Alumni News

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Jonathan Claussen Language Surveyor in Papua New Guinea

From the Executive Director



I'm excited to announce a new way to connect with alumni.

Dear friends,

Imagine collecting linguistic data for Bible translation in a jungle village, trudging through bear country at night to capture photos of the heavens, or holding a kids' outreach in Africa's largest slum. This issue features several young alumni—all in their 20s and 30s—who are using their talents, skills, and Moody education for the Lord.

Reading their adventure stories makes me proud to be one of more than 47,500 living alumni who received ministry training at Moody. And I'm excited to announce a new way to connect with some of those alumni—by joining (or starting) an Alumni Community in your area. Learn more on page 10.

Founder's Week is coming up soon—another great time to connect! Purchase your Alumni banquet and reunion dinner tickets at moodyalumni.org. While you're here, drop by the Alumni office to say hi. Your updates and prayer requests are also welcome at mbialum@moody.edu, or call (312) 329-4412.

Serving Christ together,

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

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Moody Highlights

Moody School of the Bible Equips African Pastors and Leaders



African pastors and ministry leaders who completed Bible courses using solar-powered audio devices and cell phones are pictured with (in red, l to r) Theo Asare, Paul Nyquist, professors Jonathan Armstrong and **Brian O' Neal '87**, and Randy Fairfax (chairman of the Board of Trustees).

African pastors and church leaders in rural parts of Ghana recently earned certificates for completing four oral Bible courses in their own language from Moody School of the Bible. Many of the students traveled all night by bus to participate in the August 12 ceremony, with 281 men and women completing the inaugural program. Dr. Paul Nyquist congratulated each student and handed out certificates with Rev. Theodore Asare, founder and president of Theovision International.

"These people have been transformed," Dr. Nyquist said of the participants. "Now they're busy transforming the villages and cities around Ghana with the truth of God's Word, so it's very exciting." Nyquist said the Moody School of the Bible will continue to offer classes to African pastors and church leaders.

In 2016 Moody Radio began translating classes from Radio School of the Bible, one of Moody Radio's longest-running teaching programs, with the assistance of Theovision, a nonprofit ministry organization in Ghana. The content was contextualized and recorded on solar-powered audio devices for use by people who speak Akan (Twi) and live in an oralpreference culture. Over the last year, pastors and leaders who were enrolled in the program listened to 32 lessons that covered courses in Old and New Testament Survey, Life of Christ, and Basic Christian Doctrine. They took

oral quizzes on their cell phones every 10 days. They also were required to listen through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

James Ahoto Justice, who received the award for overall best student, addressed the assembly: "I thought I knew the Bible very well until I enrolled in the Moody School of the Bible," he said. "I must confess this school has been really helpful to me, my family, and church, and has taught me a lot. I give all glory to God and also to Theovision International for this wonderful vision to help all access and understand the Word of God."

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During his time in Ghana, Dr. Nyquist preached in Rev. Asare's church and also visited some of the Bible study listening groups being led by Moody School of the Bible graduates. Two people, after hearing the Word in a listening group, gave their lives to Christ, including a village chief!

"Moody School of the Bible in the Akan language is one of the best things that has happened in our ministry of reaching Africa's oral cultures with God's Word," Rev. Asare said. "This training is the first of its kind that I know of in Ghana. Already, other language groups are asking for such training to be done in their language."

For the students who completed the level-one courses, Moody School of the Bible will offer four level-two courses in the Akan (Twi) language, beginning in January. The new courses will include practical material, such as how to set up a Bible study listening group or start a new church. In addition, the level-one courses will be repeated with a new group of Twi-speaking pastors and church leaders. Plans are also in the works to expand the reach of Radio School of the Bible into the African countries of Togo and Benin by translating the level-one courses into the Ewe language next year.

The partnership between Moody and Theovision is strategic, added **Stephen Asare '08**, who is Rev. Asare's son and Moody's manager of Donor Appreciation. Theovision has recorded the New Testament into 376 African languages, while Moody Radio has rich teaching material available from Radio School of the Bible. "It's something that was just sitting here on the shelves at Moody Radio," Stephen said, "but now it's going to have a huge impact on the people of Africa."



Dr. Paul Nyquist awards certificate to a ministry leader who completed Moody's oral Bible training.

Moody Highlights



Dr. Gary and Karolyn Chapman with Greg Thornton (left) at the Chapman Center's construction site.

Chapmans Tour Construction Site at Moody

Dr. Gary and Karolyn Chapman visited the construction site of the Chapman Center on September 8, seeing up close the progress that has been made since Moody broke ground last year.

"To stand here today and see what's already happened with the construction is thrilling," said bestselling author **Gary D. Chapman '58**, for whom the building is named. Chapman and his wife, Karolyn, gave a cornerstone gift for the construction project. The Chapman Center, expected to open in June 2018, will serve as Moody's future global media center, becoming the new home for both Moody Radio and Moody Publishers.

While reflecting on Psalm 71:17–18, which the Lord used to encourage the Chapmans to partner with Moody in the building's construction, Chapman added, "The emphasis in this passage is on the next generation, and after reading these verses I knew the Lord wanted us to be part of this building, which is for the next generation. I am excited about what God is going to do in the future through this global media center."

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Designed by Chicago's Shive-Hattery Architecture and Engineering, the Chapman Center is being built by Berglund Construction on the east side of Wells Street, next to the Sweeting Center. Construction on the four-story, 50,000-square-foot building is on schedule and well underway, with the steel structure, stair towers, and elevator shafts erected to the fourth floor. Construction workers also assembled exterior pre-cast architectural panels. Installation of the roofing and exterior glass began in October, followed by internal walls and inside work in December.

"The Chapman Center will be one of the most technologically advanced Christian ministry media centers in the world, affirming Moody's leadership in equipping people with the truth of God's Word using innovative, integrated media technology," said **Greg Thornton '81**, senior vice president of media at Moody.

"It was a joy to show the Chapmans the progress that has been made, pray together, and again express our sincere gratitude for their friendship," he said. "We're excited for their partnership with Moody as we embark upon this exciting era in Moody's 132-year history."

With the Chapman Center, students at Moody will also have unprecedented

opportunities to serve alongside Moody's media professionals. "Students will be able to take those skills into all areas of the globe to which God calls them, which will result in Moody having an exponential impact across cultures and generations around the world," Thornton explained.

The Chapman Center will feature a multimedia exhibit honoring Chapman's life and ministry in the area of marriage and family. Dr. John Trent, Moody's Gary D. Chapman Chair of Marriage, Family Ministry, and Therapy, will also be based in the Chapman Center and collaborate with Moody Publishers and Moody Radio leadership, as well as students in the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health program.

For more information about the Chapman Center, including a candid video interview with Dr. Chapman during his visit to the construction site, visit moodyglobal.org/chapmancenter.



The Chapmans (right) meet the construction crew of the Chapman Center, scheduled to open in 2018.

Alumni Day and Founder's Week: February 5-9, 2018

Moody Founder's Week is one of the best times of the year for alumni to meet up with friends and classmates, and 2018 will be no exception.

Alumni Activities: On Monday, Feb. 5, reunion dinners will be held for alumni celebrating their 10-, 25-, 40-, or 50-year anniversary (tickets are \$15 per person). On Alumni Day, Feb. 6, everyone can enjoy seeing classmates and hearing exciting updates about Moody at the Alumni Banquet (\$15 each). In the afternoon, all alumni are invited to a coffee-and-dessert social on the second floor of the Alumni Student Center, highlighting the classes with five-year reunions (class years ending in 3 or 8). The classes of '68 and '78 will have designated meet-andgreet times in the Fireplace Room and the Activities Room, also on the second floor of the Alumni Student Center.

Bible Teaching and Worship: Enjoy a spiritually enriching week under the

theme "One New People" (based on Ephesians 2:11–22). Besides great preaching from James Ford Jr. '84 and Mike Bullmore '79 on Alumni Day, hear messages throughout the week from Matt Chandler, J.D. Greear, Anne Graham Lotz, Eric Mason, James McDonald, and Ed Stetzer. Worship music will be led by alumnus and current seminary student Ayanda Khumalo '17 and Moody's music ensembles. The Faculty Citation Award recipient and Alumnus of the Year will also be announced during the Founder's Week sessions on Alumni Day.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the Alumni Banquet or reunion dinners, visit moodyalumni.org.

If you can't attend in person, you can still watch the conference sessions live at foundersweek.org or listen on the *Proclaim!* internet radio station. Evening sessions will also be broadcast live on your local Moody Radio station.

More Moody Conferences in 2018

Invite the pastors, ministry leaders, and men in your life to these aweinspiring Bible conferences.

Walk Worthy: God's Power in Us, March 3, 2018, Cleveland, Ohio This one-day men's conference will include powerful Bible teaching by Paul Nyquist, Mark Jobe '84, Sanj Kalra, and Chris Brooks. Be refreshed with worship led by Aaron Shust.

Pastors' Conference, May 21-24, 2018, Chicago

Enjoy a week of invigorating Bible teaching with Alistair Begg, Joseph Stowell, H. B. Charles, Charlie Dates, Skye Jethani, and Matthew Kim. Choose from dozens of workshops packed with innovative ministry strategies. Pastors' Conference helps men and women in ministry get refreshed and equipped with challenging Bible teaching.

