

## My Vision -Tim Burow

"I know

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t is only natural for people to wonder how I see Sunset going forward into the future, and so I want to begin by sharing that very thing.

When I think of Sunset International Bible Institute, I think of more than a simple school on the South Plains; I think of a work of Almighty God

for the aid of His church in its great purpose of seeking and saving the lost. To me she is a thing of beauty, made so by her Lord and through the work of His great servants. I know that I stand on the shoulders of great men: people like Cline, Truitt, Ted, Truman, Charles and others who have held positions of administration

> in this institute and allowed themselves to be the instruments of God for the sake of

has ever been a voice in the middle of extremes taking a balanced, interpretive view with sound, biblical reasoning governed by faith and grace. We are first and foremost a biblical institute committed to the faithful study and proclamation of God's good and perfect will. We have the finest faculty anywhere in

> the brotherhood for the continuance of our exceptional curriculum. We must stay committed to our faculty, and they to us, so that quality not only continues but improves. Additionally, the recruitment of more and more quality students with appropriate scholarship assistance needs to be pursued and realized. Quality people are at the center of our future.

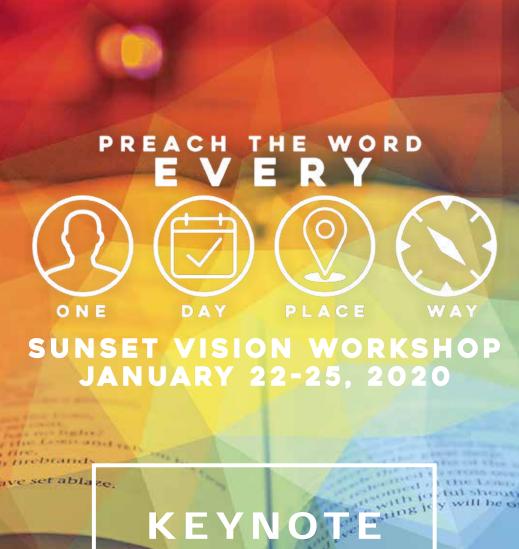
> I envision Sunset continuing as a servant of the body of Christ. Our graduates must have a thorough understanding of the distinctive

nature of the New Testament church and a commitment to its biblical moorings. They must be infused with a love for her that mirrors that of her Savior. While dissenting voices are disparaging the church and calling for dismantling what they see as the "institutional church," Sunset needs to lead the way in honoring and cherishing her glorious scriptural position as the true bride of Christ, which makes known "the manifold wisdom of God."

As we serve the church, I see us making even more of our resources available to the brotherhood globally. We have a vast reservoir of tapes, books, papers and videos that can help the church with the training of its own members and a collection of materials that Christians can access via the internet. I want this to be made available free of charge. To these older materials, we can add some new videos on a wide range of topics to which people can refer for nearly immediate learning and playback. With these, I look forward to Sunset aiding the church in leadership development residentially and externally. Through these and other means, we will lift up the bride of Christ and assist in making her ready for her Lord and husband.

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# SUNSET ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING

eadership is the *crisis of our time*. Consistently, congregations across this country recognize the challenges encountered by God's people today. One of the greatest challenges we face involves this leadership crisis.

The majority of congregations in this country have no elders, and too many do not have enough elders to meet the growing needs of the congregation and the cultural changes within our society. Sadly, only a few have established plans to meet these challenges and prepare the next generation to lead.

In order to meet the crisis head on, Sunset International Bible Institute established SALT (Sunset Academy of Leadership Training). As part of Mission America, SALT is designed and prepared to assist congregations across this country in four major areas:

- 1. Seminars and Workshops with SALT Certification: SALT conducts seminars and workshops that allow congregational leaders to become certified by Sunset in areas such as leadership, creating vision, strategic planning, character development, biblical models of leadership, GRIT (conviction, passion, and perseverance), communication, conflict resolution, and leading change.
- 2. Regional Training Events: Beginning in 2020, SALT will host training events in various regions across the country. These events will allow congregational leaders throughout a specific region an opportunity to access information that will strengthen their own leadership and prepare the congregation to equip the next generation of leaders. These events will focus on current issues faced by leaders while providing biblical and practical answers.
- 3. Leadership Consulting and Mentoring: Sunset has an experienced staff that offers consulting and mentoring to leaders on issues and situations encountered in their local congregations and communities.
- 4. Tools and Resources: Sunset offers tools and resources that assess congregational needs. The assessment is designed to equip leaders by helping them to understand the congregation's makeup and utilize the congregation's strengths in making disciples. Sunset also provides free online resources that assist congregations to further strengthen and develop their leaders. At *salt.sunset.bible*, you will find various courses that can be downloaded to use for teaching classes on leadership in your congregation. Additional curriculum and other resources are constantly being added.

