

# Lifeline

*Keeping the Sunset family connected*

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## Special Feature on How Our Alumni are Making a Difference!

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1964 Sunset School of Preaching

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## Campaign Tops \$10,000,000!

**W**e are very grateful for those who gave so generously and liberally in 2006. Because of your generosity:

- We will be able to make more disciples through those we train. These disciples will be praising God from all corners of the world.
- We will be able to continue training 20% of the ministers for our brotherhood.
- We will be able to produce more video/DVD courses in our studio, presently being watched by over 7,000 students.
- Over 600 people are accessing our new Internet courses. More courses are being made available regularly on the [www.sunsetonline.org](http://www.sunsetonline.org) website.
- Over 975 students are being trained in their own language and culture in 42 ministry training schools on every inhabited continent of the world.
- We have been able to send 1,078 Adventures In Missions (AIM) students to 170 mission fields.
- We have been able to train over 4,000 preachers and missionaries and send them to all fifty of the United States and to 113 different nations.

We are deeply grateful to each of you. Every gift whether large or small is very important in helping us make more disciples.

This new year is filled with so many opportunities. I'm sure it will also have its share of challenges along the way as well.

One of the most important challenges is the completion of our Capital Campaign. Approximately \$2,000,000 is still needed in our three year, \$12,000,000 campaign. Through benefit dinners and other means, we plan to reach our goal this year!

Sunset has been training people for ministry since 1962. Over that 45 year period, funding has been provided through many different means - individual giving, congregational giving, gifts from trusts and foundations, and people leaving the school in their estates. We have developed a booklet entitled, "Ways to Give". This little booklet has up-to-date information on outright gifts, and several different types of deferred gifts. Your free copy is available by calling 800/658-9553 ext. 259, or call 806/788-3259. You can also make your request by e-mail to: [bosanjack@aol.com](mailto:bosanjack@aol.com)

2006 is past, and 2007 is here. Future generations can be trained for ministry (if the Lord doesn't come first) by leaving Sunset International Bible Institute in your will. Please call if we can help you.

— Bob Jackson, Director of Development





## “We Train Our Advertisements”

**Y**ears ago, Cline Paden was asked why Sunset didn't place more ads for the school in brotherhood publications. His reply was the now famous statement, “**We train our advertisements.**”

These days we place more ads in various media, but it is still true that our most effective advertisements are the people we

train, our alumni. We depend on alumni to send us students, to support the school, to recommend us to congregations and Christian individuals. We look forward to meeting alumni at brotherhood events and hearing the exciting stories of how God is using them to serve. We look forward to speaking at their congregations and hearing good reports from grateful leaders. We look forward to the hugs and handshakes of the joyful reunion when alumni return to Sunset for some special event during the school year. However, our greatest joy is knowing that thousands of alumni have faithfully served in all fifty states and over a hundred foreign nations. Most are out there quietly doing what they were trained to do: preaching, teaching, evangelizing, planting churches, making disciples. In this publication, we will be able to mention only a few representatives from each decade. It would be impossible to tell you of a host of unsung heroes who have forfeited worldly wealth, suffered all kinds of hardships, endured unjust criticism, given unselfishly of time and talent, exposed themselves to untold dangers, never expecting recognition or earthly reward.

Now in our fifth decade of ministry training we have witnessed the loss of several hundred of these heroes of faith who now “rest from their labors” with the church victorious. Many “died with their boots on,” evangelizing with their last ounce of strength at some remote foreign outpost. Others gave their

heart to a small rural congregation and then after years of service, suffered a heart attack in the very pulpit where their sermons blessed the hearts of several generations. Still others wasted away physically in a hospital of some terminal disease while preaching to their doctors and nurses. We honor the memory of these faithful dead by training the next generation to “stand in the gap” and continue the Sunset Alumni tradition of commitment to God's word, evangelistic fervor and the love of preaching.

It is worthy of note that the alumni spotlighted in this publication from past decades were primarily traditional resident students. Our resident studies program continues to be healthy, strong and growing but the student population in other training sectors is literally exploding. We are now approaching 1000 students in our combined international schools but even that is overshadowed by the thousands studying in our video satellite schools. Now with a rapidly growing student base in online

courses, we have more studying Sunset courses today in these newer sectors than the total number of all our alumni over the 45 year history of the school. This trend portends significant changes in our alumni of the future. Many will never have been

*“You are our epistle, written on our hearts, known and read by all men”*

— II Corinthians 3:2

to Lubbock, Texas, a good number will never have met their teachers in person, and some will not speak English. Our challenge in the future is to continue the same commitment to quality, the same alumni values, and the same attention to an adequate alumni communication system as we navigate the changing trends in training. With the support of our current alumni, our fine ministry training faculty and staff, our partner churches and individuals and the strength of our powerful God, we look forward to the challenge of a new generation of ministry training.

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# Making a Difference!

Since 1962 Sunset has had well over 4,000 graduates. Most of these men and women have gone on to long, productive service in the Kingdom of God. In this issue of Lifeline we have selected a cross-section of graduates from every decade to highlight; they are only representative of many more. Whether missionaries or ministers, college professors or elders in the church, or faithful wives who work alongside their husbands, they are making a difference as they faithfully serve our Lord Jesus Christ!

## Milton & Shirlene Caraway

### Once a pig farmer...

*Milton Caraway graduated from the Sunset School of Preaching in 1969. He and Shirlene celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June, 2006. They have four children, thirteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter.*

#### **Milton, can you say something of how Sunset changed your life?**

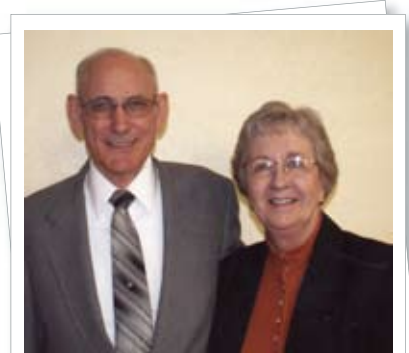
Sunset was the turning point in our lives. Shirlene and I were baptized at the Sunset church in October, 1958. I graduated from Texas Tech on June 1, 1959; I went into business as a hog farmer. Cline Paden was the man who challenged me to quit feeding people's bodies and start feeding their souls. It took a couple of years before I determined I could no longer farm. I then graduated from Sunset School of Preaching on June 29, 1969. God certainly used Sunset to change our lives.

#### **What happened after Sunset?**

Here's a list of where we have been:

1. Coquille, OR, 1969-72
  2. Olton, TX, 1972-75
  3. Hobbs, NM, 1976-80
- We then returned to attend Sunset School of Missions, 1980-81*
4. Gaborone, Botswana, 1981-83
  5. Missoula, MT, 1983-86
  6. Hobbs, NM, (again) 1986-95
  7. Gaborone, Botswana (again) 1995-98
  8. Kalispell, MT, 1998 - present time. For the past six years I have served the Kalispell congregation as one of its elders in addition to being the pulpit preacher.

Because of Cline and Sunset, I was able to share the Gospel, not only in the churches listed but in the Iron Curtain countries of Austria, Yugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria in early 1973, North Ireland in 1978 and 1979, Botswana and South Africa in early 1980's and 1990's, Guatemala in 1992 and Perm, Russia, in January and February, 1995. As a farmer I would never have dreamed of such opportunities had it not been for our



*Milton & Shirlene  
Caraway*

Heavenly Father, and for Cline Paden and his challenge. For almost 40 years now, my greatest joy has been in sharing the Gospel from the pulpit and in the homes of the lost.

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## IRA ROLLOVER GIFT (2006 - 2007)

The Pension Protection Act passed by Congress in 2006 now allows distributions from IRA's to qualifying charities tax free during 2006 and 2007. If you are an IRA owner, age 70 ½ or older, you may now make a gift up to \$100,000 directly to Sunset International Bible Institute. Plus, the IRA charitable rollover will qualify for your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). By transferring part or all of your RMD to Sunset International Bible Institute, you will have a lower taxable income. This could simplify your tax return and reduce the amount of income tax you are required to pay.

For more information on this plan and other estate giving options, contact Bob Jackson at 806/788-3259; by e-mail at bosanjack@aol.com or Sunset International Bible Institute at: 3723 34th Street; Lubbock, TX 79410. We are not tax experts. Please contact your tax consultant or attorney for specific information related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

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## Edward & Janice Myers

### Training men to train men...

*Edward Myers graduated from Sunset School of Preaching in 1969. Today he and Janice make their home in Searcy, Arkansas where Edward continues as a Professor of Bible and Christian Doctrine at Harding University. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.*

#### **Ed, what does your Sunset education mean to you?**

My time at Sunset was the most memorable time of my biblical education career. It was while I was at Sunset that I fell in love with the Word of God. It developed within me an insatiable appetite to learn more and more of the Word. Staying faithful to the text was deeply engrained within me and to this day that is a touchstone for my study of God's Word.

Sunset also placed within my heart the desire to do Mission Work. And, although I have not personally been able to live on an overseas mission field, I have always been supportive of Missionaries when they would visit local churches where I ministered. Also, I have been privileged to do some "short term" mission work with trips to India, Korea, China, and Brazil.