Visit moodyconferences.com for more information.

Moody Bible Institute Founder's Week February 5–9, 2018



Awe-inspiring Bible teaching and worship. Powerful messages from respected Christian leaders, including **Mike Bullmore** '**79**, Ralph West, Anne Graham Lotz, **James Ford Jr.** '**84**, Ed Stetzer, and Matt Chandler.

foundersweek.org

Join an Alumni Community Near You

Connect with other alumni in your area through Moody alumni communities. Get to know each other at local gatherings and events, share prayer requests, and help with volunteer projects. Use your Moody community to find out when Moody athletic teams and music ensembles will be in your town, as well as the housing needs of traveling students. You can join together to raise money for Moody scholarships, host student send-off celebrations, and network for career and ministry opportunities. The possibilities for fun, fellowship, and ministry are practically endless.

"It is our desire to establish these communities around the United States

and internationally to encourage the fellowship of alumni," says Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings, Moody Alumni Association executive director. "We hope to facilitate the opportunity to get to know alumni in your area and to encourage the development of friendships based on common Moody experiences."

To see the limited list of communities established so far, visit the Alumni Association Facebook page. If you find your location on the list, join that Facebook group. If you do not see one for your area, contact the Alumni office to pursue the possibility of establishing one. Call (312) 329-4412 or email mbialum@moody.edu.

New Books with Moody Connections



Raising Men, Not Boys: Shepherding Your Boys to Be Men of God (Moody Publishers) by Michael Fabarez '85, pastor of Compass

Bible Church in Aliso Viejo, California. This

book offers biblical instruction on raising wise, godly sons; topics range from money and dating to technology.



Under a Cloudless Sky (Tyndale) by Chris Fabry '84, Moody radio host of Chris Fabry Live. In this novel, a coal-mining town is in danger of being destroyed for the sake

of profit when the secrets of the town's past are revealed.



Pierced & Embraced: 7 Life-Changing Encounters with the Love of Christ (Moody Publishers) by Kelli Worrall, Moody professor of communications. Kelli

examines the biblical accounts of seven women transformed by Jesus in the Gospels.



Sex and the Single Girl

(Moody Publishers) by Dr. Juli Slattery, cofounder of Authentic Intimacy and Moody Radio host of *Java with Juli*. Offering more than

"wait until you're married," this downto-earth resource offers understanding on God's design for sexuality.

Alumni Swiss Reformation Tour, March 9-18, 2018

After a fascinating tour of Germany where Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation, Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings and the Alumni Association are offering a second tour—this time in beautiful Switzerland and Germany! Join Moody alumni and professors in March 2018 to visit historic Reformation sites in the midst of picturesque scenery.

Discover the Reformation's medieval roots in the Great Schism and John Hus's martyrdom. Visit Einseideln, Zurich, and the home church of Huldrych Zwingli, the father of the Reformation in Switzerland. Learn about the Anabaptist martyrs' convictions and the beginning of the free church in Switzerland. Explore the life and teachings of John Calvin in Geneva, and grow in your understanding of the Protestant faith. Some fun highlights include a tour of the Lindt chocolate factory and a day in the Alps.

With expert instruction by tour hosts Dr. Gregg Quiggle and Dr. Michael McDuffee, professors of historical theology, you'll be immersed in the Reformation that recaptured the gospel for the Church, and recognize its continued relevance for today.

For more information and to register, visit moody.edu/alumni.



March 9-18, 2018

Explore the Reformation in Switzerland and Germany with Moody faculty. Tour churches where John Calvin and Ulrich Zwingli served. Marvel at the beautiful sites of Ulm, Strasbourg, Zurich, and Geneva. Gain a greater understanding of the Protestant tradition and grow in your own faith.

Tour Hosts

Nancy (Andersen '80) Hastings, Dr. Gregg Quiggle, professor of historical theology, Dr. Michael McDuffee, professor of historical theology

Find Out More

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Moody's Worldwide Music Ministry

Moody's music ensembles have had great opportunities to minister in the United States as well as the world with more opportunities to come. See if the students will be performing in a church near you in 2018, and remember to pray for them.

The Women's Chamber Choir will travel during multiple weekends in January and in the spring, except for March. During spring break, their conductor, Dr. Betty-Ann Lynerd, will be in Hong Kong as the invited guest conductor for the All-Asia High School Choral Festival (with singers from seven countries in Asia and the Pacific).

Last May, the Women's Chamber Choir ministered in Greece, working with churches, pastors, and missionaries. They sang in camps, cathedrals, and theaters, sharing the gospel in song. They also visited biblical sites and collaborated with choirs and musicians on the island of Corfu. "Tender moments occurred while we visited two Syrian refugee camps, playing with children, hearing the stories of the refugees, and singing to bring hope and encouragement," says Dr. Lynerd. "Sadly, in the last week, we heard of a fire which burned through one of those camps, displacing a people who were already in need."

The Moody Chorale traveled to Romania and Hungary last May, ministering through formal concerts and impromptu moments of music and testimony in churches, an international school, and even in Bucharest's parliament building. "One particularly impactful night of ministry occurred during a joint concert with a Romanian high school choir, in which the language barriers revealed how God can and will be glorified within every context," says the Chorale's conductor, Dr. Xiangtang Hong. The Chorale will also sing in Illinois



Dr. Betty-Ann Lynerd directs the Women's Chamber Choir in a Syrian refugee camp.



The Moody Chorale, led by Dr. Xiangtang Hong (far right), in front of Romania's Peleş Castle.

churches during the upcoming winter tour. Then, over spring break, the men and women will travel east to Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts including the Moody Center in Northfield, Massachusetts, the location of D. L. Moody's birthplace, homestead, and gravesite. He also founded two Bible schools in the area, including a seminary in Northfield for young women. Next summer, the Chorale has a special invitation to present concerts of Christian music in Poland.

The Moody Men's Collegiate Choir will sing in churches in Indiana and Ohio over winter break. During spring break, they will sing in North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Illinois. The Men's Choir will tour China and Mongolia next summer, a trip they have been planning for a few years, according to their conductor, Dr. H. E. Singley '71. And since three choir members hail from Japan, Dr. Singley has added Japan to their destinations!

The Symphonic Band will perform in Michigan churches for the winter tour and in Spain during spring break in March. Yes, Spain! They will host concerts and master classes in public venues all over the northern half of Spain. The Band's repertoire will feature Moody's guitar instructor, Norman Ruiz, playing the *Tedesco Concerto for Guitar*. About a dozen Spanish instrumentalists will tour with them, playing in the band during the performances, allowing relationships as well as music to develop between the musicians from different countries.

"That we are able to represent Moody Bible Institute across the globe is a profound privilege," says Dr. David Gauger, conductor of the Symphonic Band. "The four touring groups put Moody students in direct contact with churches around the world."

For ensemble concert schedules, please visit moody.edu/music-ensembles.

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Professors Minister Overseas through Faculty Endowment Funds



Dr. Mike Milco preaches in Rundu, a city near the Namibia/Angola border, with the help of a translator.

Michael Milco, Moody professor and program head of Pre-Counseling and Human Services, has taken mission trips to Namibia and Angola, Africa, 19 times in the last 17 years. "The relationships I have developed since first teaching in the Osire refugee camp in May 2000 have been deep and long lasting," Mike says, grateful for the Faculty Travel Endowment Fund that helped pay a portion of his two-week trip last March.

A key contact in Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia, is Silva Solunga, whose daughter, Rosalina, attends Moody Bible Institute. Mike met the Solungas during his first mission trip to the Osire refugee camp in northern Namibia while war was raging in neighboring Angola. Rosalina was just four years old then. Mike, then a Moody Church pastor, and his wife, Karen, distributed thousands of dollars from a Christmas church offering to help the Christian refugees in Namibia and persuaded the church to "adopt" the refugee camp. They began regular trips to teach at Kalukembe Bible Institute and to do community development.

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When Mike became a Moody professor in 2005, he and Karen started a nonprofit (Slipstream International) to help the refugees create businesses to support their families. And when Rosalina was in high school, they suggested she apply to Moody Bible Institute. Now a junior communications major, Rosalina wants to minister in her home country after she graduates.

During last spring's trip, Mike preached three times in two churches on his first Sunday in Windhoek, then taught nightly at a church plant in Okahanja Park, a self-made settlement camp with no running water or electricity for its 3,500 people. He also visited people in the hospital and had meals with friends. "My evenings ended late but were always made complete by dinner with the Solunga family and other guests," he says.

During his second week, Mike traveled to a city at the border of Namibia/Angola, where he visited the pastors of three rural evangelical church plants from the IESA denomination (Igreja Evangélica Sinodal de Angola). He taught the Bible daily in the churches, and, on one occasion, all three churches gathered together inside corrugated zinc structures for teaching, singing, and preaching. "I remember one day asking God to give me the strength to teach day after day," he recalls. "In the past I was used to teaching for six hours each day, but the heat in those churches was especially draining on me." The Lord gave strength, and the believers were encouraged, he says, "especially since it is very seldom that a visitor from America comes to them."

