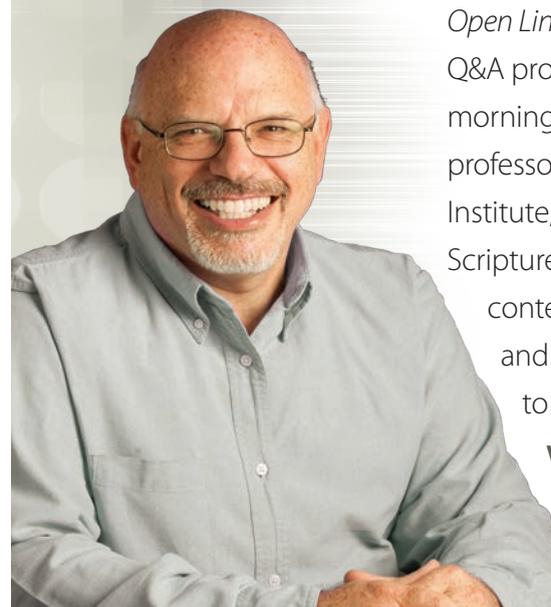
“Through that experience, we learned many lessons about surrendering our all to Him who knows all and can do anything. We know that when we feel helpless, He is never helpless,” says Bev. “He is the Almighty God.”

After the last of their three children graduated from high school in 2004, the Stroms moved permanently to Leticia, a Columbian town bordering Brazil and Peru. There they helped develop a Bible training program in 2006 to prepare national missionaries to reach their own people. They also produced Bible-related films and translated and recorded the Old Testament in a paraphrased story style. They are in the final stages of translating a partial New Testament (2013), and will publish a topical Scripture book and school dictionary in 2015.

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WITH DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK

Do you have Bible questions? Ask Dr. Michael Rydelnik, host of *Open Line*. *Open Line* is a weekly two-hour live Bible Q&A program that airs every Saturday morning on Moody Radio. Dr. Rydelnik, professor of Jewish Studies at Moody Bible Institute, provides answers straight from Scripture and brings additional historical context from his wealth of knowledge and experience. To listen online or to hear past programs, visit www.openlineradio.org.



See Dr. Rydelnik '77, B.A. '78, in person at this year’s Moody Week at the Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference in Muskegon, Michigan. (For details, see page 13.)



Caribbean Couple Answers the Call to Missions

They came to America in 2011 with two suitcases each to attend Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Originally from the Dutch Caribbean island of Curaçao, Ed and Luisette Kraal quit their jobs, gave away their furniture and car, and sold their house in response to God's call to serve in missions. Ed is a missions/pastoral major in the Undergraduate School and Luisette is pursuing a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation at Moody Theological Seminary.

Ed and Luisette are learning much from their professors. Ed is particularly inspired by his Christian Missions course with Dr. Tim Sisk. "His heart for missions is just wonderful to follow," he says.

Luisette has grown in her understanding of God's Word. "Professor Wong Loi Sing's way of opening the Bible by using hermeneutics is life-changing!" she says.

After coming to Christ as adults, the Kraals listened to Moody Radio online and studied Bibles from Moody Publishers. Over time, the Lord led them to prepare for missionary work. Through a mutual missionary friend, they were connected to Dr. Wong Loi Sing—also from Curaçao—who came to speak at their church and began guiding them through Moody's application process.

The Kraals founded Saved to Serve Ministries in Curaçao in 2005, and since then have been serving in the organization, which focuses on evangelism, leadership, and disciple-making. "One of our goals is to emphasize the importance of missions," says Ed. "After all, American missionaries brought the gospel



Ed and Luisette Kraal and daughter Johanna

to us. It is vital that we help pastors and churches understand from God's Word that the Great Commission is a call to missions."

After settling in at Moody, Ed and Luisette were able to arrange a trip with Dr. Sisk and other Moody students to serve with Abundance Grace Church in Curaçao. In the summer of 2012, they spent seven weeks evangelizing the local Hindu community and leading training conferences for pastors. They also served the Helping Hands ministry, holding Bible lessons for women and children. The Kraals will return to Curaçao this summer to encourage people who expressed a desire to become missionaries during their previous trip.

After they graduate in the spring of 2014, Ed and Luisette, along with their daughter Johanna, plan to use their training at Moody to plant churches, launch mentoring and discipleship programs, and teach the Bible in Latin countries. They also would like to help organize a mission board in the Caribbean region.



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Kelly Cornelisse B.A. '12 began serving in full-time ministry less than a month after graduating from Moody. She has been the youth director at Moline Christian Reformed Church in Michigan since June 2012. At Moody, through her involvement in ministry and her internship, Kelly was able to gain valuable experience in youth ministry. She served in the youth group at her church, Faith Christian Reformed; her internship was at Peace Reformed Church in Middleville, Michigan. She found it incredibly beneficial to supplement her classroom education with active ministry involvement.



Kelly
Cornelisse

Kelly realized her calling to youth ministry during her first year at Moody. She was not involved in ministry with youth during her first year and missed it greatly. Now she cannot imagine doing anything else.

As a youth director, Kelly finds it most rewarding to watch students come to Christ and grow in their faith. She loves to watch God change their lives. No matter how long her interaction is with her students, and whether or not she sees changes in them, Kelly believes God has brought them together for a reason. She is thankful for the time God gives her with them.

