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President's MESSAGE



Dr. William H. Jones

God's Faithfulness

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Dear friend of CIU,

As my 10 years as president concludes in just a few weeks, I want to highlight God's incredible faithfulness throughout this entire decade. You have had a significant impact on CIU so I want to share some examples that come to my mind.

God manifests His faithfulness daily through our outstanding team of faculty and staff. Their dedication and passion for the students create an exciting culture on campus, one that strives for excellence and holds one another to that standard. CIU consistently ranks among the top regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report, an exciting accomplishment for a school founded on the prayers of six women. God has also woven together a board of trustees who demonstrates unity, vision, and passion for God's will and the future of this university.

In the classroom, you may have been among the first students to graduate from programs such as Business & Organizational Leadership or among the first to enroll in the Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies, a degree that has doubled in size from our original goal. We've also expanded online degrees and have been blessed to see an increase in enrollment through the prayers and recommendation of supporters such as you.

Look around campus and you will see tangible evidences of God's faithfulness. The renovation of five residence halls, and the rebuilding of the library after a devastating fire, became reality because of God's faithful leading and provision through our alumni and friends. CIU continues to equip student athletes to impact the nations through intercollegiate athletic programs such as men's and women's basketball, soccer, and cross country; and this past spring we announced the addition of women's softball to that roster.

Just across the river at the Kirkland Correctional Institution, the CIU Prison



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over, please

Initiative trains qualified inmates to reach fellow inmates with the gospel. This program has graduated 136 students since its start. On the other side of the world, the Chinese Initiative offers Master of Theological Studies and Master of Education degrees in China. Building these foundational programs has allowed CIU students to further reach God's people.

One year, when it appeared we might not meet our financial goals, I fell on my face before God. An hour later, I received a phone call that a CIU alumna, a missionary nurse in Pakistan, left CIU \$1 million in her estate. God answered my prayer in a way that went above and beyond!

In my new role as chancellor, I'll continue ministering on campus and in Columbia, as well as representing CIU around the nation and the world. I look forward to interacting with students; God has given me a deep love for each of them.

Because you studied at CIU during my tenure, it has been my privilege to see many of you and hear the details of how you fulfill your professional calling in Christ. In April, I had the great honor to be the speaker at CIU's spring commencement. My charge to the graduates came from the Apostle Paul's final message to young Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." I leave to all of our alumni and friends that same charge.

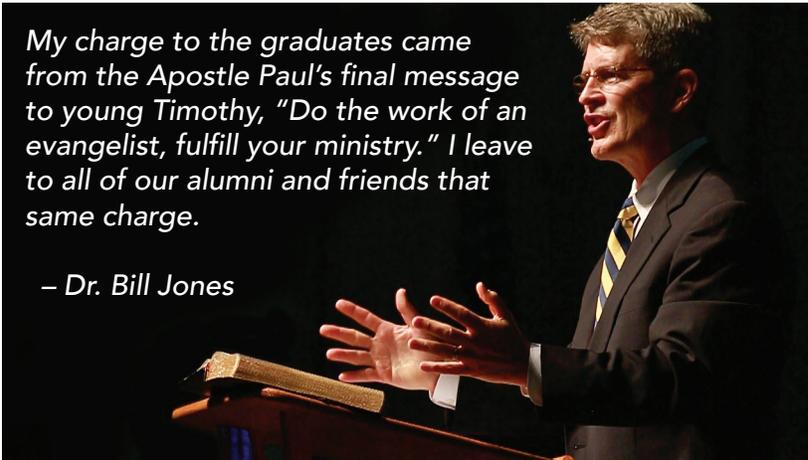
One final word on God's faithfulness. Because of your generosity, CIU stands on more sound financial footing. In the last decade God has grown our endowment from \$12 million to \$42 million. For your gifts, I am deeply grateful.

As June 30 signals the end of our fiscal year, please prayerfully consider your continued financial support of our unwavering commitment to educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.

Yours for His glory,



William H. Jones
President



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