"I am thankful to those who give to the Faculty Travel Endowment Fund, which allowed me to teach, preach, and encourage the churches in Namibia/Angola," he says.

Three additional 2017 Fund recipients traveled over the summer. Dr. Dominick Hernández, assistant professor of Bible at Moody Bible Institute in Spokane, Washington, taught, led worship, and served various congregations in Israel, along with three student interns.

Kerwin Rodriguez '09, pastoral studies instructor, served in Liberia with Eric Rivera '03 and Nathaniel Wilson '10, leading pastors' conferences for 200 pastors. The conferences focused on the Bible and suffering.

Mary Cloutier, associate professor of Intercultural Studies, traveled to France and French-speaking African countries to visit Moody alumni, including Rich '69 and Karyn (Stafford '69) Visser (involved with theological education in the Alsace region of France), Sara (Epps '91) Klopfenstein (youth and urban ministry in the Nancy region of France), Alice Bryant (semi-retired in Grenoble, France), and Cheryl '88 and Gordon Roedding '87 (outreach in Mali, West Africa). Mary also cultivated potential internships for Moody's Intercultural Studies students.



Dr. Mary Cloutier with friends in Gabon, Africa.

To give to the Faculty Travel Endowment Fund, which provides Moody professors with resources for cross-cultural ministry trips, contact the Alumni office at mbialum@ moody.edu or call (312) 329-4412.

Vote for the 2018 Alumni Board Nominees

The Alumni Board of Directors, which meets twice a year, consists of alumni who represent the 47,500 living alumni of Moody Bible Institute and Moody Theological Seminary. Read about the returning alumni board nominees, then cast your vote online at surveymonkey.com/r/JCS98ZB.

Returning for a Second Term



Chris Drombetta

'14 serves as the executive pastor at Old North Church in Canfield, Ohio. He also serves on the advisory board for Matthias Media

USA and writes for the online disciplemaking website, *gotherefor.com*.

Chris earned a bachelor's degree in ministry leadership with a preaching concentration from Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning. He has also earned a master's degree in theological studies from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Chris and his wife, Sarah, live in Canfield with their children, Emma (12) and Topher (10). Chris enjoys cooking with Sarah, hanging out with the kids, fitness, and a good theology book over coffee.



Tracy (McPhail

'14) Reed and her husband, Ian, reside in Tampa, Florida, where Tracy is active in her church as a deaconess, Sunday School teacher,

and secretary for the deaconess and

ministers' wives committee. She also volunteers as a mentor for a school that educates homeless elementary school students.

Tracy is the manager of organizational development and recruitment & staffing for TECO Services Inc. She received her BA from Spelman College followed by a master's degree and PhD in industrial/ organizational psychology from the University of South Florida. She also has a certificate in Biblical Studies from Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning.



Julie (Carlen '80) Ross studied foreign missions at Moody. She served with her husband, Steve Ross '79, a youth and college pastor at Boca Raton

Community Church in Boca Raton, Florida, and then in Peru with South America Mission. After Steve completed his master's degree from Moody, they began a ministry called The King's Wings. They trained pastors in Peru and served the missionaries in the Bahamian Islands until a tragic accident took Steve's life in 2003. Steve was killed in a midair collision during a return flight from the Bahamas, but the ministry of The King's Wings continues.

Julie is involved as a volunteer at the school and her church, Boca Raton Community Church. She lives in Boca Raton, Florida, and has four grown children: Ashley ('06), Jorden, Ben, and McKenzie, and two grandsons. The oldest, Stephen James Ross, was named after her late husband.

Alumnus Speaks on Turning Tragedy into Opportunity

When Torrey Barrett's sister, Kleo, was tragically killed by an ex-boyfriend in 2008, Torrey says he had two choices: "A lot of young people would use the choice of retaliation, but I decided to trust God's will and do what we could to protect my sister's legacy." Torrey went on to turn an abandoned building in Chicago into the KLEO Community Family Life Center, named after her with the acronym Keep Loving Each Other. "My mission is eradicating violence by bringing opportunity," he says.

Torrey Barrett MA '15 was one of several speakers invited by Professor Sajan Mathews to inspire graduate students during the weeklong Faith, Work, and Economy modular course held at Moody Theological Seminary in August 2017.

Torrey, executive pastor of the Life Center Church of God in Christ, described how he worked with city officials, organizations, and the church to develop community sustainability programs for families on Chicago's South Side, targeting education, public safety, economic development, and health and human services.

"Through all the programs that we were able to create, that area started to change. What was one of the worst areas became one of the safest," says Torrey, who is now raising funds to build a new KLEO Center that will include local stores, a restaurant, and artist lofts.

Torrey says earning an MA in Ministry Leadership at Moody was instrumental in helping him form his theology and develop leadership skills. "The classes taught me how to work in a ministry, how to use technology; all



Torrey Barrett

of those things I got at Moody helped me make KLEO what KLEO is today."

The Faith, Work, and Economy course, which can be taken independently or for graduate credit, has been offered for the third time in three years. The goal is to promote discipleship, says Dr. Mathews. "We are so focused on running to church to do ministry, and while that is good, now I'm training students to also view their workplace as their mission field."

Visit moody.edu/mtsfaithandwork for more information.

Moody Marketplace Leaders Forum

Christian business leaders are invited to a weekly forum that begins January 18, 2018, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. on Moody's Chicago campus. Enjoy in-depth Bible study led by Moody faculty, group and one-on-one prayer and spiritual guidance, networking with marketplace leaders, student mentoring opportunities, and support for project idea incubation and launch.

For more information and to RSVP, email Dr. Mathews at sajan.mathews@moody.edu or call (312) 329-4442.



Jonathan Claussen '11 holds three arrows, describing them in front of a Moody class of linguistics majors. One arrow has a narrow shaft to penetrate a pig's lungs and heart. Another is used for fishing. He holds up a third arrow. "What do you think this one is for?" After a pause, he says, "It's for people. The barbs break off in the person, and it's lathered with pig blood to cause as much infection as possible."

Home on a brief furlough, Jonathan says his knowledge of spears and arrows comes from the survey work he's been doing as an independent missionary linguist with tribes in Papua New Guinea since he graduated from Moody with his Applied Linguistics degree. Such weapons don't frighten him, though. More often the tribal women and children are afraid of *him*. "I'm pale like their vegetables, so they think I'm a spirit or one of their ancestors come back from the grave," he says. "But generally, I'm really welcomed and taken care of."

On a typical language survey trip, Jonathan spends a couple of weeks or more visiting villages in the jungle and mountains to gather preliminary linguistic data for Bible translation

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teams who will come after him. Arriving before the afternoon rain showers, he meets with village leaders, speaking in Tok Pisin, a widely used creole language with only about 4,000 words and "a high rate of miscommunication that makes it difficult to go deep doctrinally." He says his work paves the way for translators and church planters to communicate the Word of God accurately in a tribe's mother tongue.

An important part of Bible translation is to make sure it's done in a central dialect that is widely understood throughout a language

group. One way Jonathan analyzes a village's dialect is by placing a card on the ground to represent the main language, and beneath that, a card representing their village. "What other villages speak exactly the same way you do?" he asks. The leaders list nearby villages that speak the same language. Adding more cards, he finds out which villages speak their language a little differently, then lays string around the villages that speak alike. "It's a very visual concept," he says. "If you have something they can touch and move around, it streamlines the process and can provide great insight because

you're getting an insider's perspective, something that is often lost when only analyzing the raw linguistic data."

He also plays games with the children to assess the language vitality—is this language being learned by the next generation? What language are they using when playing with each other? "A few hundred languages in Papua New Guinea don't have Bible translations, but some languages are on the way out because of the increasing contact and mixing with other people groups," he says. "If the language is dying, this information helps Bible translators invest their resources in languages that will be around for a while."

After collecting data, Jonathan spends a few months in the office writing reports for the agency that commissions his work.



Jonathan hikes to an undocumented village in the Star Mountains of Papua New Guinea.

He explains: "Fulfilling the Great Commission in Papua New Guinea is a long and coordinated effort involving language surveyors, pilots, translators, doctors (who keep everyone healthy and fixed up), support teams, organization leaders, and finally, the senders: churches and believers back home who enable myself and others to go!"

The Explorer

Jonathan took his first trip to Papua New Guinea with New Tribes Mission at age 17. While he was a Moody student, he planned a solo trip across the country's swamplands and mountains. Unrolling a map, he asked Steve Clark, his linguistics professor and former Papua New Guinea missionary, to mark the most remote places. "Are you sure about this?" Clark asked.

John was sure, but recalls, "I had lots of epic blunders out there. Probably the gnarliest one was a canoe crash." During the trip, he traded his knife for a dugout stand-up canoe. After some particularly heavy rains, the locals advised against canoe travel, but Jonathan needed to catch a plane in a town called Wewak, hundreds of miles away. He made good time with the canoe—until he got caught in a log jam on a flooded river. Sucked under by currents, he popped up on the other side, but the canoe's nose split. "I lost my food and a lot of stuff, but fortunately not any data I had collected from the interior," he says. Lesson learned: Listen to the locals.

