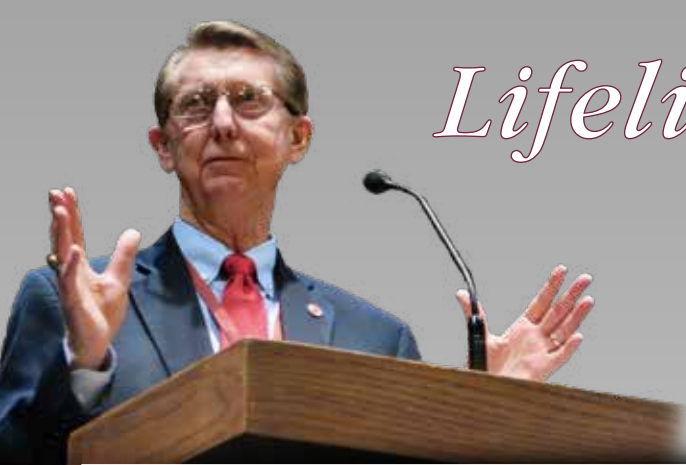


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## MAKING DISCIPLES IN CUBA

In his ministry of disciple making, Guillermo Monguía (pictured to the right) studied with and converted a young man named Laudino Cruz (pictured to the left). Little did Guillermo know at the time that this disciple and friend would become one of the leading evangelists of the gospel in Cuba and a teacher in the Cuba Bible Institute, an associate school of Sunset.



After realizing their need and desire for preparation in the word of God, both Laudino and Guillermo started their training classes in the entry level teaching program known as the seminar program. Unforeseen circumstances caused Guillermo to drop out midway through. Laudino, however, went on to graduate from the seminar program in 2007 and to complete his Bachelor of Biblical Studies five years later, in April 2012.



Upon his completion of that program, Laudino then entered Sunset's master's degree program in October 2012. At the same time, he became one of the teachers for the bachelor's degree program. Throughout his years of Bible and ministry training, Laudino put into practice all that he was learning. He continued his work as an evangelist in the Camagüey province, where he was instrumental in beginning several new congregations, one of which currently numbers over 100 members. Laudino has also recruited several men to participate in the seminar program and bachelor's degree program, including his former mentor and teacher, Guillermo.

Guillermo picked up where he left off and enrolled again in ministry training, recently graduating with a bachelor's degree. During his studies, one of his teachers was his former disciple, Laudino. So in this way, the circle was now complete: the teacher, Guillermo, became the student, and the student, Laudino, became the teacher. The Lord continues to work in the lives of these two men as they continue their partnership in the kingdom of God in the Camagüey province in Cuba (*taken from Arthur Puente's report about his trip to Cuba*).

On October 30th, four men arrived in Havana, Cuba to help train 52 more gospel preachers. Arthur Puente, Kirk McAfee, Rudy Wray and Roberto Alvarez were teaching at three levels: seminar, bachelor's and master's. The week culminated with the graduation of 20 with a bachelor's



degree in Bible. I was glad to be able to join them for the historic graduation ceremony. Next October, 12 will graduate with master's degrees. The following year 20 more will graduate from the seminar classes (6 basic courses in Bible and ministry.) This brings the number to well over 100 preachers who have been trained through this Sunset Ministry in Cuba. Because these men are well versed in scripture and very evangelistic, there are now well over 130 congregations in Cuba. We have now distributed 150 solar players in Cuba, including one given to each of the graduates. Pictured are the bachelor's degree graduates, their teachers and a Cuban official who attended the graduation.



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# Solar Event Phase III



Thanks to our generous brotherhood, the distribution of solar players continues unabated. The first two phases of delivery, primarily in African countries, have generated a demand for more players as our ministers are able to demonstrate the extensive teaching contained in these devices. We have continued to distribute English players; 430 players to 9 countries since March. Most of the distribution has been to African countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria and South Sudan. Other nations that have received English players are Korea, the Philippines, and Scotland. Distribution in Ethiopia of players with the Amharic language is ongoing with 52 players distributed since March. The demand is greater than what we can deliver because there are so few people traveling to Ethiopia. Our Phase III work has blessed many brothers and sisters in the Spanish-speaking world this summer.