Last January, Kelly started her Master of Theological Studies program at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She believes one can never have too much education when it comes to working with teens. In her opinion, a youth worker's greatest mistake is underestimating the intelligence of young people. She hopes her master's degree will help her better serve the teens she is working with.

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Jordan Scott Taylor B.A. '12 works part time at Moody Radio Chicago while pursuing acting. His father was a stage director at his home church, and since childhood, Jordan has been in over 20 productions, allowing him to discover his love for theater at a young age.

His favorite production at Moody was *Godspell*, a musical performed and produced by Moody's traveling drama team, Ad Vivum. *Godspell* is based on the parables found in the *Gospel of Matthew*. The president of Ad Vivum, Jordan had the pleasure of being in the cast of the show and serving as the show's director. Ad Vivum performed *Godspell* during the 2011-2012 school year and toured throughout the Chicago area.

During his time at Moody, Jordan's perspective on acting completely changed. Through classes, discussions,



Jordan Taylor

and performances, he realized that acting is above all an act of worship to offer up to our Creator. He also discovered how theater can be used as a ministry. Theater provokes emotions that are rarely found anywhere else, and it is a venue where believers and nonbelievers can come together to explore ideas, thoughts, feelings, and emotions. This opens the door for dialogue about life's deeper themes. Theater is also a ministry that can be used around the world. Actors can be found across the globe, as well as people who just love theater. Theater can proclaim the truths of the gospel in cross-cultural ways.

Jordan has found that one of the best things about pursuing theater in Chicago has been the opportunity to meet hundreds of people with a passion for the creative arts. In the near future, he hopes to complete his Equity membership candidacy and join the Actors Equity Association. He would also like to move to New York where he can pursue acting full-time.

When not on stage, Jordan serves at Edgewater Baptist Church as worship leader and works for Moody Radio in Chicago. He has been leading worship at Edgewater for almost two years and finds it incredibly rewarding. At Moody Radio, Jordan works in the promotions department. He often travels to local events and enjoys meeting and talking with the many listeners of Moody Radio.

You can connect with Jordan to find out about upcoming performances through e-mail or twitter.

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Paul Weitzel

Paul Weitzel M.A. '12 began serving as the Pastor of Student Ministries at Valley View Alliance Church in Hellam, Pennsylvania in June 2012. He is in the process of being ordained in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. He enjoys working with people of all ages, but especially youth and young adults.

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Lisa Kay Galloway B.A. '11 graduated with a degree in vocal performance. Along with singing, she also plays guitar and piano and has recently released her debut album with fellow singer/songwriter **Bethany (Stoll B.A. '10) Kolb**.

Together, the Midwest-based duo makes up the group, Fine Linen. They have a passion for writing and performing music that portrays the Word of God in deep and beautiful ways and that edifies the body of Christ. One recurring theme that Lisa continues to explore in her



Lisa Galloway and Bethany Kolb

music is her identity in Jesus Christ. She finds there is nothing greater in life than knowing Christ.

Fine Linen's album was released January 8, 2013, and is available through iTunes and Tate Music Group—www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=847726007643.

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Jocelyn Tripp

Jocelyn Amanda Tripp B.A. '11 was offered a position as a teacher at All Nations Christian Academy, and in September 2011, she moved to Yangpyeong Gun, South Korea, to teach at the school.

Though South Korea had never been high on her list of places to live, a sense of adventure drove Josie to accept the job. She was responsible for teaching Bible, English, and Social Studies/Geography. After the regular school day ended, she helped out with ESL classes.

In her ESL classes, Josie worked with Korean children and often had the opportunity to share the gospel through teaching and other learning exercises. Outside of school, she built relationships and shared the gospel with neighbors and friends. While in South Korea, Josie attended OEM church.

At the end of her commitment in July 2012, Josie returned to Canada, where she worked as a full-time nanny and a part-time mother's helper. At her home

church, she ran a program for children from divorced families.

In January 2013, Josie began her next big adventure by moving to Denver, Colorado, where she will be pursuing her master's degree at Denver Seminary.

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Micah Bournes

Micah Bournes B.A. '10 is a spoken word artist. It was during his time at Moody that he first began pursuing the poetry and music genre. While at Moody he participated in many local poetry slams and school events and won the first-place title two years in a row at the Intercollegiate National Religious Broadcasters Competition.

Since graduation, he has been performing at various events across the country. He is currently on the Blue Mountain nationwide tour with Brandon Heath.

Micah's website features his poetry and music recordings, as well as his tour schedule. His first album is available for purchase on Amazon and iTunes.

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Heather Braden de Maradiaga B.A. '09 is currently a missionary with Latin America Mission and serves in La Ceiba,

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Joshua Weidmann B.S. '06 has had a desire to preach the Word from a young age. His years as a student at Moody helped to deepen his understanding of God's Word and equipped him for a long-term role in serving the church.

For over ten years now, Joshua has been traveling the globe delivering the gospel message to the church, as well as to the unchurched.

He is currently the leader of the web ministry *Honest to God* and the discipleship pastor of Mission Hills Church in Colorado. He is also the author of a new book *Honest to God: The Means to True Transformation*. His book deals with hypocrisy and brutal honesty before a gracious God.

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Aaron Lopez B.A. '06 graduated with a degree in Radio Communications.