Unconventional Upbringing

Jonathan's adventurous spirit was kindled while growing up in the foothills of the Cascades in Washington. "We didn't have electricity or running water until I was six; we were what they call free-range kids," says Jonathan, whose dad was a logger and also served as a church volunteer, leading mission trips to Haiti. Instead of video games, Jonathan and his four homeschooled siblings spent extensive time outdoors, learning to build forts, climb mountains, and swing from treetops. Risk came with the territory. "We had lots and lots of stitches," he says, "but my mom said that a broken arm isn't the worst thing that could happen to a child."



Jonathan (right) analyzes a village's dialect and collects data for Bible translation.

Though he had his fair share of tumbles, he says, "I learned to manage fear, assess risk, and discover the limits of my capabilities, which was a springboard for growth." He also learned resourcefulness, creativity, even ownership ("because when things go wrong, you have no one to blame but yourself").

Meanwhile, Jonathan's dad, who is now senior pastor at Highland Community Church in Cowiche, Washington, taught Jonathan and his siblings "to do things with an eternal perspective; to really consider what you do and the eternal impact it will have," he says.

Ionathan trusted in Christ as a child and wanted to be a missionary like his uncle in Turkey. With an interest in Bible translation, he came to Moody because of its reputable applied linguistics program but also because of the tuition-paid education. "Guys like me who come from poor backgrounds have a heart to serve God but not the financial means to get through school with highquality education and training," explains Jonathan, who helped pay his room and board by starting a window-cleaning business with his brother Dan '13, a youth ministries major.

Time with Professors

Probably the most valuable thing Moody provided, he says, was access to professors and people who have experience in the field. "Moody is worth it just to meet the professors," says Jonathan, who sometimes struggled to get good grades. "I have more tenacity than talent. My average was a C-plus or B-minus. But Dr. Elizabeth Lightbody told me something really powerful that I pass on to others: 'You don't have to be an A-plus student to be an A-plus missionary.' " An indication of a good missionary, he discovered, is to have the heart of a servant.

He also discovered that doing Bible translation would require more sitting than he was willing to do. Survey work, however, suited his personality, so after an internship with SIL in Papua New Guinea, Jonathan graduated, sharing his pictures and ministry passion in small groups to raise support for the field. Surveyors are needed in parts of Africa, Eurasia, and many other places, but Papua New Guinea fit Jonathan's natural interests. "I love rafting and hiking through remote areas. While doing it, I can serve a greater purpose," he says. "When you can couple your interests and passions with ministry, that's a beautiful thing."

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Meeting a need for housing and gospel outreach

by Linda Piepenbrink

WA Cala. Phökos After **Corey Fifield '06** graduated from Moody, he secured a high-paying job working long hours for a downtown Chicago trading firm. When the firm suddenly closed in late 2012, Corey found himself unemployed with a house, a wife, and two young adopted children to support. He tried to find a similar position, but "God didn't open that door," he says. Instead he felt God tugging him in a different direction.

"The Spirit of God had really started to stir in me a heart for something more," he explains. Corey took a factory job with regular hours so he could serve more in his local church, Armitage Baptist, and at Pacific Garden Mission. "I really love what they're doing there at PGM. Great work," he says.

Corey noticed that some of the men who graduated from PGM's rehab program returned to the same program two or three times. The common thread, he discovered, was that their housing options were very limited. "Inevitably, they'd end up on a family couch or in a cheap hotel room surrounded by bad company. And bad company corrupts good character," Corey says, quoting 1 Corinthians 15:33.

That's when "God laid a vision for ministry heavy on my heart and it became a burden that wouldn't go away."

A Place to Live

Corey wanted to provide a hand up, not just give a handout. He decided that finding safe, affordable housing was difficult for vulnerable populations—not just graduates from Bible-based recovery programs but also others in need, including Christian refugees, missionaries, and even Bible college students. He envisioned providing group housing for godly people who, in turn, would reach other people with the gospel.

To confirm his vision, Corey began dedicating time each morning to pray with his closest friends, including fellow Moody grads, Aaron Johnson '06, David Washington '05, and Steve Laughlin '10, a pastor of Armitage Baptist Church. "We spent the better half of 2015 just praying until we all felt clarity on this vision and our hearts were aligned," Corey recalls.

Then they formed a board and began to present their vision to Christian leaders and pastors in Chicago. They also contacted pastors in other cities where they had church connections, including Pastor Ezekiel Kayeli, senior pastor of Kahawa Sukari Baptist, a partner church of Armitage Baptist Church in Nairobi, Kenya. "Everyone loved the vision, but it was the people of Nairobi who really combined their enthusiasm with some action," Corey says. "Before we even asked them, they had already begun looking for facilities and interviewing potential missionaries from Nairobi!"

That, plus lower start-up costs than in Chicago, led Corey and the board to establish a nonprofit ministry called Phokos, launching it first in Nairobi.

A Place to Launch

Phokos provides free housing to qualified Christian men (graduates from Bible-based recovery programs but also Christian refugees, Bible students, and missionaries). Pastor Ezekiel helped interview the applicants, selecting four Kenyan Bible college students to be their first residents. In return these men would spend 10 to 15 hours a week praying, serving in ministry, and preaching the gospel in partnership with local Biblebelieving churches.

It was time to raise funds for Phokos housing. With just \$100 in the bank, Corey presented the need at a small Mennonite church in central Illinois. "They heard the Phokos vision, and God just touched their hearts," he says. "Many were teary-eyed, and they gave an offering, and \$12,000 was raised!"

The money was just enough to pay for Corey's round-trip ticket to Nairobi and a full year of rent for a two-bedroom apartment for the Kenyan Bible college students who comprised the Phokos team. "So bam, right then, God had provided everything we needed."



The Phokos team does evangelistic outreach in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 2016 Corey flew to Nairobi to meet the Phokos team—Joshua, Alex, Eliphas, and John—and hear their testimonies. "Great guys with big hearts," Corey says.

Their Facebook page (globalphokos) tells the story of John, who lost his parents in the late 1990s and was raised by his grandmother and then an aunt. When they also died, he questioned why God would allow him to lose the most important people in his life. Christ won his heart, however, and he was able to go to high school and college. He sees Phokos as "a great opportunity to reach out to people who have lost hope in life and who feel like God has left them alone." He explains, "Having grown up in pain and experiencing a lot of loss of people that I value, I feel it is of need of me reaching out to the same people."

A Place to Grow

Corey knows how important it is to have other believers reach into your life. Raised in a nonreligious home, he became a Christian in early adulthood after multiple people gave him the same message-to turn from his sin and unbelief and trust Jesus as Savior. Corey joined Armitage Baptist Church in Chicago, and two years later he began attending Moody. A biblical studies major, he was hungry for the Word and zealous for the gospel that had changed his life. "I was able to take classes with solid men of God like Dr. Sauer, Dr. Zuber, and Dr. Naaman," he says. "Moody equipped me by helping me to better understand God's Word."

Corey's passion for missions also developed at Moody. "Listening to George Verwer '60 and his heart for world missions had a huge impact on me," he says. "I became passionate for the gospel on a global level."

Corey did street evangelism, volunteered in the housing projects near Moody, and mentored a boy named Travis, who, he says, "grew up to be an extraordinary young man."

"I had an awesome resident supervisor at Moody," Corey adds. "James Elliott '05 led by example. He was easy to respect, a man above reproach, yet very approachable."

A Place to Serve

Last April, Corey traveled to Nairobi to visit the Phokos team and to preach in Pastor Ezekiel's church, Kahawa Sukari Baptist, on Palm Sunday. Corey and the Phokos missionaries also partnered for a day with Special Ministries, the ministry of Arnie '54 and Marilyn (Mathieson '55) Newman, Moody alumni and longtime missionaries who founded 10 Hope Centers in Kenya. Together they did children's outreach at a Hope Center inside Kibera, Africa's largest slum, where an estimated one million people live within 1.5 square miles.

Unlike the dismal slum conditions, the mood inside the center was marked by "joy, hope, laughter, and kids who knew the Bible and could quote memory verses," Corey says. "Our team fell right into line. We served, we sang, we played Bible trivia games, and we brought lots of food and fed more than 100 children."

The Phokos team regularly does street evangelism, prays for people, and serves in their communities. Recently they did an evangelistic outreach and served food in another large slum, wearing shirts emblazoned with "We can. We will."

"I totally believe we can do this if we will," explains Corey, who is now looking to expand from four to 10 missionaries. Corey hopes Phokos will eventually grow to include separate housing for godly women. As financial and prayer partners increase, Phokos plans to expand to other cities around the globe.

"This same gospel message that flipped the world upside down still has the power to do that in these times," Corey says. "If this gospel is released, we don't have to guess what the results will be: souls will be saved, lives will be changed, and culture will be redirected."





Ben Jorden teaches kids in a neighborhood Bible club.

Kids in the 4/14 Window Reaching a massive unreached people group-next door

by Jamie Janosz

Did you know that the best time to influence a child spiritually is by age nine? **Ben Jorden '09 MA '17**, missionary to Chicago children, says, "We talk about the 10/40 window let's talk about the 4/14 window. If we miss sharing the gospel with children, we may have missed it completely."

Ben and his wife, Karis (Sims) '09, have hearts that beat for this massive unreached people group in Chicago and beyond. "That's what keeps us going—children who need to know about the God who loves them," Ben says.