#### **What have you been doing since leaving Sunset?**

**Furthering Education:** B.A., Lubbock Christian University; M.A., Cincinnati Bible Seminary; M.T.S., M.Th., Regions (Southern Christian) University; M.A.R., Harding Graduate School of Religion; M.Phil., Drew University; D.Min., Luther Rice Seminary; Ph.D., Drew University.  
**Preaching:** Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, West Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas.  
**Teaching:** White's Ferry Rd. School of Biblical Studies (Instructor); Ohio Valley University (Professor of Bible & Chairman of Bible Department); Magnolia Bible College (Adjunct Professor); Regions (Southern Christian) University (Dean of Graduate School); Harding Graduate School (Dean of Graduate School); Harding University (Professor of Bible

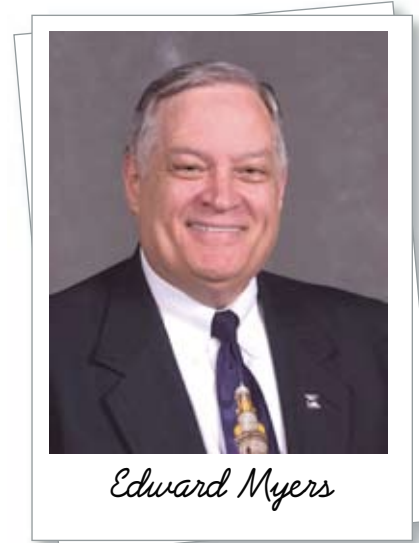
and Christian Doctrine) (Director, Harding School of Biblical Studies, 1996-2005).

**Writing:** Author and/or editor of seven books on various biblical subjects; numerous monographs and articles; contributor to several books.

For the past fifteen years I have been busily involved in Christian education and training of men for Ministry at Harding University. In 1996 I was asked to direct the School of Biblical Studies (a preacher training program much like Sunset).

In addition to my work at Harding I have always been involved in preaching ministries, usually at smaller congregations nearby; for one five year period I was the pulpit minister for the Cloverdale Church of Christ in Searcy (following Ron Bontrager in that position). Presently I am preaching on Sundays at the Damascus, Arkansas Church of Christ and on Wednesday evening at the North Jacksonville (AR) congregation.

I continue to remain busy in my teaching schedule at Harding as I returned full-time to the classroom in the Fall of 2006. I am also involved in writing commentaries



*Edward Myers*

on The Gospel of John and the Epistles of John (Resource Publications); and want to complete my commentary on Daniel.

Janice continues to be a great encouragement to me in all that I do. She spends her time in hobbies such as writing short stories, painting, making jewelry and, of course, enjoying our grandchildren.

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## Duane Morgan

### Missionary to the world...



*Duane Morgan is a 1970 graduate of Sunset School of Preaching. He has spent most of his life since then as a missionary, first to Indonesia, and now to the Muslim world.*

#### **Duane, why was attending Sunset important to you?**

I wrote to Cline Paden from Jakarta, Indonesia, on June 7, 1998:

Dear Cline,

It has been thirty years since what many are calling "the year the dream died." Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy were assassinated; Lyndon Johnson's political career ended as

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Richard Nixon's star rose; hope for victory in Vietnam died forever; racial conflict threatened to split the nation; and a whole generation lost their innocence. 1968 is now and forever recorded as a pivotal moment in American history... but 1968 has a very different significance for me. It's the year I became a student at Sunset School of Preaching. Every day in chapel we sang "The Lord Will Find a Way For Me," "Send the Light," "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," and other songs that profoundly stirred our souls. Richard, Ed, Dayton, Bill, Parker, Abe, and Tex thrilled us with insights into God's eternal purpose and visions of the limitless possibilities of our generation.

1968 was the year my dream was born; and I thank you for that, brother. God bless you.

### **Briefly tell us what you have been doing up until today.**

I served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea for 3 ½ years, 1971-74.

I have worked in Irian Jaya, Indonesia (the western half of the island of New Guinea), since 1985. During that time, congregations have been established

there and in other locations in the Republic of Indonesia. A Bible training school established in Irian Jaya in 1988 is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Since 2004 I have gradually phased out of the ministry in Indonesia and begun preparation and planning for missions to the Arabic speaking world.

I have preached and taught in several languages over the years, developed Bible teaching materials in those languages, and participated in arranging for and financing the translation, publication, and distribution of Bible teaching materials throughout Indonesia.

I have no permanent address at the moment, as I'm traveling from Marseille, France, to various locations in North Africa and the Middle East. Recently I have spent time in Jordan, Lebanon, and Greece.

**You came to school all those years ago with children. Can you tell us more about them today?**



*The Sehudate Tribe at the village of Otodemo are an unchurched people. Otodemo is toward the headwaters of the Wapoga River and is the gateway to the tribes yet to be reached in Irian Jaya, Indonesia. They welcomed me when I walked thirty miles to be among them last year. Here we work together to build a native-materials building in which to meet.*

*We cleared the land, cut the trees with axes, and erected the building on their tribal property, all at their initiative.*

Leslie Dawn is my firstborn child. She is now 39 years old and lives in Austin, Texas, where she works for REI (Recreation Equipment Inc.). Ron is the second child, now 37 years old. He's in the Army and on duty in Iraq. Amy, age 35, is a registered nurse at Seton Hospital in Austin. Tyler is 18 years old and lives in Christiansburg, Virginia. I have one granddaughter, Kacey, and a great-grandson, Kaden.

My e-mail: kimisopa@yahoo.com.



*Walter Maxwell*

*Walter Maxwell is a 1970 graduate of Sunset. He came to Sunset from New York, leaving a career as a radiology technician. He and Pauline have been married for 48 years. They have eleven children, thirteen*

## Walter & Pauline Maxwell 37 years in one congregation...

*grandchildren and nine adopted children. Because of their long-standing work on behalf of children they were selected as "Family of the Year" in 1984 by the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.*

When Walter and Pauline graduated from Sunset School of Preaching, they returned to Roosevelt, New York and Walter became the evangelist for the Roosevelt Freeport Church of Christ. Today, 37 years later, he still preaches for the same congregation!

Walter has spoken in gospel meetings, lectureships, youth rallies and at colleges across the United States and Bermuda.

From 1975 to 1994 he returned to his "tent-making" skills as an x-ray technician and licensed radiologic technologist to support his family, while still working with

the Roosevelt Freeport church.

In 1995 the congregation began one of the first Sunset Satellite Schools, still in operation today. He is presently secretary of the Board of Directors for the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch, and on the Board of Directors for Camp Shiloh. Sunset International Bible Institute recently recognized him as a "Distinguished Alumnus in Church Leadership." He was also honored a "Volunteer of the Year" by Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

When asked what motivates him, Walter replied, "My objective is to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel, and train other men to do the same." *Walter Maxwell, Roosevelt-Freeport Church of Christ, 24 Woods Avenue Roosevelt, NY 11575. 516-483-0584*

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# Jerry & Connie Tallman

*“Lead me to some soul today...”*

*Jerry and Connie Tallman graduated from Sunset in 1976. They have been married for 43 years and have two sons (ages 42 and 40) and four grandchildren. They presently work fulltime conducting workshops and seminars on evangelism across the United States.*

**Jerry, how did attending Sunset affect your ministry?**

We look back at our time at Sunset as a great experience and the best way to start this incredible journey in Kingdom service. Besides helping me learn how to study and teach God’s Word, it opened my understanding of God’s purpose for the local congregation’s existing in a community. It exists to serve that community in the name of Jesus and to shine forth His love for them, teaching the good news of Jesus.

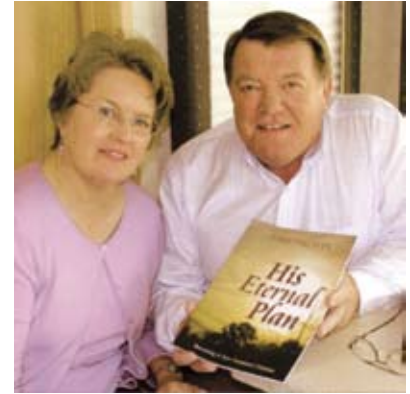
**How has that understanding “translated” into what you have done in the**

**last 30 years?**

After graduation in 1976 we went to work with a church of 20 members in Plainwell, Michigan. In 5 years, God opened the doors to hundreds of Bible studies, 164 baptisms, and a self-supported, excited congregation.

In 1981 we returned to our hometown of Rochester, MI, where I had served as a deacon before going to Sunset. God blessed our work together in many ways. For 25 years, through pulpit preaching and evangelism, we grew to a church of over 1000, serving the needs of the community. The last 5 years I concentrated my efforts on community outreach and teaching others to do personal evangelism.

With much encouragement from Sunset I did a video series and wrote a book entitled, “His Eternal Plan.” They illustrate the method of teaching that I have developed over the past 30 years. I began conducting evangelism workshops across



*Jerry & Connie Tallman*

the country. By January, 2006, the requests for workshops required us to finally leave Rochester. We sold everything, purchased a motor home and are now doing workshops full time. We have been to 32 places this first year. What an awesome journey this has been.

If you are interested in an evangelism workshop, please contact us at [jerry@hiseternalplan.com](mailto:jerry@hiseternalplan.com) or call 248-318-6230.