While at Moody, he met a friend who had a similar passion for the neighborhoods of Chicago. Together, they performed gospel/hip-hop in churches and local venues. Aaron is now on staff at Grip Outreach for Youth in Chicago. There he shares the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ with at-risk youth in the city.

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Jonathan Mason

Jonathan Mason B.S. '05 "slaps the Word on thick" as the bass player for The Andy Needham Band.

In the lush green yet spiritually arid climate of New England, hope can seem distant. However, forefront Boston worshipers, The Andy Needham Band, are proof that God is still working in that part of the woods. The Andy Needham Band's calling is to bring a spiritual awakening through their full-time ministry. The band carries a strong rhythm section and a freshly-crafted guitar sound that shows they are as serious about their music as they are about their faith.

Along with playing the bass, Jonathan works as the band's manager and booking agent and oversees their administration and equipment.

After graduating, Jonathan started working at a small local church while continuing his education through a local seminary extension campus. At the church, he had the joy of leading

the music ministry, helping with the men's and youth ministry, and handling other administrative tasks.

In 2007, Jonathan married his wife Hannah, and in 2012 they welcomed their first child, Ayla Grace, into the world.

Jonathan did not have plans to be involved in a full-time traveling band, but the Lord's plans superseded his own. Soon he had the opportunity to serve the church at large in this new ministry. After much prayer and seeking wise counsel, the Mason family embarked on this adventure. You can get in touch with Jonathan by e-mail or twitter. For a free music download, visit www.andyneedhamband.com/freedownload.

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Cherie (Bradshaw) Wagner B.A. '05

graduated from Moody with a degree in sports ministry. However, the Lord has led her to serve Him in a different way. After graduation, Cherie quickly found herself involved in women's ministry at her church in Arizona. In September 2010, she founded her own ministry for women, Neue Thing. Neue Thing exists to teach modern women God's Word by equipping them to believe it, inspiring them to live it, empowering them to take it, and transforming a new generation through faith in Jesus Christ.

For the past few years, Cherie's primary focus has been to fulfill the purpose of Neue Thing's ministry by leading Bible studies, writing a daily blog, and publishing her very first Bible study, "Found on My Knees." The six-week



study leads women through God's Word as they journey from brokenness to blessing.

Cherie has also had the opportunity to speak at multiple women's conferences and retreats, bringing the message of "Found on My Knees" to more and more women. She loves showing women how God delights in His people, even in our brokenness, and how He takes our brokenness and makes something new when we surrender to Him.

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Lindsey Branson '04 currently serves as an adjunct instructor in Moody's Communications Department teaching speech and drama. She graduated from MBI with a degree in Communications and a passion for drama ministry and theater education. Since then, she has come full circle in her journey as she pursues Christ through this unique ministry.

Prior to graduating, she had already begun to work for Spotlight Youth Theater (formerly CYT) as a drama teacher for children ages 8–12. While teaching at Spotlight, she discovered her passion for directing. Since 2006, she has directed over 20 productions with numerous organizations.

In the summer of 2011, she returned to school and began her MA in Theater

Directing at Roosevelt University. In the fall of 2011, she returned to Moody as an adjunct instructor for the *Drama in Ministry* course. Since then, she has taken on other teaching and directing responsibilities. Last February, Lindsey brought Shakespeare to the Moody campus, directing the play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Alongside her work as an instructor at Moody, Lindsey also serves as the Children's Director at The Chapel campus in Hinsdale. Her primary role is to connect with and empower the volunteers in the children's ministry, as well as to make sure the children and their parents are satisfied with the Sunday morning program.

Lindsey is thankful for the opportunity to be back at Moody and hopes her involvement in the classroom and in students' lives gives back to the school that invested so much in her.

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Alex McLellan '96 was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute with a degree in Communications and then went on to receive his Master's in Philosophy of Religion from Talbot School of Theology. Alex returned to the U.K. where he launched the evangelistic ministry, Reason Why, with Ian Leitch and The Heralds Trust. Ten years later, Alex saw a global need for evangelism and launched the ministry, Reason Why International. He has served alongside Ravi Zacharias and has spoken on various radio programs around the world. In 2012, Alex published

A Jigsaw Guide to Making Sense of the World with InterVarsity Press. Alex and his wife, **Sheryl (Kooistra '98)**, have three children and currently reside in San Diego, California.

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Bill Search '94 served for several years as a small group pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. In June 2012, Bill, his wife, Karyn, and their three children, Maegan, Emma, and Jack, relocated to northern California where Bill serves as senior pastor of Rolling Hills Christian Church.

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Suzanna Esther (Marosi '91) McKeon

is the creator and founder of Hold It Right There, a handcrafted bags and accessories business. Each bag is an original design creation by Suzanna.

Through this creative endeavor, Suzanna desires to glorify God in her work and know Him better. She also believes she is expressing His design and image in her through the work of her hands. In this pursuit, Suzanna has seen God's faithfulness and the work of perseverance in a new light. Her work was recently featured on the local St. Louis KSDK program, *Show Me St. Louis*.



Suzanna McKeon

Suzanna has been blessed with a supportive husband and three spirited children. You can view her product at her website on Etsy.