Danger and Opportunity in the City

Ben, Karis, and their three young boys can hear sirens every night, responding to violent crimes that would unsettle most young parents. But despite dangers in their chosen neighborhood on Chicago's West Side, Ben and Karis say they are committed to their mission. "God has called us to stay and to be laser-focused on the gospel."

An estimated 700,000 children in the city have never heard the gospel, Ben says. "The average age of gang recruitment is age nine. There is a little boy in our neighborhood. I can pretty much tell the day he was recruited for a gang, and it broke my heart. This situation demands our response."

Meeting of Like Minds

The Jordens have served full-time with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Chicago since they were students at Moody. Ben and Karis met in high school while attending a CEF training

The 10/40 window is a loose term used by missionaries to describe unreached people in the middle areas of the globe. **The 4/14 window** is a new term formed by Child Evangelism Fellowship for children ages four to 14.

program in Missouri. They both decided to attend Moody as Evangelism and Discipleship majors, thinking they would return to Missouri for ministry after graduation. But as they began teaching at Bible clubs in Chicago for their student ministry assignment, they realized many kids didn't know the name of Jesus and hadn't heard the gospel. They decided to switch majors to Urban Ministries and keep serving in Chicago. "God was tugging on our hearts for the city, and He blew our mind with the need," Ben says.

Their time at Moody deepened their commitment to serving God through children's ministry. "I couldn't be in the city doing what we're doing without the classes in urban ministry we took with Moody professor Clive Craigen," Karis says. "His care and concern for the city and scriptural support made me see what God is doing through the city and through His people."



Karis Jorden trains teens to reach kids through five-day backyard Bible clubs.

Today Karis meets with public school children through a voluntary after-school program. For 90 minutes, they sing, listen to Bible lessons, learn a Bible verse, and play games. "It is a great opportunity to have them hear the gospel and then grow in their relationship with Jesus," Karis says. "They have people paying attention to them, teaching them how to pray and read the Bible, things that help us know who God is."

For a time, the Jordens hosted the children in their home, and Karis loved seeing piles of shoes at the entryway. "We had a Christmas party and were singing carols—the kids had never heard the hymns we know and love so dearly. It was so neat to celebrate Christmas that way. One of the boys said, 'I like to be here because I feel at home. It's a safe place. It's a place where I belong.'"

Karis adds, "That's one reason I continue to this day, so kids like him can hear the gospel and know their Father God and find a place where they belong."

The Jordens are always encouraged when they see the fruit of their labor. One of their students, Carvell, was raised by a single parent. He came to know Jesus as his Savior, and developed a deep love for Christ. "His academics flourished, and he challenged his mom to start living for the Lord," Karis says. "Last year, at age 12, he came to a training program for teens so he could start teaching other kids. He has blessed us and everyone else with his genuine passion for Christ."

Training the Next Generation

Besides working directly with elementary and middle school children, Ben and Karis recruit and mentor new missionaries. They supervise Moody students who serve in after-school programs throughout the city as their Practical Christian Ministry assignment. "We have 14 Moody students this year," Ben says. "We train them how to teach the gospel within the public schools and how to lead a child to Christ. Each volunteer goes through twenty hours of training."

Ben, who earned an MA in Ministry Leadership at Moody Theological Seminary in May, is also in the process of organizing three new after-school Bible clubs.

Many urban organizations try to meet kids' physical needs, but the Jordens hope more people will get involved in sharing the gospel with children in their neighborhoods. "The only hope we have for revival is our next generation," Ben explains. "God can use us to bring about a remnant of faithful followers for Christ. And I think the most effective way to do that is to start when they're young, to show them who Jesus is before they've had a chance to be twisted by the world.



The Jorden family

"One of our favorite things about working for CEF is that it's in every single country in the world and in every state and in many counties," he adds. "If people are interested in opening their homes or getting into local schools and starting a Bible club, free training is almost everywhere."

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Displaying the Heavens

Moody graduate shows his passion for nature photography

by Linda Piepenbrink

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"One thing that is cool about photography is its connection to a real time and a real place," says Josh Merrill, who shot the Northern Lights, titled "Heaven's Display," near Fairbanks, Alaska. When a polar vortex plunged Chicago to 20 below zero in January 2014, **Josh Merrill '15** grabbed his camera and headed for Lake Michigan. "I was like a kid in a candy store, going out to the lakefront for sunrise and sunset almost every day. I made some of my favorite images, and in a city of millions, I had the lakefront to myself!"

While some photographers hang up their gear in the winter, Josh says that's when he thrives. With proper gear and preparation, Josh has braved the cold in Alaska, the Canadian Rockies, the Pacific Northwest, and Patagonia (in Southern Chile and Argentina), and then there's his new love of night photography—all to capture God's creation in photos that are winning awards.

Recently, Josh's Canadian Rockies sunrise photo, "Fire and Ice," was chosen for the cover of the 2018 Moody Scripture Calendar. And his night shot from California's Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest appears inside.

"When most people wouldn't be outside, I get to see so many incredible things." For example, he takes night hikes through bear country with 60 pounds of camera gear—including a tripod, his Canon 5d Mark IV, and up to 10 lenses—then sits for hours to photograph terrestrial landscapes and long-exposure star trails. "Lately, I've been photographing the galactic core of the Milky Way!" he says.

Josh's preparation and respect for nature has grown after a few early blunders, like the time he hiked to the top of a Smoky Mountain trail to see the sunset and forgot to pack his headlamp for the way down. "It got completely dark, and every once in a while, I would *whiff* with one of my hiking poles, meaning it was over the edge of the cliff."

In addition to selling his work at summer art fairs, last year he began



"Twisted Nightscape," long-exposure star trail.

leading photography workshops year-round for eight to 10 participants at his favorite locations. Sometimes he leads a Canadian Rockies workshop with photographer Ken Koskela '87, a fellow Moody alumnus he met on an overlook in the Smoky Mountains. "We made this random connection and later found out we both had images in Moody's Scripture Calendar that year!"

The Moody Lens

Josh's curiosity about nature was nurtured in elementary and high school during homeschool field trips. After getting an associate's degree in photography at a community college in 2011, he decided to pursue a communications degree at Moody. "I was definitely drawn to Moody's reputation for theology," he recalls. Also, his girlfriend (now wife), Andrea (Mackowiak '12) Merrill, graduated the semester before he started. "When I visited her on campus, I saw the Moody community and thought it would be beneficial for me to be a part of."

In addition to his study of the Bible and theology, Josh built his communication skills at Moody through coursework in graphic design, video, multimedia, and writing. "Those things have helped me as a photographer to communicate my vision," he says.

One of his Communication professors, Brian Kammerzelt, was a photographer before he began teaching at Moody. "I always connected well with him and was able to talk shop with him," says Josh, who served as Brian's teaching assistant for a year and a half.

Josh says Kammerzelt's class, Biblical Perspectives on Media and Culture, helped him think through all media from a biblical point of view. "Why are we doing it this way and how can we do it better?" he says. The class covered topics such as the debate between secular and sacred. "For something to be honoring to God, does it have to be explicitly Christian?"

His classes validated his love of nature photography as a worthwhile ministry vocation. "God created



Josh Merrill

the world and nature in a way that is beautiful and that asks to be appreciated and seen," he says. "By



"Gate to the Galaxy," one of Josh Merrill's terrestrial landscapes.

being creative myself, I'm imaging forth our Creator God, but I'm also directly capturing the beauty of His creation and sharing it with others."

"It's not an easy way to make a living, but I definitely love it," he adds. "I get to do what I love, and I think I'm pretty blessed."

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2010s



Kenneth Cruz '16 and his family are raising support and praying for an open door for ministry in Athens, Greece, to help out with the refugee crisis. After serving in the military along with his wife, Randi, for 13 years, Ken was called to serve in overseas missions. To pursue this work, they joined Pioneers, serving until the summer of 2013. Then Ken enrolled at Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning to obtain a BS in Ministry Leadership. Ken and Randi are the parents of two daughters and two sons.

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Morgan Reed

'10 and his wife, Ashley, moved to Arlington, Virginia, in 2012, to complete his PhD at the Catholic University

in America. He is currently writing his dissertation about the Syriac Old Testament. On June 4, 2017, Morgan was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church in North America. He will be helping plant Incarnation Anglican Church in Arlington.

2000s



Anthony

Cleveland MA '01 recently published his first book of Christian historical fiction, *Roots of Faith* (CreateSpace Independent

Publishing Platform, 2017). The idea grew from Anthony's desire to learn about his ancestors and the potential role they played in the development of Christianity in America. He earned an MA in Counseling Psychology from Moody Theological Seminary in Michigan and currently serves as an associate professor of psychology at Jackson College in Jackson, Michigan.



Angela Thornton '03 and her husband, Dan, transitioned to Montreal, Quebec, where they will continue to serve with

Crossworld in theological education, pastoral ministry, and disciple-making. Prior to this, she and Dan served in Senegal, West Africa, for 10 years. Dan and Angela have two children: Isabella (8) and Evangeline (4).

