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Let's Go... Make Disciples

20,700 Souls Converted to Christ
1,193 Preachers Trained
280 New Congregations Established
26 American Missionaries Trained
148 AIM Students Sent to 22 Fields
76 New Training Programs

What God Has Done



Homecoming 2008 April 17 – 19

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF PREACHER TRAINING

ing" mean to a school which has graduated over 4000 from a number of ministry disciplines and is now in its forty-sixth year of operation? Even more pertinent,

what does it mean to those graduates who have scattered to

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all fifty states and over a hundred foreign nations?

"Homecoming" has played a significant role in the history of this school since the first homecoming reunion in May of 1967, just five years after the school was established and two years after the first class graduated. I spent some time

poking through old publications in our Heritage Room and found an article written by Cline following that historic event. He recalled "some of the finest lessons ever preached in these parts, and many exes bear-hugging and reminiscing about the time ole so and so..." He surmised that one of the best features was the session which exes had with students discussing "the problems of the preacher." (I was one of those early students in awe of the great ability and wisdom of those "experienced preachers "who had already been at it for a year or two.) At the 1972 Homecoming there was a catered meal for \$2.20 per person. Cline commented, "If you can't afford the price, come see me." (The meal this year may cost a bit more.)

For years we had homecoming every year; then about 15 years ago we instituted "Super Homecoming" every five years. This year we return to an annual homecoming and

begin class reunions, especially those who are celebrating decadal anniversaries. This year we will focus on graduates from '68, '78, '88, and '98, including graduates from White's Ferry Road. There will be all of the traditional expectations of Homecoming and much more. Remember, "Alma Mater" is Latin for "nourishing mother." Come home and get some

nourishment!

- Truitt Adair, Executive Director





HOMBEOMING 2008 APRIL 17-19 LIVING THE LEGACY

Highlighting graduates from 1968 1978 1988 1998

- Special activities on Thursday evening April 17th and morning and afternoon, April 18th for all graduates.
- Graduates of ALL years of SIBI (SSOP), WFR, AIM, Advanced Missions, Women's Studies, and the Deaf program are invited.
- A celebration dinner on Friday evening, April 18th to thank God for His provision as we close our 12 million dollar fundraising campaign.
- A special assembly on Saturday morning, April 19th for all.

Send in the form below or register online at http://alumni.sibi.cc/homecoming08

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Through our International Division at SIBI, thousands of souls are being won to Christ, hundreds of congregations are being planted all around the world, and more and more local church members are being trained and equipped as preachers, teachers, and church leaders in their own language, culture, and nation. It would take an entire edition of Lifeline to tell you of all of the lives being touched around the world. We want to share with you a few examples of the work Sunset International is doing through its ministry training schools.

2007 was a Fruitful Year for the Work of Sunset in Cambodia



Rich and Ronda Dolan, formerly of the Broken Arrow church of Christ in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, moved their family to Phnom Penh and began working with Sunset's ministry training school in Phnom Penh. Pictured left is a young man named Dtree (pronounced "tree") being baptized into Christ in Phnom Penh. He represents many who were taught the Gospel of Christ by students studying Sunset courses and then grounded in the truth so that he too can lead others to Christ and minister in the local church. The Cambodian Bible Institute, CBI, is one of 55 ministry training schools in 37 countries that are working daily to change the lives of the people in the streets and communities surrounding them. Rich Dolan, the Dean of Ministry Training at CBI, and the students there are making a difference! Dtree is now a student at CBI and is studying God's Word and being trained to spread the Gospel to others.

2007 was a Fruitful Year for the Work of Sunset in Sudan.

So many lives were touched by the saving message of the Gospel of Christ. In 2007, many of our Sudanese brothers and sisters were able to leave the refugee camps of Uganda and Ethiopia and return to their homeland in Southern Sudan. As these new Christians returned to their villages, it was vital that they have congregations in which to mature and worship. Fifteen congregations have been planted in Southern Sudan so far as more and more are taught the Gospel of Christ and respond to it. As you can see, the fields have been ripe for harvest in Sudan.

Brothers Isaya Jackson and Kennedy Marko, working with Sunset and working un-



der the oversight of the Woodward Park congregation in Fresno, California, have been working with Sudanese Christians teaching them how to



evangelize the lost and plant the Lord's Church as they return to their communities and homes. They will soon be joined by Brother Frank Luri who will join Isaya and Kennedy as evangelists, church planters, and teachers of our school in Sudan. Most of the new congregations in Southern Sudan are still meeting under trees at this time. They will be able to build church buildings as soon as they move back on their land and get their lives in order. We need to pray for Isaya, Kennedy, Frank, and the Christian workers who are preaching and teaching in Sudan. We also need to pray for the development of these new Christians, new congregations, and the school in Sudan.

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2007 was a Fruitful Year for the Work of Sunset in Indonesia.

The Batam Bible Institute has had a continual focus on planting congregations all over Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world. A number of missionaries and mission teams have been sent out and more are being trained at this time. Winston Bolt, Dean of the ministry training school in Batam, recently traveled to the capital city of Jakarta to work alongside preacher and fellow ministry trainer D.J. Pasaribu (pictured

right). Pasaribu (on the left) and Winston Bolt (on the right) are pictured here with the other teachers and administrators of the Batam Bible Institute. Pasaribu had invited Winston to travel with him to the city of Karawang, about 70 miles east of Jakarta. There was no congregation in Karawang, but they hoped to make a few contacts and eventually plant a congregation in this city. They met a local preacher from a Pentecostal



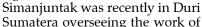
congregation in Karawang who had similar ideas and tried to convert Pasaribu! After hours of study, the Pentecostal preacher and his wife were baptized into Christ. They also met and converted a man who had graduated from a school of religion in Indonesia along with his wife. Later on the trip, three more were baptized into Christ in Karawang. Pasaribu is pictured (left) taking the confession of one of those baptized

