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The Next 50 Years

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly." - Langston Hughes

In his book, *To Dream Again*, Robert Dale quotes the poet Langston Hughes in his discussion of why churches and organizations plateau, decline and eventually die. His basic conclusion is that spiritual organizations begin their downward trend when they lose their grand Kingdom vision and purpose in the daily grind of maintaining their policies and programs. It is sad but true that a number of our congregations and brotherhood ministries have fallen victim to the "maintenance mentality." Some are a mere shadow of their former glory and vitality, while others have long since died. Constantly refining, defining, and articulating values and vision helps to keep ministry organizations focused toward health and growth.

Our values have always and will continue to define who we are. We are people of the Book, who love and teach the inspired scriptures, because we are convinced that the Gospel is the power to save and change lives. This value has always influenced our curriculum and our selection of faculty at Sunset. We are people who love and serve the Lord's Church, collectively and congregationally. We believe that the Church, as designed by God and revealed in scripture, is part of His eternal plan to bless His creation. This value continues to influence our organic connection with the Church and local congregations wherever our schools meet. We are people who take seriously the "Great Commission" and share with our Lord a compassion for the lost people of our nation and the world. From the beginning and going forward, because of this value, we are not just a ministry for training preachers but one that trains preachers to help evangelize the world.

After 50 years, Sunset International Bible Institute remains strong and vital, but we must never settle for maintaining the status quo or merely keeping the "organizational machinery oiled and turning." It is

time to "dream again" just as we have done at many significant mile-markers along the way in our history. While our essential biblical values and message will not and must not change, the next 50 years will bring new challenges, new opportunities and even new people to the equation. We cannot accurately predict all of the needs of a world 50 years from now, but we can commit anew to keep this ministry on the cutting edge of aggressively meeting Kingdom needs as we encounter them and as we see them in the future.

A renewed vision is the fertile seed-bed for productive ministry goals which address growing opportunities and proper resource allocation. Our heart is to train biblically equipped gospel preachers and teachers for the nations, who will participate in world evangelism through their Christ-centered lives and message. This purpose must be renewed in the minds of every generation of

faculty, staff and administration. It must remain a part of our organizational DNA. As we begin our 51st year, we are in the process of developing a clear vision and specific goals for reaching the new generations of the twenty-first century. We invite broad participation in this visioning process from all of those who care about the future of Sunset.

Jesus envisioned a worldwide Kingdom in which God would reign redemptively over men and women who, in response to their obedience to the gospel message, would be saved by the blood of Christ and sanctified by His Spirit. That vision defined the purpose, the values, the ministry and the lives of His early disciples. We dare not settle for a smaller vision than His. Let's go "make disciples of all nations," and encourage as many as possible to go with us.

*It is time to
"dream again"*



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On November 8th, 2012, the alumni of Sunset International Bible Institute gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Sunset. What an incredible joy it was to welcome home so many preachers, teachers and church leaders as they gathered for Homecoming 2012! Alumni, faculty and staff gathered together in Lubbock to reflect on the dream of Cline Paden and the humble beginnings of the school, to celebrate all that God has accomplished during the first 50 years of ministry training and to celebrate in advance all that God will do in the future. It was truly a time of reflection and celebration.

The homecoming celebration was not a lectureship, it was an interactive time of sharing stories, sharing special memories, and sharing hopes for the future together. It was a time of discovery as SIBI alumni rehearsed what God was doing in their lives and ministries and as we discussed what was happening in the lives of former classmates and current colleagues. We were strengthened through fellowshiping and worshipping together with alumni both young and old, graduates representing each decade who came together for one purpose—to celebrate with one another God’s provisions through a half century.

