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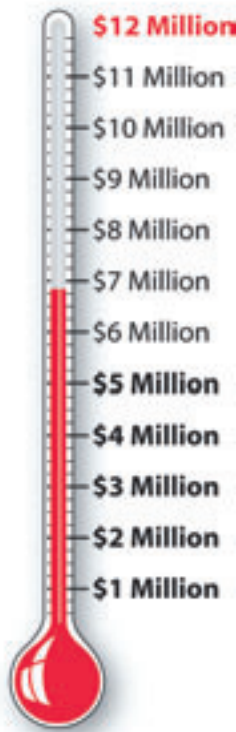
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Let's Go... Make Disciples Vision update

In April 2005, Sunset launched a three year, \$12 Million vision entitled, **Let's Go... Make Disciples**. This new vision is all about "people" and not about "bricks and mortar." You may wonder, exactly what do you mean, "it's all about people and not about bricks and mortar." The following statements describe in more detail the new vision and it's purpose:

- It's about training more people to take the gospel to the world.
- It's about filling more empty pulpits in our own country.
- It's about training nationals in foreign lands to take the gospel to their own people and to plant congregations in their own lands.
- It's about helping local congregations grow and become more healthy.
- It's about providing some long-term benefits for our faculty and staff who have served without for so long.

At the time of this writing, friends of the school have pledged and given a total of **\$6,846,753**. Since the last issue of **Lifeline** this figure has increased by over \$1 Million. We are very excited about the response to this new vision.



Coming Events

Several campaign events are planned in the near future as follows:

- September - December:** Dallas/Ft. Worth area local campaign
- November 1:** D/FW area campaign workers dinner
- January - February:** Phoenix, AZ area local campaign
- March - May:** Houston area local campaign

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Internship program begun for students

Monty Pettyjohn ('92) has become the first Director of Placement for Sunset. As Director of Placement, he will be responsible for establishing multiple internships in congregations across the nation for graduating students. While there have been positive steps taken in the past to establish such internships, until now we have not been able to dedicate the resources to the development and maintenance of a comprehensive program.



The vision is to establish internships that are one to two years in length. These internships will be overseen by congregations where the ministerial staff and leadership have the time, expertise, and desire to provide additional practical ministry training for Sunset graduates. "... congregations that sponsor intern programs, provide an invaluable service to new ministers and to the Church."

Sunset has a comprehensive plan to help a congregation become a partner in the training and development of new ministers through internships. If your congregation is interested in becoming an intern-sponsoring congregation, please contact Monty Pettyjohn at 806/788-3298 or e-mail at monty@sibi.cc.

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Preacher Training Is Alive and Well



It was disappointing to learn that the Center for Christian Education (formerly Preston Road School of Preaching) closed its doors in July after a long ministry of preacher training going back to the early 60's. They join another sister school, Whites Ferry Road School of Preaching, which closed a few years ago. Several others are struggling on the brink. Some might get the impression that there is no longer a need or brotherhood niche for such programs. Nothing could be further from the truth. At Sunset we are training more preachers, missionaries and other leaders than ever before. Our school is strong and healthy, and we thank God for that blessing.

There is still a place for preacher training in our brotherhood but there are some factors that are essential for such ministries to survive and thrive in today's world.

- **A balanced Biblical message** is required. Schools that are agenda or issue driven have a diminishing influence. Faculty and curriculum must avoid both legalism and liberalism.
- **An evangelistic focus with a world missions vision** is essential to a healthy school. Soul-winning is the lifeblood of the church and the church leaders we train must embody that emphasis.
- **Practical training** must accompany strong Biblical academics in a growing school. Hands-on-equipping, mentoring and internships are essential elements of a well trained preacher or missionary.
- **Team is important.** A unified but diversely gifted faculty will model what is needed in congregational leaderships. A unified administration and faculty will produce a unified and loving student body.
- **Flexibility and the ability to adapt methodology** to meet changing needs without changing the message or values can keep a school on the cutting edge of ministry. This is especially true in the area of technologies which shrink our world and expand our horizons.
- **Healthy transitions in faculty and administration** keep a school from being a "one generation wonder." Honoring the past, excelling in the present and carefully planning for the future give a school a healthy longevity and continuity.
- **Finally, a healthy and expanding donor base** is essential for schools that survive and thrive. Most schools like Sunset are non-tuition and depend solely on donations for their very existence. Our \$12 million three-year funding campaign is a vital part of both the present and the future health of our school and is an indicator of the future of preacher training in our brotherhood. We are praying that the future is bright!