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Jeff '89 and Naomi Faith (Beam '91)

Wilson currently live in northwestern Pennsylvania. Faith teaches music for grades 1 through 12 at a local school and is also the school nurse. In addition to teaching, she directs a community Christmas choir as well as a community free health clinic, oversees the women's ministries of their church, and leads worship.

Jeff is a pastor at Christ Evangelical Free Church of Saegertown, Pennsylvania. He also leads and teaches a community Bible class for grades 5 and 6, serves the local ministerium, and leads a coalition of churches in serving the needy in their community.

Together Jeff and Faith home school their soccer-loving boys.

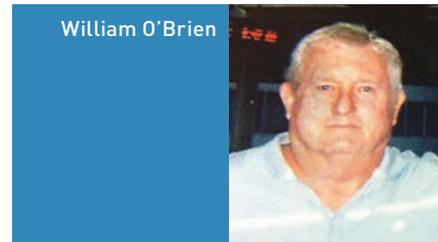
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William Edward O'Brien '86 has recently retired after 38½ years of work with the State of Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child Support. With his free time, William will be taking two college-level classes. He will also be serving one day a week at the Pacific Garden Mission.

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William O'Brien

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David German '75 is now serving as Director of Music at Covenant Presbyterian Church PCA in Nashville, Tennessee. He and his wife, Kathleen, and their children, Sophia (16) and Eli (12), moved to Nashville right after Christmas. Their two oldest sons, Dominic and Dimitri, are seniors at Moody majoring in music.

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Dan Suttles '75 was recently promoted to Associate Professor in the Center for Worship of the School of Music at Liberty University. He teaches conducting and piano. He also directs the 180 Choir. In addition to teaching, Dan spends his weekends serving as the music associate at First Baptist Church in Indian Trail, North Carolina.

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Ron Klein '60 retired on December 2, 2012, from his position of 17 years as Missions and Care pastor at Parkside Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. On December 2, 2012, in the evening service, Alistair Begg, the senior pastor, interviewed Ron and his wife **Patti (Hundt '57)**. Ron has served a total of 50 years in ministry. Ron and Patti served for 12 years in Olney, Illinois, Altoona,

Pennsylvania, and Derwood, Maryland. In 1972, they began their 20 years of service at Berean Bible Church in Clarksburg, Maryland, where Ron was the first pastor. Ron also served as Moody's representative in eastern Ohio for two years before going on staff at Parkside. Ron plans on continued service at Parkside, as he is able, in a volunteer capacity.

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Jim Dyet '57 is the pastor of Faith Evangelical Free Church in Louviers, Colorado.

In 2000, Jim retired from David C. Cook Publishing as a managing editor, but he has maintained his preaching/pastoral ministry. His studies in the Pastor's Course at Moody provided a strong biblical and theological basis. This basis allowed him to continue his studies and build his ministry.

Along with preaching and teaching, Jim has maintained a strong writing ministry which includes 20 books, hundreds of articles, scores of devotionals, and 50 Sunday school curriculum courses.

Jim and his wife, **Gloria (Baber '58)**, look forward to celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on June 7, 2013.

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WEDDINGS

Dustin James Eby '12 married **Charisse Lynnette Mares '12** on September 14, 2012 in an outdoor ceremony in Stevenson Ridge, Spotsylvania, Virginia. **Becky Dolan '12** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. **Jonathon Huff '11** was a

groomsman, and **Jillian (Newbury '11) Huff** presented a Scripture reading.

Dustin currently serves as a youth pastor at River Oak Church. The couple resides in Chesapeake, Virginia.

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Kyle Koval married **Rebecca Zurbrick '08** in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on August 5, 2012. Friends and family gathered from all over the U.S. and from many other countries including Uruguay, Italy, Panama, and Guatemala to celebrate the occasion.

Moody alumni in attendance included **Kendra Cervantes '07**, **Jillann DeVries '08**, and **Jayme (McCullough '08) Mahdik**. **Jim Eberline '71** officiated the wedding.

Kyle and Rebecca are currently missionaries with Team Expansion and will be serving with a church planting team in Ancona, Italy.

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ADOPTIONS

Peter Worrall '00 and his wife, Kelli, are happy to announce the adoptions of their two children, Daryl Emmanuel Worrall and Amelia Lixin Worrall.

Daryl was born on August 17, 2008, in Chicago. Though he came to the Worralls when he was young, his adoption took three years to process.

Amelia is from China and was born on July 17, 2011. The Worralls had been in the process of adopting from China for over six years.

Through God's sovereign goodness, both Daryl's and Amelia's adoptions were finalized on the same day, March

26, 2012. Both Peter and Kelli continually tell their children how clear it is that God chose them to be siblings.

Both Peter and Kelli are professors at Moody. Peter teaches in the Education department and Kelli is a professor in the Communications department.

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BIRTHS

David (current student) and **Katie (Sefton '12) Skero** are excited to announce the birth of their son Malakai Robert Skero. Malakai was born January 2, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois.

David is finishing up his undergraduate degree at Moody and will be graduating in May 2013. Alongside his studies, David helps in the hospitality ministry at Edgewater Baptist Church. He also uses his artistic gifts in mural work and logo design and is employed at the Apple Store in Chicago.

Katie writes a monthly prayer newsletter for churches in the Edgewater/Rogers Park neighborhoods. During her time as a student, Katie was the news editor for the *Moody Standard*. She hopes to pursue freelance writing and editing in the future, ideally in a ministry-oriented capacity.