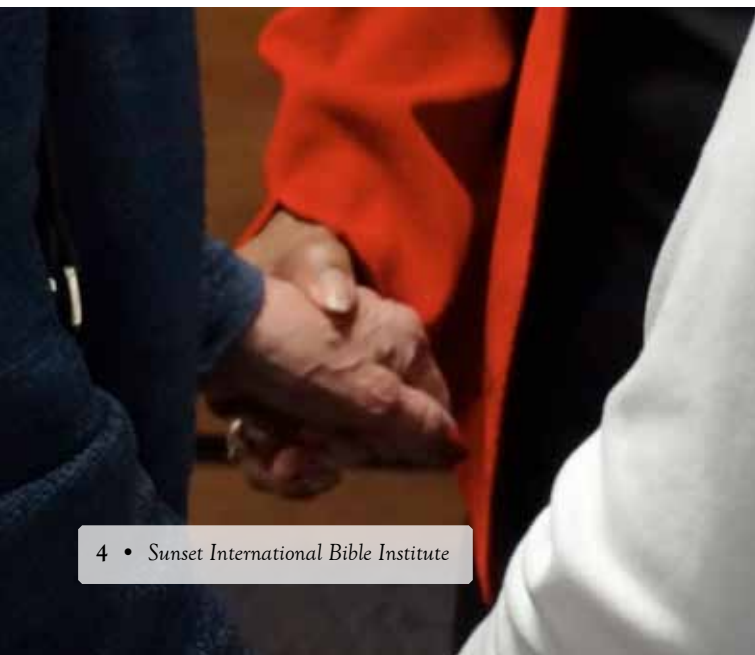
We were blessed by a performance by Gary and Sue Ball, as well as their daughter Sherry Ball Luster, from the Ball Ranch in Abilene. We were blessed by inspirational messages from Ed Wharton, Gerald Paden, and Truitt Adair. We were blessed by our homecoming banquet. We were blessed by times of sharing memories by all of those alumni gathered. Put simply, we were

blessed. We expressed our thankfulness to God for these blessings by “raising our Ebenezer.” We reflected on the words of 1 Samuel 7:12, *“Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far has the Lord helped us.’”* A large stone was raised in our mission garden to remind us, and tell all who see it in coming years, that it is only by God’s help and grace that Sunset has been able to train preachers, teachers, and church leaders around the world for 50 years. Next to this stone is an empty place where those 50 years from now will erect yet another Ebenezer stone representing God’s continuing help, unless Jesus returns first.

Many people expected the world to come to an end in 2012. Obviously, it didn’t end. Instead, SIBI began the second half of a century of faithfulness. Through the providence and provision of God and through the continuing financial support of thousands of Christians around the world, the future has never looked brighter. As has been said, “The sun never sets on the work of Sunset.”

Chris Swinford
SIBI Alumnus - 1989

Left Page: Top Left, Remembering past missionaries at the Missions Plaza. Bottom Left, hands joined as memories are shared. Bottom Right, Dot Stewart and others appreciate the stones to remember the work of missionaries. Right Page (starting top left and moving clockwise) Ed Wharton addressing the alumni. Bill and Dot Yasko reuniting with Lowell Johnson. Chris Swinford addressing the crowd at the unveiling of the Ebenezer stone in the Missions Plaza. Gray Eagle Award recipient, John and Linda McCourt, '65. Truitt awarding John McCourt with the Gray Eagle Award.





AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE.... FOUR GENERATIONS OF SUNSET STUDENTS

As SIBI celebrates its Jubilee year, it is naturally an occasion to look both backward and forward to honor God for what He has done and what He may yet do in the future. The list of great things God has done is long and filled with the stories of many faithful servants traversing the globe to seek and teach the lost.

Yet another milestone in Sunset's fiftieth year may include the first fourth generation students in the residential program. This story begins in 1966 with the arrival of a young Bill Smith from Wichita, Kansas. Smith graduated in July 1968 and is still preaching, having served congregations in Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, as well as missionary work in Botswana and Slovakia.

Bill's father-in-law, Roy Christiansen, entered Sunset School of Preaching in 1971 and graduated in 1973. Two of Bill's sons, Jeff and Kris Smith, graduated from Sunset, in 1986 and 1993 respectively. Jeff served many years in youth ministry and currently works as the university minister at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. Kris Smith, after years on the mission field of Kosice, Slovakia, currently serves as the director of the AIM program at SIBI.

In August of 2012, Kris' son and daughter began work as students in the residential program. Logan is an AIM graduate from the class of 2006, having served in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Amy Smith is an AIM graduate from the class of 2007 having served in Albania and New Zealand. Their presence begins the fourth generation in this family to attend the two-year ministry program at Sunset. Logan and his wife Jessica recently gave birth of their first son, Monroe, and the possibility of another generation.

May these represent the first, Lord willing, of many more children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Sunset alumni in the coming years. May the legacy of ministry service they represent continue down the years until the Lord returns and SIBI's great mission finds its completion.