SALT originated with Chris Swinford as he visited with congregations around the country that were in need of basic tools to help them continue on into the future with strong leaders. His vision was for Sunset to provide a resource in which elderships and churches could get practical, handson instruction to meet the needs they have. He believes that healthy churches are needed for the health of our brotherhood and for Sunset. He began offering free seminars in the Lubbock area to churches that called and asked. The need soon became overwhelming, but God always provides.

At a few brotherhood events, Chris began meeting with Bob Turner, who had just begun The Leadership Project. After just a few meetings, it became apparent that the goal of The Leadership Project coincided with Sunset's SALT. After much prayer and discussion, Chris realized that Bob was precisely the answer to prayers for help.



Bob Turner

Bob Turner (MBS, DIS) is now the director of SALT. He teaches courses in leadership and leadership development around the world. He conducts seminars entitled *Teaching with Dialogue*, *Creating Vision*, *Finding Our Grit*, *Character Development*, *Strategic Planning*, *Communication*, *Conflict Resolution*, and *Managing Change*. He also serves as an instructor in Sunset International Bible Institute Graduate School. Bob is a graduate of Bear Valley Bible Institute

International and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Bible. After completing the cohort sequence of 36 units in a master of arts in global leadership at the Fuller Theological Seminary (FTS) in Pasadena, California, Bob went on to earn his doctorate in intercultural studies with an emphasis in adult leadership development at FTS. He and his wife, Sheryl, have been married over 37 years and have more than 25 years of ministry experience. They have three grown children and ten grandchildren. He has preached for several congregations in the United States, and his family served as missionaries in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada for five years. Bob also served as the director of Extension Schools for the Bear Valley Bible Institute for eight years before focusing his attention on developing leaders for the churches of Christ internationally.

SALT is now poised to be a practical asset to any congregation looking for help. The SALT website, *salt.sunset. bible*, has 75 lessons in 11 series that can be used by anyone hoping to strengthen leaders in the church both now and for the future. In the next year, SALT will be releasing an audio podcast with interviews with leaders from around the brotherhood. Bob is also developing *SALTTalks*, short 15-20 minute videos covering issues in leadership and leadership development. The hope is that through Bob's full-time commitment and the seminars that Chris is able to provide, Sunset will be able to provide the resources churches need to fulfill their purpose as the body of Christ in their communities.

## **NEW FACES**

## ZANE PERKINS



Zane & Tae Perkins

'ane Perkins has also joined Sunset's advancement team as a church development counselor. Zane is a '99 graduate from Sunset who has spent the past 17 years with his wife Tae and four children in Santiago, Chile, as part of a church planting effort through Great Cities Missions. While on the mission field, Zane continued his education to earn a master's degree in organizational leadership. Five years ago, Zane and Tae transitioned away from the church they helped establish and began ministering around Chile by helping other

congregations with seminars and training. The Perkinses returned to the United States to be closer to family, including their children who have begun college.

Zane is filling a new position at Sunset: he will help Bob Turner with SALT, and he will help the advancement team represent Sunset around the brotherhood. Zane and Tae have developed a number of seminars and retreats over the years that he is available to share with congregations. Sunset will take care of travel and housing; he just needs an invitation. He has developed

seminars entitled Living in Harmony (marital and/or interpersonal relationships), Rising Above Our Feelings (emotional intelligence and interpersonal relationships), The Marriage Puzzle, and Practical Principles in Parenting. Additionally, Zane has developed a three-day spiritual renewal retreat to help those in ministry and service deal with burnout. Zane is currently working up seminars for building a listening and caring community and bridging the culture gap in our congregations. Contact Zane for more information and to schedule a time when he can work alongside your congregation to help it become more effective in meeting the needs of this world.

