



# *Lifeline*

*Keeping the Sunset family connected*

# Lifeline

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

## Spiritual Revival USA

**Y**es, *Sunset Means the World*, but the United States of America must be a significant part of that world ministry. There has never been a time when the spiritual need in our own nation has been greater. America is rapidly losing her moral compass, and Christian values are disappearing. The growing list of moral failures in American society is evident for most Christians, but what to do about it is not as apparent for many of our brethren.

Without diminishing our international ministry involvements, it is time for Sunset to help lead the charge to address the spiritual needs in our own communities, cities, states and nation. We cannot do everything, and we cannot solve all the nation's moral and spiritual ills, but we can and will respond with the gifts, talents and resources that God supplies.

Here are a few things we would like to initiate or expand, with your help, to address our nation's growing moral and spiritual needs:

**Training More American Ministers**—There is a diminishing supply of preachers for congregations and communities here. Our goal is to double the number we are training and sending out to American communities over the next five years by greatly expanding our recruiting efforts and increasing our scholarships.

**Future Preacher/Leader Camp**—We need to begin earlier to steer young people toward preaching and spiritual leadership by beginning a camp for sixth graders through high school. We must try harder to help shape the spiritual future of our youth.

**Interactive Training Sites**—Not everyone can move to Lubbock to study, so we are expanding our interactive training sites from our current one site to six in order to allow more students in local congregations to have a real-time window into our classroom to prepare for ministry.

**Congregational Leadership Training**—Many local congregations are hurting for more and better leaders, so we are beginning the Sunset Academy of Leadership Training (SALT). Potential leaders will be invited to Sunset for seminar training, and we will take these seminars to strategic sites to accommodate leaders in various regions.

**Campus Ministry**—Our secular college campuses present a wonderful opportunity to evangelize the unsaved and to affirm faith in the saved while they are young. We are initiating a campus ministry using AIMers as they return from 15 months on their mission field. Those who qualify will be directed to participating campus ministries and provided with scholarship money to enroll in a neighboring university and evangelize and be a godly influence while they work on their degrees.

**Church Planting**—Churches in many communities are growing old and dying. New congregations need to be planted while we help to renew spiritual health and growth in older congregations. We envision helping to plant 10 new congregations in the next few years.

**Muslim Evangelism**—The Muslim influence is growing in America. The largest population of Arabic Muslims is in Dearborn, Michigan. We want to help plant an evangelistic church and ministry base in the heart of this community. The evangelist and initial leader of this new congregation is Wissam Al-Aethawi, an Iraqi convert from Islam and recent Sunset graduate.

**Evangelistic Outreach**—We must do more to help our congregations reach the lost in their communities. By partnering with outreach ministries like World Bible School, HomeMissions and Gospel Sharing Ministry, our faculty and student body can help churches in America grow through more evangelism.

**Spanish Ministry**—Hispanics are America's largest minority group. While that ethnic population is growing exponentially, Spanish-speaking congregations are typically not growing. We plan to train more Spanish-speaking preachers and help equip their congregations for spiritual health and growth.

To expand current ministries and begin a number of new ministries will require a significant increase in financial support. The good news is that many of you have been faithful in giving to this ministry and continue to support Sunset faithfully. We are thankful to God for you.







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# The Guiding Hand

From its early beginnings, Sunset International Bible Institute (previously Sunset School of Preaching) has been under the oversight of the Sunset Church of Christ eldership. The Sunset congregation's eldership serves as the board of directors for the school. Through the years, there have been discussions about the best structure for the institute, and it has always come back to the fact that the current arrangement is the most effective and efficient. There is a close relationship between the two organizations. The institute's residential campus is housed in Sunset's church building along with the faculty and staff offices. Residential classes are conducted in classrooms that are jointly used between the church and the institute. It has been remarked by some that the Sunset church building is one of the most utilized church buildings in the brotherhood. Both entities benefit from each other. The excellent instructors in the school serve as a great resource to the congregation in preaching and teaching, and the institute benefits from classroom and office space, utilities, and guidance from the congregation's eldership. Truitt Adair, SIBI president, has said many times that he would not want the arrangement to be any other way. He believes the institute needs to be under the direction of a local eldership. That accountability is important, and time has proven this arrangement to be very beneficial for both entities. Bob Crockett, one of Sunset's elders, serves as chairman for SIBI's board of directors. He and Truitt work closely together. Important decisions including budget approval and hiring of teaching personnel are always vetted by the board of directors. This responsibility residing within the eldership has proven to be very valuable in maintaining doctrinal purity within the institute's teaching staff. Day-to-day decisions are left to Truitt Adair and his staff. We are grateful for the board of directors and their interest and concern for the school and its place in God's Kingdom. They serve a vital function in maintaining a guiding hand for the institute. Twelve elders currently serve on the SIBI board of directors.

As an update to the ongoing search for a new president to follow Truitt, the presidential search committee is currently investigating a group of qualified candidates. Please continue to keep the committee and the selection process in your prayers.

*Bob Jackson, Assistant Vice President of Advancement*



# PASSING THE BATON

AIM is always changing. It was in 1973 that the AIM program began as young people simply responded to a missionary's call for help. After spending 18 months serving in Dublin, Ireland, they returned home to share their stories, and others wanted to do the same thing.

Several people were instrumental in helping in the early days, such as Nat Cooper, Limon Marinas and Sam Coffey. However, it soon became clear that it would require a full-time director if this program were to be successful. Don Solomon was chosen as the first full-time director in 1977. Don was successful in setting the foundation of the program upon which future directors would build. In 1983, Don and Joanne moved to Scotland, and the baton was passed to Rex

so long, Pat Sheaffer and I have worked side by side. We're often referred to as Batman and Robin or other dynamic duos. I was always proud of that description and value him as one of my very best friends. I don't think I would have lasted nearly as long as director if it had not been for Pat. It has also been a blast to work every day with my best friend and wife, Barb. I certainly could not have done this work without her support. We all know that she really runs the show anyway. I think the real heroes though are these young men and women scattered around the room tonight. They're the ones who have raised their hands and were simply willing to be used by God to reach a lost world. They've walked by faith through the good times and the tough times, and we have continually seen the incredible value that they offer the mission fields around the world.