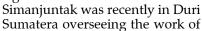
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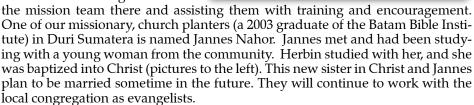
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Sunset International has renewed its emphasis on church planting. The picture to the right is a good example of what is taking place all around the world through Sunset's ministry training schools. Pictured is Pasaribu and the newly planted Karawang church of Christ in Indonesia. In Cambodia, Sudan, Indonesia, and other nations where we have ministry training schools, students are being trained as evangelists and church planters and it is making a difference. The task of training

church planters and evangelists doesn't end in the classroom; however, our instructors mentor and train students and graduates on the field. Herbin







May God bless Sunset's ministry training schools around the world as they continue to seek and save the lost, plant healthy congregations, and train preachers, teachers, and church leaders. We pray God's blessings on this ministry in 2008.



- Chris Swinford, Dean of International Studies

Let's Go... Make Disciples History, Vision, and Harvest

"Now, by God's grace, we

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History

In 2003, West Texas was having a hard year. A drought made for a very difficult year for cotton farmers. Domestic oil production was down. The West Texas economy was suffering. This not only affected congregations, but it also affected the Sunset International Bible Institute because our ability to grow the ministry was severely hampered by the faltering economy. We dreamed of making more disciples world-wide, but we also knew that additional funds would have to be raised to accomplish this dream. In a Dallas meeting with some of the members of the Sunset Council (an advisory group to the Executive Director and his staff), the idea was born to launch a new vision. This idea had great merit for broadening the support base of the school enabling us to make more disciples around the world.

The Vision

The new vision, "Let's Go... Make Disciples", is much more than a catchy phrase. It defines our purpose, our directive, our commission. Benefit dinners provided forums to convey the school's vision encouraging people



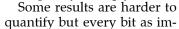
ner with us in making disciples. Many people became acquainted with Sunset through these dinners and became excited about the Let's Go... Make Disciples vision.

The World-wide Harvest of the Vision

The Lord has truly blessed these efforts. He has used Sunset International Bible Institute as a tool to train preachers, missionaries, and church planters to take His Gospel throughout the world. When we began our "Let's Go... Make Disciples" campaign, we said that it was more about souls rather than brick and mortar. In the belief that God would multiply the fruit, we began to expand our world-wide ministry as increased campaign funds became available. Even our most optimistic projections fell far short of what we recently discovered (results listed on front cover) in a survey conducted of our people and ministries. We are in awe of what God has accomplished in less than three years.

An interesting fact is that it took 16 years for Sunset to train the first 1,000 preachers and 19 years to train the second

1,000. Now, by God's grace, we have trained almost 1,200 in less than three years. By multiplying the number of gospel preachers, missionaries, and church planters, we have also seen the number of new congregations and converts greatly multiply.





portant as the statistics sited above. How can we record the spiritual growth of thousands world-wide or the encouragement and motivation of those who have been touched by the ministry of so many dedicated partners? How do we measure greater love and unity or more biblical soundness among brethren in dozens of nations? While it is challenging to evaluate such vital spiritual values, we are witnessing the fruit of the Spirit developing in the lives of our students and

faculty and their converts.

For all of this, we are deeply thankful. Thankful that God has chosen to bless the Sunset ministry and those of us involved in it. Thankful that He has used us as a tool to accomplish His eternal

purposes. Thankful that He has worked through our graduates in bringing the lost to Him, and thankful that our graduates have been instrumental in encouraging and uplifting brethren who are serving all over the world. We are also thankful for each person who has given generously to the Campaign. Approximately 1,000 people gave to the vision of making disciples beyond our regular monthly supporters. Over 80 congregations have helped make more disciples beyond those who give on a regular monthly basis. Many have caught the vision and have generously given. Whether gifts were large or small, each gift was very important. They have all helped make disciples. For each we are deeply thankful.

- Bob Jackson, Director of Development





Houston Branch School Celebrates First Graduation Spanish Speaking Preachers Sent to Honduras and

Inner City Ministry

n December the 14th of 2007, the Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute, a Spanish language branch school of Sunset in Houston, Texas, had their first graduation. Jose Dimas Velasquez and Giovanni Mendoza received certificates of graduation at this landmark event. More than 100 people attended, representing at least nine congregations. Rudy

Wray and Armando Alaniz were featured speakers at the ceremony that was enjoyed greatly by all in attendance.

Jose Dimas Velasquez will continue his work as an elder and full-time minister of the Impact church of Christ in inner-city Houston. Velasquez, pictured here receiving his diploma, completed the two-year academic and practical program. There were a number of family members and members from the Impact congregation there to celebrate this moment with him.



Giovanni Mendoza also completed the two-year program and plans to take his family and do full-time mission work with a congregation in Honduras. Mendoza is pictured here with his wife and mother (pictured left) and with Chris Swinford, Dean of International Studies at SIBI, as he receives his lapel pin signifying his graduation from a SIBI affiliated ministry training school (pictured lower right).

IGCBI has three students who finished their first year of full-time ministry training and are currently beginning their second year of training. In addition to the full-time students, there are a number of part-time students who study in the evenings. The students at TGCBI do far more than simply attend classes; they are actively at work in congregational ministry and evangelism. Under the direction of Steve Austin, Director of TGCBI, and other instructors and facilitators, the students participate in church plantings and in evangelism through existing and planted congregations. Church planting efforts contin-

ued in the surrounding communities of Alvin, Clear Lake, and Baytown and there were 16 baptisms in the congregations where the students were working with other local Christians.