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Top right is a picture of Zane baptizing a student from David Lipscomb University's study abroad in Chile. Immediately above is a picture of Zane and Tae with a group of Christians in Chile.

oining the DiscipleTrips ministry team is Darrin Bible. Darrin is originally from Pueblo, Colorado, where he served as the youth minister for the Southwest Church of Christ for ten years. He started out as an online student with SIBI then moved to Lubbock in 2017 to finish his schooling at SIBI in biblical studies. Darrin and his wife Pearl have been married for 30 years, and they have two children. Their son David is in AIM and is currently serving in Mexico City, Mexico.

Their daughter Rachel is a student at South Plains College in Lubbock. In October, Darrin will begin his position with DiscipleTrips as the director of operations. This is a new position with DiscipleTrips that has come about due to the tremendous

growth of ministry. Over the

Darrin doing preaching in the street during a recent DisicpleTrip to Antigua.

summer, Darrin became more acquainted with the ministry and helped on a trip to Antigua and Belize. In his new role, Darrin will help Disciple Trips continue to grow and become more effective in its vision of helping disciples grow in their faith by participating in a short-term mission experience.



Darrin & Pearl Bible

## PARTNER SCHOOLS

I unset has worked over the past two decades to foster relationships with ministry training schools around the world. Over the years, these schools have varied greatly in their origin and even in their stated purposes. Through the years, Sunset has established relationships with partner schools in more than 40 countries. Sunset has helped to start some of these schools, but others have been in existence for many years and have become partners with Sunset only recently. Here are two examples of schools that are partners with Sunset.

Ghana Bible College was established by missionaries Jerry Reynolds

Dewayne Davenport in 1962, the same year Cline opened the Latin American Bible School. Ghanaians have been in charge of the school since 1979. The college currently has a total enrollment of 228 students from its eight preacher training centers in different regions of Ghana. Since its inception,

> GBC has trained over 1,400 preachers from Ghana and other African countries.

God has blessed the church in Ghana in many ways. Though it is only the size of Colorado, there are 3,500 churches with 500,000 members among the population of 27 million. Brother Emmanuel Antwi, president of the school, is excited about the partnership with Sunset. Through this partnership and our partnership with another school in Swedru under

the direction of David Essuman, Sunset was able to distribute a significant number of solar players through seminars and training classes at Ghana Bible College. The college also has

access to the material from Sunset External Studies to help better train its faculty. As they look to the future, the school hopes to incorporate more vocational training to help preachers support themselves they



reach the remote villages that have few available resources. Continue to pray for the college as they look to establish themselves with the funds needed to sustain such a large ministry.

One of the newest schools to partner with Sunset is in Vienna, Austria. The

previous issue of Lifeline contained news from Gerhard Krassnig who has baptized many Farsi-speaking refugees in Austria. In July of this year, Tim Burow held a four-day seminar in Vienna on The Scheme of Redemption. There were local attendees as well as those who participated by video conference from several places across Austria. Tim was also able to visit and preach at a local refugee camp one Sunday

> Pictured on the left is Emmanuel Antwi above and the latest graduating class from Ghana Bible College. Pictured on the right above is Tim Burow with a group of Farsi Christians, and below is Farshad Shirazi at a refugee camp.

Farshad Shirazi is an asylum refugee from Iran who is living in Vienna, Austria. In Iran, he and his wife had a good life with good jobs, but one day they had to leave their country, their home, their family and friends because what they believed was not accepted regime and their life was at risk. Farshad's journey is not unlike many who have headed to the West for help.

Through the providence of God, Farshad was introduced

by a series of people to Gerhard Krassnig, a 1989 graduate. He was taught the word of God more accurately and obeyed the Gospel along with his wife. Now he is a part of the Lord's church

by the

in Vienna, a church made up primarily of Farsi speakers. Farshad's story is just one among many within the vibrant work that Gerhard is doing.

Gerhard has been working in his native country of Austria since his graduation from Sunset. He has worked among native Austrians and Nigerian immigrants and is now focusing much of his ministry upon outreach to Farsispeaking refugees, primarily Iranians. Gerhard reports over 200 baptisms and five new churches in that past four years (see below).

SIBI has entered into a training agreement with Gerhard to make available our curriculum for translation and for use in maturing the Farsi-speaking Christians. It is Sunset's hope that this new partner training school will be a blessing for

many years to come, not just for Farsi speakers in Austria but perhaps someday back in Iran as well. Sunset continues to work around the world through these important relationships with partner schools to make sure that men and women are equipped to establish strong

congregations that will carry the Gospel to the lost.