Campaign update

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These local campaigns are focused efforts by the Development staff and local volunteers to share the campaign vision with congregations and individuals in specific areas. If you would like more detailed information about any of these events, please call the Development office at 806/788-3259.

Fresno, CA Benefit Dinner

On October 1st, 250 people attended the Sunset benefit dinner sponsored by the Woodward Park Church of Christ in Fresno, CA. This event was held in conjunction with the annual Spiritual Growth Workshop. Truitt Adair, Executive Director of Sunset, was the keynote speaker at the dinner. Over \$36,300 have been pledged and given to Sunset's new vision, **Let's Go . . . Make Disciples** as a result of this event.

Effect of Recent Hurricanes

Many are probably wondering how Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma will impact our campaign. Of course we cannot predict the future, but we would like to share our perspective. The funds being poured into helping the people affected by these terrible storms are very necessary and much needed. We should also help. God expects us to help them, and we want to. After their physical needs are met, we need to also meet their spiritual needs. Many relief agencies are helping meet their physical and emotional needs. But only God's people can meet their spiritual needs. We have a responsibility to share the gospel with these devastated people. God is the only solid assurance that anyone can have in life. As people give to meet physical needs, we believe their hearts will be equally touched to give to their spiritual needs. Sunset is uniquely qualified to help do this. We are training the people who will carry the torch to these devastated people. When people catch this vision, we believe they will also be motivated to give generously to this important ministry.

- Bob Jackson, Development



2005-06 School Year Begins



The faculty, staff, and student body of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock. The student body consists of students in the Adventures in Missions, two-year Bible, Senior Adventures in Ministry, Deaf, Women's, and Advanced Missions programs.

New Students in the Residential School

The freshman class in the two year Residential school is an excellent group of students. They are serious about the task ahead, and they are tackling their training with enthusiasm. This year's freshman class consists of 20 singles and 14 married couples. They have moved to Lubbock from 14 different states, and three foreign countries (China, Canada and the Phillipines). Three are former AIM students and several began their training in Satellite Schools.

The Advanced Missions program is being attended by four families and one single man. The Senior Adventures in Ministry (SAIM) program for retired people has 15 people participating. Twenty-six students are attending our two evening classes. In addition to these, we have an excellent second level class, people taking our deaf ministry classes, and our women's ministry classes. Our classes are full and our morning Chapel is packed. This is an exciting time at Sunset! If you have been thinking about training for full-time ministry, come visit us. Contact Speedy Hart at 806/788-3237. We will be happy



Faculty: (front row from left) Gibby Gilbert, Kris Smith, Charles Cook, Ed Wharton, Charles Speer, Truitt Adair, Cline Paden, Doyle Gilliam, Ron Bontrager, Betty Tracy, Bill Tracy, (back row from left) Ben Walker, Monty Pettyjohn, Tim Brumfield, Sammy Flanary, Stuart Jones, Hollis Maynard, Bob Anderson, Pat Sheaffer, Don Perry, Dwight Whitsett, Victor Ellison

to show you what we have done best for the past 44 years - training people for full-time ministry. If you want to become a preacher, a missionary, a church planter, an apprentice missionary or a more productive worker in the Kingdom of God, Sunset is the place for you.

New AIM Students

AIM (Adventures In Missions) - A class of 59 college age young people (average age

is 19) are training to become apprentice missionaries. They came from 14 States in the U.S. as well as Australia, England and Russia. There are 24 men and 35 ladies. Several are siblings of past AIM students, some are children of Sunset alumni and 3 are from parents who came to AIM years ago.

- Bob Jackson



Graduation Exercises Lubbock, May 2005

Thirty-one men and women graduated in May from the Resident Studies program. Twenty-six are now working with churches in Pennsylvania, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Four are in Advanced Missions training. A few are still seeking ministry opportunities. Eleven others received certificates through the External Studies program.

Biblical & Ministry Studies Certificate

Justin Cherry	Adam Marshall
Matt Ciaglia	Troy Martin
Ray Dennis	John Perkins
Skylar Ely	Elijah Peters
Jeremy Desjarlais	Jay Poling
Mark Engel	John Reeves
Kevin Fry	Jonathan Roberson
Maurice Johnson	Matthew Russell
Wayne Kitchens	Terry Smith
Kennedy Marko Shuruma	

Women's Biblical & Ministry Studies

Robin R. Lane	Vonda Sue Smith
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Basic Biblical Studies

S. Morgan Ely	Svetlana Ware
Terri L. Fry	Martha Weatherall
Debbie Kitchens	Allison Engel
Melissa Webb Poling	Dianna Marshall
Linda Martin	