Katie and David are delighted to be parents and are grateful for all that God taught them through Katie's pregnancy and Malakai's birth. They plan to move to Houston after David's graduation.

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Joshua '12 and **Jessica (Winter '12) Harrison** welcomed Deborah Beth Harrison to their family on October 6, 2012, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



David, Katie, and Malakai Skero

Deborah Beth is named after Joshua's and Jessica's mothers.

The Harrisons currently reside in Chicago. Joshua works full-time at Moody in the Customer Service Center. Both Joshua and Jessica are involved in ministry at their local church, Bridgeport New Life Community Church. Joshua hopes to begin graduate studies in the fall of 2013 with plans for future missionary service in Bible translation, ESL, or literacy work.

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Jessica, Deborah, and Joshua Harrison

Neil Sierocki '11 and his wife, Sara, welcomed their first child, Nolan Scott Sierocki, in October 2012.

Neil and Sara were high school sweethearts and have been married

for three years. Now that Sara is a mom, she spends most of her time at home taking care of Nolan. She also helps out at youth group activities.

Neil served for the past year at a Community Residential Treatment Home for Lutheran Child and Family Services of Michigan. The home is primarily for abused and neglected youth who have been placed in the foster care network. Neil was amazed to see the hardships and disadvantages these children experience because of the poor choices their parents have made. However, as hard as that was, Neil believed it was good for him to see a tougher side of youth ministry.

Neil serves as the associate pastor at his home church, Bay City Evangelical Free Church, where he is primarily responsible for the youth ministry.

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Karyn (Olsen) Feuling '95 and her husband John are pleased to announce the arrival of Audra Joy Feuling, born on February 20, 2011.

Audra joins three sisters, Alicia (21), Rebecca (17), and Keira (3).

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(l to r): John, Alicia, Audra, Keira, Rebecca, and Karyn Feuling

Barbara (Sauder '95) Hill and her husband, Jeffrey, were blessed with a new arrival to their family on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Lillia Christine was born in Peoria, Illinois. Lillia has an older sister, Victoria (11) and two older brothers, Joshua (8) and Nathanael (7).

Barbara is a stay-at-home mom and Jeffrey is at home helping to care for Joshua due to medical problems.

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(l to r): Michael and Thomas Jacobsen

Jeffrey '82 Jacobsen and his wife, Anne, are excited to announce the addition of Michael Frederick Jacobsen to their family on November 9, 2011. Michael joins four older siblings: Thomas (3), Kathryn (21), Joy (23), and Christian (25).

Jeffrey currently works as the operations manager at WFCJ-FM in Dayton, Ohio, while Anne stays at home as a full-time mom. She previously taught high school science and middle school subjects to gifted children. The family resides in Kettering, Ohio, and worships at Patterson Park Church.

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BIRTHDAYS

Jean (Whorral '49) Stright celebrated her 90th birthday on September 8, 2012. Her daughters, Gayl and Mary, hosted a luncheon for her birthday party.

Jean is a member of First Baptist Church of Minooka, Illinois, where she taught Sunday school for a number of years. Jean and her husband, Reverend **Gaylord Wright '55**, were married for 52 years before he went home to be with the Lord in 2002.

Elsie K. Young



(l to r): Elsie K. Young '38, Sheri (Taylor '83) Finlayson B.A. '12, and Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings

Elsie K. Young '38 celebrated her 100th birthday on September 21, 2012, at Friendship Village of Tempe, Arizona.

Elsie wrote encouraging words for finishing well to her guests. She used the example of the recent Olympics, pointing out that all Christians are in the race of life. "Not for a gold medal, but for the glory of the Lord."

In between alumni gatherings in Phoenix and Tucson last fall, **Nancy**

(Andersen '80) Hastings had the opportunity to visit with Elsie.

Elsie's late husband, **Harold Young '38**, went home to be with the Lord on October 15, 1994.

To hear advice Elsie Young has for Moody students on *Chris Fabry Live!*, visit www.moody.edu/alumni.org.

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Are you part of a legacy family with multiple generations of Moody graduates? Or, do you serve in ministry in partnership with other Moody alumni? We'd like to feature one of these stories in every issue of *Moody Alumni News*. (See examples on pp. 14-15.) To make this happen, we need your help!

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Karl Thames



Karl Thames '82, age 57, January 6, 2013, Humble, Texas.

Karl graduated from Moody in 1982. In December 2012, he and his wife, Sharon, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary.

Karl ministered God's Word all of his adult life. He and his wife traveled to and lived in several states, engaging in pastoral and music ministries. Karl worked in various positions, but always felt that God put him on the earth to minister to "the least of these." In his last job, he transported elderly patients to dialysis treatments and other medical appointments and shared the Lord with each one in kindness, respect, and gentleness.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and daughter, Sharlyn.

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John Timothy Boren '72, age 59, November 12, 2012, Winona Lake, Indiana.

John was born on October 23, 1953, in Columbia City, Indiana, to Charles Boren and **Lois (Herzog '51) Boren**. After graduating from high school, he went on to attend Moody Bible Institute and graduated in 1972. He also attended Indiana University and Grace College. In 1975, John married Patricia Balmer.

For 17 years, John served as the chaplain for Kosciusko County Jail. He was a member of the Warsaw/Winona Lake Gideon camp. In 2008, John was named the Warsaw "Man of the Year." He was a member of Community Grace Brethren Church in Warsaw.