Jon K. Smith

AIM 1983 (Gaborone, Botswana)



Top: Bill and Melody Smith at a Going Away Party;
Bottom: Koscise, Czechoslovakia Team, 1992



Bill Smith preaching in Botswana, (beginning top left) Barbara, Amy Jo, Logan, and Kris Smith in Mexico City; the sons, Kris, Jeff, and Jon Smith; Jeff, Kris, and Amy Jo Smith in Mexico City; Kris and Amy Jo Smith in Mexico City; Logan and his wife Jessica.

HERE AM I. SEND ME.

In December, the School of Missions graduated three from the program to send out into the world. Tommy Maxwell has gone to Scotland to join his fiancée, Pamela McAdams, who has been in Scotland for two years. They are working there reaching the lost of that nation. Two families, Ozzie and Jennifer McDaniels and Tim and Tara King, moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, in an effort to evangelize not only that city but that area of the country where churches are few and far between and the people are in desperate need of the truth. Both Tim and Ozzie have spent the past few years working in established congregations but are looking to plant new works in a large area. They plan to work with other churches to network and provide a strong light for the world. Please pray for these as they labor for the Lord. If you are interested in supporting the training of more missionaries or if you would like to be trained as a missionary you can contact Paul Dowell, Dean of Missions, at 806-788-3265 or pdowell@sibi.cc for more information.



Left to Right: Tommy Maxwell, Ozzie and Jennifer McDaniels, and Tara and Tim King

Solar-Powered Technology that Makes a Difference

Several years ago, we began searching for a way to provide our Sunset curriculum to congregations and preachers in remote villages without dependable electricity. We discovered a small solar-powered audio player that could be loaded with our entire 40-course audio curriculum plus a complete audio Bible—almost 400 hours of Bible teaching, \$2800 worth of audio courses in one small device, with a speaker loud enough to accommodate a group of 50-75 people. It took almost a year to get our courses into the right format, add a verbal menu and develop a system to deliver the audio player, free of charge, to the villages that needed it. We began raising the funding, \$500 for each audio teaching unit, to give people access to several years worth of in-depth Bible studies. Donors responded generously and enough funding was provided to produce 100 players to give to preachers and church leaders in Africa. More than half have already arrived in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Ethiopia, Lesotho, and South Africa, with the rest already promised. **More are needed at \$500 each, to be delivered to remote villages.** We are now working on translations into Amharic, Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Please help supply one or more solar unit to teach God's word to people in remote corners of our world. **Send your donations to Sunset International Bible Institute, for our Remote Village Fund, using the coupon on page 9.**

Top and Bottom: Preachers listening to lessons in Ghana.
Middle: Truitt giving Maxwell Whea a solar-powered audio player to take to Liberia



(Quote from a lesson by Nat Cooper at the 1976 World Evangelism Forum after the first AIM team had returned from their field in Northern Ireland.)
“I wonder if this doesn’t happen . . . millions die outside of Jesus Christ while many times the gospel is [hidden] in our doubts and inability to dream for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have a dream, brethren, and I’d like to share that dream with you.

First of all, I have a dream that sometime in the future, in the church of Jesus Christ, that there’s going to be a certain brand of young adults that are going to rise up... and these thousands of young adults are going to go all over the world into various nations teaching and preaching the Gospel.

I believe they will be well trained. I believe that this special brand of young men and women will have among them Peters and Pauls of that caliber.

Probably in times to come, these young adults will be characterized by selflessness, by zeal and love for God and a spirit for pure New Testament adventure.

Probably all this will be told to their children. They’ll sit down and tell their children how God blessed them, how they went into a foreign field, how they ventured – not having much, but having a deep faith in Almighty God. How they went out on an adventure for Jesus Christ. How people became their greatest friends. ‘We went and told them the story of Jesus.’

I believe with all my heart that we are underestimating our young adults in the church of Jesus Christ.

Beth Horn serving in Zambia; Bottom pictures, AIMers viewing the many lost souls in Mexico City

I believe that they have ability that God has given them to go elsewhere and share the Good News. We need to start giving them the challenge to raise their eyes to the great world in which we live. We need to expose them to the opportunities around the world for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If this day should ever come, think of all the probable accomplishments they should have.”

The Adventures In Missions program is the realization of Nat Cooper’s challenge and dream.