*Roland & Rose Mohsen*

*Roland and Rose Mohsen are in their 23<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry with the Deodat Church of Christ in Paris, France. They are 1978 graduates of Sunset School of Preaching and 1979 graduates of the School of Missions at Sunset. This is a small part of their story.*

**The Early Years**

Roland Marcel Mohsen was born in 1947

# Roland & Rose Mohsen

*Hearing in their own language...*

in Toulon, South France. His father was an Arabian Muslim and his mother a French Catholic. In addition to regular school he had extensive additional training in radio and television electronics and has owned a thriving electronics business when he lived in Saudi Arabia. Anna Rose Wilson is from Reidsburg, Pennsylvania. They were married in 1969 and made their home in Pennsylvania. They have two daughters, Anna Magdalene and Mary Rose. Both daughters are now married and also live with their families in France.

**Conversion and Training**

Rose became a Christian in 1972. The next year a short-term mission team of Sunset students supported by the First Street congregation in Dumas, Texas traveled to Pennsylvania for campaign

work. Sammy Flanary ('74) studied with and baptized Roland. After operating a successful bakery business for several years the Mohsens sold their business and moved to Lubbock to be trained in the Bible. They then stayed an additional year for Missions training, completing their schooling in 1979.

**Ministry**

By July 1979, Roland and Rose were in Dijon, France, working full time in the Lord’s work with the Yann Opsitch and Serge Rossi families. After six years, they moved to Paris, beginning their work there on December 20, 1984. Today the Deodat congregation has about 140 members from 21 nations, and is the largest Church of Christ in all of Europe. In France (popu-

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lation 62,500,000) there are six congregations totaling 340 members.

Roland is the only French born missionary in France. Rose has a weekly study group of 27 and Roland studies weekly with seven. Roland has baptized 290 in the last 27 years. Of the 18 families that have done mission work in France, Roland and Rose are the only ones remaining in Paris.

*"We have learned much in our service within France and wish to serve many years there for the Lord, and expect to continue to learn as well as teach others. We ask that you pray for us and support us for the Kingdom's growth because of*



*The Deodat congregation in Paris, France*

*Christ working in us. Our plea is that you will support this work with your prayers, money and letters as well as visits for yourself that you may see the work firsthand and meet the Christians that are our family here in Paris and other areas of France. Thank you for your time and concern for the Lord's people in France as*

*well as the "lost." We pray for your efforts and thank you for remembering us in so many ways in our small contribution to further the cause of Christ."*

The elders of the First Street church of Christ, Box 1207, Dumas, TX, 79029, have the oversight of the Mohsens, and all

contributions should be sent to Dumas in support of this work.

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## Gerald & Marsha Jackson Touching those in need...

*Gerald Jackson graduated from Sunset in 1984. Unlike most alumni, Gerald actually grew up in Lubbock, and came to Sunset after serving in the United States Air Force and marrying his wife Marsha (also an Air Force veteran).*

### **Gerald, how did attending Sunset equip you for your service in the kingdom?**

Sunset equipped me with the ability to dig into the word of God and make a practical application for my life and those whom the Lord would lead me to. It taught me to go beyond just studying the word in order to preach or teach someone else. The faculty taught me the importance of a practical personal application, then the desire to share the hope that came from that knowledge with those who had no hope.

### **Would you tell us a little about your ministry since graduation?**

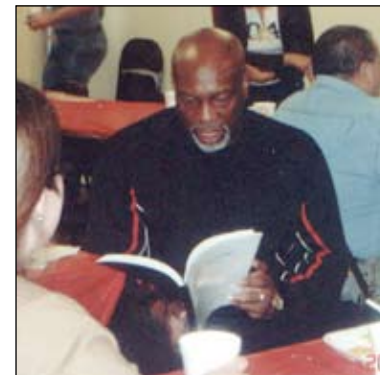
I presently am the evangelist for the Central Lubbock Church of Christ and the Executive Director for Inside Out Ministries. Since 1984 I have preached for three other congregations: Parkway Drive and 20<sup>th</sup> and Birch in Lubbock, and the West Adams congregation in Los Angeles, California.

For twelve years the ministries of the

Central Lubbock Church, called the Inside Out Ministries, were designed to help men and women to recover from addictions, assimilate ex-offenders coming out of prison into a productive lifestyle, and provide an after school program for primary-aged children to help them avoid a life of drugs, gangs and criminal activity. The ultimate purpose is to lead all to the Lord Jesus.

We are changing the emphasis of the ministries beginning in January 2007. We believe we can be more effective if we focus on preventing rather than attempting to cure the problem. We are putting our efforts toward the children of the neighborhood who struggle in these dysfunctional circumstances. We will also target those individuals and families that addiction, criminality and or otherwise destructive relationships have hurt. We will welcome those families that are hurting and are committed to building loving healthy relationships with them.

In addition to graduation from Sunset, I have a BA degree from Lubbock Christian University. I have served on the Board of Directors for Covenant Medical Center, Christian Women's Job Corp, and Lubbock Hope and Help Center. I have conducted Marriage and Family Seminars and



*Gerald Jackson*

Addiction Seminars for the Churches of Christ in Texas, California and Kentucky. I am a guest speaker for Lubbock Christian University, the Annual Parenting Conference and Women's Protective Services. I worked four years as a counselor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I have just completed my first devotional book. I am also co-authoring with Dr. Shera Atkinson of Texas Tech a book on marriage.

### **Tell us a little more about your family.**

Marsha is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She is a licensed Interior Designer. We have three children and twin grandsons.

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### Greg & Keli Holly "Order in the Court..."



*Greg Holly*

*Greg Holly is a 1997 graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute. Before coming to Sunset he had been a practicing attorney.*

**Greg, tell us about your family since leaving Sunset.**

Keli and I went through Sunset with four children, and spent much of that time in an apartment with about 850 square feet! We now have a larger home, but with a larger family still. We have seven

living children, from toddler to high school, and one little boy whom we expect to rejoin in eternity.

**How did your time at Sunset benefit you?**

Doctrinally, I was most profoundly impacted by a deep conviction concerning the glorious "truth of the gospel", that is, justification by faith. Practically speaking, I gained a perspective for missions that has guided much of my ministry since.

**Would you give us a brief synopsis of what you have done since graduation?**

We have been in Monahans since graduating from Sunset in 1997. I served as the congregation's primary minister until 2005, when we were blessed with the arrival of another Sunset graduate, Billy Reed (a "cotton farmer" from Ackerly, Texas who graduated in 2002).

In addition to preaching, I have become deeply involved with the community and have recently been elected as the County Judge. I now work full-time for the county,

but I continue to preach for the church each Sunday morning and Brother Reed now serves as the congregation's full-time minister.

During our time in Monahans, the church has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Sunset branch school in Athens, Greece. The school has taught students from more than twenty different nations and has produced thirty-five graduates. Alumni from the school have returned to more than ten nations to spread the gospel. I have been heavily involved in the Athens work as we have sponsored and helped to support each member of the school's faculty. It is a work which is dear to my heart, and it occupies a great deal of my focus in ministry.

I'm grateful to my supporters, instructors and fellow students who changed the course of my life in such tremendous ways. I trust that the Lord "ain't done with me" yet.

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### Adam & Maebelle Hudson On a mission field in America...

*A 2002 graduate of Sunset in Lubbock, Adam Hudson is the evangelist for the Garretson Road Church of Christ in Bridgewater, New Jersey (www.grcofc.com). Adam and Maebelle came to Sunset when he retired from the United States Postal Service. Already having served as an elder and teacher in the church, Adam had a great desire to effectively prepare himself for full-time service in the kingdom. The Hudson's work in Bridgewater is crucial to the continued evangelizing of the Northeast; the Bridgewater congregation was originally established during the "Exodus" in the 1950s and 1960s. He and Maebelle are now proud grandparents of Marissa Jewelle, born to their son Adam III and his wife Weberly.*

**Adam, how did attending Sunset make a difference for you?**

My time at Sunset benefited me in the following ways:

It provided me with the essential skills to be successful in my work. It also gave me additional insight into how to work with different ethnic groups.

The alumni contacts are vital for strength and support. Sunset continues to be a vital resource for information and fellowship.

**What are some milestones you feel you have reached in your work at Garretson Road?**



*Adam & Maebelle Hudson*

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- We established local minister group meetings to aid in our spiritual growth.
- Established and help administer member training through the New Jersey Regional Bible Satellite School (NJRBS).
- I am on the Somerset Memorial Hospital On-Call-Pastoral service every week.
- We have an annual July 4<sup>th</sup> cook-out that includes local congregations and is well attended.
- We have started a program to feed the poor in our community.

- We began an annual fish fry that is open to the community and is well attended.
  - We now have a men's breakfast and devotional which includes 30% of the men in congregation.
  - I have become a resource for a number of ministers in this area.
  - We allow the local high school to utilize our facilities for peer-mediation training.
- Overall, the initial goals I set for myself have been accomplished. We now have one additional elder and four deacons in

the church. I try to support the local congregations to aid in their growth as well. I feel that I have developed a reputation in this area of being spiritually and biblically sound. Included in our satellite school classes are members of the International church of Christ. I am planning far more things in the near future.

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## Roger & Rita De Loach

### Preaching in season and out...

Roger De Loach is a 1986 graduate of the White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies. Roger and Rita have devoted their lives to the full-time preaching of the gospel. They have four children: son Casey (24, married); daughter Hailey (22); and sons Matt (20) and Dustin (18). Roger presently preaches for the East Independence congregation in Independence, Missouri.