#### **Baptisms**

- 2016 6
- 2017 12
- 2018 103
- 2019 80 (to date)

Total - over 200

#### Five Church Plants

- September 2016 Nigerian church in Vienna
- February 2018 Farsi church in Vienna
- April 2018 Farsi church in Salzburg
- Spring 2019 Farsi church in Traiskirchen
- Spring 2019 Farsi church in Klagenfurt



morning.

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Since the days of the earliest World Evangelism Forum, Sunset has understood her role as an equipper and motivator for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. This must continue into the future, and we must continue to explore ways to have an impact for the expansion of the Kingdom of Christ on the earth. Our students must

capture this mission and make it their own. We will accomplish this through campaigns, teaching and evangelism

practicum. Our teachings must be practical so as to bring transformation to the students' own lives so that they in turn can

impact the lives of others. Whatever the coming years may bring, we must be at the tip of the spear in bringing

redemption's message to a lost and dying world.

I long for and will work for a future in which the brotherhood continues to fund the various programs and ministries of Sunset. By faithful reporting and up-to-date advancement methods, we should pursue the full funding of

the Sunset Endowment Fund. In addition to this, through various forms of

known the wonderful ways
God is using the institute so
as to tap into new sources
of brotherhood revenue.
We have an excellent
accounting system and
potential donors can

internet media, we can make

feel secure in the knowledge that their gifts will be properly handled. These systems must keep pace with continued and upward trends in giving and current best practices.

I think that aiming for God's preferred future for Sunset certainly must include the enhancement of every element of the school. This will most certainly include an improved

and nimbler External Studies department. The world of books is changing, and with it we need to seek a balance of in-store profitable literature while continuing to move more aggressively into the area of e-books and downloadable app-based resources. Our burgeoning online classes must continue to be updated and new formats explored to keep pace with current and future learning trends. As these

trends shift, so must our platforms of availability. In line with that, I see our satellite schools in the U.S. growing as

we interact with potential partner churches, thus extending our footprint more widely throughout the brotherhood. Their support of us must not go unrewarded, and our External Studies department.

and our External Studies department is in the best position, apart from our

alumni, to make an impact for their benefit.

Sunset's International Studies department is touching upon a global need and is poised to make an even greater impact in the future. Our 70+ ministry training sites should not become complacent in their existing systems and teaching methods but improve upon the qualitative training they are already offering. While our curriculum has been tested and proven around the world for preparing men biblically to preach the word, we need to make vocational training opportunities available to an increasing number of our students and graduates, which will enhance their own knowledge and assist them in being fully self-supporting. This must be done with our initial impetus and funding, but it must be done in a way that can soon be locally sustained.

I believe that Sunset's best days are yet ahead of us and that by God's power and grace, we shall see not only the sustaining of these and other areas of the institute's effective service, but also the opening of new doors of ministry that the Lord will make available to us. We must meet these new opportunities with the same faith, wisdom and innovation that have so characterized our God-directed history. These are the things that I desire for SIBI, and I hope that they will be your desire as well. I earnestly covet your prayers for me and for our institute. May we first and foremost pursue His will in all these plans and hopes. To Him be the glory now and forever. Amen.



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As Sunset sees the 88<sup>th</sup> graduating class leave and begin ministry or further education, a new school year has begun with returning students and new students. Please pray for the current students as they labor in their studies. Pray especially that each student has sufficient support to enable them to effectively learn and grow during their time at Sunset.



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## DEPARTURES

William Altaffer (attended Sunset in 1978), 78, of Moorcroft, Wyoming, was known to his family and friends as "Bill." Bill and Linda sent their three daughters, Lily, Sarah, and Nora, through Adventures in Missions. He passed away August 15, 2019, after a long battle with several forms of cancer.



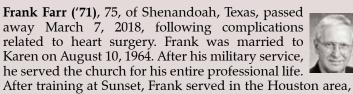
Kathy Bearden, wife of Billy Bearden ('68), 81, of Hutchinson, Kansas, died November 18, 2018. Kathy enjoyed enriching the lives of children both intellectually and spiritually.



Gerald Bolin ('68), 83, of Hardy, Arkansas, passed away February 8, 2019. After graduating from Sunset, he preached in Georgia, Alabama and several places in Arkansas.