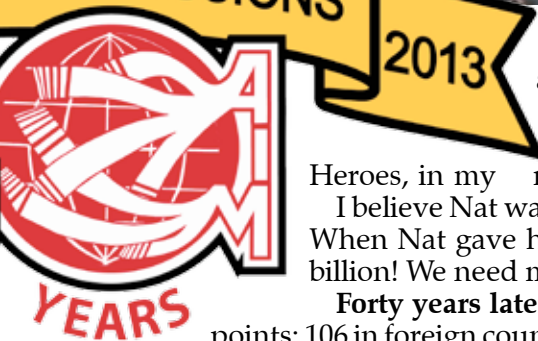
Since AIM started in 1973, young men and women have gone into 47 nations of the world—telling people the Good News of Jesus Christ.

They have risen to that challenge! They have taken huge risks. If there are heroes in the church today, it must be these. They have served faithfully all over the world through learning languages, strange customs, and trying unfamiliar food. They have survived on too little support and worried friends and family. They have experienced apartheid, terrorist attacks, military coups, and swine flu epidemics. They have faced poor health care facilities, earthquakes, and times without cell phones or Internet. They have felt helpless from far away as they have watched





Opposite Page Top, Nat Cooper addressing an AIM class at graduation; Middle, AIMers preparing to go on mission; Right, a Flag Ceremony



attacks on our own country, changes back home with families and home congregations. They have returned home... from home... to learn the limits of those who have not seen what they've seen... and struggled with that.

Heroes, in my mind!

I believe Nat was right! We must challenge our youth with a much bigger vision for the world. When Nat gave his challenge in 1976, the world's population was 4 billion! Today it is over 7 billion! We need more workers!

Forty years later (since 1973), 1346 students have gone into 47 nations. A total of 186 mission points: 106 in foreign countries, 80 here in the US (in 30 different states). Currently we have AIM students serving in South Africa, Mexico, Miami, Salt Lake City, Scotland, Ukraine, New Zealand, Bolivia, Brazil, and Phoenix. Over the years, we have noted that approximately 25% of our returning students go into full-time ministry and over 90% get their college education. Many enroll in the two-year program right here at SIBI and volunteer their free time to help mentor the next classes that come through AIM. While that is encouraging, it isn't nearly enough!

Nat went on to say, "Probably, in days to come, this is what these nations will say to us, what you've heard... and here it is..." Thank you for sending your sons and daughters with the Gospel, now we can escape hell." Surely there are those around the world who would speak these words because a young man or woman left home to share the gospel with them.

Brethren, let's see the potential that God has put in our young people! As we look at the young people in our own homes and congregations, let us be convicted by the precious resources God has placed around us. Let us send out OUR sons, OUR daughters, OUR grandchildren with the Good News to a lost world.

In times to come, I wonder what will be said when people look back on the time that is still ahead of us now? Will they say, "We sent our best? We sent our very own? We had a dream and we pursued it?" It's time to dream—and dream big!

If you know of a young person who might be interested in looking into the AIM program, give them our web or email address and let them seriously look into what God might do through those who are simply willing!

To learn more visit www.aimsunset.org or contact aim@sibi.cc.

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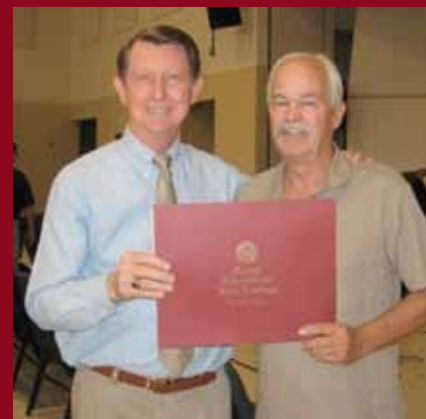
ALUMNUS NEEDS \$30,000 FOR A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

Charles Rhineheimer, '79, has suffered poor health for a number of years and is now on dialysis seven days a week. Charlie has passed the medical requirements for being a candidate to receive a transplant. He now needs to have the funds to cover what insurance and Medicare will not cover. This is expected to be over \$30,000.

Please consider helping out this alumnus and minister of the Gospel.