1990s

Brad Grammer ASP '90 includes his personal story and experiences in his new book, *Examining the Impact* of *Trauma: Continuing the Conversation* of *Same-Sex Attraction* (Resource Publications, 2016). He says, "We can grow in loving those with samesex attractions in a way that honors Christ and those who are also created in the image of God." He currently works with homeless teenagers and young adults in Indianapolis as a case manager and resource coordinator at Outreach, Inc.

For the past 24 years, Brad has ministered to sexually broken people and promoted a biblical perspective on sexuality through counseling, support groups, and discipleship. From 1992 to 1998. Brad served as director of Face-to-Face Ministries in Chicago, where he ministered to men involved in prostitution. In 1998, he was appointed executive director of Hope & New Life Ministries in Indianapolis, a church ministry that seeks to offer a redemptive response to same-sex attraction. Along with contributing to three separate books, Brad served as a pastor of The Crossing, a church that reaches out to people who are homeless and addicted.

Brad and his wife have two sons.



Raymond Jelich

'93 and his wife, Isra, are pioneer church planters in Huntsville, Alabama. In January 2011, the Lord led

them to organize Victory Bible Fellowship. The non-denominational church is dedicated to winning people from all ethnic backgrounds to the Lord Jesus Christ and training them up unto maturity in Him (Heb. 6:1). Alongside planting churches, Raymond has been working with his brother, Gary Jelich, to organize a pro-life ministry called Protect Our Posterity Prayer and Action Network.

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1980s



Bill Euler ('86-'87), who spent 27 years as PGA head golf professional at Wildflower Country Club in Temple, Texas,

entered full-time ministry with Links Players International, which directs the Bible studies at golf courses and country clubs in the United States. Bill serves as the Southwest Texas regional director, and is involved in the growth and progress of Links Fellowships in Central and Southwest Texas.

Bill and his wife, Melody, live in Texas and have three children: Kate (27), Rachel (25), and Weston (18).

Iinksplayers.com

1970s



Jackie (Bumbicka '77) Trottmann recently authored a book called

God Notes—Daily Doses of Divine Encouragement (DreamSculpt

Media, Inc., 2017), which she was inspired to write during a prayer retreat in 2014. She has more than 7,000 e-zine readers and is currently writing three more books. Her Christian focus came after 40 years of working in a glamorous profession

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and realizing her spiritual life was suffering. She encourages others through blogging, writing, teaching Christian meditation, and speaking. Jackie and her husband live near St. Louis in Kirkwood, Missouri.

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David Pratt

'**76** works as the school administrator for Desert Christian Schools in Lancaster, California,

where he has been serving for the last 40 years. Desert Christian, a large ACSI-accredited school serving preschool to 12th grade, has 1,000 students and almost 200 employees on four campuses. David's wife, Ann (Aiken '76) Pratt, also worked in Christian school education and is now retired. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.



Steven Buchanan

'73 was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church in North America on September 13, 2016. Steve pastors Saints

Simeon and Anna Anglican Church, which he and his wife, Helen, planted in Walworth, Wisconsin, in 2013. The church meets in a residential retirement and care facility, with the purpose of not only providing worship and Bible study opportunities for those no longer able to get out to church, but also empowering seniors for service and ministry. Prior to church planting, Steve was involved in interim pastoral ministry and pulpit supply preaching.



Gary Hauck '72 teaches religion at the Montcalm Community College in Sidney, Michigan, where he also serves as dean of Arts and Sciences. He is president of the Michigan Liberal Arts Deans Association and chairman of the Montcalm Area Humanities Council, and just returned from leading a study-abroad team to India. Lois (Thornton) Hauck '72 is a retired caregiver and serves as nanny to their grandchildren. Gary and Lois have been married for 45 years and reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they are members of Ada Bible Church.

1960s



Bill Dillon '65, founder of Inner City Impact, has transitioned out of his role as chief executive officer but remains on staff as chairman

emeritus. Bill and his wife, Sandy, have been serving faithfully in their ministry since its founding in 1972. The ministry focuses on reaching Chicago's urban youth through after-school programs, sports leagues, leadership
development, and camping. Replacing Bill in the position of CEO is BJ Bechtel, an ICI employee of almost 20 years, who previously served as the chief operating officer.

Lorella (Miller '63-'65) Rouster

serves as a nonresident literature missionary to Congo. She creates Bible lessons for children in the African Kituba language and travels each year to train national staff. Recently, she published her first book about her 30-plus years of missionary experience in Africa, God Uses Crooked Sticks (Every Child Ministries). Prior to this, Lorella worked alongside her husband, John, as international co-director for Every Child Ministries, which they founded in 1985. John retired in 2016 for medical reasons. She and her husband celebrated 50 years of marriage on April 1, 2017.

Elizabeth (Snavely '60) Holt works with her husband in a small local church in England, teaching English to some of the thousands of Nepalese people living in the area. Through the English classes, they have been able to share the gospel with people from different nations. In addition. Elizabeth serves as a marker for the correspondence courses for Emmaus Bible School in the UK. Previously, the Holts served with Operation Mobilization for close to 10 years. They also served with a Flemish church, doing evangelism on merchant ships that harbored in the port of Antwerp, Belgium.

Births

To **Shannon (Klais '02)** and Bruce **Runnels**, a son, Ethan Flint, born



June 30, 2017. Ethan joins siblings Naomi, Corban, Lydia, and Luke. Bruce works at a public library in Mishawaka, Indiana, and Shannon is a stay-at-home mom.



To **Trenton** '04 and JoEllen (Veldt '05) Magnus, a son, Kaiden James, born June 24, 2017. Kaiden joins brothers Torin (6)

and Lynton (3). The Magnuses live in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where Trenton works for Reliance Telephone Systems and JoEllen works for Amazon Customer Service.



To **Tim '14** and **Sarah (Field) Roatch '16**, a son, David Isaac, born May 28, 2017. The Roatches live in Spokane, Washington,

where Tim works as a custodian at Northwest Christian School and Sarah works from home.

To **Rachel (Gliebe '12)** and Eric **Meiri**, a son, Gershon Baruch, born April 23, 2017. He is named after Eric's

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grandpa, Gerald, and Rachel's childhood rabbi. The name Gershon means "a stranger there," and Baruch means a "blessing." As Jewish believers

in Jesus, the happy parents pray their son's focus will be on the world to come, not here on earth. Rachel is taking a break from doing youth work at her home congregation to devote more time to motherhood and getting her master's degree. The Meiris live in Skokie, Illinois.



To Emily (McGrath '14) and Brandon Terpstra, a son, Liam Oliver, born February 26, 2017. Emily is an administrative

assistant at Family Bible Church in Portage, Indiana. The church is pastored by her father, Moody alumnus **David McGrath '88**. Emily serves in various ministries at her church with her husband and also writes testimony updates for Samaritan Creations in Bangkok, Thailand.



To **Steve '99** and **Rebekah (Worfel '99) Byrd**, a son, Lincoln Graham, born January 24, 2017. Lincoln joins sisters Emily (13), Madeline

(10), and Olivia (6). Steve is an entertainment lawyer with Loeb and Loeb LLP, and Becky works part-time for Moody Theological Seminary as the assistant to the Gary D. Chapman Chair of Marriage, Family Ministry, and Therapy. The Byrds live in Oak Park, Illinois.



To Jason '00 MA '03 and Tara (Christo '03) Wilson, a daughter, Abigail Ruth, born January 19, 2017. Abigail joins

brother Joel Paul (4). The Wilsons live in Villa Park, Illinois, where Jason serves as an associate pastor of children and youth at Harvard Avenue Evangelical Free Church, along with teaching as an adjunct professor for Moody Bible Institute Distance Learning. Tara, a stay-at-home mom, also enjoys serving at their church.



To **David '08** and Chelsea **Sefton**, a daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth, born on January 24, 2016, and joined to the Seftons by adoption on April

4, 2016. Her parents endured many trials in their adoption journey, but they say the faithfulness of God redeemed the hard beginning. Aubrey is an absolute joy, and her family is deeply grateful for the blessing that she is. David works as a physical therapist at Northern Physical Therapy while Chelsea is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and serve at Crossroads Community Church.

To Irene (Monteclaro '06) and Shay Ezell Phillips, a son, Tobias Christian,



born March 2, 2016. Tobias joins siblings Chloe (10), Phoebe (3), Walle (8), and Ollie (5). Irene and Shay serve with the Awana

club at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido, California.

Marriages



Eddie Jr. '15 and Lauren (Downey '15) Cuevas were married April 24, 2016, in Chicago. The Cuevases work at Moody Bible Institute;

Lauren as the operations coordinator in Event Marketing and Management and Eddie as the customer service associate at Moody Publishers. In the future they hope to serve in a church setting: Eddie in worship and creative arts and Lauren in an administrative role.



Kyle '16 and Stefanie (Goossen '17) Kennicott were married on May 21, 2016, in Hesston, Kansas. The Kennicotts live in Chicago, where Kyle works as the office coordinator for the Moody Alumni Association while also working towards his MDiv at Moody Theological Seminary. Stefanie works as a receptionist in an audiology office. In her leisure time she says she's working on her PHT degree (Put Hubby Through). In the future they hope to train international leaders in biblical education and ministry.