Senior Adventures in Ministry

Leta Sarten

External Studies

Certificate of Advanced Biblical Studies

Andy Gann	Tim Osborne
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Certificate of Basic Biblical Studies

Morgan Micham	Michael Tinsley
Alan Jeffery Ibbetson	Mary Jo Hare
Johnny Lloyd	Preston Hare
David M. Yee	Steven Botelho
Arthur "Bud" Fenner	



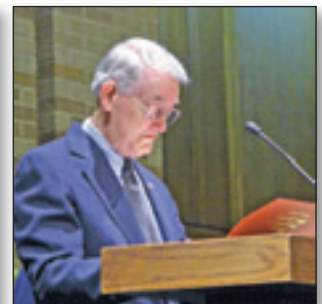
Graduates gather onstage to the applause of family, friends, faculty and alumni



Gerald Jackson delivers the commencement address



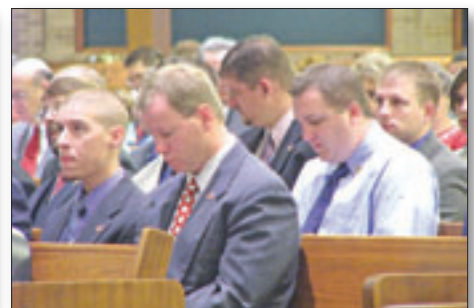
Cline prays with some of the children of the graduates



Ed Wharton is honored in a special ceremony



Faculty and the audience at graduation



The new graduates watch... and pray!



Graduates around the Globe

Literally around the world, in more than twenty countries, there are students sitting in bamboo huts, crowded apartments and newly refurbished classrooms studying with the idea of graduating from a Sunset International ministry training center. While they are students in these ministry training schools, they continue to work with local congregations and are busy making disciples and planting congregations, but they all long for the time when they can devote their full attentions to these noble pursuits. It would be impossible to discuss the graduates and the graduation ceremonies from each one of our Sunset International schools, so we will focus on a few that are representative of them all.

The Ukrainian Bible Institute in Donetsk, Ukraine, has a long list of graduates working in the former Soviet Union, and the graduation ceremony each Spring is a much anticipated event for students, teachers, alumni and area congregations. A large crowd gathers, a meal is prepared and the family of God in Ukraine celebrates as graduation certificates are awarded, speeches are given and pictures are taken. Jay Don and MaryLee Rogers have placed a great emphasis on making this a memorable celebration for the students, graduates and alumni.

On the African continent, in the nation of Liberia, students also get very excited about their graduation. This year saw the first graduating class of the Weala School of Evangelism in Weala, Liberia. George Tengbeh is doing an incredible job of overseeing the work of this school and the school recently graduated ten students.

In December, Rudy Wray and Chris Swinford will be joining David Dirrim and his family for the graduation of twelve students in Cap Hatien, Haiti. This is also a spectacular occasion that is of great importance to the Kingdom of God in Haiti. The Center for Biblical Training is doing an outstanding job of teaching and training Haitian men to be preachers, teachers and church leaders. Below are pictures of a recent graduation and the students currently studying at the Center for Biblical Training in Haiti.

What an incredible thing it is to think of the graduates of our international ministry training schools continuing to multiply and fill the world!

- Chris Swinford
Assistant Dean, International Studies



2005 Ukrainian Bible Institute graduates



First graduating class in Weala, Liberia



Graduates in the Center for Biblical Training in Haiti



Sunset goes onto the Internet

An effective presence on the internet is essential to the ongoing success of an organization. However, ministry organizations and other non-profits often lag behind the technological curve in this area. Contributing factors include financial resources, lack of knowledgeable workers and apprehension concerning a venture into new technologies.

Sunset International Bible Institute has struggled with these same factors and limitations. I am happy to report, however, that through recent and planned developments, Sunset has more momentum than ever before in developing an effective, professional web presence. The internet is rich with opportunity to accomplish the school's goals of ministry training and world evangelism. In order to meet our internet needs we have a number of websites already fully functional:

• **www.sibi.cc** – This site provides an overview of Sunset, and serves as the main source of information about Residential Studies. It acts as a gateway linking to the other websites associated with Sunset. This is our oldest website and a



major redesign will be unveiled soon.