We truly love this great work. While these past years have been an incredible experience, honor and blessing for Barbara and me, we realize that it's time to pass the baton on to someone with more energy. That man is Cory Burns. Cory came to AIM in 1996 and served in Moscow, Russia. Afterward, he completed SIBI while also serving as an AIM assistant. In 2005, he and Toni moved their family to Guadalajara, Mexico, where they served on a mission

team for nearly 10 years. Cory coordinated AIM teams in Mexico, and in 2014 we invited Cory to come and work with us here as our AIM staff director. I'm excited for the future of the AIM program as Cory brings his energy, experience, vision and leadership to this team.

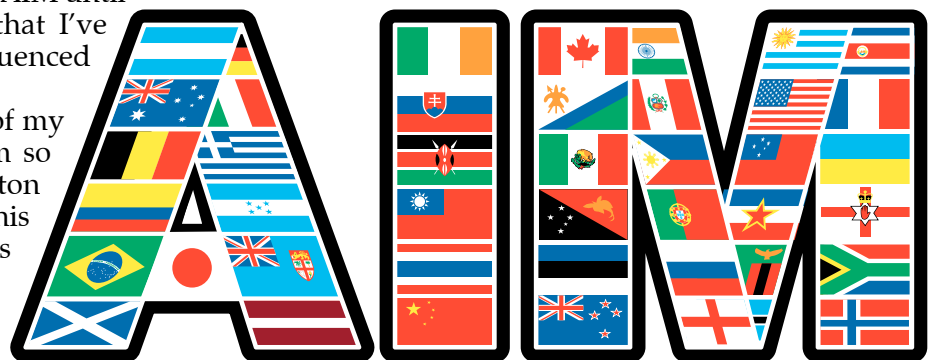
I know that Barb and I will always be involved in ministry of some kind, but now it will be fun to watch AIM from a different angle. I believe God really has brought Cory and Toni here at just the right time.

*Kris Smith, given at AIM Graduation, 3/11/2017*

Boyles, who became the second full-time director of AIM. Some of the greatest changes to the program happened under Rex's leadership, such as extending the classroom training from five months to eight, the idea of AIM assistants, area churches, the Mexico City trip and mission term. It was in 1993 that Jay Jarboe was recruited from Mexico City to work with Rex, and in 1995, Jay became the next AIM director. Jay brought a strong passion for missions, prayer and excellence.

In 1998, Jay invited me to join the AIM staff as the missions coordinator. Within a few years, that role transitioned into the fourth director of AIM until this day. So many of the decisions that I've made over the years were directly influenced from what I learned from Jay.

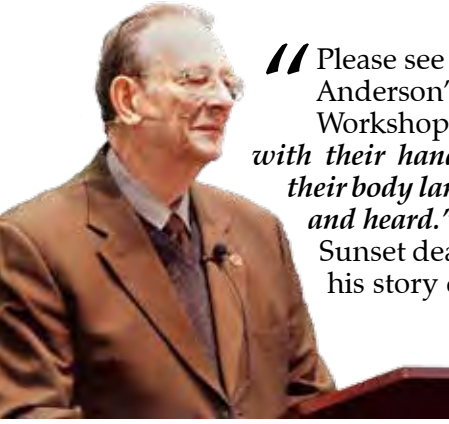
I've made some of the best friends of my life while working with AIM, and I'm so thankful to Barry Day, Jason Thornton and Robby Stephen for making this work not only high quality but also it's just been plain fun working alongside these guys. Ben Walker showed us how valuable missionary care is, and Chris Johnson has taken his own passion and experience in that area and continued to build on it. For



ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS



# Please See Me



“Please see me!” was the theme of Bob Anderson’s talk at the 2017 Sunset Workshop banquet. *“The Deaf speak with their hands, their eyes, their hearts, their body language. They want to be seen and heard.”* Bob has been a part of the Sunset deaf program for 35 years, but his story didn’t begin in a classroom

at Sunset. It began on a pew in a small church in Chicago on March 1, 1942. A young

boy heard the Gospel preached, walked down to the front and said, “I believe in Jesus Christ,” and was baptized. Always sitting next to him was his older brother—a brother who had never heard a sermon, a song, or a prayer, who could not read or write, who was deaf. One brother had always heard about Jesus and one had never heard about Him.

There was an elder at the congregation who wanted his son to attend Harding. This elder convinced Bob’s parents to send Bob to Harding as well. Bob’s story was planned in the heart of God and carried out in the halls of Harding. In 1949, one of Bob’s classmates mentioned to a group that he wanted to begin a sign language class. Only Bob’s hand went up. Bob went to Sam’s home and began to learn hand signs and the alphabet. Harding opened the doors for Bob to learn and teach sign. He worked with Sam and a group in Little Rock, Arkansas, to teach deaf children about God. God sent Hollis Maynard to learn from and with Bob. What history these two have made in the Deaf world and around the world. *“I raised my hand one time, and now 60 years later many people are still learning sign language with me,”* said Bob. Bob has a bachelor of arts degree in Bible and biblical languages and a master of arts degree in religious education. He has preached in Indianapolis, Indiana, Maywood, California, and Lubbock, Texas.



Bob began teaching with Hollis at Sunset in the fall of 1982. They took turns interpreting the hearing classes, teaching deaf classes, and interpreting for the Sunset church on Sundays. He has taught beginning sign language classes for hearing students and has taught the Hebrew language to the 7:30 early morning class. After Hollis left in 2011, Bob served as the director of the deaf program until Dennis Wilson came to SIBI in 2013. Dennis, the director

of the deaf work at SIBI now, knows first hand the love of Bob. Bob taught and baptized Dennis’ parents, Arthur and Nancy, in 1959. Now, two generations later, Arthur and Nancy’s grandchildren are on the mission field teaching sign to those who are neglected and forgotten. Rex and Abbie Wilson were sent through AIM to work with Mission UpReach in Honduras and

have started a government-recognized school for the Deaf. All of this has happened because one young man raised his hand.