Gatherings



John '70 and Heather (Mcgee) LaShell '70 and Lloyd '71 and Diane (Gray) Goheen '71 spent a few days together during the month of August in Colorado. John and Lloyd were roommates their freshman year, close to 50 years ago. Both couples got married on the same date and had sons born the same date, but have not seen each other since 1970. The LaShells live in Pennsylvania, where John has been pastoring since graduation. The Goheens live in Colorado.

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The Life and Legacy of Louise Solheim



When Louise Crozier married Karsten Solheim on June 20, 1936, she pledged to put her husband and family first. She supported Karsten as he pursued careers as a cobbler and cookware salesman, followed by engineering school and aeronautics. Meanwhile, Louise managed the business side of their garage-based company, Karsten Manufacturing, which produced the now worldfamous Ping golf clubs. Karsten's biographer would later call her "a gracious diplomat, articulate, good-natured, and also full of ideas."

Louise Solheim died on July 8, 2017, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was 99.

"Louise's legacy is one that most clearly reflects Proverbs 31," says Dr. Paul Nyquist, president of Moody Global Ministries. "She was a godly, loving wife and mother who was industrious and provided for her family. She was kind, compassionate, and generous toward others. She will be dearly missed, but we rejoice in the Lord that her faith is now sight and that her life will continue to serve as an example for others to follow." Louise was an infant when her mother died, so she lived with relatives in Texas until sixth grade, then moved back to live with her father in Washington. After a year of business college, she met Karsten at church and married him six months later.

When Karsten started making golf clubs, he kept his position at General Electric. But in 1967 Louise persuaded him to quit his day job as she was swamped with orders at Karsten Manufacturing. She even named one of the legendary golf clubs, suggesting the name "Answer." Karsten said it wouldn't fit on the club's toe, so Louise said, "Just leave out the w." He named it the Ping Anser.

Their son Karsten '74, along with their four granddaughters, Candy '82, Dawn '87, Melody '88, and Joy '96, attended Moody. The Solheims had already been giving to Moody when Dr. George Sweeting '45 asked if they would prayerfully consider contributing a significant gift to help fund an athletic outreach center on Moody's Chicago campus.

The Solheims agreed, eagerly providing a large part of the funding for the Solheim Center, which was dedicated on January 13, 1991.

After Karsten passed away in 2000, Louise continued to faithfully support Moody Global Ministries. She is survived by three sons: John, Allan, and Karsten. She had 14 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

1970s



James Ray Eberline '71, age 67, July 25, 2017, Panajachel, Guatemala.

Jim was a mentor, colleague, and

trusted friend whose leadership, vision, and pastoral heart were used by God to advance His work in Honduras, Mexico, the United States, Uruguay, and, most recently, Guatemala.

After graduating from Moody, Jim earned a teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree from Wheaton College. Jim and his wife, Cheryl, attended Spanish language school in Costa Rica and served in Siguatepeque, Honduras, at a boarding school as house parents for missionary kids. The Eberlines, along with their two children, moved to Mexico City, where they served in leadership training. Jim then went on to serve as senior pastor of Waukesha Bible Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin, from 1988 to 1989 and LeRoy Community Chapel in LeRoy, Ohio, from 1989 to 1995.

The Eberlines returned to the mission field as empty nesters, serving in leadership development, church planting, pastoral ministries, and field directing in Pachuca, Mexico. From 2009 to 2016 Jim enjoyed leading Peacemakers conferences while serving in Montevideo, Uruguay. Early in 2017 they moved to Guatemala, where they lived in Panajachel on the banks of Lake Atitlan.

Jim was preceded in death by a sister and brother. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Anne (Currie) Eberline, son Eric James Eberline, daughter Judi Ann Arndt, and several grandchildren.

Marsha (Megchelsen '70) Thyren, age 67, April 8, 2017, Waldo, Wisconsin.

Marsha was a devoted pastor's wife to **Paul Thyren '69**, serving churches in Oconomowoc and Adell, Wisconsin, for over 43 years. She enjoyed teaching women and children and traveled to minister in Ghana, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Tanzania. She found great delight in supporting missions around the world, including the sponsorship of two orphan children in South Asia.

Marsha is survived by her husband; her children Annalisa (John) Siczka, Stephen (Nery) Thyren, Bethany (Phil) Blechacz, and Valerie (Alton) Schultz; 12 grandchildren; her brother **Barry Megchelsen** '71 and sister **Melanie** (Megchelsen) Pav '74.

1960s



Dennis W. Cope '62 age 76, June 27, 2017, Simi Valley, California.

After graduating from Moody, Dennis met a

Christian physician who influenced him to pursue a career in medicine. He then spent a year at Roosevelt University before transferring to Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, where he met his wife, Mary Jean Cook.

From 1970 to 1992 he was at

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UCLA's School of Medicine in West Los Angeles where he completed his internship, residency in internal medicine, fellowship in endocrinology, and appointment to the faculty. During that time, Dennis transitioned to teaching at UCLA where he received numerous teaching awards and honors including the prestigious Sherman M. Mellinkoff Faculty Award and Award for Excellence in Education. In 1995 Dennis accepted positions as professor and director of internal medicine/ geriatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina and chief of internal medicine at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, South Carolina. In 2002 the Copes returned to California, as Dennis was recruited to be the chief of medicine at Olive View UCLA Medical Center and professor of medicine at UCLA, serving until his retirement in January 2013.

Over the years, Dennis and Mary Jean were active in several different churches, including Pacific View Baptist in Torrance, California, First Scots Presbyterian in Charleston, South Carolina, and Moorpark Presbyterian in Moorpark, California. Dennis enjoyed teaching Sunday School and serving on the board of elders.

Dennis was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Wesley, and is survived by his wife, daughters Kari and Kristina, and many grandchildren.

Lee Weiss '63, age 80, July 26, 2017, Nairobi, Kenya.

After graduating from Moody, Lee pastored seven churches in the States before moving in 1986 to Kenya, where he worked with OC International (now called One Challenge) and



Youth for Christ International. In 2006 Lee and his wife, Sandy, cofounded Transformation Ministries Africa together with their

daughter, Sarah (Weiss '02) Kabutha, and her husband, Victor Kabutha '99 MA '02. The Kabuthas are now carrying on their dad's legacy and passion to see lives transformed for Jesus through their ministry.

Lee was preceded in death by his first wife, JoAnn (Allen) Weiss '63, his sister Helen Weiss, and brother Arthur Weiss Jr. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sandy Weiss, his brother Paul Weiss '63, his children Patricia Weiss, LeAnn (Rick) Rupard, Stephen (Tammy) Weiss, Sharon Childers, and Sarah '02 (Victor '99 MA '02) Kabutha, as well as eight grandchildren.

1950s



Donald L. Rice '58, age 80, April 19, 2017, Strongsville, Ohio.

Donald faithfully served as a pastor in Christian and

Missionary Alliance churches in Indiana, Hawaii, Michigan, and Ohio until 1990. He also sold church, life, auto, and home insurance. He was a man known for his humility and comradery.

Donald was preceded in death by Eva, his wife of 55 years, and is survived by his four children, Donald (Terri), Amy (Cliff) Martin, Bill **(Kelley '98)**, and Winnie (Andy) Powell. Donald found joy in his 10 precious grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arthur Elmer Dalley '57, age 90, February 21, 2017, Flanagan, Illinois.

Arthur celebrated 60 years of marriage to **Betty (Nicholas) '55** on January 26. They met at Moody Bible Institute, and shortly after getting married, they were called to serve in Village Missions, a United States-based rural mission organization.

For 12 years, Art served as a pastor in churches in Colorado, Nebraska, Washington, and Oregon. In 1971 Art and Betty answered the call to serve in Illinois at Salem Children's Home, where they served for 17 years.

Art demonstrated his love for the Lord to his family each morning with Bible reading, devotional thoughts, and a prayer for the many missionaries he and Betty supported. Besides teaching classes at various churches, he faithfully ministered for many years to the men at Livingston County Jail in Pontiac, Illinois, through Salem Church's jail ministry.

Art also loved old country-western music, but his favorites were the old gospel hymns performed by various men's quartets and choirs, including the Moody Bible Men's Quartet, the Scottish Male Choir, and the Haven of Rest Quartet.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Waldner, and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children Steven (Brenda) Dalley, Sharon (Ben) Tyler, Susan (Todd) Push, Diane (Jim) Yuill, and David (Melissa)Dalley; 23 grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; three brothers; and many nieces, nephews, stepgrandchildren, and step-greatgrandchildren.

Marjorie (Vance, '56) Rice, age 80, April 11, 2017, Joliet, Illinois.

Marge served as church secretary of Larkin Baptist Church for many years. She used her research skills to serve various groups, including the Will-Grundy Genealogical Society. Through her business, Faces from the Past, she connected people to old family photos more than 2,000 times. She also volunteered at Joliet Area Community Hospice and at Will County Crisis Line in Joliet, Illinois, for 25 years.

Marge is survived by Jack, her husband of 60 years; her children Karen (Gregg) Block, Julie (Rice, '82) (David) Rice-Zurek, and Linda (Jeff) West; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Myron (Mike) Higby '55-'56 ES, age 84, June 4, 2017, Overgaard, Arizona.