#### Roger, how did your time at White's Ferry Road benefit you?

My time at WFRSOBS was such a blessing to me in so many ways. However, the two things that I feel were the biggest blessings to me at that time were: (1) Learning HOW TO Study the Bible. (2) The treasure that having the opportunity to engage in "Iron Sharpening Iron" studies with fellow students and faculty members.

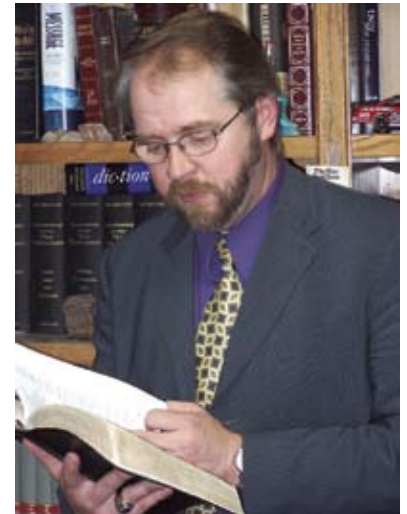
While I'm still studying the Word and continue to learn more truths, I also try to find times to have these type of discussions with fellow ministers. Times like these are a joy and treasure! However, I often think to myself, what I would give to have one of those "sessions" again in the WFR Library late at night with classmates.

#### Give us a brief synopsis of what you have done since graduation.

Over the past 21 years, I've worked with three different congregations in three different states. I've served as an Associate Minister, Minister and Elder. The congregations that I have labored with have all been such a blessing to my family and me. We have been enriched here at East Independence for the past 14 years and look forward to being here when the "Last Trumpet" sounds.

In my ministry I have also greatly enjoyed community involvement and working together with area congregations and ministers. We've been involved in relief work around Juarez, Mexico and also in our local community. I served on the City Council and on the Board of Trustees for the town of Porter, Oklahoma. I've worked with "Youth Friends" as a Volunteer Mentor for school aged children.

However, the most enriching experience has been working with the Superintendent of Schools and various members of the faith community to address the problem of child abuse and neglect in the Independence area. This cooperation has brought some much needed attention to



Roger De Loach

the subject, while providing a great network for supervision, structure and support for members of our community who need it most.

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## 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.

## Making a *Difference!*



### Alan & Lisa Robertson *White's Ferry Road pulpit...*

Alan Robertson is a 1990 graduate of White's Ferry Road and serves as one of the ministers of the White's Ferry Road congregation in West Monroe, Louisiana. He and Lisa have been married 22 years and have two daughters (Anna and Alex) and one granddaughter.

**Alan, of what benefit was your education at White's Ferry Road?**

My days in the School of Biblical Studies helped me develop a deep love and appreciation for God's Word. Much of the practical things in ministry couldn't possibly have been covered in school, but the deepening understanding of God's Word prepared me to deal with everything that has since come my way. Possibly the greatest benefit my training gave me was the eyes to see lessons in everything I read and study. Everything I am challenged or blessed by becomes something I want to communicate to the church or to the world and I believe my training in school helped give me that vision.

**Can you tell us something about your ministry?**

I have had tremendous opportunities since my graduation in 1990. First of all, I have been able to work here at White's Ferry Road, my home congregation, since my graduation. I have worked with almost every ministry imaginable and currently serve as one of WFR's two pulpit ministers.

Because of WFR's work in World Radio, Relief Work, etc., I have been given the opportunity to travel all over the world to preach and teach and encourage mission efforts among brothers and sisters of all races, nationalities and cultures.

Our congregation stands out in our community as a church that cares about people and offers them a way out of the many traps of the evil one, and I am proud to be recognized as one of the WFR min-



isters in our area. I have had the privilege to serve with many great staff members, elders and lay leaders and feel like I have only just begun to realize the great honor that God has bestowed on me to preach his word, teach his church and spread his gospel to the lost.

## The Difference Women Have Made

**W**hile most of our attention seems to focus on men who have gone on from Sunset and White's Ferry Road to various areas of service, a valuable part of our alumni have scarcely been mentioned. Most men who came to school were married; others married while in school. In addition, a number of single women came of their own accord to get Bible training. Bobbie Paden, the first Dean of Women at Sunset, and Betty Tracy, the present Dean, provided the following article.

Over four decades ago, a few disgruntled women helped begin a program that is flourishing today! When the place we now know as Sunset International Bible Institute was in its early years of operation,

one of the main challenges it was facing were a few unhappy wives. Not a situation most of us would like to be dealing with!

In the words of Cline Paden, here's what was taking place... "In the winter of 1963, a problem arose from an unexpected source which threatened to bring the fledgling program to a screeching halt. Unknown to the administration, there was a growing resentment against the school on the part of the wives of the students. They resented the fact that due to an "exaggerated study load" being borne by the students, that the men had no time to be "husbands and fathers". The wives were tired of being "widowed" from their husbands. And in a strongly worded ultimatum they made the director understand that they had had it up to their nausea

buttons. WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT? The answer was not immediately forthcoming. After a series of meetings with the wives to help defuse the explosive nature of the little uprising, eventually what had really provoked their irritation was brought to the surface. The women later admitted that they were really more upset that they were NOT BEING GIVEN ANY BIBLE INSTRUCTION AT ALL and that their husbands were being given too much. It's amazing what a few Bible classes did for the morale of the whole school".

The Women's Program at the Sunset International Bible Institute has come a long way since that time back in 1963. We now have a format that meets the needs of any woman that wants to attend  
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## Making a *Difference!*



**BOBBIE PADEN**

Sunset Dean of Women  
(1976 -1998)



**TERRI FANNING ('86)**

Sunset Dean of Women  
(1998 -2006)



**BETTY TRACY ('93)**

Sunset Dean of Women  
(2006 - Present)



**DEBBIE BOARD ('88)**

Sunset Nursery Director



**ROBIN WORRELL LANE ('05)**

classes. The mission of this department is to train godly women to be better equipped in order to serve in the area of ministry. Whether it is working along side their husband, being part of a mission team or just serving as an effective member of the Lord's church, we're working hard to offer an environment that encourages and nurtures women to achieve their highest potential of service.

So many talented, gifted and dedicated women have walked the halls of Sunset. Today, some walk on foreign soils as missionaries, others walk along side their husbands in congregational ministries, while many others walk daily with co-workers in the corporate world; all making attempts to share the good news about Christ.

No article would be large enough to hold all of the quotes from the women who have been a part of Sunset, but here are a couple that may help offer a little insight to the women's program.

*"My experience at SSOP (now SIBI) is best described as a rendition of the Velveteen Rabbit. I came to Lubbock very loved, but also very worn and tired. Through God's word, I became "real". God's word is not just taught here – it is in everyday speech. It is lived! And through the teaching, speaking and living, I too became alive in Him. To God be the glory!"*

Debbie Board  
Sunset Nursery Director

*"When I was single (and even once after I was married) I had a number of times when I was asked, 'What in the world is a woman doing going through a preaching school? To this I would*

*calmly explain that Sunset is not just a preaching school, and I would share with them about the women's program."*

Robin Worrell Lane

Bobbie Paden, Dean of Women (1976-1998), has this to say about a graduate of the women's program.

*"Many women do noble things...a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."* (Proverbs 31:29-31)

"Does God have a place for a woman to serve who is 53 years old, divorced and has no money? The answer is yes, if she has the faith and determination of Doris Morrison. Doris came to Sunset in 1994 saying, 'I want to study the Bible and go to a mission field.' Her time here presented it's struggles, but she graduated from the two-year program in 1996 and returned to graduate from missions studies in 2002.

After several attempts to work things out for different mission fields, she has found "her field" in Cambodia. Her mission there is to teach children the Bible using the English language. Her desire is to live there as long as the Lord gives her the strength. Truly her works will bring her 'praise at the city gate.'"

The main challenge today with the women's program is the difficulty in which many of the students find themselves financially. Many of the married women find themselves working due to the lack of support for their family. Instead of learning along side their husbands they must sac-

rifice and work in order for their husbands to attend school. Most single women find support difficult to locate due to the misconception about why they are here. There are so many avenues open to single women in ministry and sadly they're overlooked far too often. These women, both married and single, have capabilities that stretch all the way from working on mission teams, interpreting for the deaf, leading women's bible studies and classes to working along side their husbands in pulpit ministries.

Terri Fanning, Dean of Women (1997-2005) sums up our thoughts about the women's program here at Sunset...

*"Our school continues to be committed to training and equipping women to face the challenges of this millennium. Women are blessed with specific, God-given abilities. Sunset eagerly anticipates the opportunity to help each woman be all that God has designed her to be. The Sunset experience will help each woman to know the Lord more intimately and serve Him more effectively".*

If you'd like to know more about what's available in the womens program here at Sunset, please visit our website at: [www.sibi.cc](http://www.sibi.cc) or call: 1-800-658-9553. If you'd like to provide financing for any of the women students here, please make your checks to: "Sunset Women's Program" and send them to:

Sunset International Bible Institute,  
3723 34<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock, TX 79410

Please be in prayer along with us, as this exciting program continues to grow and nurture these women of God.