By joining forces with various campaigns and with DiscipleTrips over the late spring and summer, we have been able to realize the delivery of hundreds of players to six different nations. Students at the school of preaching in Cuba received 130 more players, 114 players went to the Quito School of Biblical Studies. Christians in Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Peru also received players. We are currently processing the rest of the Spanish players and are working hard to see that these are distributed before the end of the year.

God has richly blessed this ministry as we have reached out to three language groups in the past three years. We look forward to what He will do as we continue to develop materials in Arabic, French and Telegu. Recent events in the Middle East have worked providentially to open doors to the Arabic-speaking world through the back door of Europe. This instilled in Sunset a sense of urgency that grows with each news report. The work in French has exciting potential because many African nations are French speaking and are hungry for the Word of God.

Our distribution of players has blessed people all over the world. The typical feedback we receive is, "Send MORE!" and "Thank You!" (Below: images of churches in Costa Rica and Honduras)





# GERMANY'S MUSLIM REFUGEES

Over four million men, women and children have fled the fighting and chaos of the Middle East. Now they are trying to adapt to a new culture, a new life, and a new beginning in a strange land. Thankfully, congregations of the church of Christ across Europe are there to help. One example is the Lord's body in Bremen, Germany. The congregation began offering free language classes to help the refugees learn German. Once a week over 20 immigrants meet at the church building where the members help them learn a new language. Other days of the week, these same Christians are available to help with documents, medical appointments, shopping and other day-to-day needs. In the process, new friendships are being made and relationships are being built.



When the Bremen congregation wanted to do more, they invited Francis and Alfred Habashy from Cairo, Egypt, to work with the church and offer seminars on Christianity in the refugees' native Arabic language. The first outreach was in April 2017. Next, the church followed up with a second series of lessons in August. Doug Reeves had the privilege of being present for both seminars and witnessed something remarkable.

The first seminar was a general introduction to Christianity. The second meeting was more focused on their personal understanding. Alfred wrote three questions on a large pad. *What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God? Is the Bible reliable? Why did Jesus have to become like us?* Each night, Francis and Alfred shared the Word of God with 15-20 Muslim immigrants. On the final night Alfred asked the obvious question, "Who do

YOU say Jesus is?" To our amazement, the answer was virtually unanimous. They responded, "Jesus is the Son of God!"

These events have served to shatter many preconceived ideas on all sides. For the refugees it has been the first time they have met and have known Christians, and for the European Christians it has been the realization that many Muslims are open and receptive to learn about Jesus.

An incredible opportunity in human history is happening, and Sunset is there to assist, encourage and enhance the outreach of European congregations. One refugee said, *"For a long time it was impossible for Christians to come to me, but now God has brought me to you."* The question we must ask is, "What must we do in response?" (Top right, Alfred Habashy and Doug Reeves; left, men in Bremen with the questions from Alfred; right, Francis Habashy discussing the Gospel)



## A Gospel Movement in Mozambique

God is moving in exciting ways in Mozambique. Tim Brumfield has been working there through frequent trips over the past few years. This year has seen substantial growth among the churches of Christ. The church has spread through entire districts with sometimes entire churches seeing the light of the Gospel. The church has faced adversity from legal challenges as well as from those that would use power to control churches for money. The leaders in the country have addressed and continue to address these challenges and continue to grow. In the past year, there have been thousands of baptisms. The challenge is to continue in the discipleship process. Tim is working to establish the Mozambique Bible Institute with qualified teachers from surrounding countries like Malawi. He has also helped to equip ministers to be self supporting by creating innovative ways for them to produce an income with a solar charging station, so they can minister to the small congregations that are struggling through a deadly drought.