John is preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Patti Boren, his mother, Lois Boren, his four children, Josh, Matt, Ben, and Johanna, and several grandchildren.

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Tory Lindland



Thorbjorn "Tory" Lindland '65, age 90, January 1, 2013.

Pastor Tory was born in Norway on July 14, 1922. He came to the U.S. as an infant and was raised in a Christian home in New Jersey and New York. After graduation from high school, he served in the U.S. Army Ski Troop during World War II. He received a citation from King Olav for helping liberate Norway from the Nazis.

In 1946, he married his sweetheart, Florence Larsen. They lived in New York and were active in Park Evangelical Free Church. In 1962, at the age of 40, God led Tory into full-time ministry, beginning with three years of school at Moody Bible Institute, followed by seven years of pastoring at Salem Evangelical Free Church in Chicago. At Salem, Tory and his wife started a Spanish ministry (IELS) and Salem

Christian School. He also began a long relationship with TEAM and served on the board for three decades.

In 1970, Tory was called to be an associate pastor at the Winnetka Bible Church. He then served as the executive director of Timber-Lee Christian Center, a Christian Camp in East Troy, Wisconsin. Their next move was to the East Coast, where Tory served as district superintendent for the Evangelical Free Church of America.

In 1982, Tory and Flo accepted the call to the Hershey Free Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania, where they served for the next 16 years. For the last 13 years, Tory and Flo have lived in Wisconsin, where Tory served part-time as visitation pastor at the Winnetka Bible Church and as chaplain at Inspiration Ministries, a home for physically handicapped adults.

Tory is survived by his wife, Flo, of 66 years, his three daughters, Nancy, Carol, and Sue, as well as eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Glenn D. Fink '63, age 81, September 5, 2012.

Glenn was born on February 17, 1931, in Elkhart, Indiana. In 1949, he graduated from Wakarusa High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Janette Hartman, in 1950. Glenn pastored churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Indiana, and New Mexico. During this time, he founded two churches and two Christian schools. He also oversaw the construction of two new church buildings. While in Arizona, Glenn also served as the director of Indian Missionary Services of Glendale.

He is survived by Janette, his wife of 62 years, his four children, **Michael '72**

and **Janice (Cordes '70)**, Amy, Robert, and John, as well as 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Frank Watrous



Frank W. Watrous '57, age 77, September 27, 2012, Alton, Illinois.

Frank was born on January 9, 1935, in Gibson, Illinois. He graduated from Moody in 1957 and went on to pastor a church in Camden, Michigan, before working as a salesman in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for many years. On October 1, 1961, he married Carolyn Ort. Frank was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois.

He is survived by his two sons, Mark and Victor, and his sister, Kayella (Watrous) Clay, as well as his two granddaughters, Susan and Kristen Watrous, and grandson, Connor Clay, who live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is also survived by his two sisters, Mary Watrous and **Kathleen (Watrous) Mears '67** and a brother, **Daniel Watrous '65**, as well as five nieces.

Francis Roland Rogers '56, age 93, October 30, 2012, Warsaw, Indiana.

Francis was born to Raymond and Ruth Rogers on November 29, 1918, in Rochester, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was at Pearl Harbor when it was attacked. He was honorably discharged from the Army in December, 1945. In 1946, he married **Betty Lou Dillman '57**.



Francis Rogers

Francis graduated from Moody in 1956 and continued his education at Grace College. He received his master's degree from Purdue University in 1974.

In 1990, Betty, Francis' first wife went to be with the Lord. In 1991, Francis married Ruth Hunter.

For many years, he served as a Baptist minister in Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana. He was a member at Pleasant View Bible Church in Warsaw, Indiana, and had been a member of the Kosciusko County community since 1999.

Francis is preceded in death by his parents and both of his wives. He is survived by his children, Cyndi, Sandra, Mary Ann, and James, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elwin Colson '53, November 21, 2012, Washington, Iowa.

Elwin and his twin brother **Edwin '52** were born on March 27, 1931, in West Point, Nebraska, to Harold and Emma Colson. The family later moved to Waterloo, Iowa, where Elwin graduated from East Waterloo High School in 1951.

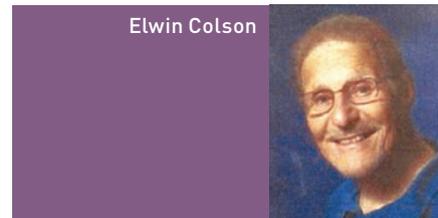
Elwin graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1953. He was ordained on June 22, 1954, at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. He continued his studies, receiving a bachelor's degree from Drake University. Later he received his B.D. and Master of Theology degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. At Northern

Illinois University, Elwin also earned a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Counseling.

On August 26, 1955, Elwin married **Joanne Goode '52** at First Federated Church in Des Moines, Iowa. The couple served in ministry for all of their 57 years of marriage.

Along with pastoring many churches, Elwin founded the Rapid Street Baptist Church in Adel, Iowa. In 1990, Elwin and Joanne moved to Washington, Iowa, where Elwin began serving as the Chaplain at Mt. Pleasant Correctional Center and Medical and Classification Center in Oakdale. Through this ministry, Elwin fostered and witnessed countless transformations and experienced his greatest joy in ministry. He retired in 2002 but continued volunteering until 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, Edwin. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, his children, Randall, Rene, and Rachelle, and several grandchildren.