– Betty Tracy, Dean of Women

## Making a Difference!

# Sunset Faculty and Staff

*Many are Sunset graduates, returning to serve others!*

**M**any members of the Sunset faculty and staff in Lubbock are graduates of the residential school, the AIM program, or the Advanced Missions program (and sometimes more than one). Most went on to ministry elsewhere then returned to help train others. Some were invited right out of school to join the staff in some special capacity. Numerous other Sunset graduates are working as AIM Assistants, and in other places through our International division, and are not even listed here. Truly, all these are also men and women of Sunset who are making a difference!

NAME	GRADUATED	POSITION/ROLE
Adair, Truitt (Kay)	1968 (Missions '73)	Executive Director
Board, Debbie (Mike)	1988 (Missions '94)	Nursery Director
Bontrager, Ron (Beverly)	1981 (Missions '82)	Faculty
Brumfield, Janet	1981	Resident Dean's Office
Brumfield, Tim	1981	Missions Faculty
Cook, Charles (Tamara)	1981 (Missions)	Faculty
Curry, Mary	1967	Development Office
Ellison, Victor	1986 (Missions '87)	Missions Faculty
Fanning, Terry (Terri)	1986 (Missions '87)	Dean of Administration
Flanary, Sammy (Mary)	1976 (Missions '87)	International/Develop.
Harrison, LaMoine (Curtis)	1972 (Missions '72/'86)	Sunset Church
Hart, Nancy	1990	Finance Office
Hart, Speedy	1990	Admissions
Hindman, Rob (Denyce)	2003 (AIM 1998)	Internet Services
Jackson, Bob (Sandy)	1993	Development Director
Jarboe, Jay	1986 (Missions '87)	Sunset Church
Jarboe, Sherry	1986 (Missions '87)	Director's Office
Lindsey, Brenda	1983 (Missions '83)	Academic Office
Lindsey, Charles	1983 (Missions '83)	Counselor
Miller, Avery	2003	Development Office
Morris, Darlene (Larry)	1995	International
Paden, Cline (Jo)	1994	Chancellor Emeritus
Pettyjohn, Monty (Diane)	1992	Placement
Pruitt, Jerry	1994	Extension School
Pruitt, Patti	1994	Librarian
Reeves, Doug	1990	International
Reeves, Marge	1990	Extension School
Rucker, Tom (Corrie)	2002	Extension School
Shaeffer, Pat (Malissa)	1994 (AIM '88, Miss. '98)	AIM Staff
Smith, Barbara	1993 (AIM ;81, Miss. '94)	AIM Staff
Smith, Kris	1993 (AIM ;81, Miss. '94)	AIM Director
Smith, Jeff	1986	Sunset Church
Smith, Stacy	1986	Sunset Church
Speer, Charles (Cara)	1972 (Missions '86)	Residential Dean
Swinford, Chris (Brenda)	1989	International Dean
Towell, Jonathan	2000 (AIM)	Computer Network
Towell, Lori	2000 (AIM)	Extension School
Tracy, Betty	1993 (Missions 1994)	Dean of Women
Tracy, Bill	1993 (Missions 1994)	Sunset Church
Wagner, Linda (Hank)	1975 (Missions 1976)	Development Office
Ware, Svetlana	2004	Extension School
Whitsett, Dwight (Brenda)	1967	Missions
Wright, Carolyn (Richard)	1982 (Missions 1983)	Nursery School
Yochem, Virgil (Joy)	1974	Extension School Dean

## Vision Response

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# Alumni News

## Africa

**Behailu Abebe**, dean of branch schools in Ethiopia, reports that more than 500,000 people receive clean, uncontaminated drinking water instead of dead ponds infested with bacteria and algae as a result of the well drilling project. Five of the 17 wells contracted remain to be drilled. Massive flooding has caused widespread devastation with 400 dead, over 30,000 homeless and more than 400 are missing in the Eastern, Southern and Northern parts of Ethiopia. More than 9,000 hectares (about 22,000 acres) of farmland were destroyed and the government is unable to provide assistance. This is the worst flooding in the history of Ethiopia. Gifts may be sent to: "Ethiopia Flood Victims," Attn: John Ed Clark, Woodward Park Church of Christ, 7886 N. Millbrook, Fresno, CA 93720.

**John Ed Clark** reports that Tegenu Worku recently traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia where he was baptized. Tegenu stayed for further study before returning to Arsi, Asasa, Ethiopia with a box filled with World Bible School (WBS) lessons. He is conducting worship services for six of his students who obeyed the gospel. These new Christians are teaching more than 100 others using the WBS material. This is the first congregation in the Arsi area.



*Level II Preacher Training Class*

Construction on the new Level II Preacher Training facility continues. This new building includes a dorm that will house up to 20 students, a kitchen, a dining room, a bathroom and a guest room for visiting preachers and teachers. A half basement will be used to store food and other supplies. Drip irrigation survival gardens provide much of the stored food and continue to be taught as a ministry to demonstrate to



*Crops grown by drip irrigation help feed Christians in Ethiopia.*

the people the desire that Christians have to help them spiritually as well as physically.

**Chris Swinford** ('89) dean of Sunset's International Studies, recently traveled with several others to the Nigerian Institute for Arts and Theological Studies (NIATS) near Aba, Nigeria to discuss the possibility of a future affiliation with Sunset. This same compound houses the Nigerian Christian Hospital, a secondary school, and a high school. Dr. Bob Whitaker provides medical services, trains native doctors and nurses, and teaches the gospel to many. His wife, Annette, works with both schools providing high quality education to Nigerians. The NIATS originally began as a Bible Training College in 1957, but due to unfortunate circumstances it closed 1988. The school reopened in 1999. Chris also represented Sunset in Ikot Usen, Nigeria, investigating the possibility of entering into an agreement with the CAO Essien school directed by Sunset graduate, Sunday Ekanem ('73). This school was built on the same site where the first congregation of the church of Christ in Nigeria was established.

**Jerry and Ann Hogg** ('68) are adjunct teachers in the South African Bible School (SABS). Jerry conducted several seminars which were openly received by participants from 17 different congregations. Jerry visited the Nhowe Mission where he taught 1300 students and staff three times a day in the main assembly on "Leadership" from the book of Nehemiah. Jerry also spoke for a week at the Mapepe Bible College, a Sunset Associate school, in Lusaka, Zambia.

**Isaya** ('97) **Jackson** is preaching and teaching in Sudan and Uganda. Isaya reports their house in Juba, South Sudan is completed and is being used as a place of worship until they can move to a public meeting place. Lina spent two days in the hospital with malaria; Kennedy Shuruma ('05) spent many days in the hospital in Kampala, suffering from malaria and jaundice after returning



*Isaya and Lina Jackson*

from one of his South Sudan trips. After recovering, he traveled to southwest Uganda at the Yumbe refugee camp to visit and teach the congregation before returning to Kiryandongo refugee camp. Isaya and Kennedy have registered the church with the new government and have applied for resident visas in South Sudan. As soon as the church registration is complete they will be ready to start building a permanent structure to house a new Preacher Training School.

A new congregation in Obbo, South Sudan has about 60 in attendance. The congregations in Lobone and Obbo witnessed 30 people responding to the gospel and were baptized. Five more were added to the church at Maki Okolo. The village of Aweno Olwi received a visit from Robert Okonga. 103 people were baptized starting a new congregation. The Logurony church is averaging 70 in attendance. Kennedy continues to work in the refugee camps teaching the people and preparing them to return to their homes when the UN repatriation process begins. The United Nations repatriation of refugees from Uganda has not yet started. Thousands of people have already returned to South Sudan from Uganda; however, when they go on their own, they are not eligible for financial assistance from the UN.

## Albania

**Steve Stamatis**, serves as dean of the International Bible Institute of Albania. Steve reports that IBIA completed the first year of classes in December. Four full-time students have diligently finished the Level I courses and will begin Level II in January 2007. Three of the students live in the IBIA residence. Traveling expenses, working expenses, scholarships, and computers are needed. If you can help, please contact Steve at dig4truth@yahoo.com.

## Asia

**George Carman** ('68) serves as dean of International Ministry Training - Asia for Sunset. George reports his travels this year includes Phnom Penh, Cambodia where he taught Bible History I to 10 students at the Cambodia Bible College. George then traveled to Batam, Indonesia to visit the Batam Bible College. He then met with the Pasir Panyang church regarding the new preacher training school to open in 2007 in Singapore. We are looking for a dean to serve that school. George taught and visited in Bangkok before he returned to Phnom Penh.



*George & Hilda Carmen*

## Australia

**Ron and Moya Bainbridge** ('68) work with the South Coast church of Christ in Albany, Western Australia. Ron has been using "A Better Life Ministries" media, and 311 contacts have been made. One of the Bible correspondence students,



*Ron & Moya Bainbridge*

Augustine Uwandu, from Nigeria responded after studying the material and requested baptism. A local preacher in the area where Augustine lives baptized her. Ron is encouraged by a request from the local police constable for Bibles for prisoners. Ron not only sent the requested Bibles but Bible correspondence courses, too.