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DEPARTURES

Miguel Arroyo, ('73) 58, died in a car accident in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. He helped establish about ten Churches of Christ in 30 years of ministry, and did mission work in India with missionary Jim Waldron. He started a congregation and also a preacher training school in Queretero where he used his Sunset training to teach the curriculum of Sunset. He worked with Sunset School of Preaching in translating nine of the core courses of the SIBI curriculum into the Spanish language. His wife and four children (two boys and two girls) still live and work in Mexico.



James "Bryan" Bleeker, 56, of Odessa, Texas (External Studies Student) passed away July 18, 2012.

Alma Bunting, wife of William (Bill) Bunting ('66) passed away on November 15, 2012, in Belton, Texas. She and Bill were faithful members of the church in Belton.

Joe Cannon, a longtime missionary to countries including Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Ukraine, died October 25, 2012. He was a member of the Highland Church of Christ in Cordova, Tennessee.



Dante Chalco, ('89), 59, died September 3, 2012, serving his Lord in Trinidad & Tobago. Dante was married to Chamelly Chalco and father of Sasha, Ivanka & Franco Chalco. The Chalcos were one of the families involved in starting the work in Quito, Ecuador, that has become one of the largest Bible schools in South America. Dante was known throughout the Spanish speaking world for his compassion for the lost and passion for Christ.



Lester M. Duncan ('68), 77, left this world for a better place February 23, 2013. Lester was a jack-of-all-trades but found his true calling in serving the Lord as a minister and missionary for over 40 years in Arkansas, South Africa, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, England, Czechoslovakia, and Siberia. He touched more lives than we will ever know and we were blessed to have had him as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

Bob Eads, ('70) 75, of Corpus Christi, Texas passed away December 4, 2012, at his home surrounded by his family, after an illness. He was a graduate of Sunset School of Preaching, serving as a gospel minister and missionary throughout his life. Bob was one of the top ten managers for Kroger Foods, was a store director for H.E.B., was a successful entrepreneur with businesses in childcare centers, and lawn care services. He earned two masters degrees, taught public school, and coached.



Stewart Lynn Gillespie, ('77) 63, passed away on November 14, 2012. Stewart married Claudia Jernigan on August 15, 1969. He graduated from Sunset School of Preaching in 1977 and earned



his bachelor of ministry in 1998. He served as the pulpit minister to congregations of the Church of Christ in Buena Vista and Columbus, Georgia; Dallas, Taylor, Idalou, Borger, and Seagraves, Texas; Indianapolis, Indiana; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Sierra Vista and Casa Grande, Arizona. Stewart was one of the biblical scholars involved in the translation of the New King James Version of the Bible. In 1991, after the Iron Curtain fell, Stewart went with an evangelism team to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Due to health issues, Stewart retired from the pulpit in 2004 but never retired from the Word.

Juanita Hall-Hofschild (wife of Dennis Hofschild, '75), 82, passed away in Lubbock on January 22, 2013. She died after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. Nita lived and worked in Lubbock for much of her life but moved to Spur to be closer to her sisters. Nita was a member of the Post Church of Christ and loved to be with the Christians there whenever she could.



Jeanne Headley Martin, 78, of Lubbock passed from this life December 14, 2012. She married Thomas Martin ('71) on May 21, 1953. In 1969, they moved to Lubbock from Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend Sunset School of Preaching. Graduates of both the School of Preaching and Sunset School of Missions, they served in the ministry for over 45 years, in more than nine congregations across the country and as missionaries to El Salvador and Ukraine. They served as house parents at the Children's Home of Lubbock for several years.



Clifford L. May, ('69) 77, husband of Jenetta Ferguson May, died Sunday, July 29, 2012. He served as minister in Texas, Georgia, Ohio, and Kentucky. Clifford served as an elder at the Versailles and North Lexington Churches of Christ, in Kentucky.



Chester Lyle "Chet" Talbott, ('76) 84, of Lorena, Texas, passed away October 7, 2012. Chet served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1945 to 1948 and in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1973. He served as an elder in Churches of Christ in Frankfurt, Germany, and in Hewitt, Texas. He had the privilege of serving as minister at the Hewitt church and the church in Boomer, West Virginia. He was also active in mission work going to such places as Switzerland, Canada, and California, as well as helping to establish the Church of Christ in Woodbridge, Virginia, in 1962.