• **www.aimsunset.org** – Adventures In Missions (AIM) is Sunset's college-age



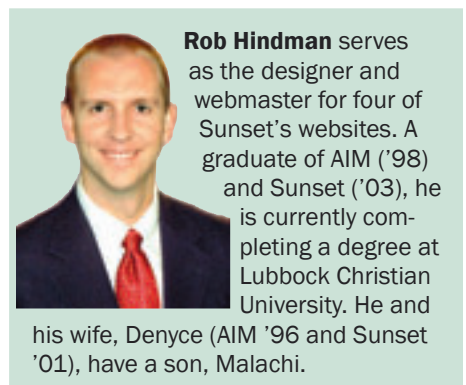
missions training program. This website is aimed at younger generations seeking meaningful opportunities to serve in God's kingdom. Given the internet-savvy nature of current and prospective AIM students, the AIM website is probably the most frequently visited of all the Sunset sites.

• **www.sunsetonline.org** – Our "online courses" site is an area in which Sunset is seeking to blaze new trails in ministry training. By offering our courses online in streaming video and audio, we are putting rich Biblical teaching within reach of anyone with internet access. Currently



one course is available free online (Ed Wharton's **Historical Christian Evidences**), but a great deal of development is going on behind the scenes. Expect more soon.

• **www.extensionschool.com** – This ecommerce site is our newest and most



Rob Hindman serves as the designer and webmaster for four of Sunset's websites. A graduate of AIM ('98) and Sunset ('03), he is currently completing a degree at Lubbock Christian University. He and his wife, Denyce (AIM '96 and Sunset '01), have a son, Malachi.

technologically advanced. Orders can be placed for products from the External Studies catalog, including books, video and audio courses, study guides, and the



extensive audio and video tape library. This exciting website already features over 550 products, and more are added daily.

The International Studies department also has an informative website at **www.sunsetinternational.org** maintained by Lanny Partain.

We invite you to visit our websites frequently and to pass them on to others who might benefit from visiting them. We would also like to hear from you about how any of our websites might meet your needs better.

– Rob Hindman



A Deep Hunger for Knowing God's Word

Training program for retirees opens new doors for ministry service

Greg and Dawn Taylor have a deep hunger for knowing God's word. They had both worshiped with denominational groups through the years, but they felt that something was missing. Finally, Dawn stumbled upon the church by calling different religious groups in the phone book. She just "happened" to call the Tri-Valley church of Christ in Livermore, CA where Jim Hitt was preaching. Jim is a 1975 Sunset graduate. When she started asking Jim religious questions, his answers made sense, and they were always founded upon scripture. This led Greg and Dawn to the church and to a much deeper relationship with the Lord.

Greg and Dawn had heard about Sunset for some time before enrolling as students. Whenever Bible knowledge was discussed, the name "Sunset" always came up. When their younger daughter, Amy, decided to enter the AIM program, Greg and Dawn brought her to Lubbock and got to see the school first hand. This exposure whetted their appetites to begin taking courses. In 2004, circumstances

unexpectedly created the opportunity for Greg to retire as an Air Traffic Controller, and plans were quickly set in motion: the Taylors moved to Lubbock in December to prepare for their final career . . . full-time ministry in the Lord's kingdom. Greg plans to take all of the Senior AIM courses and also all of the courses offered in the two year preacher training program. Dawn is working in Sunset's finance office and is currently taking two courses in the Residential school and one course through the Extension school.

The Taylors have found their focus change during their short time at Sunset. They have found that the instructors and staff have an absolute depth of commitment in spreading God's word. They describe this commitment as being "infectious". It is indescribable, and they have been infected. When asked what they



want to do when they finish their training, the Taylors said that they are open. Greg wants to serve God in any and every way possible. He was inspired by a man who made it his ministry to pick up people at the airport and bus station and other tasks. Greg said that he would be willing to teach, preach, pick people up at the airport, load and unload boxes - whatever he can do he wants to serve. They are even dreaming about setting up a recruiting network to encourage more students to come to Sunset. What great servants!

- Bob Jackson



Students and instructors in the 2005-06 Senior Adventures in Ministry program

Senior Adventures In Ministry

Contact Stuart Jones at SAIM for more information: 800-658-9553



New Faces and New Assignments

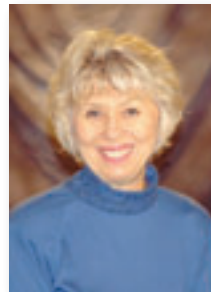
International Department



Chris Swinford and his wife, Brenda, have served in churches in Happy and Shamrock, TX and Portales, NM. After going to Donetsk, Ukraine as a visiting teacher, they moved to Donetsk as resident teachers. For the last several years, Chris has been working with the College Hill congregation in Ft. Worth. His major assignment has been to coordinate the extensive mission program of this congregation which reaches to many nations.