## Brazil

**Melissa Brumfield** (AIM) recently returned home after serving as an apprentice missionary in Joao Pessoa, Brazil. One of her final reports from the field included the following: She is instilling ownership with each individual in the youth group. They are meeting in small groups on Wednesday nights to learn evangelism. This also provides an excellent forum for the teens to invite their friends. Melissa welcomed her parents and brother to Joao Pessoa where they started a trip together. They traveled to Salvador, Curitiba, Sao Luiz, and Aracaju. Three families from Salvador are working as missionaries in Curitiba. One of the missionaries broadcasts a gospel radio message for an hour each day. Since he had the day off, Melissa's brother and Dad delivered the message. While in Sao Luiz, they did a survey for future missionaries wanting to know about the city. The receptivity was good. In Aracaju, Melissa and two others worked as translators for a 30 member mission group who were visiting the city. Melissa and her dad helped with a Vacation Bible School (VBS). After VBS they went downtown and sang on street corners, handed out flyers, and talked to people about free Bible courses.

## Cambodia

**John and Autumn Sproul** ('04) serve as part-time missionaries to Phnom Penh. John Sr., Autumn, and Sophia traveled to Cambodia for the Asian Mission Forum (AMF) in Siem Reap. More than 100 missionaries attended from around Asia. They enjoyed renewing old acquaintances from among those whom Autumn, her parents, and grandparents have known and worked with for decades during their mission work in Asia. The AMF is an annual event hosted by one of the countries in the region. John presented and chaired a session on Sustainable Church Community Development. Physical development projects help change communities through quality of life improvements.

**Michael Stock** recently married Deborah Octobre, from the Philippines in December 2006. Deborah's father, Samson Octobre, has served as a preacher and missionary in the Philippines for 30 years. Michael and his new bride have recently moved back to the United States to continue his education. If you are interested in contacting them, please write to Michael Stock at 131 Bender Street, Myrtle Point, OR 97458.

## China

**Nancy Buswell** ('97) is teaching English in a University in Xian, China. The Agape Foundation/China Mission brought medical personnel to perform cleft palate surgeries, and general medical and dental work on under-privileged children. Approximately 60 cleft palate surgeries and 400 other treatments were performed. Nancy visited the Yunnan province in August for a two-week vacation. Nancy's friend, Junie, gave birth to a little girl, Jia Le, in October. Jia Le's name means "Caleb." Nancy was visited by the Lewis family and their Chinese friend Alice, from Shiyan, Hubei province in October.

**Tom and Nancy Goracke** ('95) returned to China in August. Tom will be working in the English department at a college in Shenzhen, China.

## Croatia



*Ivan Tesic teaching*

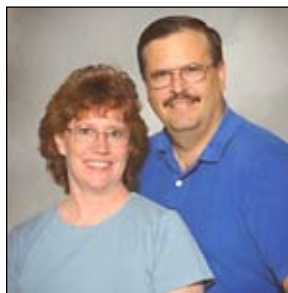
**Ivan and Ruth Tesic** ('79) report that four Pepperdine students assisted with a six-week course of Let's Start Talking. Each student studied with an average of seven "readers" about twice a week, totaling nearly 200 hours of Bible study in English. An Oklahoma Christian College group of seven students, sponsored by Ryan and Tammy Newell, conducted classes for children, while

the Newells held a family workshop for the community and their own members. Ivan was one of the main speakers at the Pan European Lectureship in Brussels, Belgium in August. Plans are underway to hold the next PEL in Croatia in 2007. Bible camp in July was attended by 75 Christians from the U.S. and Croatia. Irena, from Varazdin, was baptized at camp.

## Ecuador

**Kent and Sharla Marcum** (Missions '88) live in Quito where Kent directs the Quito School of Biblical Studies (QSOBS). In August, two doctors, a physical therapist, three QSOBS personnel/graduates, along with Kent and James Marcum traveled down the Cayapas River for a follow-up medical mission to three villages close to the Capyapas national reserve. 450 people were treated and were taught the gospel. If you are interested in participating in the 2007 medical missions, please contact Jerry Lawlis at 806-676-8686. The Southwest church of Christ in Pueblo, Colorado is overseeing a team of two families, graduates of QSOBS, in a church plant in El Valle de Los Chillos, a suburb of Quito. They already meet with 25 people per week. 50 people meet on a regular basis to worship the Lord in Portoviejo. A new work has been started two hours south of Quito in the village of Pedro Pablo Gomez.

## Greece



*Ron & Diana Kretz*

**Ron Kretz** ('95, Missions '96) directs the branch school in Athens, Greece. Ron reports that five students all from Nigeria graduated from the 2006 Level 2 classes last June. Most of these men are returning to their hometowns to preach the word. Marie and Costas Georgiopolou were recently baptized into Christ. David and Bryan, sons of Ron and Diana, were able to visit in June.

## Ireland

**Kevin and Angelina Mullins** ('04) are missionaries in Dublin. A youth weekend retreat was attended by 51 youth from the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England. There were several who were not Christians which made the delivery of the lessons more challenging. Kevin reports that bringing diverse European youth culture together to teach the message of Jesus takes a lot of patience. Most have had no prior knowledge of Jesus or any Bible characters.

## Mexico

**Chadd and Nancy Schroeder** (AIM '86; Missions '97) are missionaries in Guadalajara. Chad reports that the Martin and Rosa Camerena family in La Piedad put together their first "Prevention Retreat" aimed at 10 to 16 year olds who may be in danger of falling into drugs and alcohol. Eighteen young people attended this retreat along with 15 to 20 adults. In November, 100 people representing at least five growing house churches met together for worship, food and fellowship. Five people from three different house churches were baptized near a waterfall outside the city. These five were Morgan Schroeder, Natali Schroeder, Luis Bernal, and Alejandro and Angelina Zendejas.

**Cory and Toni Burns** ('01) are also serving as missionaries in Guadalajara. Cory reports that party celebrations of every

kind are of great importance to Mexico. Five birthday parties, two baby showers, and a baptismal party provided many opportunities to share Jesus.

**James and Erin Henderson** ('02) are missionaries in Tlalpan, Mexico City. James reports that Beth Cunningham, one of the AIM students, led a new friend to Christ in November. Co-workers, Ruben and Vicky Javier, will be studying the concepts of discipleship and baptism with their family in Apaxco. James and Erin express deep appreciation for all the ways so many of their supporters, friends, co-workers, and family encourage them.

## Poland

**Mike and Molly Dawidow** ('76) teach English Bible Courses in Sopot, Poland. Recently they were state-side for visits and support raising. While in Lubbock, they visited with Ed and Martha Wharton and met with the Senior AIM class recruiting teachers for Poland.

## Ukraine

**Tim and Mina Burow** ('93) serve the Woodland West congregation in Arlington, Texas in missions. Tim recently taught Jeremiah, Ezekiel, John, and Practical Ministry Skills in Donetsk, Ukraine.

## South America

**Paul and Amy Dowell** ('01) are missionaries in Lima, Peru. One very active member named Cesar celebrated not only his physical birthday this year, but also his spiritual birth into Christ. Cesar's life has been transformed from philosophical beliefs to teaching, preaching and baptizing in the name of Jesus. He has taught and baptized his friend, Felix, his wife, daughter, son, father-in-law, mother-in-law and his brother into Christ. Cesar leads two small group Bible studies per week and continues to teach the rest of his family. Amy enjoyed a visit from her parents in June.

**Jorge Pineda** ('94) is the Extension School Dean and instructor for the Atlantic International Bible Institute (AIBI) in Hialeah, Florida. Jorge traveled to Venezuela in June for the first time in five years to see his family and to organize an extension school. Jorge's brother preaches at the Valera congregation with 80 members. Jorge met with the preacher in Maracaibo, Fernando Colina, and discussed the use of extension materials and the opportunity for providing Sunset Bible courses. 200 young people attended a youth camp in Maracay. Jorge challenged these young people with a lesson on reproducing leaders from their generation.

## United States

**Charles and Tamara Cook** ('81) Focus Northeast & Northwest coordinators, report positive news about the teaching

and evangelism being done by Jonathan Charley and Hadyn Griffith, 2006 graduates, working in the Boston area. Richard Brent and the new Southside congregation in Baltimore are now offering nightly Bible training classes using Sunset curriculum. Domingo Reyes, minister for the church in Wilmington, DE, hosted an Evangelism Workshop in September with Cedric Thomas speaking. Cedric ministers with the Flatlands congregation in Brooklyn. The Lewistown, PA church where Robert Nilram ('04) ministers, made great progress last year. They installed elders, purchased a new facility, and are active in the community. Three seminars were presented by Charles Cook in 2006 emphasizing the Focus on Abstinence Program. More than 60 adults have been certified to teach this course in their ministries.

**Charles and Barb Langford** are with the Oakland church of Christ in Oakland, Maryland. Oakland is located on one of the highest mountains in western Maryland. They arrived in early April greeted by an eager 41 member congregation. By the end of the summer, the attendance had grown to 72. Included in these numbers are six new Christians. Contact information for the Langfords: P.O. Box 252; Oakland, MD 21550; home phone: 301/501-1238. Charles' office number: 301/334-1501 or email them at: beeb21@iceweb.net.

**Kirk McAfee**, dean and instructor of the Atlantic International Bible Institute in Miami, Florida, reports that in August six different locations began cooperating in live ministry training classes in Spanish using interactive video teleconferencing. 65 students are studying at the same time. Five of those cities are in the U.S. and include: Miami, Florida; Houston and Dallas, Texas; Arlington, Virginia; and Silver Springs, Maryland. These sites were also connected to students in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Future plans include connections to Maracay, Venezuela; Atlanta, Georgia; and Naples, Jacksonville, and Orlando, Florida. Rudy Wray, John Palmer, and Kirk McAfee recently conducted a seminar for a group of more than 30 Cuban preachers in Cuba on "Expository Preaching".