Continue to pray for Mozambique and the churches that are growing there. Also, follow Tim Brumfield on Facebook (<http://fb.me/tjbrumfield> or use the QR code below with your phone). You will receive regular updates as the ministers from Mozambique continue to baptize and bring more people to Christ. (Right, images of recent baptisms in Mozambique)





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## NEW RESIDENTIAL DEAN

### CHARLES SPEER HANDS OVER THE REINS



About two years ago I began to talk to Paul Dowell about taking my place as dean of Residential Studies. I knew that it was about time for me to shift to other assignments in the school and in Kingdom work. We needed a younger man with new energy, ideas, and drive. Paul is just the man for the job. His work in Peru as a missionary, his attention to students in our School of Missions, and his tireless work with the Sunset church's missionaries showed off his skills in organizing events, dealing with people, and envisioning the future. For two years, we talked about the future of the school and the role the dean plays in the school. In his humble and effective way, he has taken the reins and is now steering the home front down the correct road. With my suggestion and blessing, I believe the administration of the school has made the right choice for this important role.

In nineteen years as dean, there are many highlights and victories in relation to training resident school students for working all over the world in His Kingdom. Hundreds of students have come through, and I have appreciated the Lord's confidence in us to grant such an important stewardship of training them. They have gone to most of the States and to and from about thirty-five countries. Where else does a teacher of the Bible get such an awesome experience? Meanwhile, I was privileged to work with the best faculty and staff in the world. Every one of them is a dedicated servant of the Lord. It is a family of servants here at SIBI, and everyone considers their job as an important ministry of their own. Each one of our staff has been a benefit to my life and I hope I have added to theirs as well.

Now it is time for me to assume a different role in the school. I have been appointed dean of faculty, a position our beloved Victor Ellison held for years. We worked together on numerous projects to bless and help our faculty and staff, and now the job is mine. Of course, I still get to teach all of my classes in the school too. With a little extra time and less daily administrative duties, I am afforded the opportunity to study a bit more. It is a blessing to refresh myself in the Word in preparation for these important classes.

This is the next chapter of my service in the Kingdom of the Lord, and I am thankful to be here at SIBI to continue my service for Him.

*Charles Speer*





# NEW FACES



**T**om Cote began serving as the new director of admissions for Sunset International Bible Institute in July 2017. Tom and his wife Debby raised four children in Pueblo, Colorado, where Tom worked in the electric utilities industry for 20 years. They moved to Lubbock in 2013 after their youngest child left for college, and both entered the SIBI residential program as full-time students. They are 2015 graduates. Following graduation, the Cotes completed an internship in Salina, Kansas, and then served as houseparents at High Plains Children’s Home in Amarillo, Texas.

Tom and Debby have remained passionate about SIBI since their graduation, calling their experience at Sunset “life changing.” They spend much time traveling to different venues promoting the school and seeking out those who might be interested in serving the Lord in full-time ministry. They also spend time in the school each day building relationships with the classes through student involvement. Tom and Debby have made it their goal to introduce SIBI at gatherings where Sunset has not been represented in the past and to impress the need for workers in the Lord’s church.

**D**avid Henniger is Sunset’s missionary in residence, and his wife, Caryn, is the executive assistant to the president. Both have earned advanced degrees from Harding University. Before moving to Lubbock, the Hennigers were missionaries to Nicaragua. David cofounded and directed a ministry there called Hope for Life, which focused on sustainable living and church planting. Caryn was an integral part of several women’s ministries while there. The Hennigers are bringing their experience to help further the Gospel with the Sunset team. They have two sons whose grandparents (Caryn’s mom and dad) are members at Sunset and so proud to have them close by.

David is using his skills in a variety of ways. He has helped to deliver solar players in Nicaragua and Honduras. He has also used his training as a counselor to assist students as they prepare for their ministries.



**L**uis Melendez and his wife Myra have joined the staff at Sunset after working in Costa Rica to train leaders and plant churches. As you may know, we have for many years been involved with ministry training and outreach to Spanish speakers in the United States, Mexico, South and Central America, Cuba and Dominican Republic, including our recent distribution of over 2,000 Spanish-language solar players. We have recognized, as you undoubtedly have, a growing need for more resources to continue to evangelize and train preachers but also to help develop healthy local congregations with biblically equipped and appointed local church leaders. We believe that our Lord has brought Luis Melendez here at the right time to help address these growing needs.

Luis has joined Sunset and has already been on four deliveries of solar players across Central America. As he continues working with Sunset, he will be making equipping trips in Latin America to train preachers in a dozen branch schools and teaching in our network of thousands of students via live videoconferencing system. He will also be helping to revive and grow Spanish-speaking congregations in the United States by providing training in evangelism, leadership training and healthy church practices.