The Swinford family has recently moved to Lubbock where Chris has assumed the position of Assistant Dean for the International Studies division. Chris is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University and Sunset International Bible Institute. He has also completed an M.A. degree in Christian Counseling. Brenda is a school teacher.

sponding Secretary. She replaces Olya Baker who has taken a position in a local dentist office. Marge has a rich history in ministry experience serving along side her husband, Doug, in Rotan and Abilene, TX and in Donetsk, Ukraine. Most recently she worked for BibleMart.com book store. She brings with her a wealth of experience making her a great asset to the External Studies division.



Svetlana Ware has recently assumed the position of Tape and CD Duplicator in the External Studies division. She replaces Brenda Jones who has assumed a teaching position in a public school after serving five years in the External Studies division. Svetlana and her husband moved to Lubbock from Russia as students. While here he suffered a massive heart attack and went to be with the Lord. Svetlana has a son and a daughter who both live in Russia. She has a teaching background from Russia. Svetlana recently re-married. She is a

welcome addition to the External Studies division.



Doug Reeves and his wife, Marge, served congregations in Rotan and Abilene, TX after graduating from Sunset in 1988. They then moved to Donetsk, Ukraine where Doug served as Dean and led a small developing branch school to an enrollment of sixty students. For the past three years, Doug has served as Assistant Dean for the International Studies division. He recently assumed the position of Dean of Ministry Training for schools in Europe, and he is

also directing the Translation Center. Sunset courses are currently being translated into Russian, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese. Doug will also be seeking additional funding for Sunset's translation work.

Resident School

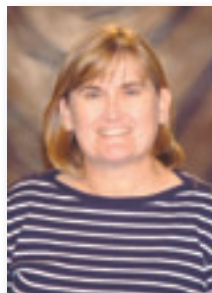


Dawn Taylor has assumed the position of Bookkeeper for the International and External Studies divisions in Sunset's finance office. She replaces Betty Tracy who has assumed the position of Dean of Women. Dawn has served previously as a bank teller and a church secretary in California. After her husband retired from being an air traffic controller, they moved to Lubbock to attend classes at Sunset. The Taylors have two daughters - Shannon is married and lives in

California. Amy lives in Lubbock and is serving as an AIM Assistant. Dawn loves her job and brings a wealth of experience to her new position.

External Studies

Marge Reeves has recently gone to work for the External Studies division handling student records and serving as Corre-





around the **School**



John Smith is one of our newest team members, serving as an “instructor in residence.” John is teaching as he has time beyond his full-time speaking and writing schedule. He has been a preacher and a teacher for over forty-seven years. In addition to preaching and teaching, he has worked as a mail carrier, auto mechanic, paper boy, welder, communications coordinator, owned and operated a truck washing business, a firewood business, was a tennis

and golf instructor, worked with the CETA program, and stocked shelves in a grocery store (quite a resume)!

John is a writer. His highly successful first book - *My Mother Played the Piano* published in 1993, was followed by a second book in 1995, *My Mother's Favorite Song*. He also wrote a series of five gift books called, *Hugs For The Heart*. His latest book *Oak Trees And Angels*, was published in 2003. John received the prestigious, “Angel Award” for excellence in Christian literature in 1999 in Hollywood, CA for his book, *My Mother Played The Piano*.

John's first wife, Judi, died in 2003 after enduring cancer for three years. A memorial fund has been established in her honor. Gifts made to this fund should be designated for the “Judi Smith Memorial Fund.”

John is now married to the former Kila Watts of Charleston, South Carolina. He has two sons and one daughter as well as five grandsons and one granddaughter. We welcome John to Sunset.

Betty Tracy is the third Dean of Women to serve the school following Ms. Terri Fanning and Bobbie Paden. Betty is married to Bill Tracy, and they share two sons and a daughter. Betty has been working in the Finance office prior to assuming her new role. After graduating from Sunset in 1993, and Advanced Missions in 1994, Bill and Betty went with a team of evangelists to San Diego, CA and planted several congregations in the San Diego area. She and Bill served as Family and Youth Ministers in San Antonio prior to coming to school at Sunset. Betty brings with her a wealth of experience in ministry. We are excited about the new role that Betty has assumed.

Monty Pettyjohn and **Rob Hindman** have also recently joined Sunset's staff. You can read about Monty's work on page 1 of Lifeline; Rob's work is featured on page 6.