*“Please see me!”* is a phrase Bob uses about the Deaf. They have hurts and problems. They have hopes and dreams. Bob is one of the most caring, kind, compassionate, soft-spoken and faithful men who has worked at Sunset. Not only does Bob teach in the school, but he is one of the main interpreters for the Sunset congregation. Bob has been to India, Romania, the Czech Republic and the Philippines working with the Deaf. He has taught hundreds of hearing and deaf people.

At the end of this school year, Bob will be retiring from teaching at Sunset. For 60 years of sharing the Gospel, preaching and teaching with his hands and heart, Bob has been a great ambassador and advocate for the Deaf. SIBI and the Sunset congregation have been blessed with Bob’s love for the Deaf.

Linda Wagner, Advancement Office Manager



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# NEW FACES



**Tom and Sandy Killebrew** entered the Senior AIM program in January 2015. After retiring from successful careers in the rural electric utilities industry and elementary education, they relocated to Lubbock from El Dorado Springs, Missouri. Both enrolled in the Senior AIM curriculum and audited SIBI courses as well. Their original plans were to return to the Missouri-Arkansas region to work with a local congregation after a couple of years at SIBI. However, they found a niche working with Stuart and Cecilia Jones assisting them as an administrative assistant and outreach assistant promoting the Senior AIM program among area congregations. They attend a number of summer encampments promoting Senior AIM. When area congregations need a preacher on Sundays, they work with a group of senior students to assist as worship leaders. They are dedicated to the work of the Lord, regardless of age.

**Christian Thompson** joined the advancement department of Sunset International Bible Institute in May of 2016. Christian entered AIM in 2010 and was part of the first team to serve in Sucre, Bolivia. After AIM, he married his wife Angela and entered the residential studies program while serving as an AIM assistant. Before coming to Sunset, Christian had experience in graphic design and promotions. He has served specifically in helping to increase Sunset's promotion through social networking on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. He has also used his Spanish to help distribute solar players in Costa Rica. Christian's eye for detail and excellence make him a very useful addition to the advancement staff as it strives to help the rest of the world know the great things God is doing through Sunset.



Sunset International Bible Institute announces **Kerry Williams as our dean of graduate studies**. Kerry is a '94 graduate of Sunset, has multiple master's degrees and is currently a doctoral candidate. Kerry has been teaching advanced homiletics for the Sunset Graduate School since 2014. Kerry will continue his position at the Church of Christ in Waterford, Michigan. In November, Jim Harris announced his resignation as dean of graduate studies to concentrate on his preaching ministry in Littlefield, Texas.

Sunset welcomes **James Kinnaid as staff coordinator for AIM**. With over twenty-five years in ministry together, James and RaDonna met in Lubbock while part of the 1990 AIM class, eventually working and serving on the Dublin, Ireland, team mentored by Tony Coffey. Both are 1995 graduates of Sunset, working as AIM assistants and interning with the Crosbyton (Texas) Church of Christ during their time at Sunset. From there, they served the Lord as full-time missionaries in Perm, Russia, as well as serving as AIM field coordinators mentoring AIMers in that special part of the world. After returning from Russia, they ministered with the Gruver (Texas) Church of Christ. James is also a graduate of Lubbock Christian University, with a bachelor's in organizational management and a master's in leadership. They have been involved in short-term missions in Bolivia and Honduras and strive to be a resource of encouragement to missionaries, apprentices and ministry trainers the world over. Please consider your congregation or family becoming financial partners with them in the training of apprentice missionaries. For more information, please contact Cory Burns, [cory.burns@sibi.cc](mailto:cory.burns@sibi.cc).





# UNASHAMED!

The 2017 Sunset Vision Workshop was a tremendous success and a blessing to all who could attend. The theme this year was UNASHAMED! We announced to the world and celebrated the fact that we were unashamed of the Gospel of Christ, unashamed of our church family, unashamed of the Word of God, unashamed of living for Christ, unashamed of sharing our faith, unashamed of holding on to sound doctrine and unashamed of suffering for the cause of Christ. It was a great blessing to hear faithful men of God stand up and speak of being UNASHAMED!

The classes were also a blessing to all who attended. The majority of the classes this year focused on the idea of sharing our faith with others. Many of our partner ministries, World Bible School, Gospel Sharing Ministries, HomeMission and others, had classes on evangelism, and other partner ministries had booths and shared the good news of how

their ministries were reaching out to the lost of this world.

Our annual World Mission Luncheon focused on Sunset's outreach to the Muslim world, both across the ocean and in the United States. Everyone was encouraged to see a plan for taking Christ to those refugees from Islamic nations living in Europe and offering answers for those who want to reach out to Muslim neighbors now living in America. Doug Reeves and Wissam Al-

## SUNSET VISION WORKSHOP

Aethawi were able to report on a recent trip to Athens, Greece, and how those in our brotherhood are preparing to work together in this regard. It was very encouraging.

Our ladies' classes focused on ministering to those in need in our congregations and communities. The women who attend the workshop each year are always encouraged and uplifted by the

special classes that are offered for them. We are so grateful for the amazing way that God uses faithful women to reach out to others and minister to their needs.

Our workshop banquet this year featured Bob Anderson who has dedicated his life to



teaching the Deaf and those who are hard of hearing. Sunset took the opportunity to honor Bob and to celebrate the long history of training deaf preachers and interpreters at Sunset. This is still a key part of Sunset today.

Some come to the workshop to attend our Satellite School Administrator's Workshop and become certified to host a satellite school of Sunset in their own congregation. This enables members from a congregation to study Sunset materials to earn a degree or learn the Bible for teaching classes. We are so grateful for those who share this interest of bringing Sunset training to their congregations. Interested individuals were also blessed to discover that they could take Sunset courses online for a degree or for gaining more Bible knowledge.