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# SUNSET RESPONDS TO DISASTER

Thank you to all who generously contributed toward the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund that Sunset collected. Because of the loving efforts of a number of brothers and sisters, we have been able to send relief funds to the Westbury Church of Christ and to the Hidden Valley Church of Christ, both in Houston. In addition to funds that came through SIBI, the Sunset Church had a special relief contribution, which was sent to the Midway Church of Christ in Hitchcock, Texas. A few donors who called early on to ask how to help sent funds directly to one of these churches. Counting all that we know about, over \$70,000 has been sent through Sunset and SIBI to help hurting brethren in South Texas.

During Sunset's break week, a group of students volunteered their time with the North Bay Church of Christ in Portland, Texas. They were able to do work at a damaged trailer park and removed large amounts of debris. They also prayed with and ministered to the hurting in that community.

Sunset has also been actively involved in helping in Mexico City after the earthquake there. In addition to \$13,000 collected, an Adventures in Missions team has been actively working with Lalo Rocha ('09) and the Metropolitan Church of Christ to help provide relief.

Please continue to pray for the people of South Texas, along with others in Florida and the Caribbean, and for those in Mexico following the devastating earthquake and after-shocks.

*Wilson Kamera, Tim Feazell (left), and Enyo Assoklou (center) remove trees at a trailer park. Right: Charlie Doak, AIMer in Mexico City, hands out Bibles.*



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# DEPARTURES

**Ken Baird ('66)** died August 29, 2017, at the age of 85. After graduating from Sunset, Ken and his wife Betty were missionaries in Oslo, Norway, from 1966-1971. Ken also ministered in Gunnison, Colorado, and Oklahoma City.



**Mikeal (Mike) Brown ('94)** - 68 of Bluffs, Illinois, went Home to his Heavenly Father July 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Carol, 2 daughters and many family members. Mike served 21 years in the United States Navy, retiring in 1987. In 1994, he and Carol moved to Lubbock to attend Sunset International Bible Institute. After graduation in 1996, they moved to Meredosia where he was the pulpit preacher for eight years and still continued on a volunteer basis until his death.



**Tab Brown ('81)** died July 25, 2017.

**Milton Caraway ('68)** was born on January 14, 1937, in Gorman, Texas, and went Home to be with his Lord on May 12, 2017. He married Shirlene Crittenden on June 8, 1956. They resided in Lubbock, Texas, during Milton's years at Texas Tech University. Milton graduated from Texas Tech in 1959 with a bachelor of science in horticulture/park management. In 1966, Milton returned to Lubbock to attend Sunset School of Preaching in order to follow the summons into ministry to which he felt the Lord calling him. Milton served in the ministry of the Lord for 43 years.



**Andrew E. Carr (Tentmakers '85)**, 94, of Levelland passed away on September 17, 2017, in Lubbock.



**W.C. Clement (Sr AIM)**, of Lubbock, passed away Monday, June 12, 2017. W.C.'s favorite thing in life was spending time with his wife and grandchildren. He was a faithful member at Sunset Church of Christ and had a great love for SIBI.



**Josie Eckman, the wife of Clarence**, went Home to be with the Lord on September 7, 2017. Her service was held on September 25 in Nottingham, England. Her son, Bob, wrote: "Mom will be dearly missed by all who knew her - especially by everyone in the church here in Nottingham. Everyone loved her, young and old. Two young girls sat with her every Sunday morning, and they are going to miss her very much. To all she was the epitome of love, faith, kindness and encouragement. She had such an amazing faith which was seen by everyone, especially those in the hospital. While we are going to miss her, we are thankful that she has gone on to receive her reward with her Father."

**Liliane Joseph N'Gouan, adopted daughter of David and Sarah Dirrim ('91)**, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in a car accident. She was born March 22, 1982, in Ranquitte, Haiti. She was a proud wife and mother and had just finished her degree and was appointed administrator of a long-term care facility in Tulsa.



**Charles Huffman**, a long time member of Sunset Church of Christ and a great missionary to Brazil, passed away on June 10, 2017. He was well know for his work in the churches in Brazil and continued to pray for and support that work for many years.