Let's Go... Make Disciples **Vision Response**

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ALUMNI news

Hurricane Wilma Update

So many are suffering from the three recent hurricanes. We just received word that 98% of the population in Broward and Miami Dade counties in Florida are without electricity as a result of Hurricane Wilma. Our branch school in Miami is housed in the Hialeah church building. Large sections of the roof were blown off and rain is still in the forecast. One week of training has been lost of this eight week teaching period. Classes may be cancelled until January. Please pray for these who have suffered such widespread devastation.

Dan Rouse leaves Sunset Church of Christ for Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma



Sunset's pulp minister, **Dan Rouse** (Sunset '73), and his wife, Carol, recently moved to Ft. Gibson, OK. Dan came to Sunset from a very long and fruitful ministry in Portales, NM. He served as Sunset's pulp minister for eleven years. Ft. Gibson will put them much closer to their parents, siblings and to their grandson. Multiple health problems of their aging parents is a great concern. Three of their four parents are now eighty years of age or older. They have felt the increasing pressure of family responsibilities and the weight of the distance that separates them. Fort Gibson will place them within a few hours drive of their family members.

Dan said, "Serving this church as pulp minister has been wonderfully rewarding and incredibly draining. It is time for someone else to assume that responsibility."

Dan made it clear that the decision to resign was his alone. In his letter to the

congregation, he reaffirmed his great love and respect for the eldership and ministry staff at Sunset.

Dan is well known for his excellent teaching and preaching skills. He studies deeply and delivers depth in all of his teaching and preaching. Dan often served as a guest instructor at Sunset.

Africa

Behailu Abebe, dean of the branch school in Ethiopia, reports that thirty preacher training school instructors and other church leaders attended an Advanced Level Two training course in Addis Ababa. The purpose of the training was to equip men with biblical knowledge so that discord and division can be prevented. This army of 100 faithful men will train other preachers and church leaders in their home areas to share the lessons they have been taught.

John Ed Clark reports that a peace agreement between the government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Army representatives has been signed bringing a 21 year civil war to an end. Since 1995, Ethiopian brethren have taught the gospel to Sudanese refugees resulting in 5 new congregations. The next step will be to repatriate the Sudanese citizens by the United Nations back into their homelands. Well drilling has resumed with plans to drill 40 new wells in the Badewatcho and Kambatta districts. Every place where a well has been placed, the gospel has been preached and new congregations have been established. In Southern Ethiopia, a one day gospel meeting attracted over 600 people from the surrounding areas. Some walking six hours or more to attend. John reports that many have been added to the Lord's church through the Deaf school in Nekemte. The minister to the deaf in Nekemte is one of the orphans raised by the church in Addis Ababa.

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Isaya Jackson ('97) continues to preach and teach in Sudan and Uganda. Isaya and his wife, Lina, arrived back in Uganda in January. They are living in the house that Isaya built in the Kiryandongo refugee camp five years ago. A mass registration of refugees for repatriation is in the process of being completed. It is vital that church leaders know where brethren will be moving in order to make sure the existing congregations in Uganda are transferred in tact to the homelands of the members returning to Southern Sudan. The new government is preparing for the return of the refugees by drilling wells, building schools, health centers, clinics, bridges and main roads are being restored. Despite the turmoil the Lord's church continues to grow.

Ecuador

Kent and Sharla Marcum (Missions '88) are located in Quito Ecuador where Kent serves as Director of the Quito School of Biblical Studies (QSOBS). The number of disciples in South America are multiplying rapidly. During 2004, the North Quito congregation experienced 62 baptisms. Graduates of QSOBS planted churches in Guayaquil and Portoviejo where 50 baptisms occurred. The annual men's conference was held at Camp Bellevue, one hour north of Quito, where 140 brothers in Christ participated from all of the countries of the northwestern sector of South America.

Haiti

David and Sarah Dirrim ('91) report that the cities of Gonaives and Port de Paix were severely flooded from the hurricane last September in Haiti. Two of the students attending are from these cities. David and the students left classes to go help the church members in Gonaives, but were not able to travel to Port de Paix due to impassable roads. Food and funds were distributed through local congregations to help those in need to recover. The school spends 3 months in the classroom and then one month at their respective homes working with their home congregations. During the "off" months, the students travel to the countryside and hold seminars for preachers and church leaders. The students get to share what they have learned and the men in the villages have an opportunity for fellowship and learning. One three-day seminar taught by two students led to additional requests for more classes from denominational leaders and church members. Another student planted a new congregation in Camp Louise, on the northern seacoast. He began his outreach to local children and now has a huge Bible class. Seven people have been baptized and many community members are attending services.