Kirk McAfee

**Rudy Wray** ('71) serves with the International Studies Division and reports the Gulf Coast Hispanic lectureship in Houston, Texas, was well attended with more than 600 Hispanic brethren from Mexico, Central America and the United States. The first Hispanic service for the Living Streams church of Christ in Happy Valley, a suburb of Portland, Oregon, was held in June. Rudy accompanied the youth group from the Metro congregation in Gresham on a mission trip to Toluca, Mexico, in July. One of the highlights of the trip was a devotional on top of the Aztec Pyramids, Teotenanfo, with teens from Toluca and Metro.



# Departures

## Opportunity to Help One of Our Own

**TOM MARTIN** ('71) passed away January 22 of this year. We do not have an obituary yet, but we want our readers to be aware of his wife **Jeanne's** severe financial situation. She needs our help and our prayers. Below is a brief summary of the situation and needs. If you or if anyone you know can help, it will be very much appreciated.

Tom and his wife, Jeanne, faithfully served in ministry for over 40 years. They were instrumental in leading many souls to the Lord in a number of locations throughout the U.S. In the winter of 2005, Tom became seriously ill and was in a coma for 58 days in the local hospital in Hooks, TX. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer. After receiving chemo for over a year, he was advised that the chemo was no longer effective, and the cancer had spread to his liver and kidneys. He was given a "terminal" prognosis.

Jeanne has also had more than her share of health problems with several back surgeries and Type I diabetes. Neither Tom nor Jeanne were able to work so their medical and living expenses have mounted. Their children are doing all they can to help, but the financial needs are greater than their three families are able to bear.

If you, your congregation or anyone you know is able to help, please send checks to: Thomas Martin Hope Fund, 9303 Viola Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424; or send your donations to any Lubbock City Bank location (800-687-2265). If you would like more information, please contact any of their children listed below:

Deenah Padget (daughter) 334/271-3721  
Tom Martin (son) 806/792-5597  
Julee Becker (daughter) 806/771-0264



**ROLLIE SKORICK** (Sunset '74) passed away October 9, 2006 in Lubbock, Texas. Rollie grew up in Butte, North Dakota. After being honorably discharged from the Army in 1963, he and Sammy Kaye Brown were married in 1964. After graduating from the Sunset School of Preaching in 1974 they moved to Oregon where Rollie preached for several years. Eventually they returned to Lubbock and Rollie had a career with a local automobile

dealership.

Rollie was a very special person and found joy in his work, and in his Christian life. He served as a deacon at the Sunset Church of Christ, and later as an elder at the South Plains Church of Christ. His health eventually forced him to resign from his service as an elder.

Rollie's wife Sammy continues to live in Lubbock. He is also survived by two daughters and a son and their spouses; three brothers; one sister; and seven grandchildren.

The entire Sunset family extends our heartfelt condolences to his family. Rollie will be greatly missed.

**Army Cpl. MICAH S. GIFFORD**, son of Dale and Marsha Gifford (Sunset '72), died December 7, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. Micah was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Richardson, Alaska. He was 27, and in his first tour of duty. He was killed while on patrol with his unit by an improvised explosive device.



Dale and Marsha Gifford serve the Skyline Church of Christ in Auburn, California.

Micah graduated from Harding University in 2002. He was a defensive lineman and linebacker on the Harding football team. After college he returned to Redding, California in hopes of becoming a firefighter. He joined the Army after being moved by the suffering of the Iraqi people, saying, "I have to do something."

Dale Gifford said of his son, "His (Micah's) sense of justice was so deep, he was not there to do anything other than help the Iraqis." His mother Marsha sent out a note to friends saying, "Micah died doing something he really WANTED to be doing. He loved this country and he loved serving it. There are lots worse ways to die. His was an honorable death. I am so proud of him and of his walk with the Lord, his faith and his optimism. He was such a blessing to be around for us! Oh! We'll miss him so!"

He was buried with full military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on Point Loma, San Diego, California, on December 22. Two websites with more information and notes from family and friends have been set up at [www.micahgifford.com](http://www.micahgifford.com) and at [alternative-ideas.blogspot.com](http://alternative-ideas.blogspot.com).

Survivors include his parents, two older brothers, grandmothers, and other family members. His oldest brother Ben is a Captain in the Marines out of San Clemente, CA.

# A New Sunset School in Australia

*Macquarie School of Biblical Studies now part of Sunset*

**S**unset International Bible Institute has signed an historic agreement with Macquarie School of Biblical Studies in Sydney, Australia to assume management of the school in January, 2007. Under the agreement, MSOBS will work toward Associate status during the next five years. Schools begin their relationship with Sunset as Applicant schools and progress toward Branch status and then, when they become self-sufficient, Associate schools. Sunset Applicant, Branch and Associate schools now number in excess of 40 on five continents. In the 10 years of the



International Studies Division's existence, 1500 students have received training at one of these schools.

MSOBS, under the oversight of the Macquarie church of Christ, has trained men and women in Australia for thirty years but needed and wanted revitalization. The new staff will be extremely helpful in this process. Sunset will provide curriculum, teachers as needed, financial resources, and guidance. Macquarie already possesses a fine library and will continue to provide facilities. Ted Paull, the present director, will move into the role of Academic Dean,

Craig Peters ('87) will serve as Administrative Dean and Jeremy Desjarlais ('05) will serve as Dean of Students.

The International Studies Division of Sunset has a vision for training able spokespersons of the Word in their own country, their own language, their own culture, their own standard of living and their own environment. Not only is this 10 times more cost effective but also discourages long-term dependence upon foreign support. Students are encouraged to stay and serve in their own country. Such schools utilize local talent and resources and increase local evangelism and church planting. It is, by far, the most efficient and effective strategy for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission.

# How Old Does One Have to Be?

*Exceptional teen takes Sunset course*

**A**fter returning from a recent trip, I pushed the button to my answering machine and heard the voice of Seth Bamburg. Seth thanked me for helping arrange for him to take Ed Wharton's *Historical Christian Evidences* course online. He went on to report that he had finished all of his work and was excited about receiving a certificate for successfully completing the course. Not only did Seth "complete" the course, he made a high "A" in the course. Seth is the 16 year old son of Ron and Michelle Bamburg. Seth has always been special to me. We worked with his parents in the inner-city of San Antonio in the '90s. I have always admired Seth. He is a kind, compassionate young man, exemplifying a Christ-like spirit in all that he does.

But this young man is not only a Bible scholar. He is an outstanding leader and athlete. He represented Houghton High School, Bossier, LA, in the "People to People" Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. last summer. On the way home, he competed in the regional decathlon meet in Nashville sponsored by the USA Track and Field Association and won the decathlon by nearly 500 points. He ranked in the top ten in every event except the high jump (Bossier Press-Tribune from July 14, 2006).

How old does one have to be to take Sunset courses online or by External Studies? There is no age limit. Seth Bamburg has certainly proven that a serious Bible student can do well even at the age of 15 or 16. Seth comes from a long heritage of Sunset influence. His mother, Michelle, attended the AIM program; his grandfather, John Massie ('80), and his uncle and aunt, Chad and Cassandra Massie ('93), all graduated from Sunset.

— Bob Jackson



# The Correspondent

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## Getting Started with a Sunset Online Course

In the last issue of Lifeline, we announced the launch of the new [www.SunsetOnline.org](http://www.SunsetOnline.org), Sunset's online courses website. Featuring streaming video and audio, quick and easy registration and course enrollment, and online assignments and testing, this is an exciting new dimension of Sunset.

Courses are in a self-paced, individual-study format. All lessons are presented with both an on-screen text outline and the student's choice of either streaming video (cable/DSL Internet) or audio (dial-up Internet).

A full 37-course curriculum is now available for audit, and 11 courses are currently available for credit with Sunset. Soon the entire curriculum will be available for credit.

Over 650 students have registered on [SunsetOnline.org](http://SunsetOnline.org) since its launch. As a way of encouraging the use of this new resource, we are making three of the courses FREE OF CHARGE TO AUDIT! And to make it even easier, here is a handy tutorial on getting started.

### 4 Step Tutorial

#### 1 Go to our website and create your account.

Before you can enroll in a course, you need to register on the site. This process takes less than a minute, and involves choosing a username and password and providing some basic contact information. Rest assured the information you provide will never be provided by Sunset to anyone else!

- Click on **REGISTER** in the Main menu on the front page.
- Fill out the New Account form and



click the "Create my new account" button.

#### 2 Check your e-mail and click the confirmation link.

Check your e-mail address for a message from [SunsetOnline.org](http://SunsetOnline.org). You must **click the confirmation link** in the message; this will complete your registration and open a special page on our website confirming that your account is active!

#### 3 Choose a course & enroll.

The [SunsetOnline.org](http://SunsetOnline.org) homepage shows a list of our courses, with check marks to indicate which are available for audit only and which are available for both audit and credit. "**Course Samples and Examples**" takes you to a free preview of the first lesson of each course! Also notice that three courses are marked as **FREE** to audit.