Ryan Woods, (AIM '00), 30, died on November 7, 2012, after a prolonged battle with cancer. He leaves behind his best friend and wife, Jessica; son, Jones (7); daughter, India (5); along with parents, Kevin and Brenda Woods; and sisters, Jennifer Ries and Tara Silvestri. Ryan has played a significant role in building community in downtown Vancouver, Washington. Numerous people called Ryan "friend" and he will be missed by many.



New Workers from Familiar Faces

Larry Crosby serves as the new director of Admissions at Sunset International Bible Institute. He is a second generation alumnus from 2005 and his wife, Holly, graduated from the Women's Study Ministry. Their oldest son, Brandon, is about to go to Salt Lake City, Utah, as an apprentice missionary in the AIM program as a third-generation student.



As director of admissions, Larry will be traveling the United States looking for qualified and gifted students who will devote their lives to teaching and preaching. His travel will take him to workshops, seminars, and summer encampments looking for the brightest and the best to attend one of the excellent programs that Sunset offers. He would love to come to your location and tell about our residential school, international schools, our Adventures in Missions program, our Senior Adventures in Ministry program, our women's program, and our online external studies courses. There are so many ways that one can prepare for a lifetime of ministry.



He will usually be the first contact when a student wants to come to school. He directs the

entire process from inquiry to application to approval, working with students to develop a plan for their move, their budget, their housing while attending school, and their need for support. When they arrive, he will be the one who helps them get settled, ready for orientation and the first day of school. In keeping with his predecessors, Curtis Harrison and Speedy Hart, Larry's door will always be open to students, and he will spend considerable time and energy mentoring and encouraging them. He believes and practices the school motto: "Training whole persons to preach the whole Gospel to the whole world wholly to please God."



Dennis Wilson serves as instructor in the Deaf Ministry program at Sunset International Bible Institute. He and his wife, Theresa, went through the AIM program. After finishing AIM, both served as AIM Assistants. Dennis graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching and Sunset's School of Missions in 1993. They have four children ranging in age from 13 to 19.



Their oldest daughter, Valerie, is currently in the AIM program. Their 18-year-old son, Rex, plans to attend the AIM program as soon as he graduates from high school.

Hollis Maynard penned this soul-searching question, "Because they have lost their hearing, must they also lose their soul?" Dennis says, "Hollis' question penetrates my heart prompting me to do something about reaching the lost deaf population. I am thankful that the Lord is using me to be part of the answer."



Dennis' parents were deaf, so not only did he grow up in the deaf culture, but he attended a deaf congregation as a child learning sign-

language as his "first language." Growing up in a deaf congregation gave Dennis opportunities to learn to teach and preach to the deaf at an early age.

When the Iron Curtain fell, his family took the Gospel to Perm, Russia. After three years, they returned to Lubbock and worked for the Children's Home of Lubbock for eleven years as house parents. He preached in Spur, Texas, and then began a work in Lubbock focusing on those who were broken and bruised. This work still continues today.

In 2007, Dennis and Theresa accepted a position with Ciudad de Angeles as the American director for the orphanage in Cozumel, Mexico. They learned the Spanish language, and Dennis had an opportunity to teach in the Cozumel Bible Institute training Spanish speaking gospel preachers.



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Richard Baggett grew up around Sunset as his father taught in the school for many years until his death in 1989. For over 25 years, Richard has provided leadership, strategy, marketing and fund raising to various organizations related to the church through being an employee or consultant. These include Christian schools, children's homes, Bible and literature distribution, and Christian youth camps.



In March, Richard began working with SIBI in strategy, marketing, and fund raising. He believes the core purpose of SIBI is to take the Gospel to as many people as possible and to extend of the reach of the Gospel through SIBI's curriculum, training and many teaching outlets.

We are excited for Richard to join us as a part of this global effort for the Gospel to further the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Bill Yasko has been a minister of the Gospel for over 40 years. He is a 1974 graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching. Bill and Dot worshipped at Sunset for many years where he also served as an elder and taught evangelism in the school of preaching. Bill is a licensed pastoral counselor with a Ph.D. in counseling. Dot, Bill's wife, also has a Ph.D. in Christian counseling. They have a son and daughter and three grandchildren. Bill began working full time with Sunset International Bible Institute in 2012 as a regional ministry coordinator. He continues to preach on Sunday and teaches Bible class when opportunities arise. They are members at the Champions congregation in Houston. Bill is very evangelistic and continues to work to spread the Gospel to the South Texas region as well as find new students for Sunset.



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