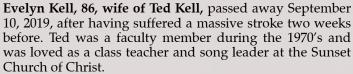


Joseph Duarte ('78) of Enid, Oklahoma, hugged His Lord and Savior July 30, 2019. He married his beloved Cecelia 52 years ago. After serving in the United States Army, he then graduated from preaching school and began to preach the Word of God and help people see their value and worth.





New Hampshire, and California. He later moved back to Houston, where he served as president of Eastern European Missions while he and Karen cared for their aging parents.



Jan May (wife of Clifford May, '69) of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away on June 18, 2019. She is preceded in death by her husband Clifford who passed away July 29, 2012.

Dan Parker ('72) departed this life on April 24, 2019, at the age of 78. Dan proudly served in the Air Force from 1965 until 1968. While in the Air Force, he assisted missionaries in Thailand who encouraged him to enter the ministry. He entered Sunset in 1970



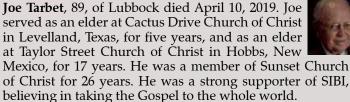
and met his wife Kathy in August of 1970. Upon graduation they moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to preach. He also preached in Athens, Texas; DeRidder, Louisiana; Picayune, Mississippi and Pasadena, Texas, leading many souls to Christ up until his death. Dan was also a deacon at Watters Road Church of Christ for several years.

Wayne Rawlings ('76), 85, of Antioch, Tennessee, passed away on July 7, 2019. He preached for 25 years in Georgia, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee.



Otho Rogers ('69), of Grove, Oklahoma, passed away on August 20, 2019. He had previously served as the minister for the Grove Church of Christ.

Charles Smith passed away on July 16, 2019, after a lengthy illness. Charles and Mary Ann Smith were known for their years of faithful service to the Lord's Church in the Philippines. They trained evangelists, preachers and church planters there and served in local congregations in the United States as well. He continued to keep in touch with the schools in the Philippines, and the students sent messages of love to Mary Ann at the time of his passing.





Jerry Taylor, 76, of Lubbock died May 28, 2019. Jerry served as one of Sunset Church of Christ's greeters for many years and was exceptional in making people feel welcome. Jerry attended Sunset School of Preaching in 1977.



Ella Payne, 18, of Amherst, Texas, was killed in a vehicle accident on August 7, 2019, only hours before she was to enter Adventures in Missions the next morning. The accident also killed her younger sister, Aranza, and injured her youngest sister, Sarah. Though AIM had not started, Ella already had many friends in the class from her involvement with AIM's Camp Adventure for high school students. Ella and her sister were encouraging and outgoing in both the community and church in Amherst and

in Lubbock.



Dave Oakley, 75, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, passed away August 2019, in Lubbock, Texas, following a car accident on August 2nd. Dave worked for Sunset as part of the early development staff that worked with Cline to provide for the finances of the school. Dave moved to Carlsbad in 1983 but continued as



a supporter of the school in many ways. In 2016, Dave went on a DiscipleTrip to Belize with Jeff Smith and then served as a charter member of the DiscipleTrips Advisory Board.

## BRANDI KENDALL

It was with our deepest regret that we said goodbye to a wonderful servant of God, Brandi Kendall. Brandi was serving as Sunset's dean of ministry training for Asia when he died of heart complications. Brandi had just returned from Singapore and Thailand when he went to the hospital. Even after triple bypass surgery, he had planned to teach for Residential Studies as soon as possible. Brandi was also an instructor for Sunset's graduate school. Brandi was married to Penny, and they served the Lord faithfully together.

Brandi graduated from White's Ferry Road School of Preaching in 1984. He and Penny later attended the Sunset School of Missions in 1993. Brandi served as a minister and a missionary. He and Penny worked for many years in Estonia; he also served as the dean for the Sunset partner school in Singapore. Notes of sympathy and love have been sent to the family from all around the world. Brandi was a positive influence in people's lives throughout his life.

Brandi and Penny's greatest ministry by far was their family. They loved and cared for their children and grandchildren in a special way. They provided a godly example of taking the Gospel to the world, starting with family. Our prayers are with Penny and the family. He was deeply loved and is greatly missed by the students and faculty of the entire school.