Steve Austin, Director

TGCBI is a major hub for Spanish language videoconferencing courses spread across the Spanish speaking world. With 21 interactive videoconferencing sites in 7 countries (Ecuador, Argentina,

Venezuela, Honduras, Peru, Guatemala, and the United States), these students were part of a global educational effort among the Spanish speaking peoples of the world (videoconferencing class in Maracay, Venezuela, pictured here). These classes are taught to more than 100

students by 20 capable teachers from 3 countries. Investigation is underway to add 27 more videoconferencing schools in the months to come. In addition to this, preparations are underway to place these courses on the internet and make them available to every Spanish speaking person in the world.

2008 promises to be even brighter than 2007! We pray that God will continue to bless TGCBI and all of the Spanish speaking schools affiliated with Sunset.

-- Chris Swinford, Dean of International Studies



Nazareth: A Vision for Preaching Where Jesus Grew Up

estled in the hills of Galilee, modern day Nazareth is home to more than 65,000 people, but two millenia ago a young boy named Jesus and his family made their home in this sleepy village. Today the vast majority of its residents are Arabic citizens of Israel, 31.3% of whom are Christians (Greek Orthodox and Catholic) and 68.7% of whom are Muslims. Nazareth forms a metropolitan area with several surrounding villages and together the area has a population of approximately 185,000, of which over 145,000 are Arabs.

Nazareth is also the home of Maurice and Inaam Jadon. In 1971 a group of Christians from Dallas, Texas, conducted a campaign in Nazareth coordinated by George Bailey. Sixty-eight people responded to the Gospel, including a 17 year old, Maurice. Changing religions in the Middle Eastern culture is viewed as a betrayal of the family and a rejection of family traditions and values. Maurice's conversion was met with strong opposition from his family. His family is traditionally Greek Orthodox, and they viewed the church as a heretical sect of Christianity. As a result, Maurice was shunned and rejected by family and friends.





It is not uncommon for new converts to drift away, in this kind of situation. Of the 68 originally converted, only Maurice continued to worship and serve in the congregation. It was there that a few years later Maurice met Inaam, and they were married in 1975. Maurice and Inaam began their family and career in Nazareth and were active members of the church. Maurice has a degree in accounting and operated his own business.

Ralph Henley and Ernest Stewart established the congregation in 1960 and served as ministers for the Nazareth church of Christ for many years. They were followed by several short term missionaries including Paul Van Winkle, Paul Watson, Bud Chumley, Everett Huffard, and Lee Cooper. But in 1986 the last American minister left Nazareth and in 1987 legislation forced "foreign" missionaries to relinquish their visas and legal ability to preach and teach. This created concern for the future of the small congregation in Nazareth.

In 1988 Maurice and Inaam made a life changing commitment. Maurice says it this way, "I did not want the church in Nazareth to be without a shepherd." So Maurice

decided to seek the education and training he needed to better serve the Lord and his church. That August, Maurice and Inaam arrived in Lubbock, Texas, to begin two years of full-time study at Sunset.

After graduating from Sunset, Maurice returned to the rural villages in Galilee to preach and teach the Gospel supported by the Echo Meadows Church of Christ. and many responded to the evangelistic efforts. In 1997, at the request of the Signal Mountain Church of Christ near Chattanooga, TN., Maurice was invited to return to Nazareth and serve with the congregation. What he found was a small church building setting on a one acre tract of land and two people worshiping regularly.

New Testament Christians in Israel face legal and social challenges on a daily basis. There is persecution from the Islamic community, persecution from the Jewish government, and sometimes the strongest resistance and persecution is at the hands of the "Christian" community. The Orthodox and Catholic groups strongly oppose any "new" religious groups and will use their influence to hinder the preaching of the Gos-



pel. Christians regularly leave the Holy Land due to the persecution and financial difficulties, but Maurice and Inaam stood in the face of this persecution and so did the small number of faithful members.

Today, the congregation continues to grow and more than 50 members of the Lord's body meet regularly at the Naza-

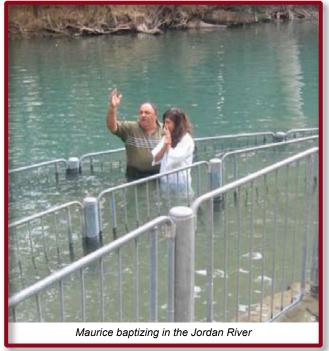
reth church of Christ. Maurice said:

I am proud of people in the Nazareth congregation. They are educated people (doctors, engineers, pharmacists, and teachers). They are people respected in the community, and they are the key to the future of congregation. We have a vision for the future, but we do not have the means.

Maurice is constantly seeking new methods and opportunities to share the Gospel in Nazareth and surrounding nations. Nazareth could become a launching point to carry the Gospel into Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, and other regions. Maurice developed a Bible correspondence course in Arabic that was having some success until the recent political unrest in that region.

In the near future, the Nazareth congregation will become a distribution point for Sunset materials and courses translated into Arabic. Four books have already been printed and are being distributed in that region and others are being translated. Discussions are underway to consider a future Ministry Training Center in association with Sunset International Bible Institute. The church facilities include a comfortable meeting space, one classroom, and a small office. Upstairs is a comfortable apartment. Nazareth would be an ideal location to train qualified servants for the Lord's church to walk where Jesus walked.

- Doug Reeves, Dean of Ministry Training for Europe



Attention White's Ferry Road Alumni!

We are anxious to hear from you! Lifeline would welcome news, reports, and updates about your work to include in our Alumni News section. Please use the e-mail and postal addresses listed on page 2.

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Missionaries with a Vision for God's Work Worldwide

2007 Graduates of Sunset's Advanced Missions Studies



The Moscow Church-Planting Team

This team is made up of three families: David and Olivia Nelson, Rob and Denyce Hindman and their sons – Malachi and Silas, and Mike and Lucy McDougle and their son Canaan.