Indonesia

Andrew and Uli Banjarnohor ('99) are located in Medan currently working with the victims of the Tsunami and the devastating earthquake on Nias Island. Andrew is working with TEARS (Tsunami Earthquake American Relief Services) supported by the Lake Jackson church of Christ, Lake Jackson, Texas. Fourteen tons of rice and substantial financial aid were provided in April to 246 families. Two - 40 foot containers arrived in May containing much needed hospital supplies along with some food and clothing. Between March and June, 169 precious souls were baptized into Christ. The congregation in Botohilitano now has 191 members with plans to start four new congregations in Southern Nias. Throughout Medan and Sibolga where Nias refugees fled, over 60 families received financial help. Most of these people are members of the church who left Nias.

The Batam Bible College (BBC) has completed construction of a 9,500 square foot facility that meets all of the government requirements for a college. The building will house forty students plus three married couples and two visiting teachers. The Batam church also reports the planting of five congregations throughout Indonesia by alumni of BBC.

Japan

J.D. and Elayne Derby and family ('03) have recently returned from Misawa, Japan (near the northern tip of Honshu Island). Fifteen people were baptized into Christ during their ministry with the Misawa congregation. The Derbys are currently evaluating other ministry opportunities with special interest in foreign missions. For now they may be reached by e-mail at derbys_temporary@hotmail.com.

Philippines

Charles and Mary Smith report that the summer evangelism programs in seven provinces are producing excellent results. A Children's Ministry was conducted in 11 congregations as an outreach program of the Olongapo, Philippine International Bible Institute

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(PIBI). This outreach program has produced more than 60 baptisms. Many others have been brought to the Lord through home Bible studies. Eight men graduated in May from PIBI.

Poland

Mike and Molly Dawidow ('76) report that they are in need of additional funds for their operating fund, for their monthly salary, and for teaching materials and supplies. If you can help with this important work, please contact the Batesville church of Christ, P.O. Box 349, Batesville, MS 38606. Two couples traveled to Sopot and taught 222 hours of classes in February and March. This included 13 new enrollees and 56 former students. The April teaching team consisted of four volunteer teachers. The May teaching team consisted of five volunteers who taught 272 class hours in 19 days.

South Korea

George Carman ('68), Dean of Ministry Training-Asia reports the newest Branch school in Seoul, South Korea, opened in September 2004 with over 50 students in attendance. Jay Cho serves as dean. One student travels 8 hours round trip by train in order to attend classes all day on Saturdays. He returns in time to preach Sunday mornings.

Thailand

Patinya and Penjai Thitathan ('82) work with the Watcharapon church of Christ in Bangkok. Patinya reports that a faithful Christian, sister Hong, passed away and left a great legacy of faithful family members and preachers to carry on the work of our Lord. Her three sons are all preachers and her grandson is currently a student at the Bangkok Servant Leadership Institute (BSLI). This family of faithful believers were first contacted 15 years ago when Patinya made one visit on his way to minister to several small churches outside of Bangkok. The BSLI training school located at the the Watcharapon congregation where Patinya is the director recently signed an agreement with Sunset to form an associate relationship. The congregation has recently planted a new church with 25 members. They hope to plant 4 more churches within 10 years.

United States

Fequiet and Nalouse Charles ('87) have moved. Their new address is 45 Anawan Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Home phone is 508-232-3895 and work phone is 857-928-0375.

Charles and Tamara Cook ('81) - Focus Northeast - report that the Southwest church of Christ in Hartford, CT has recently baptized two sisters into Christ. The Erie, PA congregation welcomes recent graduates, **Kevin and Terri Fry** ('05) and **Jeffrey**. They plan to plant a new congregation in Erie. **Gary Smith** ('05) has joined **Richard Brent** ('04) and **Kevin Bethea** in Baltimore, MD to help plant the Southside church of Christ. **Cedric and Stephanie Thomas** ('00) are securing the location for the first church plant from the Flatlands congregation in Brooklyn, NY. The **Leo Woodman family** have rented a store front in downtown Lewiston, ME where they will begin a new ministry. The East Baltimore congregation had a city wide campaign in September and had a great response. Richard Brent and Kevin Bethea are planning to encourage 3,000 brethren to join in this effort of planting new churches. **Logan Robertson** ('96) and **Ben Fronczek** report that the church in Queensbury, NY has recently baptized 5 new precious souls into Christ. **David and Susan Peterson** ('96) report a new brother in Christ named Desmond.

Tom and Nancy Goracke ('95) Since their return from China, Tom and Nancy have become parents to their son Jaydon who is 26 months old and Shayla who is almost 8 months old. Tom worked in the community of Chadron, NE for one and a half years before moving to Scottsbluff, NE to work with the teens and the college age group. They are raising support to return to China in August of 2006. Their new address is 6564 Hayes Road; Alliance, NE 69301 and their home phone is 308/762-3427.