To take a course for audit, click the price in the Audit column for that course (the link will either say "Free" or "\$25"). To take a course for credit, click the price in the Credit column for that course (the link will either say "\$70" or "\$140").

**FREE COURSES:** If you are enrolling in any of the three free audit courses, you will be taken to a confirmation page. Click the button to confirm your

selection, and you are now in your course! Enjoy!

**TO PAY FOR A COURSE:** If you are enrolling in a paid audit course or in a credit course, you will be taken through a secure online checkout process with Paypal. You may pay using a credit card and do not need to have a Paypal account. At the end of the checkout process, be sure to click the button that takes you back to [SunsetOnline.org](http://SunsetOnline.org). Your payment is processed instantly and you are ushered immediately into your course – no waiting necessary!

#### 4 Enjoy your course study.

Remember your login and password. You will need it each time you visit [SunsetOnline.org](http://SunsetOnline.org) to access your course.

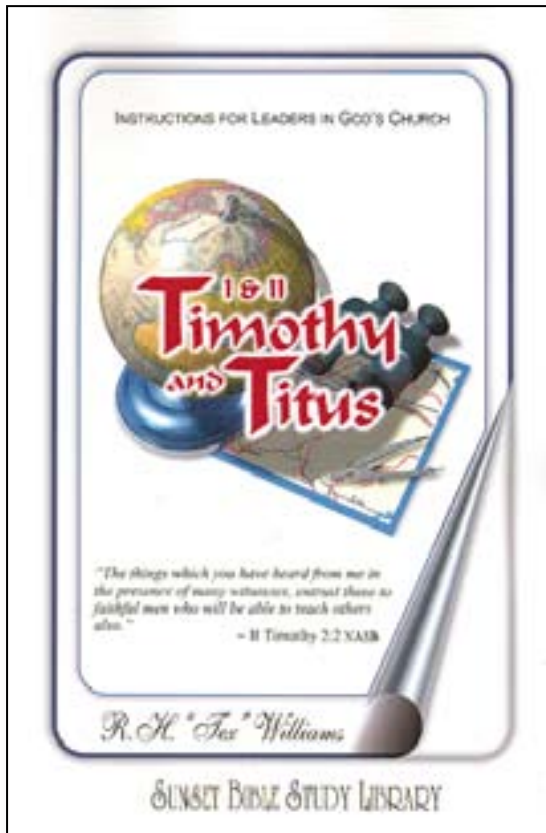
If you are enrolled in the course for credit, you will also notice links to a **Credit Requirements** page (the syllabus for the course), various assignments to turn in, and exams to be taken. Read the Credit Requirements page carefully and then begin watching or listening to the lessons. Most assignments and exams will need to be turned in at the halfway point and at the end of each course. All of this takes place online, through the website:

> **Assignments** are uploaded through the website to be graded by SIBI personnel.

> **Exams** are taken online in your web browser. All exams are taken from memory and have time limits once started. Upon completion, each exam is graded instantly and your graded exam is immediately available for review.

– Rob Hindman / [rob@sunsetonline.org](mailto:rob@sunsetonline.org)

# The Sunset Bible Study Library



The *golden hour* is a medical term used in emergency rooms to describe the “window of opportunity” when treating a patient with severe bodily trauma. It is an hour where every minute is vital and delay in treatment beyond the *golden hour* increases the likelihood that the patient will die.

In our churches today there is a similar situation facing adults. These adults face a week full of trials and temptations, and are in need of a *golden hour* treatment to revitalize their faith. They are in need of spiritual encouragement and nourishment in Bible class and worship services.

The **Sunset Bible Study Library** offers Bible students easy to read commentaries on almost all the books of the Bible. For leaders and teachers at all levels in the church, this comprehensive resource helps you and your students know the Word. Whether you are teaching children’s classes, leading adult Bible studies, or overseeing a small group ministry, much rests on your shoulders as a leader. If you want to help others grow in the faith, it is essential for you to maintain your own spiritual vitality through a conscientious study of God’s Word—not just reading it, but really digging into it so you can understand it, teach it, and live it.

Few Bible commentaries are written in simple, every-day English, easily understood by the ordinary people. These commentaries have been transcribed from the author’s lectures, are easy to read and give simple but in-depth exposition of the biblical text. Each book reflects the many years of study and scholarship of the teacher/author. You will want to acquire the entire 32 book library.

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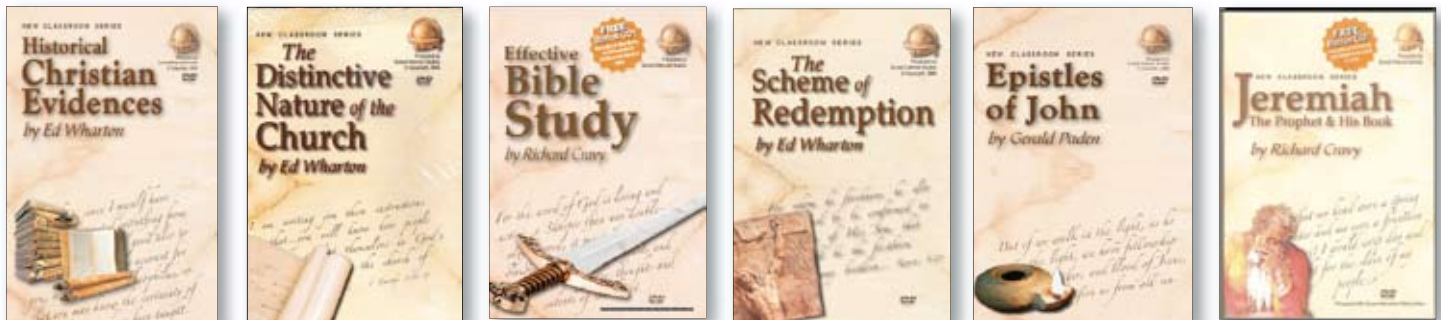
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– Virgil Yocham



Virgil Yocham  
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Article from the **Daily Journal** newspaper of Tupelo, Mississippi.

duced by the External Studies Department of Sunset International Bible Institute are chosen for the curriculum. This "Sunset classroom" becomes a satellite school because of its remote location from Sunset's residential campus in Lubbock, Texas.

This classroom, or satellite school, remains completely under the direction and oversight of the local congregation's leadership. Sunset provides the teaching materials and offers expertise to help make the program successful.

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Fulton Bible Institute in Fulton, Mississippi is just one of many satellite schools in operation using materials from Sunset's External Studies.

Since the school is an integral part of the teaching program of the local church, men and women receive in-depth Biblical training without having to leave their home congregation. They are able to continue work at their regular jobs, and serve in their home congregation.

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## FAITH & RELIGION

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### Bible institute draws students from 11 area congregations

Fulton Church of Christ will begin its next class Jan. 30.

BY CHARLEY GORDON  
*Daily Journal*

FULTON - This past fall a group of 14 or so members of Westside Church of Christ in Houston would pile in the church van every Tuesday night for a 50-mile trip to Fulton.

The band of believers kept its regular date with 10 other area congregations for a 12-week Bible class about redemption.

Fulton Church of Christ offered the course through its Fulton Bible Institute, a satellite site of Sunset International Bible Institute, a Church of Christ school in Lubbock, Texas.

Many of the Houston crew will sign on for another 12-week class - this one about the sacrificial system of Leviticus. It will start Jan. 30 and will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

"I've had more people - peo-

#### For more information

Fulton Bible Institute holds classes at Fulton Church of Christ, 500 S. Clifton St., Fulton. Contact Russ Crosswhite at [rosswhite@work-one.com](mailto:rosswhite@work-one.com) or (862) 862-4549 for further details.

ple who have studied the Bible all their life - tell me they've never studied God's Word like this before," said Russ Crosswhite, minister at Fulton Church of Christ and administrator of the school. "The curriculum is really good. It challenges our thinking."

Crosswhite says 61 people participated in the last course. The class also enjoyed almost equal representation from blacks and whites.

#### God's will and camaraderie

Fulton Bible Institute began in the fall of 2005. Typically the school offers a three-month course during the winter and another in the fall.

The class format is a combi-

nation of video and discussion. For the first 30 minutes, students listen to a videotaped lesson. After a 10-minute snack time, the class resumes for discussion.

The only cost is \$10 for the course study guide. Crosswhite says most people audit the class. However, if people want to take it for formal credit, that option is available for \$30.

Herman Martin, minister at Westside Church of Christ, says members of the Houston congregation make the regular trek to Fulton faithfully. The process of learning more about God's will, he says, has been inspirational to them.

Crosswhite says one of the best things about the classes is the camaraderie among the different congregations.

"People tell me every week they can't wait until Tuesday night to see their classmates," he said. "This is open to anybody who wants to come. Our goal is to spend more time in the Word and follow what it says."



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Help Us Meet the Goal!

Approximately \$2 Million is left in Sunset's \$12 Million Capital Campaign. Will you help us reach this goal this year by asking your congregation to take a special contribution on the 5th Sunday in September? We are asking you to help us reach this goal on September 30th. Help us train more missionaries and gospel preachers to take the gospel to the world. If you are willing to participate, please call Bob Jackson at 800/658-9553 or 806/788-3259; e-mail us at: bosanjack@aol.com. We will be happy to send a Sunset representative to your congregation on or before this special day. Help us raise **Millions For Missions** on September 30th!

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August 8 - December 19, 2006

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