**Richard Wayne Jordan, ('75)** of Abilene, TX, passed away March 24, 2017, in Abilene Regional Hospital, after a long battle with several illnesses. He was a graduate of Lubbock High School and received his bachelor's and master of divinity degrees from Abilene Christian University. Richard was a preacher in Churches of Christ in TX, CA, AL and OH for over 40 years.

**Joseph Mason ('78)** passed away on May 26, 2017. Joey was the 1,000<sup>th</sup> graduate of Sunset School of Preaching. He was a beloved father, brother, grandfather and was also a friend to countless people.



**Barbara Faye McCutcheon (Sr AIM), wife of Luell ('70)** passed away Friday, April 7, 2017, in Mountain Home, Arkansas, at the age of 72.



**David McDonald ('77)**, passed away on April 18, 2017, in San Antonio.

**Beverly Myers (Sr AIM '97)** died on September 21, 2017. Beverly was a nurse who was filled with compassion for her patients. She retired in 1998 but kept an active nursing license, driven by her commitment to serve "in the event the community needs me in some way." She also continued to provide in home care and respite care for caregivers.



**Billy Ray Powers, (Sr AIM '99)** of Abilene, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at Hendrick Hospice Center of Abilene. A memorial service with military honors was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Hillcrest Church of Christ. In retirement, the Powers became full-time RV enthusiasts, eventually settling in Lubbock where Bill spent 11 years as the Satellite School coordinator for Sunset International Bible Institute, traveling around the country to assist congregations with establishing or improving their satellite school program. He is survived by Lillian, his wife of more than 64 years, and by three children and their families.



**Jerry Seright ('81)** died at the age of 65 on March 31, 2017, in Amarillo, Texas. Jerry grew up in Brazil, a child of Baptist missionaries. He spoke Portuguese before English. He received a bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian University. He worked as an aircraft mechanic and was also a minister. He did mission work as an adult and was a published author.



**Robert Whitaker, 89**, left this world for his heavenly home on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Bob was a successful builder in Lubbock since 1950, where he constructed residences and apartment communities. He owned and managed apartment communities for over 20 years. He was a long-time member of Sunset Church of Christ where he served as an elder from 1967-2001. As an elder, Bob was instrumental in the early days of Sunset School of Preaching and worked with Cline Paden with the needs of the school.



**Marsha Woods, wife of Marlin "Woody" Woods ('08)**, passed away July 5, 2017. Services were held July 12 in Martinez, California.



# DOYLE GILLIAM 1931-2017

Doyle Gilliam, a long time missionary to Southern Africa and a teacher for 38 years at Sunset International Bible Institute, went to be with his Lord on June 23, 2017. Doyle and Louise were members of the Sunset Church of Christ, Bible class teachers, and strong supporters of SIBI. Doyle had a career as a preacher, missionary, and teacher. He had a passion for the people of Malawi, where he and Louise spent many years and where they returned as many times as their health allowed. He was "a man after God's own heart" in that he saw all people as a child of God and wanted to make sure they knew the God he served. He was kind and compassionate with everyone, but the heart of Doyle was his dear Louise.



They could be seen walking across the parking lot holding hands. He seated her at their table when they ate out. They would look at each other often and smile that secret smile that said, "You belong to me and I to you."

Doyle taught many classes at SIBI: Philippians, Old Testament history, missions, and many others. He is especially known for his work in the Gospel of John. He taught the book not only in Sunset classes but also to adults on Sunday morning. He was a talented writer, teacher, and preacher who spent hours each day studying the Word even after he stopped public speaking. He taught an evening class just weeks before becoming too ill to sit up. He loved his classes and made daily Bible study his priority.

If you spent any time around Doyle, you might have heard him say, "Well, that was cheeky." You never played golf with Doyle, you played against Doyle. He played to win no matter who you were. Even in Africa, Doyle was "the golfer," and it was evident how much he loved the game by how many tournaments he won. He had little tidbits of wisdom that he loved to share, and they brought a smile to all who listened. He is and will continue to be missed in the halls of Sunset.