The Nelsons

David has had the unique opportunity to be raised on the mission field. While still just a baby, his parents moved to New Zealand, where he got to experience firsthand the work of missionaries. He has worked in construction and is set to graduate from Sunset in 2008. He currently works with the college ministry at Sunset church of Christ.

Olivia was raised in Lubbock, attending Sunset where her father, Kirk Martin, is also one of the shepherds. Olivia went through the AIM program, serving for 18-months in New Zealand. Olivia is also fluent in American Sign Language. She is scheduled to complete her degree in Early Childhood Education from LCU in May of 2008.

The Nelsons are sponsored by the Sunset church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

The Hindmans

Rob was raised in California. He entered the AIM program and served in Samoa. He completed the 2-year program at Sunset in 2002, the Advanced Missions program in 2008, and has served as an AIM assistant for 5 years. He holds a degree in Business Administration in Computer Information Systems and served as the webmaster for Sunset.

Denyce was raised in Texas. She entered the AIM program in 1996 and served on the field for 22 months in Moscow, Russia. She completed the 2-year program at Sunset, earned a Bible degree from LCU, and has worked as an AIM assistant for 6 years. She loves being "momma" to her two sons.

The Hindmans are sponsored by the Sun Valley church of Christ in Gilbert, Arizona.

The McDougles

Mike grew up in Texas and California. He was converted as a high-school freshman and went on mission trips to South Dakota and Wyoming. Mike enrolled in AIM and spent 18 months as an apprentice missionary in Moscow, Russia. He graduated from the 2-year program at Sunset, as well as the Advanced Missions program. He also holds a degree from Texas Tech where he majored in history and minored in the Russian Language.

Lucy was raised in Lubbock, attending Sunset where her father is one of the shepherds. She and Olivia Nelson are sisters. Lucy has had a heart for missions since her early youth. She attended the AIM program and spent her 18 months in Mexico City. She is fluent in Spanish and holds her degree in Early Childhood Education from LCU. She also participated in a Let's Start Talking campaign in Moscow.

The McDougles are sponsored by the Sunset church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.

Cristo Para Ambato Edward and Jacqueline Dottle

Edward met the Lord in 1990 and then met Jacqueline in 1991. They married in January of 1993 and have three children: Raquel, age 13, and the twins – Christine and Natalie, soon to be 10. Edward grew up in the Dallas area and worked as a com-



puter programmer and in software development for 14 years before entering into ministry. Jacqueline grew up in Quito, Ecuador, where she studied languages and accounting before becoming a teacher. She currently speaks 4 languages.

The Dottles' intent is to go to Ambato, Ecuador, as churchplanters. Ambato is the 4th-largest city in Ecuador with more than a quarter of a million souls with no known churches of Christ. They have asked other graduates of Sunset to join them in this endeavor.

The Dottles are seeking a congregation to partner with them as their sponsors in "Cristo Para Ambato." Please contact: Edward & Jacqueline Dottle, 306 77th Street, Lubbock, TX 79404, (817) 909-5582, edottle@gmail.com



Ronald and Della Burman

Ron and Della have been married since 1994 and have four children ranging in ages from 29 to 17. They were both baptized into Christ in May of 2003 and shortly thereafter decided to come to Sunset where they graduated from the 2-year program in May of 2007 and the Advanced Missions program in January of 2008. Much of Ron's work background has been in the field of electronics, while Della's has been in bookkeeping. Della is proficient in American Sign Language. The Burmans have been on campaigns in Oklahoma, Missouri, California, Alaska, and Romania.

Ron and Della intend to work with the Fall River Branch School in Fall River, Massachusetts. Their work will include recruiting new students, raising support and awareness for the school and students, as well as developing intern programs with partnering churches. They also want to become involved in a church-planting effort working alongside the students at Fall River.

The Burmans are looking for a sponsoring congregation that will partner with them in this exciting work in the Northeast. Please contact: Ronald & Della Burman, 3004 36th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413, (806) 788-1595, ronald.burman@sbcglobal.net.



Steve and Jewel Melton

Steve and Jewel are newly married (January of 2008). They first met in March of 2003 through the AIM program. Steve entered that program in 1995 serving as an apprentice missionary in Scotland, and Jewel in 2003 serving in Croatia. They have since graduated from Sunset's 2-year program and the Advanced Missions program in January of 2008. They have also continued to serve as AIM assistants during their time in Lubbock. Steve was raised in Northern California and Jewel in Eastern Washington.

The Meltons intend to work with the AIM program in Lubbock for the next 2 years where they will learn the details, direction, and decision-making processes of such a ministry. In 2010 they plan to join Eli and Kelcey Hooper in the development of the West Coast AIM program in Grass Valley, California, where Steve will serve as the assistant director of that ministry.

A Digital Vision

eginning in August 2007, Jeff Rader began working with Rob Hindman as webmaster for the family of web sites at Sunset (SIBI.cc, SunsetOnline.org, ExtensionSchool.com, and AIMSunset.org). Jeff graduated from Sunset in '99. After serving for one year at Sunset as Associate Youth Minister, Jeff began working in website development. Since 2003, he has worked for himself and has developed websites for companies all over the world.

In addition to finishing the online courses that Rob began at SunsetOnline.org, Jeff has begun work with Jorge Pineda putting Spanish courses on line at SunsetOnline.org/es. The new site will make available many Spanish Bible courses to the Hispanic world. The world's Hispanic population now totals

434.2 million people. Sixty-one (61) million of that population have access to the internet. The first course will be available online by the time this is printed.