Elwin Colson

Tedd Bryson '52, age 84, November 15, 2012.

Tedd was born on December 1, 1928, in Paterson, New Jersey. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute in 1952, he went on to serve with Youth for Christ for 23 years. He also served as the director of Maranatha Bible Conference in Michigan from 1974 to 1988. Tedd then went on to serve as Vice President

of Development at International Aid in Michigan. After he retired, he continued to serve in local ministries and as the chaplain of Love INC in Muskegon. He also served on the Alumni Board as president from '78-'80.

Tedd is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth Bryson, his three children, Susan, Jill, and **Thomas Bryson '95**, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Barbara (Rickenbrode '51) Newman, October 18, 2012.

Upon graduating from Moody, Barbara and her husband, **Robert Newman '51**, went on to serve for 40 years as missionaries, Robert in publishing and Barbara as a bookstore manager.

They began their missionary career in Chile with the Christian Missionary Alliance. Later they served with the Latin America Mission in Costa Rica. They also served in Seville, Spain, with TEAM.

In 1982, they moved back to the United States and took up residence in their home city of Indianapolis, where they continued ministry among the Spanish-speaking population.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Robert, and her adopted son, Michael.

Vera Vehanoosh (Ellezian) Eryisian '50, age 94, October 13, 2013.

Vera was born on December 20, 1917, in modern-day Turkey. During World War II, she worked for the British Occupation Forces.

Vera came to the United States in 1948 and began her studies at Moody Bible Institute, graduating in 1950. She married Mihran Eryisian and moved with him to Fresno.

Vera brought her mother and sister to the United States in 1967; they settled in Los Angeles. For 27 years, Vera served in the Armenian General Benevolent Union and retired as executive director. She was also an active member of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband (in 1980). She is survived by her two sons, John and Bill, and her daughter, Siran, as well as three grandchildren.

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Anita Bubeck

Anita Martha (Harl '49) Bubeck, age 85, January 8, 2013, Sun City, Arizona.

Born November 19, 1928, Anita grew up in LaSalle, Illinois. She attended Moody Bible Institute where she majored in Christian Education and met her beloved husband, Dr. **Mark I. Bubeck '49** author of *The Adversary* and *Overcoming the Adversary* (Moody Press).

Mark and Anita were married in 1949 after graduating from Moody and then went on to Denver Seminary. Anita served faithfully as a pastor's wife for 43 years. She spent many years teaching Sunday school and loved singing in the choir. Anita was gifted in hospitality and evangelism and was passionate about mentoring and discipling women. "Anita's ability to reach out to hurting people and minister to them with her compassionate love was an inspiration

to my heart,” wrote her husband Mark, who helped care for her during her struggle with Alzheimer’s.

Anita is survived by her husband of 63 years, three daughters and their husbands, Rhonda and **Gary Raad '78**, Donna and Hans Finzel, and Rick and **Judy (Bubeck '81) Dunagan**. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, including **Karen (Raad '97) Nelson** and **Luke Raad '04**, and nine great-grandchildren who will forever be impacted by her legacy.

Charles Sine '49, age 95, February 25, 2013, Manheim, Pennsylvania.

Charles was born on August 5, 1917, and attended Moody as a WWII veteran in 1946. He moved from Perkasio, Pennsylvania, to Chicago with his wife **Harriet Sine '49**. The two graduated in the same class from the Pastors' course and Christian Education/Music course.

They served churches in Traverse City, Michigan, Cleveland and Swanton, Ohio, and North Hills, Pennsylvania. In 1977, Charles began an itinerant ministry of chalk art and music, presenting more than 1,000 programs in churches and other organizations. He retired in 2004 at age 87.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriet, who passed away after a 10-year battle with cancer in 1974. He is survived by his second wife, Trudi, and five children, as well as 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Edith Cora Killip '48, age 93, October 24, 2012, Batavia, Illinois.

Edith was born on July 11, 1919, in Rochester, New York, to T. Herbert and Cora Killip. Edith had a very strong and independent spirit. After graduating

from Charlotte High School, she enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 24, 1943, during World War II.

Following her time as an Army WAC, she joined her sister, **Beatrice Killip '48**, at Moody Bible Institute, graduating in two years in 1948.

In 1960, she started her 25-year service as secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Louisville. Everyone who worked with her was impressed with her integrity and honesty. She traveled to Kenya, Japan, and Alaska, filling in for missionaries on furlough. After her retirement in 1985, she moved first to Wheaton, then to the Holmstad Retirement Community in Batavia, Illinois.

William Lee Hanmer, Jr. '48, September 7, 2012.

William was born on April 22, 1928, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute, he served as an assistant pastor at a church near Richmond, Virginia. He stayed on at the church for a year before beginning the Rural Evangelistic Fellowship. This ministry kept him traveling primarily through the south. As a result of this ministry, many rural pastors were encouraged in their work and a church in Virginia was founded.

William's traveling evangelism ended when he became the pastor of the Pettus Baptist Church. He served there for five years before beginning work at the Appalachian Bible Institute, where he served as an accountant while also teaching evangelism, missions, Bible geography, Greek, and accounting classes. He worked at the school for 28 years and frequently served as an interim pastor to churches in the area.