# PARKER (1924-2017) & DONNA (1926-2017) HENDERSON

Parker Lee Henderson was born in Miami, Florida. Parker served in the United States Army as a medic in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He enrolled in Abilene Christian College after being discharged from the army. He received his degree in secondary education.

Donna Jean Deacon Henderson was born in Waverly, Ohio. Donna also attended Abilene Christian College and married Parker in 1949 after receiving her degree in history. The couple worked in churches in Florida, Tennessee, and Texas in the early years of their life together.

Parker had always been interested in spiritual matters, but his time as a soldier in Asia helped to propel him to a life of service as a missionary. In 1957, Parker and Donna left churches they were serving in Florida to prepare for a move to Bangkok, Thailand, in early 1958. They were supported for 24 years by the University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin. During that time Parker rotated through three cycles of teaching and recruiting missionaries at Sunset.

In 1979, the Henderson family moved to Trinidad, West Indies, where he directed the Trinidad School of Preaching until they returned to the family farm near Perry, Florida, in 2009. Parker and Donna moved back to Lubbock in 2013 to live closer to family. Parker departed on Thursday, June 22, 2017, and Donna followed him November 1, 2017.

Parker and Donna's love for Christ compelled them to serve as Christian missionaries outside the United States for more than 50 years. They were deeply appreciated by both their supporters and those they served. They supported Sunset International Bible Institute with their whole heart, knowing that Sunset continues to teach and send missionaries. This great hero of the Lord's Army won many souls to his Lord and will be missed all over the world, not just at Sunset. Parker and Donna were honored many times during their lifetime, but the greatest came the day they each sat at the feet of their Lord and Master and heard Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."



# VICTOR ELLISON 1956-2017



What do you call a man whose passion was to preach and teach the Word no matter the circumstances? What do you call a man who had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh? What do you call a man who loved his wife, family and church family beyond words? You call that man Victor Ellison.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the age of 60, Victor became the VICTOR over death through the promise of the Lord and God he had served for many years. He was born September 28, 1956, in Lenoir, North Carolina, to Clyde and Josephine Ellison. Victor graduated from Sunset in 1982 and then went on to graduate from Lubbock Christian University in 1989.

Victor went to India with a team, and his life was never the same. He loved the people, the thousands of people, whom he taught in India. You did not have to listen to Victor long before you began hearing stories of India and his friends Gary Walker and Bruce Thornton. Victor learned much about himself while living, preaching, and teaching in India. He said that it made him a better person to be among the brethren in that country. He spent 16 years on the mission field in India and later made many trips with Bruce and Gary. Anywhere Victor preached was a better place after having him there. He had that quiet, serene (albeit zany) way about him that made you listen to the Word spoken.

For more than 17 years, Victor was an instructor at Sunset International Bible Institute. During that time he traveled back to his beloved India, but health issues made it harder to make the trip in the last few years. He served as minister of education at the Sunset Church of Christ and dean of faculty for the Sunset International Bible Institute. His soft voice was a calming factor when problems arose. The faculty, staff, and students knew that no one loved them as much as Victor even in the process of mending hurt feelings. You never knew who Victor might portray in his famous videos, but you knew you were one of his special friends if your face showed up with an elf body or had a special poem written about you at the annual Honors Banquet. The Honor's Banquet in November will be hard for faculty and staff; Victor, with his silly smile and words of praise, will not be there in body, but he will be there in our memories and hearts.

The last classes that Victor taught at Sunset had to be finished with substitute teachers. The students felt the loss of Victor as much as the faculty. Church History won't be the same without Victor's word pictures and hard tests. At his memorial service, several of the students remarked, "Class just won't be the same."

Victor took his job seriously at Sunset, but he took his position as minister of New Home Church of Christ even more seriously. New Home was family. New Home was where he served God's people. New Home was his heart. With Debbie and Wesley at his side and God as his leader, Victor kept the little church alive and strong.