Jeff looks forward to helping Sunset use the internet more and more to help communicate with the many people across the world that have partnered with Sunset to spread the Gospel. As a part of that effort, he has begun Alumni.SIBI.cc as a site dedicated to serving the alumni of the school. He envisions this website as a contact point for the many alumni to stay connected to the rest of the Sunset family. All alumni from any program are welcomed to join the site and to contribute.

Lifeline is also under Jeff's responsibilities. As part of Lifeline, a new Online Only subscription will be available soon for all our subscribers who would prefer to read Lifeline online to receiving it in the mail. If you are interested in subscribing to the Online edition, you can sign-up at http://alumni.sibi.cc/lifeline.



New Sunset Faculty Join Others in Making Disciples

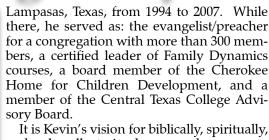
Kevin Haynes

evin Haynes is the Interim Dean of Advanced Missions at Sunset International Bible Institute. In fulfilling this role, Kevin is in charge of the planning, coordination, and evaluation of the Advanced Missions curriculum. He will also promote and recruit students for the program, aid in resettling mission teams on the field, as well as work alongside the International Division.

Kevin served as a missionary in the country of Ecuador from 1989 to 1993 as part of a five family mission team. The team was trained at the residential facilities in Lubbock. While serving in Quito, Ecuador, Kevin became the Assistant Director of Quito School of Bibli-

cal Studies. He also fulfilled the role of an instructor in the school and helped in the growth of the congregation from its initial planting to a thriving 230 member body.

After Kevin returned from the mission field, he labored as the pulpit minister for the First Street church of Christ in



It is Kevin's vision for biblically, spiritually, and culturally trained men and women to be sent to the lost people of this world with God's message of salvation. He purports that the Advanced Missions program at Sunset International Bible Institute exists to offer its services and experiences to those who also have a heart for world evangelism.

Kevin has earned degrees in Doctor of Ministry, Master of Ministry in Missions, Bachelors of Ministry in Biblical Studies, and certificates in Missions and Ministerial Studies from the Theological University of America and Sunset School of Missions. Additionally, he has studied the Spanish language at Universidad Catolica in Quito, Ecuador.

mong our newest faculty members is Ray Young. Ray and his wife, Sonya, ▲ have been married nearly 20 years. They

Ray Young

have two daughters, Katelynn (15) and Raegan (11) and reside in Denver City. Sonya is a 5th grade science teacher. At some point they plan to relocate to Lubbock. Ray grew up in Lubbock. In fact their house was directly across the street from the Sunset church building when it was a young, fledgeling congregation. He enrolled in the Sunset School of Preaching in 1989 and graduated in 1991. As he was growing up, he never dreamed that he would become a preacher, but because of men like Richard Rog-

ers, Abe Lincoln, and Cline Paden his course in life was directed toward ministry.

Ray has served in ministry in Colleyville, Plains, and Denver City, Texas, and also in two congregations in Carlsbad, NM. He preached 12 of those 16 years and served as a family/youth minister for four years. While serving at Plains, TX, he taught part-time at Lubbock Christian University and earned a master's degree in Bible and Ministry.

Last year Ray began teaching one course in the AIM program at Sunset. He has expanded his involvement with the school by teaching three AIM classes and one Level 1 preaching school class this year. Next year He will teach full-time with the school and also work with Church Development.

Ray was attracted to Sunset because it gives him the opportunity to train men multiplying his efforts far beyond what he could do in local work. He is attracted to the school because of its world mission focus. He believes the Sunset ministry is one of the most fruitful ministries in the brotherhood. Through training men and women for ministry, Ray sees the ripple effect of the training. It multiplies many times over.

When asked what he sees in the future of Sunset, Ray sees a very bright future with God continuing to open doors of opportunity. Things like distance learning and Satellite Schools are examples of those opportunities. He sees the Residential campus continuing to grow in Lubbock, but he sees explosive growth in Sunset's other world-wide ministries. Ephesians 3:20-21 offers new meaning when he reflects on the Sunset ministry: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."



lumni News

AFRICA

Kenya

James and Barbara Jones ('69) - Breaking news! The Joneses work with Restoration Radio Network Int'l in Nashville, TN. They have been greatly involved in the Lord's work in Kenya for the past 10 years. A very critical situation has arisen in some of the congregations in Kenya. Over 40 members are locked down in a congregation in Nakuru without water, food, or medical help. In an orphanage in Kisumu, about 45 children are completely cut off from all services. They have no water or food, and two members of the church have been killed there.

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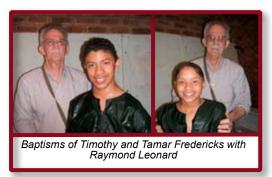
Duane Morgan ('70) Tuesday, November 27, 2007 found Duane celebrating his 64th birthday in Fes, Morocco. Duane has been in Morocco since October studying the Arabic language. "My circle of friends is growing in this city and beyond. To be a stranger

in new surroundings has been an adventure; to have like-minded friends is an even better adventure. After ten and a half months on the field, I am confident that future travels to Marseille, Paris, Athens, Cairo, Damascus, London, Rome, and Barcelona will be time well spent. With such a world of opportunity and, therefore, responsibility, retirement is out of the question.

"This year that I have been in the field has been crucial and necessary. Thank you for sticking with me through a season of research, orientation, planning, and meeting people. Now, we speak to friends who are listening.

South Africa

Jerry and Ann Hogg ('68) - On September 23-27, many celebrated the 50th year homecoming of the Benoni Church of Christ and the 41st annual South African Bible College Lectureship. More than 600 attended. Al & Donna Horne spoke at the lectureship. Al had been the minister at Benoni for over 43 years. The Hoggs are planning to return to South Africa in January.