More than anything else, the Sunset Vision Workshop is a great time of fellowship and worship with our church family and Sunset alumni from all around. The workshop serves as an annual homecoming where we can be uplifted and encouraged. We hope that you will make plans to join us next year on January 24-27 for our 2018 Sunset Vision Workshop. The theme for 2018 is *Reminding Our Generation*, and we will



focus on reminding our current generations of the great and awesome deeds of God in the past. Many today are searching for hope and for answers. We will focus on sharing the stories of God with them that will give them that hope and those answers today. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

*Chris Swinford, Vice President for Advancement*

*(Images from the top) Chris Swinford, workshop director; AIM Flag Ceremony presented by Camp Adventure; Jerry Tallman, Ed Wharton and others during a keynote; the crowd in the auditorium during Kerry Williams' keynote*



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**Kerry Williams**  
I've had a blessed week at Sunset International Bible Institute for the 2017 Vision Workshop. There truly is no other place "Sunset... Means the World!"



of this gospel than 34th and Memphis, Lubbock, Texas - the Sunset International Bible Institute. This week I've heard some of the best gospel preaching of my life. Praise God! #svw2017 #UNashamed

**Levi Sisemore**  
...and under all of God's heaven there is no better place to be today to be reminded of the beauty, necessity, and urgency



**Roberta Thompson @el\_bobbie\_jo**  
Can everyone just come experience this lovely and challenging place with us? #SVW2017 #lubbockTX



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**Tracy Coffman**  
SIBI, thank you for another powerful workshop. I am so blessed to be associated with this Godly, Bible believing, Jesus

See all the photos from the Vision Workshop on our Facebook page. @SunsetBible





# New Leadership for Asia Ministry Training

Sunset International Bible Institute welcomes Brandi Kendall as the new dean of ministry training for Asia. Brandi and Penny Kendall have spent their lives in service to Christ domestically and internationally and bring a depth of insight and experience to SIBI. For the last six years, Ron Downey has served in this role, and he has done a super job of keeping in contact with the schools and advancing Christ's interests in the region as the dean of ministry training for Asia. Ron's various other Kingdom commitments have called him to service in other ways, and we are grateful for his leadership and servant heart these past few years.

Brandi is a graduate of White's Ferry Road as well as a graduate of Sunset's School of Missions. He is one who believes in continuing to equip himself for service, so he studied onward to receive a bachelor's and a master's degree in Bible and ministry. Most recently, he has added to these a master of arts in spiritual formation and leadership. He is also an accredited Christian coach, while finalizing his credentials as a spiritual director. We believe that he will bring this same passion for excellence to the schools and faculties he mentors.

Brandi comes into this position with a great deal of experience in missions (Russia, Estonia and other places) and for the past five years has served as our dean of the SIBI school in Singapore. In that role, he has traveled extensively throughout Asia and built a network of contacts and forged many ministry opportunities. Though he has already begun serving in the role of dean of ministry training for Asia, he is continuing to serve as the residential dean in Singapore. It is our plan to have his replacement, Terry Harrison, there within the next three months, then he and Penny will move to Lubbock and operate from here.



Brandi Kendall



Terry & Terilee Harrison

Sunset also welcomes Terry Harrison as the new residential dean of our school in Singapore. Terry and his wife Terilee come to this opportunity with hearts of love for the work in Singapore and a vision for what the Lord can do through them in this new assignment.

Terry is a 1981 graduate of Sunset and has a bachelor of biblical studies from SIBI. He has added to this a degree from Central Texas College. Terry has more than 25 years of local ministry experience in Texas and California. He has been involved in short-term mission work and teaching in Russia and in Singapore. He has experience in the Asian culture, having lived in Japan for several years and having worked among Koreans in Texas, as well as his time in Singapore. For the last four years, he has not only worked with the Quartz Hill Church of Christ in California but has also taught courses at High Desert Bible College. In addition, he worked for a few years with

the Josephson Institute for Ethics. His ministry training and experience commend him well to this new work.

Terry and Terilee both have backgrounds in business development and the training of entrepreneurs. Terilee is a Christian author and accomplished speaker. Because of these and a host of other skills and traits, we

are blessed to have them come on board to take up the leadership of SIBI-Singapore. From there, they will not only share the Gospel themselves but will also equip others to do the same in such places as China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, and India, just to name a few.

This is an exciting opportunity not only for Singapore, but for the entire region. Sunset is proud of the work that Brandi and Penny have been doing for the Lord there, and we are excited to have them on board for his new assignment as dean of ministry training for Asia. As the Harrisons undertake their new responsibility, they are entrusting themselves to God to provide what they need in order to do His work. Their mission, like so many others, cannot survive without your support. Please consider whether you or your congregation could partner with them in this great and influential work for Christ. If you would like more information about how you can help either of these couples, please contact Tim Burow, [tburow@sibi.cc](mailto:tburow@sibi.cc), Dean of International Studies.

*Tim Burow, Dean of International Studies*



Brandi and Terry with Tim Burow (right) with a class in Singapore





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## SOLAR EVENT PHASE III IN SPANISH



*Church planters at Mission UpReach learning how the solar player can help them in their ministry*

Over the past 15 months, funds have been collected, lessons have been translated and SD cards have been loaded. Now it is time for thanksgiving to God. Last year a few deliveries were made, but most of the 3,000 solar players for Phase III will be delivered in the next few months. While we are still receiving the remainder of the \$1,500,000 needed for completion of the project, enough has been received that many of the trips are already scheduled. At this point, plans have been made to deliver the remaining Spanish solar players to 13 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Through these trips, God will be praised and thanksgiving will be made for the Word of God.