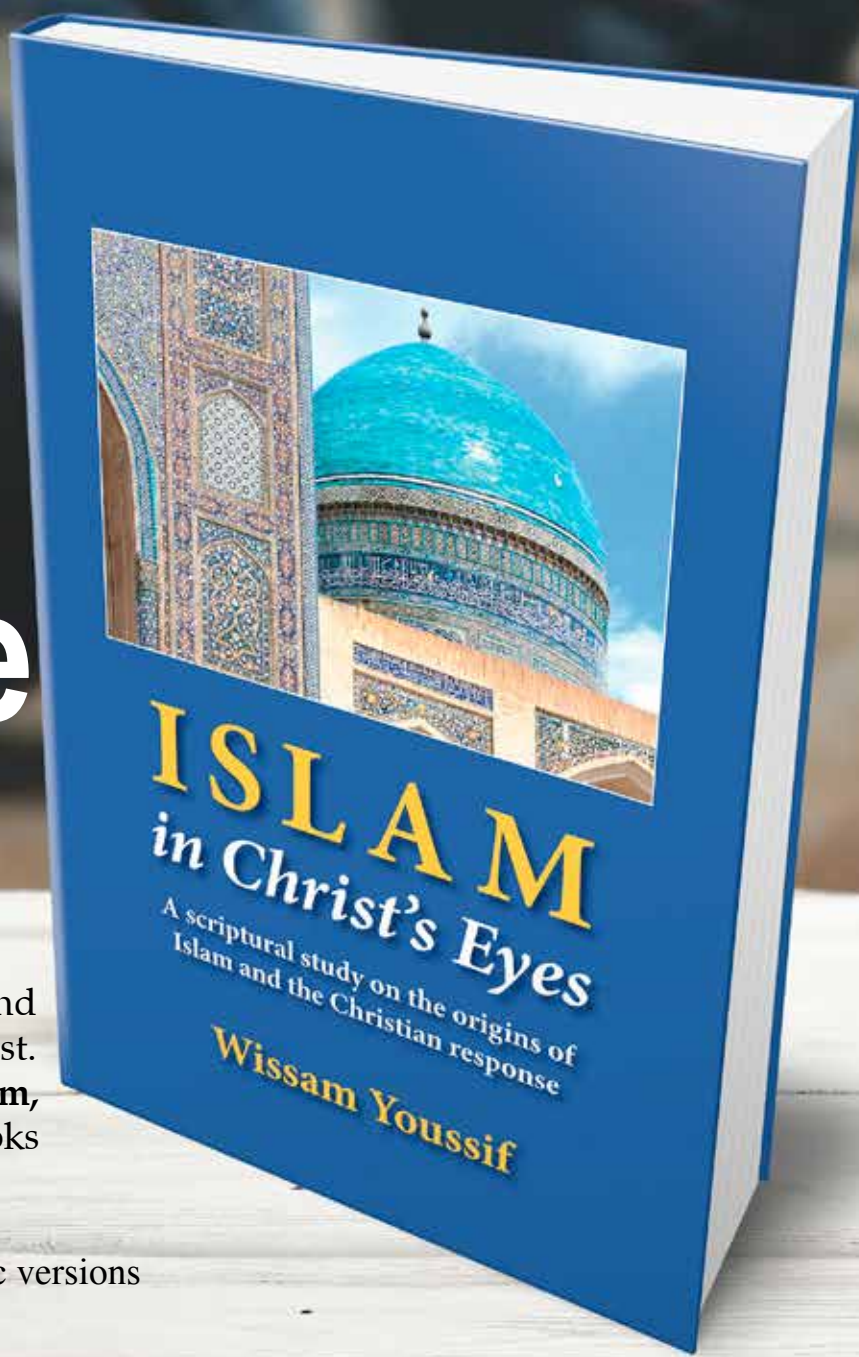
The first few days of Victor's last illness, he still had a joke to tell or a word of encouragement for those who visited him but especially for Debbie and Wesley, his wife and son. Debbie and Wesley never left him. Victor knew how much they loved him. As the illness began to take over and it was not possible for Victor to speak, he signed. He asked for Bob Anderson several times and would sign to Bob for translation. It was hard to see one of our faculty as sick as Victor was. We all knew that God would send his angels soon to take Victor Home. Did we want that? Yes and no. We didn't want to see him so sick, but we didn't want to say goodbye to a brother. Did we know what Victor wanted? Yes, he was calm with the assurance of the words of his Lord, *"I have prepared a place for you...."*



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