Raymond and Sally Leonard ('76) Cape Town - In August, Raymond was the victim of a car-jacking at gun point in front of the Khayelitsha church building. Their van was taken and insurance was not enough to replace it. But that was followed by the joy of baptizing 15 year-old twins, Timothy and Tamar Fredericks, in October.

Zambia

David French - The school continues to grow and flourish. Last year we had 44 students to graduate (giving us a total of 60 students who have graduated thus far in our three year history. They added a women's program last year (5 female graduates in Sept) and have just completed a new wom-

en's dorm that just went into service this month). They are now growing all the food and chickens they need for the school Over the past kitchen. three years their students have planted 13 churches on mission trips (none have died). Learn more at www.zambiamissions.org.



ASIA

Indonesia



Winston and Lusi Bolt ('87) Winston is continuing to develop their third term curriculum for church planting and development while teaching six courses in the school. These courses are designed to prepare men and women

to work as mission teams throughout the country in the major cities. Their goal is to prepare the brethren in Indonesia to serve and lead the church independent of American help.

Marty and Julie Johnson ('03) (Serui, Papua) – Marty's Bible/English class is going very well. Eight of the twenty-one lessons have been completed by the twelve students. The students seem to really understand the necessity of faith and obedience/action for salvation. They are planning to begin a WBS training program so that students will know how to utilize available resources in evangelizing their area. The Johnsons may be contacted at: papuamissions@mac.com

Russia

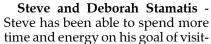
Len Otte - With God's help, the congregation is growing. They continue to ask God to bless them more and more with newcomers. Leonid Pavlov is a good example for each of us. He speaks to people at the railway station and in parks. Many changes are taking place and your partnership is so important to this mission.

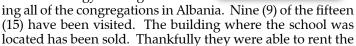
Singapore
Tom and Nancy Goracke ('95) – September found the Goracke family transitioning from west Texas to the western panhandle of Nebraska. They recently traveled north to finish packing for storage and preparing items needed for

Singapore delivery. They have been raising support for their new mission. So far they have secured 51% of their monthly needs and 95% of their one-time needs. Information about the work in Singapore and how you can contact them can be found at http://www.sunsetinternational.org.

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and continuing change, we find peace and security in our eternal and unchanging God.

Croatia

Ivan and Ruth Tesic ('79) have all three sons in college at once! Peter began his Masters of European Studies in Zagreb. David is finishing his junior year at Pepperdine, and Daniel is finishing his freshman year in Santa Monica. Ruth is substituting at the American School in Zagreb and teaching English in a Zagreb language school. We are saddened that Ivan and Nikola's niece and nephew died in an apartment fire in Vienna. Ruth went to Oklahoma to help her ailing parents. Please keep the Tesic and Dakovic families in your prayers.

France

Jason and Natalie Freed ('06) temporarily reside in Tomball, TX, and they are worshiping with the Champions congregation. The Freeds are in the process of raising support to go to Paris, France. They are searching for financial partners to participate with them in this mission. The Freeds have two children: Justin



and Krista. They may be contacted at: 16232 Hammerwood Ct.; Tomball, TX, 77377. Phone: 932/244-7465.

Roland and Rose Mohsen ('78) are the proud grandparents of Lily Rose Elsie Jeanne Monnoyeur. Baby Rose and family are doing well. Preparations are underway for a campaign on Mauritius Island. There will be seven nations and a total of 60 people participating in this mission effort.

Greece

Ron and Diana Kretz ('95, Missions '96) - After almost a year, the Kretz have received final paperwork approving their resident religious worker's visa. This will allow the Kretz's to remain in Greece until the middle of March, 2008. At that time they will be able to apply for renewal for another year.

Romania

Lee and Stephanie Skelton - Fourteen Americans worked with the Skeltons in a local high school teaching in the "Conversational English Institute" (similar to a Vacation Bible School). Sixty children and adults attended. On the last evening, people came for graduation by bus, taxi, car, and on foot to watch their children receive a certificate. A new attendance record was set – 95!! Five students between the ages of 16-25 requested one-on-

one Bible studies. The Lord is truly blessing the work in Sibiu. Twenty-one visited on Sunday as a direct result of the VBS. Attendance was sixty-one. Signs of growth are being seen in the hearts of the Romanian people as a result of the

seeds that have been planted.



Ukraine

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Tim and Mina Burow ('93) have had plumbing problems due to tree roots but seem to be about restored to normal. The five young ladies working with 'Friends Speak" and living at the building have done

a marvelous job and have kept a great spirit about them even

while washing dishes outside at the faucet. The group has taken on the responsibility of holding a VBS for the children in the neighborhood. Please continue to pray for our efforts as we teach the people of Ukraine the Word of

OCEANIA

Australia

Ron and Moya Bainbridge ('68) report that God continues to open many windows of opportunity to share Jesus with people throughout Australia. The response to their weekly radio programs and newspaper columns (appearing in 10 different newspapers throughout Australia) highlights how relevant God's messages are to a hurting world. Stress, grief, depression, guilt, low self-esteem, anger, sickness, and forgiveness are some of the topics covered.

Craig and Tomya Peters ('87) –With Mom and Dad going to Australia, what are the kids doing? With 5 kids, all very involved in our work over the years, this has been a common question. Elijah and wife Kristen are leaving in January to begin a church planting work in Auckland, N.Z. They are still looking for monthly support as well as one-time support. Mickenzie is studying hard at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX. Daniel is currently serving in Napier, N.Z. as a missionary apprentice in the AIM program. Tabitha is

> in this year's AIM program. Both she and Daniel are in need of support. Micah is in Australia with us but plans to enroll in AIM

in 3 years.