Doug and Sandy Holcomb ('82) are auditing classes at Sunset until their return to Mexico. They have enjoyed the company of many visitors and family. Billy and Audra are expecting another boy. He will be Doug and Sandy's tenth grandchild. The Holcomb's address is 2706 Genoa; Apt. A1; Lubbock, TX 79407 and their home phone is 806/793-0515.

Mike and Karen Hoots ('97) are working with the Homestead church of Christ in Homestead, FL. Mike reports that past members are beginning to return and become more faithful. The Iglesia de Cristo en Miami Dade is hosting seminars once a month for the next six months with various topics to aid the community. Maria Calderon, an AIM student, has completed her studies at Sunset and is

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joining three others who are going to Recife, Brazil as apprentice missionaries for almost two years. The Homestead congregation has sent another AIM student to Sunset, Anthony Soto. The Hoots are considering planting a new congregation in Riobamba, Ecuador.

John and Wendy Lauterbach ('00) have relocated to Laredo, TX where they work with the 60 member Arkansas Avenue church of Christ. John preaches for the English speaking congregation. Former team mate, Brian Davis, reports that the Cape Town, South Africa, work is progressing well and the men of the congregation now plan their own curriculum and do the outreach and visitation themselves. The Lauterbach's new address is 110 Club View Drive; Laredo, TX 78941 and home phone is 956/717-5838.

Scott and Tereasa Mansfield ('99) have moved to Spokane, WA where Scott serves as youth minister for the Northside church of Christ. Their new address is 6025 N. Buffalo; Spokane, WA 99205. Their home phone number is 509/326-0874.

Stewart and Linda Schnur ('73) are working with the St. Andrews Road church of Christ in Columbia, SC with about 220 members, two elders and seven deacons. Stewart reports the congregation averages 10 baptisms per year. Stewart's sister Valerie was one of those baptisms. Their current address is: 307 Wycombe Road; Columbia, SC 29212

Trent and Marlana Tanaro ('00) have moved to Dimmitt, Texas where Trent serves as a part- time Youth Minister at the 4th and Bedford church of Christ. Trent is also working part-time at a local grocery store as an assistant manager and Marlana has a bookkeeping and tax service from the home. Trent and Marlana's new address is: P.O. Box 263; Dimmitt, TX 79027. Their home phone number is 806/647-3723.

Dwight and Brenda Whitsett ('67) are working with Sunset where Dwight is the Missions Coordinator for Oceania (New Zealand, Australia, etc). For the first time, Sunset has sent an AIM team to Australia to work with an established congregation in Gosford, New South Wales. The team consist of three women: Jillian Graham, Lauren Brock and Stacy Tucker. They will be serving under the supervision of David and Joy Mowday, one of the elders and his wife in the congregation.

Mike and Katya Wilson ('95) are working with the Spur church of Christ in Spur, TX. Mike is doing well after a kidney transplant last year. He is also attending Lubbock Christian University. Their address is: 7305 Aberdeen Avenue, Apt. #3404; Lubbock, TX 79424 and their home phone is 806/687-3100.

Departures



John Paul Bizzell Jr. ('67) passed away on July 20, 2005 at the age of 79. John was born in Iraan, TX. His life touched so many people around the world as he served our Lord. He, and his wife, Wanda of 53 years, spent nine years in New Zealand, two years in New York, and 18 years with the Meadowbrook and Bridgewood Churches of Christ in Fort Worth. When he retired, he and Wanda moved to Azle, TX where she passed away in 2000. In March 2004, he married Joanne Thedford, who was lovingly by his side until the end. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Suzzann and Ian Mostert, one son, John Paul Bizzell III, four step children and their spouses, one sister and brother-in-law, two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren and eight stepgrandchildren.

Gene Elwood ('68) passed from this life in April, 2005 at the age of 66. No further information is available at this time.

Bobby Jobe ('86) passed away recently. No further information is available at this time.



David Paul Shelburne ('85) passed away on October 30, 2005 at age 42 after a two year battle with cancer. David was a graduate of both the AIM and the school of preaching programs at Sunset. He had held youth, college, and pulpit ministry positions in Florida, Oklahoma and Texas; for the past several years he was a financial services representative while worshipping and serving with the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. He and his wife of 22 years, Jana (Hodges), had four children, one of whom preceded him in death. Since the discovery of terminal cancer, David had spoken to many religious and community groups about facing life and death, and served as an example and inspiration of Christian faith and courage.

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