Pictured top right is Brandi and Penny Kendall. Below from left to right is Brandi with a class from Singapore, Brandi handing out a solar player in the Philippines, and Brandi signing an agreement with Jun Fuentes for a partner school in Baguio City, Philippines.







## JOY YOCHAM

t wasn't Virgil. It wasn't Joy. It was always Virgil and Joy Yocham. For 68 years they worked side by side, and they always sat side by side at church. Joy became ill in 2018 and knew that there was little that could be done with the cancer she had developed.

Joy Fay Yocham, 84, passed away August 27. She married Virgil in 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona. They moved to Lubbock in 1972 to attend Sunset, and soon after graduation they began developing correspondence courses. They never left.

Joy's attitude in the hospital with the nurses was reflected in how she asked, "Do you know my Lord? Let me tell you about Him." Joy was always at worship with her beautiful smile until she became too weak to come. Joy loved to give. She made pot holders, scarves, and food. She even made cookies for the faculty retreat, including the most recent one on August 5th. She and her beloved Virgil prayed together and prepared for her journey to see her Lord. Joy will be missed by all of Sunset.



Pictured clockwise from top right is Virgil and Joy receiving the Gray Eagle Award in January 2018, Virgil and Joy with Uli Banjarnahor who worked with them, and Joy duplicating tapes in the early days of External Studies.





Sod is doing with young people or with new opportunities; however, God is not just the God of the young. He is also very much the God of the old. Across our culture and our world, there are millions of people with experience who are marginalized and minimized and characterized by the

and minimized and characterized by the things they are no longer able to do without regard for the unique gifts and wisdom they possess. SeniorAIM is a ministry at Sunset that contradicts what the world would have us believe about what we are able to do after we retire.

Senior Adventures in Ministry (SeniorAIM) began with its first class at

Sunset International Bible Institute in January 1995 with eight students. Since then, the ministry has been blessed with almost 300 students studying for one or more school terms. These students have included men and women, couples and singles. The age range has been from the mid-40's to over 90 years old. SeniorAIMers have taken the Gospel all over



the United States and to many foreign countries. They serve in many areas including preaching, teaching Bible classes, leading VBS, church planting, and more. They speak many languages, including sign language.

This past summer, ten SeniorAIMers made a journey to Singapore at the invitation of the leadership in the Pasir Panjang

congregation. The Pasir Panjang congregation arranged a retreat in a special hotel across the border in the country of Malaysia. Various talks and presentations helped form bonds among the members as well as the visitors. There was one baptism at the retreat, and others followed on Sunday after the group's return to Singapore. Brian Garnett, Harry Overstreet, and Stuart Jones presented talks focused on seniors in relation to the past, the present and the future. Harold Romine added his special thoughts on the subjects.

In Singapore, there is a mandatory retirement

age of 67 and a life expectancy of 82. The Christians there struggle with a sense of purpose and finding activities to help them remain productive. Many of those who met with the SeniorAIMers

from Sunset were inspired to learn that in the church there is no retirement age.

There are countless ministries in which those who have retired but remain in good health can continue to participate for many years. The congregation may even consider beginning their own ministry for those who have been forced to retire but are still useful for the building of the kingdom of God.

That emphasis on usefulness and purpose is what SeniorAIM helps to convey

to congregations around the United States as well. Their recruiting focus is to attract those who are about to retire so that they will readily transition into personal preparation for

productive activity in the kingdom. SeniorAIM also focuses on retirees from companies, military, and schools whose retirement is funded, so they can be engaged in productive outreach in both domestic and foreign settings.



The work these senior members do all over the world can be summed up in this statement from a member of the church in Singapore: "Thanks for your wonderful presence here in Singapore to encourage us and especially for me. I thought at my age which is just over 60 that I would take a 'sideline' for the younger ones to move ahead, but instead I felt ashamed knowing all of you are years ahead of me and still active and daring ahead for the kingdom of God. I realize my eyes are not open. Thank you again for energizing the Spirit in me to take a more active role in His Kingdom works. Praise God for you."

For information, contact Stuart Jones (806-788-3260) or Brian Garnett (806-788-3207). You may also visit www.sunset. bible/SeniorAIM.

Pictured above left is Brian Garnett with a painted rock from a retreat activity. Above right is one of the many fellowship meals with the Christians in Singapore. Below is eight of the SeniorAlMers on the trip this summer.

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