Dwight and Brenda Whitsett ('67) - Exciting developments are taking place in the land "Down Under." There are an increasing number of conversions and church plantings. More and more disciples and churches in Australia are depending less

and less on outside support and personnel and taking the lead in Kingdom growth. A lot of Dwight's time recently, in addition to teaching in Lubbock, has been devoted to the launch of MISSION SOUTH PACIFIC. More on this new vision in later issues.

Tobey and Kathy Huff (Missions, '74) - Cyclone Daman caused some damage to the island, but not as much as it could have. Tobey has been working towards starting a Bible School in Lautoka. They are currently singing and praying in homes on Friday nights and beginning to followup on many of the World Bible School students in the area. http://cibs-fiji.fiji.com/CIBS-Fiji/Index.html

Lifeline

New Zealand

Skylar and Morgan Ely (Missions, '06) – Through much prayer and counsel, the Elys decided to adopt Ryan Taylor as their son. They have had custody of Ryan since September 21st, and have greatly enjoyed having him as a new addition to their family. The Elys have moved to Longview, TX, to spend time with the Pinetree church of Christ before going to the mission field in New Zealand. Morgan recently took a test for her Social Work license and is now a licensed social worker! She has temporarily put her license on inactive status until they go to New Zealand. Skylar and Morgan may be contacted through the church at: 3221 Dundee Road; Longview, TX 75604, (903) 759-9562.

Philippines



Charles and Mary Ann Smith - Julius Jones graduated in 2007 from the Phillippine Int'l Bible Institute in Ologapo. He has gone back to his own city of Rosario, Batangas, and has taught and baptized more than 70 people. He has also established a congregation and several "house churches" in nearby cities. Nine men are being trained by Julius to do evangelistic work and plant new churches!

The Durian typhoon destroyed much property and killed around 1,000 people in the Albay Province. This province was a major area for evangelism last summer. Many were taught and baptized and five (5) new "house churches" were established.

Charlie and Christina Sabado (currently at Sunset) are anxious to go home to their native country, the Republic of the Philippines. Five months from now they will be finished with their studies at Sunset. "I believe that we can do great things for the Lord when we get home to work with the 'Project Philippines' team. The instructors in Sunset International Bible Institutes (SIBI) have prepared us well to be good servants in the Lord's kingdom. These men of faith have charged each one of us to 'Preach the Word.' I cannot wait to preach the word in our country. Thank God for SIBI." The Sabados are currently seeking support for their return to the Philippines this summer. Please contact: Charlie Sabado, 4804 41st Street, Lubbock, TX 79414, 806.223.5752, chsabado@yahoo.com.

MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA

Mexico

Cory and Toni Burns ('01) – Hannah turned one on May 31. It seemed like her first birthday approached much faster than the first birthday of Josiah and Abigail. Also, Josiah and Abigail had their end-of-school program. It was fun to see

our gringo kids in traditional Mexican costumes. Christian Garcia was baptized recently. Christian is the son of co-workers, Gerardo and Carola. Cory continues to work with weekly Bible studies and a Wednesday night group that meets in their colonia. Cory thinks the biggest lesson he has learned this past year is to



never quit sowing the seed of the Gospel. As they approach being there three years, it is amazing to think how many families they have come to know. Continue to pray for all of their efforts. You may want to check Toni's blog. http://www.burns5inmexico.blogspot.com

James and Erin Henderson ('02) are the proud parents of Noah Eisenhower Henderson! Although small, he was in perfect condition. In the first two weeks, he gained another pound and grew half an inch. They recently celebrated the 20 year anniversary of the church in Mexico City; Jacob Henderson has been to El Salvador; they have moved homes; said goodbye to co-workers Ryan, Amanda and Jaxon Gray, and hosted groups of friends and family! They are in the middle of some big changes in the work here and in their role. Please keep them in your prayers. They are excited to see what wonderful things God is going to do. http://www.mexicocityupdates.blogspot.com

Chadd and Nancy Schroeder ('98) - The group that meets in La Piedad are ministering to children and youth around them ... providing their home as a "safe haven" for children who suffer at the hands of parents who are addicts. Nancy is working with Martin and Rosa who live in La Piedad to plan a "kids' weekend." Below is a group (including the Schroeders) who participated in the All-Mexico Missionary Retreat.



Lifeline

El Salvador

Alexander and Silvia Castellanos ('74) – Women of the Ciudad Pacifica congregation in San Miguel, held a ladies day in early November. Silvia taught three lessons at the ladies day. Women from six congregations attended. Ciudad Pacifica is at the base of "Chaparrastique Volcano," a beautiful, active volcano.

Honduras

George Hall ('70) recently took nineteen students on a campaign. They baptized 41 and restored 9 in a city near San Miguel, El Salvador.

SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil

Rod and Linda Nealeigh - Brazil finds itself in the midst of a spiritual awakening. The people are not satisfied as a whole with the traditional Catholic church and its' beliefs. The people are searching for a truth to life and to life after death. The Nealeighs continue preparing Brazilian brethren to take the Good News, the real truth, to her people.

Chile

Zane and Tae Perkins ('99) - December 16, 2007 was a mile stone for the Congregacion Providencia in Santiago. The hospitality ministry hosted a Christmas party in honor of the children at the Hogar Luz de Cristo. This party was completely Chilean planned and executed. The Hog-



ar Luz de Cristo is a children's foster home for abused children. The church has been helping them for about 3 years and the home has children that range from 2-16 years of age removed from their homes because of abuse (verbal, physical, and sexual). There are about 25 kids in the home and the church is trying to build a closer relationship with them. The hospitality committee planned a Christmas activity for the children that lasted all afternoon. Members sponsored the children bringing the gifts (clothes, toys, etc.). Pray for them as they prepare for a nation-wide campaign later this year.