Mike, and his wife, Aleetha (Palmeri

'56) Higby, dedicated their lives to serving the Lord together as they went off to Moody Bible Institute. Mike earned a diploma in Pastoral Studies from Moody and a BA from Wheaton College. He started Good News Clubs through Child Evangelism Fellowship and continued working with CEF the rest of his life. He also taught at Wheaton Academy and Scottsdale Christian Academy. Together, Mike and Aleetha ("Lee") planted and ministered in several Wisconsin churches, including Fox Valley Bible,

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Blackhawk, and Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church. Mike was preceded in death by Lee, his wife of 54 years; son Stephen; brother Wayne; and sister Rosalie. Mike is survived by his three sons, **Daniel '78-'79**, David, and John; and eight grandchildren.



John Dougherty '52-'55, age 87, June 24, 2017, Oneonta, New York.

After graduating from Moody, John

and his wife, Edith (Suderman '54) Dougherty, joined the American Mission for Opening Churches. He pastored the Milford Center Baptist Church in Milford Center, New York, until it became self-supporting, and then transitioned to the role of director of deputation for the AMOC in Buffalo, New York. During the next four years, he and Edith traveled extensively, representing the mission and ministering through music at Bible conferences.

In 1962 John left the mission to serve as pastor of the Calvary Independent Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, until 1974, when he became pastor of the Hedstrom Memorial Church in Buffalo. There he began his refereeing career, which he continued until he was 80 years old. In 1984 John and Edith moved to West Oneonta, New York, to pastor West Oneonta Baptist Church, where John continued to serve after his retirement in 2001.

John was preceded in death by his son David, and is survived by his wife of 62 years, Edith; his children, Cheryl (Michael), Stephen (Lisabeth), and Karen; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Jean (Evans '55) Beck, age 81, April 13, 2014, Dallastown, Pennsylvania.

Jean and her husband, Rev. Allen Jack Beck, served for 40 years in Mission Travel Society, an organization that purchased and maintained motor vehicles for overseas missionaries to use while on deputation in the States. She also taught in local jail ministries and worked with local pastors in Haiti to construct churches, schools, orphanages, and medical clinics for the Haitian people.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathryn DeAra; sister **Betty Ruth Evans '52 '72**; three brothers, including **Charles Evans '50**; and her mother, **Alma (Miller '22) Evans**. She is survived by siblings **Donald F. Evans '54, Doris L. Evans '57**, and sister-inlaw **Betty Lou (Wanscott ES '56) Evans**.



Richard H. Fleming '49-'51, age 87, September 10, 2017, Ankeny, Iowa.

Richard sang in the Moody

Chorale with Dr. Donald Hustad, then went on to a long career in education and church music. He served as an associate pastor at Baptist churches in Flint, Detroit, and Muskegon, Michigan. In 1957 he joined the music faculty of Omaha Baptist Bible College, conducting the college chorale and singing in the faculty trio. He graduated from OBBC in 1960. After the college moved to Ankeny, Iowa (renamed Faith Baptist Bible College), Fleming became director of Christian Service and served in several administrative roles, the last of which was assistant to the president. FBBC named him alumnus of the year in 1985.

Richard was born March 17, 1931, in Battle Creek, Michigan, to Georgia and Harold Fleming, who lived on the grounds of the Gull Lake Bible Conference. Growing up on the conference grounds allowed Richard to hone his music skills. When Alfred **B. Smith '39** needed a last-minute replacement as conference song leader, he recruited the 18-year-old Richard, giving him a brief lesson and sending him off to his first assignment. Richard would later serve as annual conference leader for the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

In 1952 Richard married Elnora Mae Stadt '50-'51, and they had two children. After many years of ministry, Elnora died in 2009. Later in life Richard continued to serve at FBBC as goodwill ambassador, eating daily with students and culminating 60 years of ministry with the college.

Richard is survived by his two children, Deborah (Dave) Drake and Richard (Angela) Fleming; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, and extended family members.

Lois (Edgemon '51) Hill, age 86, April 14, 2017, Mansfield, Ohio.

Lois served alongside her travelingevangelist husband, **Robert J. Hill '52**, and later as he pastored a church in



Youngstown, Ohio.

Lois served in church ministry throughout her life, helping in Sunday School, children's church,

and music programs. Additionally, she worked at Reed's Department Store as director of display and advertising for many years. She was a seamstress, artist, and poet with unlimited talent.

Along with her husband, Robert, Lois was preceded in death by her son David Robert Hill; daughter-in-law Kristine (Johns) Hill; and sisters Mary Grace Nichols and Margaret Shields. She is survived by her children Daniel Hill, Janet (Martin) Guetle '78, Bill (Cindy) Hill, and Dawn (Todd) Beckman; daughter-in-law Suzanna Hill; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Don Coddington '51, age 90, June 29, 2017.

After graduating from Moody, Don attended Northern Baptist Seminary and acquired a BA from Wheaton College. He married Helen (Fissel '48) Coddington, "class musician" of Moody Bible Institute's April class of 1948.

Following his ordination in gospel ministry from Skokie Valley Baptist Church, he served at churches in Chicago, Illinois; Superior, Wisconsin; Mora, Minnesota; Newhall, California; and Lakewood, California. He also served as a chaplain in prison and hospital ministries.

Don proudly boasted of the work of Moody Bible Institute and supported

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the ongoing work financially and with prayer.

Don is survived by his wife, Helen; three children; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Thomas ES '50, age 89, September 6, 2017.

A founding member of The Master's Seminary and noted New Testament scholar, Dr. Robert Thomas studied at Moody Evening School for six months in 1950, supporting himself by working at the Wilson meatpacking plant. That September he enrolled in the Day School program, but a month later he was called into active duty with the US Army in Korea. While in Chicago he met his future wife, Joan, at a Youth for Christ rally.

Thomas returned from two years of active duty to enroll in Dallas Theological Seminary, where he earned a ThM (1956) and a ThD (1959). He became chairman of Talbot Theological Seminary's New Testament department in 1959, teaching there for 28 years. When his former student, Dr. John MacArthur, founded The Master's Seminary, he immediately recruited Thomas as one of the founding faculty.

Dr. Thomas served on the translation committee of the *New American Standard Bible*, then led a four-year project to create a concordance of the new translation. The *New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance* garnered many awards and was recognized as an early effort to harness computer technology in Bible study. Thomas also participated in the 1978 International Council on Biblical Inerrancy, producing the well-known "Chicago Statement" on inerrancy. He wrote or coauthored more than a dozen books. He is survived by his children, Barbara (Jay) Erselius, Robert (Nell) Thomas Jr., Jonathan (Janet) Thomas, Mark (Lynda) Thomas, and Michael (Carie) Thomas; 22 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1940s



Theodore (Ted) Roosevelt Sisk, Jr. '46, age 89, April 18, 2017, Lexington, Kentucky.

In 1945 Ted

felt God's call to vocational ministry and began a lifelong journey of education, preaching, and pastoral care. He commenced his academic journey at Moody Bible Institute, earned his BA from Piedmont College, and MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, along with honorary doctorates from Alderson-Broaddus College (now a university) in Philippi, West Virginia, and Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Throughout his life, Ted served at various churches including Harmony Baptist Church in Baldwin, Georgia (1948–1956); Buechel Park Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky (1957– 1959); First Baptist Church of Hogansville, Georgia (1960–1962); and Highlawn Baptist Church in Huntington, West Virginia (1962– 1969). He is well known across Central Kentucky as the former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, where he served for 25 years from 1970 until his retirement in 1995.

He was preceded in death by his

sister, Ruth Sisk Pleak, and his greatgranddaughter Adelaide Sisk. He is survived by his wife, Ginny; four sons, Larry, Jonathan, Paul, and Mark; and nine grandchildren.



Samuel Foos '44, age 95, July 5, 2017, Billings, Montana.

After graduating from Moody, Samuel attended

Wheaton College where he was tutored in Greek by Jim Elliot who was later martyred by the Auca Indians in Ecuador. Additionally, he sang in a gospel glee club and frequently performed across the country, as well as on the radio in Chicago.

He then went on to pastor in many different communities: Prospect Valley, Colorado; Lingle and Worland, Wyoming; Wiggins and Greeley, Colorado; San Bruno, California; and Hardin, Billings, and Worden, Montana. Sam retired from the ministry in 1984. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rowena, two sisters, and four brothers. He is survived by his sister, Hanna Shoeler; two sons, Stephen (Clare) and Randal; and three grandchildren.

Faculty



Dr. Robert Clark, age 86, July 26, 2017, Portland,

2017, Portland, Oregon. Dr. Clark retired from teaching and ministry after 23 years

as a professor of Christian education at Moody Bible Institute. He continued his work by serving as pastor of senior ministries at Applewood Baptist Church in Colorado.

His time at Moody left a lasting impact upon students. **Debbie (Lee '81) Murrill** stated, "He was my very favorite professor at Moody."

Steven Wright '80, wrote, "A life well lived—now all of Heaven will enjoy that infectious smile. I will always remember the life lessons Dr. Clark taught me; he is the reason I am in full time ministry today—37 years on from those wonderful classrooms filled with his creative passion and care! Dr. Clark cared for us and sent us out into the world with great encouragement!"

Dr. Clark was preceded in death by his son, Ken. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marian Anderson Clark; five children; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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