Two of those trips happened in February, with 200 solar players going to Mexico City and 160 going to Honduras. Those delivered to Mexico City will be used by missionaries to distribute to churches and help equip members with the over 400 hours of biblical training that is available. The deliveries in Honduras will be in partnership with Mission UpReach and the Baxter Institute. Last year Richard Baggett spoke to a group of Baxter Institute alumni at an annual meeting to see what kind of interest these preachers would have in using this ministry training



tool. He returned with pages and pages of names from ministers already working around the country in need of this tool to help them grow churches and develop stronger leaders. For the past few years, Adventures in Missions has partnered with Mission UpReach by



(Above) A church planter from Mission UpReach thrilled to learn how to use the solar player;(Lower) Each solar player recipient registers with Sunset, committing to use the solar player to spread the Kingdom of God.

sending AIM teams to help this ministry. Mission UpReach has a vision to plant 1,010 churches within their area of Honduras. Arthur Puente was able to train these church planters with solar players to use as they develop leaders in these new churches.

In March teams from Sunset continued to deliver solar players into Central and South America. Tim Burow was able to take 75 players to Columbia. The original intent was for the players to be distributed in Venezuela, but due to the ongoing problems in that country, he was only able to deliver the remaining 75 through the border. Chris Swinford and Christian Thompson took 80 players to Costa Rica. Luis Melendez ('09) organized a meeting of church leaders where they were trained how to effectively use the players to grow their churches and plant additional ones.

In October of 2016, we reported about additional funds given to deliver 400 more solar players to Africa to continue the important work we began in Phases I & II. God has continued to put this need on the heart of a few key donors. In December, more funds were given for another 400 solar players to be taken to Africa. Many of the first additional 400 solar players have been delivered and more solar players will be delivered as we are able to make trips to various locations in Africa.



Honduran men from Baxter Institute & Mission UpReach with their new solar players



## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Even as Phase III in Spanish continues in full force, steps are beginning to provide the same training material for other languages. In response to the refugees that



continue to pour into Europe, work has begun to translate material and provide training in Arabic. These Arabic solar players will be supplied to churches in Greece and Germany that are working with refugees and converting Muslims to Christ. Work has also begun to translate all of the Sunset courses into French. This will mean that an additional 220 million French speakers will be able to learn the Word of God and grow as leaders in Christ. This will enable Sunset to go to the 40% of Africa that speaks French.

Jeff Rader, Lifeline Editor



(Above) Doug Reeves is coordinating efforts to reach out in Arabic;(Below) Daniel Frerot is translating into French



Francis & Alfred Habashy are working to translate Sunset's material into Arabic

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# Reaching Muslim Refugees

Since 2014, there has been much in the world media concerning the refugee crisis in Europe and the Middle East. Immigration is a politically and emotionally charged subject with very passionate voices speaking on all sides of the issue. The American media has been filled with images of demonstrations and protestors. The numbers are staggering. Since 2014, over four million people from the Middle Eastern nations of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan and Egypt have applied to the

European Union for asylum. The largest number are families and individuals fleeing the war-torn nation of Syria.

In response to the crisis, Bill McDonough, Director of Partners in Progress, joined with the Glyfada Church of Christ to host the Athens Refugee Conference in

November of 2016. Congregational leaders from across Europe were joined by key mission ministries from America. More than 100 people attended the five-day event. Those attending were impressed to hear from former Muslim immigrants who are now believers in Christ and serving in Athens and other European cities. The group was invited to visit a relief center operated by Hellenic Ministries where 200-300 immigrants receive a warm meal each week.

Sunset was well represented in Athens. Over 30 percent of those attending the conference were associated with Sunset. Francis and Alfred Habashy made the journey from Cairo, Egypt. Wissam Al-Aethawi, Doug Reeves, Richard Baggett and Tom



A small group of Christians that meet in Athens

Rucker traveled from the United States. They were joined by Sunset graduates and co-workers from Bulgaria, Ukraine, Albania, Romania, Germany, Greece and other nations. It was an excellent opportunity to hear from European congregations reaching out to immigrants in their communities. Representatives from Sunset wanted to raise awareness of the resources currently available and to brainstorm on how Sunset can help congregations and missionaries respond to the crisis.

Christians are presented with a unique opportunity, and Sunset is working diligently to meet this urgent need. Sunset is working in cooperation with Eastern European Missions to translate quality study materials and Bibles into Arabic. Some of the materials being translated in Cairo include *The Newcomer's Guide to the Bible* and an illustrated Bible for adolescents. High on the list of priorities is to translate several of the World Bible School lessons.

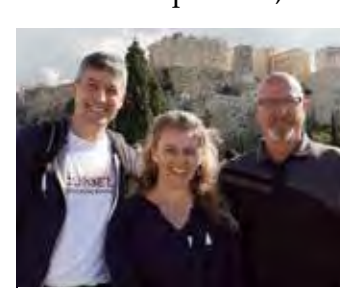
Sunset is also producing audio recordings of all the translated materials for use on solar players and other personal electronic devices. These same recordings and written materials will be made available on a web page in Arabic hosted by Sunset at <http://ar.sunsetonline.org>.

There remains, however, more needs than to provide reading and listening materials. Congregations throughout Europe are desperate to know how best to reach out to refugees as they are relocated into their communities. Experienced evangelists such as Francis and Alfred Habashy are already coordinating plans to conduct outreach seminars and campaigns with European church leaders. The first campaign was in Bremen, Germany, in March.

Many from Sunset extended their stay in Athens beyond the November conference, allowing them time to pursue other contacts and learn more about what is being done for refugees and what needs still remain. There was no formal

plan or agenda. Francis and Alfred have developed good relationships with some of the Arabic-speaking believers in Greece. There is a group of Egyptians there who worship Christ, and Kamel, the leader of the group, invited Wissam to share the story of his conversion. This was the first time Wissam had ever shared his story in his native language. One of the church members offered to take the group to some of the relief camps, the very place the refugees are housed and held until they are relocated into Europe. At a camp for families and single women, Alfred and Francis shared cookies, a smile, a kind word and simple compassion with the children and the apprehension melted away.

They also visited a camp for single men where security was tighter and no pictures were allowed. Some of the men had expressed an interest in knowing more about Jesus Christ. It was impossible to speak with them openly in the compound, so at a coffee shop a few blocks away, Francis, Alfred and Wissam talked with them. They had brought two solar players to Athens that had some Arabic materials installed, and Alfred gave these men one of the players as a gift. They were excited to have something to listen to, since they have little to do all day except watch TV and wait. The next morning, two of them wanted to visit at the hotel and learn more about Christ and His church. It was not long before they made the decision to be immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.



