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**January 2009**

**Alumni spotlight:**

Dale and Sara were married on Oct. 11, 2008. Sara works at Hope College, and Dale is self-employed.

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**Happy New Year!**

WHAT DOES GOD HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU IN 2009? I have a friend who gave me one of my life proverbs. "God does not have any problem finding people who will be a success for His glory but are we available to be a failure for His glory?" Of course the twist in the proverb is in our definition of "success" and "failure."



Read [this newspaper editorial](#) from the *Cleveland Daily Banner* about one of CIU's martyrs, Chet Bitterman, and as you start a new year ask God to show you how He measures "success" and "failure."

Blessings,  
Roy King  
Director, CIU Alumni Ministries

**A Quest to Advance the Kingdom**

On Jan. 22-24 CIU will host the third annual Missions Strategy Seminar, titled "A Quest to Advance the Kingdom." Speakers will include Dr. Bill Jones, The Reverend Jack Gaines, and Pastor J. Julian Dangerfield.



The Missions Strategy Seminar seeks to train believers for long-term service in mobilization of the church. It will provide you with practical tools to join with other believers in this work.

For more information or to register:  
<http://www.ciu.edu/missionsstrategy/seminar.html>

**December 2008 Commencement**

Congratulations to the December graduates from CIU's undergraduate, graduate, seminary and prison initiative programs! Dr. Glen Schultz, associate pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga. (the church that produced the box office hit *Fireproof*) addressed the graduates.



**Listen** to the commencement address:  
[Download MP3 here](#)

**Photo gallery** with print quality versions for download:  
[http://www.ciu.edu/gallery2/main.php?g2\\_itemId=7663](http://www.ciu.edu/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=7663)

**Mistakes Leaders Make**

"How do leaders fail? We lead as we are led."

In his book, *The Top Ten Mistakes Leaders Make*, Hans Finzel ('74), CIU board member and the president and CEO of World Venture, offers some very timely and valuable suggestions for avoiding the many pitfalls that undermine leaders. Each chapter is followed by "Quick Tips" for those who want to go straight to the bottom line.



Buy the book from [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

**Ambassador Choir Reunion Concert DVD**

**The limited edition 2008 Ambassador Choir reunion concert DVD is now available. Only 100 copies are left, so don't delay!**



We ask that you make a \$25 (or more) donation to the 2008-09 [Alumni Project](#) for each copy of the DVD. All donations to the alumni project will help provide scholarships for CIU students.

Request your DVDs by contacting the Alumni Ministries office at [alumni@ciu.edu](mailto:alumni@ciu.edu) or by calling (800) 777-2227, ext. 5500.

**NEW!!** Watch video of much of the concert here: <http://www.ciualumni.net/ambassador-choir>  
(note: may not play in Internet Explorer.)

### World Christian Week is Coming!

**World Christian Week 2009** is just around the corner. **March 3-6**, the CIU campus will set aside time to focus on its core value, World Evangelization. This year's speaker will be Bob Sjogren, founder of the ministry UnveilinGLORY, co-founder of Frontiers, and author of *Cat and Dog Theology*. You are invited to join us for these special days at CIU. We will be posting more information on our website ([www.ciu.edu](http://www.ciu.edu)) as the date draws nearer.



### Class Notes/Update Yourself

Please send us any updates about your life -- if you've changed jobs, had a baby, gotten married, etc. We'd also love to receive a recent photo of you or your family. Your photo and update may appear in an upcoming edition of *Upward*, the CIU alumni magazine (space permitting). If you've changed your address, phone number, or e-mail address, please let the Alumni Ministries office know at [alumni@ciu.edu](mailto:alumni@ciu.edu).

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