In 1980, William's first wife, Jeanne, passed away. He later married Lois

Wegner, and they continued serving at ABI until 1983.

In 1985, the couple joined the Gospel Furthering Fellowship and went to Kenya a year later. They returned to the United States in 1987 and settled in Pennsylvania. They continued serving with GFF, spending time in both Kenya and Puerto Rico where they filled in for missionaries on furlough. When not serving overseas, William continued to serve as an interim pastor at several churches.

William was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanne. He is survived by his second wife, Lois.

Robert K. Byers '48, age 84, September 21, 2012.

Robert began his education at Moody Bible Institute in September, 1946. He graduated from the Christian Education and Music program in December, 1948. He had wonderful memories of his time at Moody and especially loved being a part of the Moody Chorale.

Robert is survived by his wife of 64 years, Norma Byers, his two sons, and two granddaughters.



Alice Lindsley

Alice E. Lindsley, '47, age 88, December 28, 2012, Schaumburg, Illinois.

Alice worked at MBI for 38 years, serving in several positions in the Registrar's office: student records, evening school registrar, and registrar's

assistant. She lived at Friendship Village in Schaumburg for 21 years, the last three years in the health care center. She is survived by her sister, **Jean Lindsley '49**, of Portland, Michigan.

Norma Louise Jones '45, age 91, October 16, 2012, Sebring, Florida.

Norma was born in Columbus Grove, Ohio, on January 18, 1921, to Clarence and Velma (Stephens) Jones. She grew up in a rural area on a farm near Lima, Ohio. In March 1935, while attending revival meetings in Vaughnsville, Ohio, Norma heard for the first time that she needed to accept the Lord as her personal Savior. At the close of one of the services, she did just that. Later, during a missionary conference, she gave her life to the Lord.

She then attended Moody, starting out in the General Bible Course. However, after hearing different missionary speakers and participating in the missionary prayer bands, she changed to the Missionary Course. Following graduation, Norma applied to SIM, leaving for work in southern Sudan in 1946. She served there faithfully for 18 years.

In 1965, Norma returned to the United States, taking an assignment in the home office, which at that time was in New York City. She served for 22 years at SIM headquarters. Norma retired from full-time service in 1991 and moved to Sebring, Florida. Though retired, she still continued serving the Lord. She remained an active Sunday school teacher and helped in summer Bible church camps.

Margaret (Schober '44) Unander, age 95, November 16, 2012.

Margaret was born on October 29, 1917.

She attended Moody's evening school part-time for several years and graduated in 1944. She treasured her Moody education and the friendships she developed there. Throughout her life, she served in various capacities at local churches, influencing the lives of hundreds of people through her hospitality.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Walton Unander '42**. She is survived by her son, David Unander.



William Lois Hendricks '43, age 95, September 17, 2012.

William was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 2, 1917. After he graduated from high school, he spent four years completing an apprenticeship at Textile Machine Works.

He met his future wife, **Naomi (Collins '43)**, at The Moody Church. They married on August 14, 1943, and moved to New Orleans where William attended Southern Baptist Seminary.

William and Naomi were involved in ministry all their lives. They served as the state directors for Mississippi and Louisiana with International Child Evangelism Fellowship. They also served as youth ministers in Tupelo, Mississippi, and in Gary, Indiana. William pastored many churches in Michigan and Minnesota. In 1985, they served in Pakistan for five months teaching Bible and music in missionary kids' school.

In 1998, William was asked by Heritage of Edina Assisted Living to be their chaplain. He served their for nine years.

William is survived by Naomi, his wife of 69 years, and his three children, William Jr., Marilyn, and Gloria.

Agnes M. (Larson '42) Davis, age 95, October 5, 2012, Batavia, Illinois.

Agnes was born on February 15, 1917, in East Chicago, Indiana. She graduated from Washington High School in East Chicago.

After graduating from St. Catherine's School of Nursing, she studied at Moody Bible Institute. She met her husband **Carl Davis '42** at Moody, and they married on May 29, 1942. From 1942 until 1946, Carl pastored the First Baptist Church of Calumet, Michigan.

On March 1, 1947, they traveled to Bombay, India, as missionaries with The Scandinavian Alliance Mission, now TEAM. Following the partition of India, they served in Pakistan from 1947 to 1967. They also served for seven years in Australia with TEAM and then joined the TEAM staff in Wheaton, Illinois.

After Carl's death, Agnes served for seven years as a representative for TEAM. She also served faithfully for many years at Faith Baptist Church in Winfield and as a member of the Moody Alumni Board.

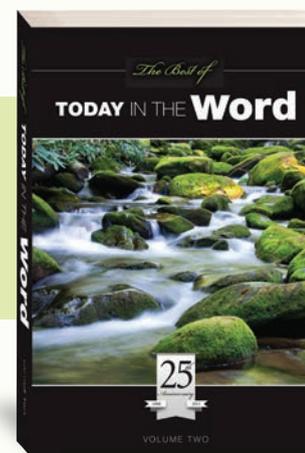
Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, daughter **Judith (Davis '69) Guiley**, and son Carl Edward.

She is survived by two sons **David Davis '69** and Charles Davis, grandson **Jonathan Davis '04**, granddaughter **Jennifer Verme Davis '03**, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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