Rüdiger & Michaela Renken with Doug Reeves in Athens

War is always a terrible experience resulting in needless death, destruction, and untold suffering of the innocent. The civil war in Syria is no exception, but the war is having an unexpected impact on the thinking and beliefs of many Muslims. Many young people have witnessed firsthand the horrific war being waged by Muslims on other Muslims. They are abandoning a religion that advocates violence and murder, but they are unsure where to turn or whom to believe, leaving them searching and seeking for answers and peace.

There was a common message at the conference. The former Muslims said it was someone who cared for them that opened the door to learn about Christ. When refugees experienced the love of Christ, when they were shown Christian kindness, when given a warm meal or clean clothing, those small gestures had a profound impact. As an example, Rosemary is an immigrant from Kenya

who came to Athens to be with her husband and begin a new and better life. Her husband passed away only three months after their family was united in Athens, but Rosemary remained in Greece with her children. She learned about the Athens International Bible Institute from her friends and enrolled. It was a lifelong dream to study the Bible and serve others. Rosemary saw the growing number of homeless and poor in her neighborhood. She was aware of the refugees and immigrants on the streets of Athens. One cold morning, she was waiting for the subway. The terminal was filled with the homeless trying to stay warm, and Rosemary decided that something had to be done. She returned to her house and prepared hot tea for as many as she could. That was the beginning

of *Jehovah Jireh* which translated means "Lord who Provides." The ministry continues to grow. Rosemary has organized other mothers from Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and Greece to help prepare meals and distribute clothing to the homeless. While others were attending the Athens Refugee Conference, Rosemary and her "moms" were providing a warm meal for almost 1,000 people. A former Muslim said during the conference a thought that deserves a response: *For a long time it has been impossible for you to come to me, but now God has brought me to you.*

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Athens Refugee Conference attendees



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# DEPARTURES

**Joe Baisden, a friend of SIBI**, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. Joe was a resident of Belton, Texas, at the time of his passing. He was married to Janelle (Davis). He was salutatorian of his graduating class at Killeen High School in 1955. Joe graduated summa cum laude from Abilene Christian College in 1959 with his bachelor's in music education. He pursued graduate music studies at the University of Texas at Austin prior to entering ministry on a full-time basis.

**Terry Lynn Brough ('82)**, beloved husband, father, Big Pa, and faithful evangelist of the Gospel of Christ, entered into his heavenly reward on January 4, 2017, in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 72. He graduated from Chase County High School in 1962. In 1967, he received his bachelor of science in business from the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia. Terry worked for Southwestern Bell telephone company, as a representative for Mobile Oil company in Minot, North Dakota, later owned a service station in Billings, Montana, and was a successful business owner in Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 1980, Terry decided to make a spiritual leap of faith and the family moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he attended Sunset School of Preaching. After graduating in 1982, Terry began his lifelong calling of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Raton, New Mexico. In 1986, Terry began preaching for the Sturgis Church of Christ in South Dakota where he worked for 16 years. He has served as the minister at the Sun Valley Church of Christ in Gilbert, Arizona, for the past 15 years. Terry loved singing hymns and his loud, booming bass voice will be remembered and missed. Terry had a unique sense of humor and loved to laugh with his friends and have fun together. He was a lifelong student of the Word, searching the Scriptures daily, and committing them to memory. His real love was personal, home Bible studies and saving souls. Terry was a faithful defender of the Gospel and always said he loved to go "nose-to-nose and toes-to-toes" in order to teach the truth. With the Lord's guidance, Terry had the opportunity to baptize hundreds of people.



**Dwight Cleophas Burton ('99)** passed Friday, February 24, 2017, at the age of 51. Dwight was raised in Long Island, New York. At the age of 11, he was baptized at the Roosevelt-Freeport Church of Christ under the leadership of Brother Walter Maxwell. After high school, Dwight joined the Army. After the military and a few years as a copier technician, Dwight moved to Maryland and married Stacie Nickens. As his passion for ministry grew, Dwight began his formal education for ministry at Sunset International Bible Institute. Although he ministered in congregations in Maryland, Ohio, and Texas, he touched many lives worldwide.



**Jim Bob Davenport, 71, a friend of Sunset** from Leakey, Texas, died on Nov. 5, 2016, in Kerrville. He is survived by his wife, Rita Davenport of Leakey, and two daughters. Jim was a great friend to Sunset International Bible Institute and went with Doug Reeves to Athens on a mission trip not long before he died.

**Buford Dwayne Hollis ('65)** was born in Wayne, Oklahoma. He grew up in Oklahoma, California, and West Texas. He met his wife, Sue, while working for the General Telephone Company in Hobbs, New Mexico. Dwayne worked for the General Telephone Company for several years until he answered the call of full-time ministry. He attended the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. At Sunset, Dwayne and Sue accepted an opportunity to serve as missionaries in Norway. They packed up their four children and spent five years in Norway. Once they returned to the States, Dwayne continued ministering by preaching and teaching in Odessa, Texas; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mesa, Arizona and Houston, Texas. Dwayne was a well-respected man and a fervent student of the Bible. He loved his wife, his family, the Church, and the Lord. He will be greatly missed.



**Billie Jo (West) Paine, 86**, of Abilene passed away in her sleep on December 7, 2016. Billie was born July 4, 1930, in Galveston. Always athletic, she was in the 1950 class at Abilene Christian College, studying physical education. She married Willard Paine, a World War II veteran and college football player, before moving to Tulia, where Willard started his career as a banker. In addition to Tulia, Billie lived in Snyder, Monahans and Lubbock for forty years before moving to Abilene to be closer to her children. While in Lubbock, Billie served as secretary for the Sunset School of Missions and head librarian at the Sunset International Bible Institute. She was a published author, well-known for her hospitality and in considerable demand for speaking engagements and seminars. She enjoyed visiting missionaries in Thailand, Japan, India, Mexico, Italy, Ireland and elsewhere.