Ecuador

Kent and Sharla Marcum (Missions '88) - Sharla has had serious medical problems throughout 2007. She has persevered through an on-going painful situation that was quite serious. We thank God for His deliverance and for each of you asking Him for her healing. She still lacks strength and has to restrict her activities a great degree. According to recent tests, she is doing well. Please continue to pray for this family.

Peru



Paul and Amy Dowell ('01) have been very busy now that the Lord has blessed them with four churches. Images abound, broken, fallen, and even discarded after the earthquake (August 15). Please pray for Victor, Omar, and Hugo who preach the word daily in Chincha. They serve in an area where there still continues to be great need. The Dowell's new baby, David, is doing well.

UNITED STATES

Jorge Pineda ('94) - Jorge recently conducted an evange-listic campaign in Batesville, Arkansas. They found a large number of Spanish speaking people living in that area. About 15 missionaries, preachers, and students from the Alpha and Omega Institute met at the Pleasant Valley church of Christ building to discuss the future of the Hispanic work in Central Arkansas. The meeting was very productive.

Jorge is committed to preaching and teaching the Gospel worldwide by using video conferencing, internet technology, printing Bible materials, videos, radio, and others medias. You may contact Jorge at: (501) 920-3002 or pineda591@yahoo.com.

Terry and Vonda Smith ('05) recently moved to Muleshoe, TX. Their new address is 1628 West Ave. C; Muleshoe, TX 79347. Terry's phone: (325) 721-1331; Terry's e-mail: trs1331@hotmail.com; Vonda's phone: (325) 721-4193; Vonda's e-mail: **vonda_sue@yahoo.com**.

Rudy Wray ('71) works with Ken Hines, former missionary to Bolivia, in a new Hispanic church plant in Oregon City, OR (a suburb of Portland). Ken and Rudy have been studying with the daughter and son-in-law of Edmidio and Luca Montoya, the nucleus of this new congregation. To Rudy's knowledge, this new congregation is one of only three Hispanic churches of Christ in the entire state of Oregon.

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AIM REPORTS

Bryson Carroll (AIM '06) - Two of the youth members that they have been actively praying for and working with, were baptized in November. Bryson has begun a study with one of the young men from church and his friend who isn't a Christian. He and the other AIMers have finished their Spanish studies and are now on their own as far as studying and practicing. If you would like to contact Bryson, you can e-mail him at: pbrysonc@gmail.com or check out his pictures at www.picasaweb.google.com/PBrysonC.

Sasha Chalco (Current AIM Class) spent Thanksgiving with her family on the beautiful island of Trinidad. She had not seen her family in almost a year. It wasn't the traditional Thanksgiving meal. They had curry and shark and lots of fresh fruit.

Beth Cunningham (AIM '05) Tlalpan, Mexico - enjoyed

having turdukin for Thanksgiving (duck inside a chicken inside a turkey). Beth has said "goodbye" to all her friends in Mexico and has returned to the U.S. having finished her AIM time in the field. She wants to thank all her supporters and prayer partners for their important part in her ministry.



Annie Kate Jones (AIM '06) - has been in Leon, Mexico, for several months now and loves every minute of it. They split into two groups - one to Mexico City and one to Guanaguato. They are doing a campaign and practicing their Spanish. Annie and her team have also been visiting members of the church and people that were contacted through LST studies.

Brittney Nunn (AIM '06) Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Things are going well, but extremely fast. A pre-recorded video and a webcam were sent to Lubbock to try and entice AIM'rs to come to Port Elizabeth. In November they took a 2 week trip through the Eastern part of South Africa to find schools that are interested in incorporating their Bible curriculum into their school programs. They traveled about 2,775 miles through Swaziland, Kruger National Park Makhado, Johannasburg, and Lesotho.

Logan Smith (AIM'06) had the opportunity in November

to visit Lesotho, which was his parents' (Kris and Barbara Smith) AIM field. While in Venda, he stayed with a man who knew his grandpa (Bill Smith) from the 70's. In order to keep costs down, they camped in tents. Lesotho was his favorite part of the trip. Some of the members of the Lesotho congregation showed him where his parents lived with their AIM team.



Josh Tracy (AIM '05) - During the month of September, Josh and his team saw God working rapidly in Tlalpan. A new group began meeting at Benjy and Carolyn Brednich's home. It has been going well. Josh left the mission field and returned to Lubbock on December 19 with his teammates. He wants to thank each of you for your support while he was in Mexico. Without you, his journey would not have been possible.

Lindsay White (AIM '06) - Port Elizabeth, South Africa - It was officially Spring on September 1st. Brittney Nunn and Lindsay are still busy helping fill orders with the clothing ministry. They find the people to be very patient with them while they learn the culture and lifestyle.

New Opportunity in Singapore

- Charles Cook will be serving as the Administrative Dean for the Singapore International Bible Institute.
- The Cooks will be joined by Tom and Nancy Goracke, graduates of Sunset that have served in China.



They are asking that you form a partnership with them in this great work:

Charles and Tamara Cook Sunset International Bible Institute 3723 34th Street Lubbock, TX 79410 CONTACT US: (806) 792-5191/798-1744 (806) 544-7229 (cell) email: ccook00@suddenlink.net



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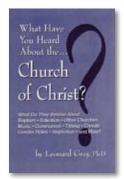
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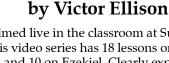
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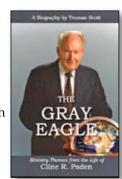
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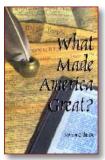
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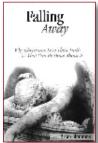
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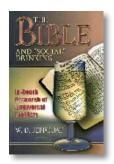
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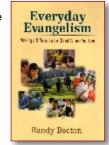


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