**Raymond Jerry Raines ('87 from External Studies)** of Lufkin, Texas, died October 8, 2016. Services were held at the Dunn Chapel Church of Christ.

**Neol Sexton ('76), 88**, of Abilene, passed away at a local hospital on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 18, at the Oldham Lane Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas.



**Dudley Watson ('77)** of Rogers, Texas, passed from this life on January 25th in the Temple V.A. Hospital. Roger was 70. He served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam. He married Beverly Nelson on January 16, 1965. He graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock in 1977. He served as minister at Roseville Church of Christ in Roseville, Pennsylvania, Hillsboro Church of Christ, Osceola Church of Christ and Rogers Church of Christ. He was also a plumber, having owned Hill Plumbing in Hillsboro for 15 years, and he worked for Rogers Schools as a driver for special needs students. He moved to Rogers from Temple in 2001.

**Charlotte Whitlow (SAIM '96), 88**, of Amarillo, died on Saturday, November 19, 2016. She graduated from Abilene Christian University, where she met her handsome husband Harry Whitlow. Charlotte was a wife, mother and schoolteacher. She was an active member



of Southwest Church of Christ for many years, serving as an elder's wife and Bible school teacher. She also worked with missions both in the U.S. and abroad with ministries such as World Bible School and missions in Russia. Charlotte was an amazing storyteller and a strong advocate for all of her children and grandchildren's education, while always continuing to learn herself.

**Ruby Woods (SAIM '04), 79**, of Lubbock, Texas, died peacefully in the presence of her family on October 14, 2016, at home after a lengthy illness. Ruby was a Christian, homemaker, teacher, beautician, caregiver, second mom, camp caretaker, and faithful member of Parkway Drive Church of Christ in Lubbock.



Our dear brother, **Truman Scott**, has gone home (September 13, 2016) to be with his beloved Father, Brother, and Comforter. In his early days of ministry, his heart led him to Italy to do mission work. He knew the Padens and others in the post-war missionary work in Italy. From there he moved to California to preach and to shepherd the Lord's people. Many will remember him in those settings.

For those of us here at Sunset, we have our own special memories. He rejoined the Padens here at Sunset School of Preaching in 1985. He took the wheel as dean and co-worker with Cline and later to Truitt. In that role, he took the school into deeper waters. It was he who was in on the name change to Sunset International Bible Institute. It was he who wrote one of our mottos, "The purpose of SIBI is to train whole men to preach the whole Gospel to the whole world, wholeheartedly to please God." It still says who we are and what we are about. It was he who emphasized a wholeness of person and family as never before in the school. The Taylor-Johnson test will forever be tied to his name. It was he who counseled many a person and couple. It was he who taught popular classes like Minister's Spiritual Life. It was he who gave many marriage and leadership seminars in our churches around the country.

It was then that he and others began to see a bigger international effort from Sunset. He was instrumental in starting the international schools in the early 90's. It started with a few and began to explode in number. Even when he and Ferne moved to Oregon in 1998, he continued to recruit faculty and staff for new schools. While in Oregon, he served as a consultant to the school, confidant to Truitt, encourager of faculty and staff here onsite, and writer of the iconic books, *The Gray Eagle*, a biography of our beloved Cline, and *Preach the Word*, a 50-year history of Sunset.

We believe that the Lord granted our beloved Truman extra "Hezekiah years" so that he could accomplish more than any of us could have wished. We treasure him as a missionary, elder, entrepreneur, administrator, friend, mentor, teacher, and brother. We treasure him as a profound shaper of the school as it now is and of many a student as they turned out to be. Truman, we congratulate you on your graduation to the heavenly home, and we look forward to joining you there. It has been our honor to know you.



# say nice things about DETROIT

If you visit Detroit, you will find this phrase everywhere from bumper stickers to billboards, “say nice things about Detroit.” One might infer that this city has an inferiority complex. Detroit is a part of the rust belt and is known for automobiles, music and sports. It is also an international crossroads that was the final stop on the underground railroad during the days of slavery. An important yet lesser known fact is that the largest concentration of Muslims in North America live nearby in Dearborn. That is why a group of 30 Texans, mostly college students, traveled north to take part in advancing the Kingdom during their Spring Break.

We partnered with the Sunset Church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan. Their staff of Tad Mastellar, Jason Mastellar and Wissam Al-Ithawi did an amazing job organizing our projects and guiding us around the mission field they love. Our focus centered on two areas—understanding Islam and serving the poor.

One of the highlights of our trip was being able to visit a mosque and observe the afternoon prayers. This was a unique experience that led to a greater understanding of Islam, the Quran and the Muslim world. The local Imam shared the five tenants of Islam and then allowed us to ask him any question. Our students asked some great questions about the differences between Islam and Christianity. Afterward, Wissam helped debrief our visit with a session he entitled “Islam Myth Busters.”

Throughout the week, we were also able to serve the poor in various ways. We volunteered at a local food pantry, assisted the Westside Church of Christ with food distribution, prepped & painted the Vinewood Church of Christ parsonage in Mexicantown and engaged many homeless in prayer as we shared sack meals. We also spent some valuable time meeting with some shut-in and elderly members of the Sunset congregation.

It was a fantastic week of outreach and ministry that will pay dividends for those we met and those who went. Now we can say some very “nice things about Detroit,” and DiscipleTrips looks forward to returning there next summer. Let us know if you’d like to be a part of the team!

Jeff Smith, DiscipleTrips

(From top to bottom) Handing out sack lunches in Detroit; volunteering at the food pantry; learning about Islam from an Imam; group picture



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# BEHAILU: A SERVANT OF GOD

Truman Scott was acquainted with the ministry of Behailu Abebe in Ethiopia from the beginning, when the congregation in Stockton, California, where Truman and Ferne were members and where

very fruitful ministry. Putting together a library of commentaries and study guides covering the entire Bible in Amharic, both in print and audio form, may well be the greatest single need for the development of the rapidly growing churches in Ethiopia."

Sunset Institute Press just published a biography about Behailu Abebe, written by the late Truman Scott, entitled *Behailu: A Servant of God, the Story of a Man of God on the Mission Edges of Ethiopia*. This is the story of Behailu's life as the son of a wealthy judge and governor, his spiritual crisis and conversion, his preparation for ministry, his emergence as a leader of a religious movement, his leadership during a communist government, his leadership during a national famine relief, his becoming an exile in Kenya, his return and

directing of many development programs in Ethiopia, his leaving his homeland for medical treatment, and his hope to return permanently to his people in Ethiopia.

This book was Dr. Truman Scott's last book to write before his death on September 13, 2016. Brother Scott wrote this manuscript to honor his long-time friend. Their friendship began in 1961 as they worked together bringing the Gospel to Ethiopia. The Stockton, California, congregation where Truman worshiped sponsored the first two missionaries to Ethiopia. Through the years, that congregation has stayed active in the mission field of Ethiopia. This book is the second book in a series called Profiles in Missions, which depicts a person or a work that has made a difference in the course of a nation. The first book in the series, *The Gray Eagle*, is the biography of Cline Paden. It was also written by Truman Scott. Another one of his books is *Preach the Word*, the history of the Sunset International Bible Institute and its worldwide impact.

Darlene Morris, Editor for Sunset Institute Press



Behailu Abebe preaching in Ethiopia during a delivery of solar players in 2015

they married, sponsored the first missionaries to Ethiopia in 1961. He was associated in ministry with many of the workers in Ethiopia across the years. When Truman was the international dean at Sunset International Bible Institute, SIBI agreed to partner with Behailu and John Ed Clark in preacher training in Ethiopia. Truman was the first guest speaker under that agreement. Through the years, Truman longed to see a record of the work in Ethiopia written and published. He considered it a privilege to write Behailu's biography. He had long regarded the Behailu-John Ed Clark team and the work in Ethiopia as a model for missions.

Sunset has had a keen interest in the development of the mission work in Ethiopia. They have teamed with Behailu and John Ed Clark in significant programs of preacher training and in providing solar players to preachers and teachers with the SIBI curriculum of forty courses translated into Amharic. Truitt describes Behailu's latest work with the solar players as "the crown jewel of his long and



(Above) Behailu working with children in Ethiopia; (Below) Behailu with Darlene Morris at the 2017 Sunset Vision Workshop



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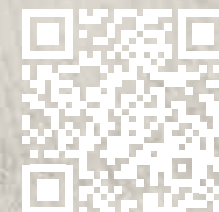
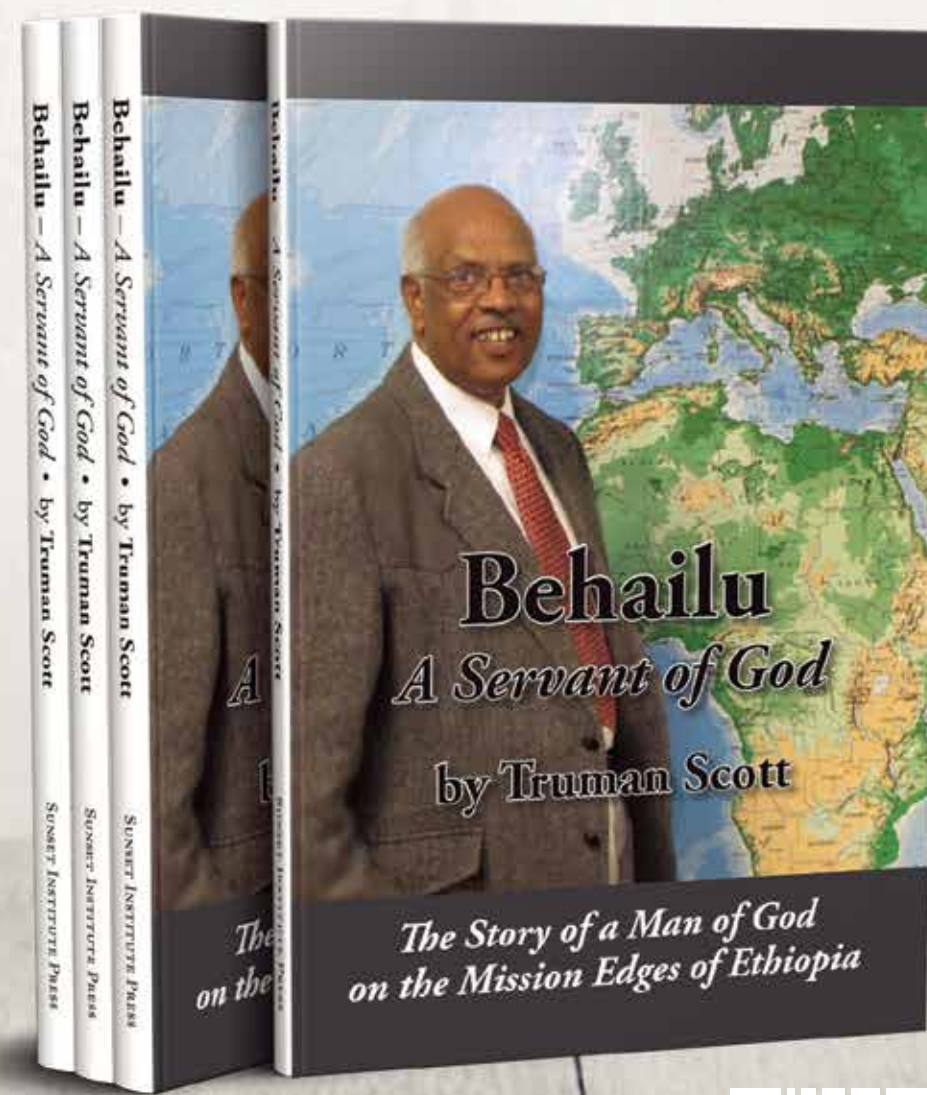
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