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# We're growing!

Dear friend of CIU,

Everywhere I turn on campus these days, I see God-given growth. From our new Pine View Apartments, to laying the groundwork for an athletics program, to a realignment of our academics into five colleges — energy and excitement on campus runs among the students, faculty and staff.

This edition of "Connection" magazine gives you a peek into the excitement.

See inside the Pine View Apartments, get to know our Athletic Director Kim Abbott, and catch the vision of the associate deans of our five colleges: Arts & Sciences, Intercultural Studies, Education, Counseling, and Seminary.

You may recall the devastating fire in our library in May that caused over \$2.5 million in damages. Our dedicated library staff worked hard throughout the summer to catalog donated books, and today students study in a temporary library. Library Director Jo Ann Rhodes shares from her heart in an article that reveals not only her love for the library, but her excitement over our library renovation plans.

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This edition includes an engaging article by a CIU alumna describing how she was both blessed and challenged during summer graduate education classes at CIU. Also from our Alumni Office, check out an online resource featuring one of CIU's most revered teachers — Buck Hatch.

Read about the unique recruiting by some of our students over the summer as they bicycled over 1,700 miles along the East Coast on the 1More Tour, looking for 1More prospective CIU student, meeting 1More CIU alumnus and sharing the gospel with 1More person.

Don't forget to read about the growth taking place at Ben Lippen School and our radio stations, WMHK in Columbia, and New Life 91.9 in Charlotte, N.C.

A new feature — "At Issue," written by CIU Adjunct Professor Dr. Tom Barbian, points to the strategic relationship CIU has with area churches. Dr.

Barbian serves as the executive director at the counseling center at Columbia's First Presbyterian Church.

And finally, recognition came to my friend and mentor, Dr. Robertson McQuilkin recently in two special ways. He received the Lifetime of Service Award from the Mission Exchange and CrossGlobal Link for his many years of devotion to the Christian mission field. Also, on Dr. McQuilkin's 83rd birthday, CIU surprised him in chapel with a "check," three foot by five foot, for \$83,000 — representing the sum of donations made to CIU in his honor funding student scholarships. The final figure of that aid ended at over \$110,000. Find details on both of these events honoring our president emeritus within the pages of "Connection."

In addition to all this, an eight percent increase in enrollment this semester, gives us 1,300 students!

Rejoice with me before God for our growth — growth that furtheres our purpose 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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## Former S.C. Governor Joins CIU Board of Trustees

The newest member of the Columbia International University Board of Trustees is a well-known figure in South Carolina government, and is well-known around the world for his outreach to the nations.

David M. Beasley served as governor of South Carolina from 1995-1999. But his career in government began in 1979 when he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives where he served in various leadership positions until 1992.

During his term as governor, Beasley led delegations on economic development and trade missions throughout Asia, Europe, and Africa, resulting in the recruitment or expansion of more than 400 large corporations to South Carolina and \$22 billion in new investment.

After leaving office, Beasley served as a fellow at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. In 2002, he led a 21-person delegation focused on economic development to Tunisia.



*Gov. David Beasley speaks in CIU Chapel.*

His experience in international business relations led him to cofound the Center for Global Strategies, Ltd (CGS) in 2005. CGS integrates peoples worldwide into the global economy by connecting them with experienced professionals and coaches, while at the same time establishing cross-cultural ties of friendship, investment, trade, exchange of ideas, peace and understanding.

Columbia International University President Dr. Bill Jones says Beasley not only brings his breadth of executive experience in government and business to CIU, but also tremendous experience working to develop bridges cross-culturally.

“His heart for God, as well as his knowledge of Scripture and apologetics, adds great value to our superb board of trustees,” Jones said.

## CIU Commencement Featured “Flying” Graduate

If an award were given out at the 2010 Columbia International University commencement for longest travel distance for a commuter student, Joyce Hoffman would have probably won. Hoffman, 69, commuted weekly to CIU via air from her home in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Hoffman first attended CIU in the 1960s when it was Columbia Bible College. But after a semester she ran out of money, so she went to work as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for 40 years. When she retired in 2005, she went back to school to get her undergraduate degree at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. But CIU still had a special place in her heart, and she

returned to Columbia for her master's degree in Biblical Studies. She attended classes by flying stand-by as a former Delta employee, taking a flight to Atlanta and then to Florence, S.C. where she has relatives. From there she would drive to classes at CIU.



*Joyce Hoffman*



## Prison Initiative Graduates Second Cohort

It's not often that a university has a commencement in August. But these were no ordinary commencement exercises. The 14 graduates were inmates. They were the second cohort of Columbia International University student-inmates to graduate from the CIU Prison Initiative, a program that offers a CIU Associate of Arts degree to qualified inmates, who upon graduation, become chap-

*CIU student-inmates pray at their commencement.*

lain assistants in prisons throughout South Carolina. They stand ready to take the gospel behind the walls, as they minister to their fellow inmates.

## CIU Alumna Laura Story Recognized

Christian singer/songwriter Laura Story, a 2003 graduate of Columbia International University, was awarded the university's first-ever Recent Alumni Recognition Award on April 25. Story was presented the honor during her participation in "Xpress Faith," a three-night outreach event at Spring Valley Baptist Church in Columbia. As the 2009 recipient of a Dove Award for Best Inspirational Album, Story is familiar with winning awards. This recognition, however, is not based on her contribution to the Christian music industry, but is based on her ministry as one who has been called to know Him in order to effectively make Him known.



Laura Story with CIU Alumni Ministries Director Roy King.

## Annual CIU Youth Worker Retreat Scheduled for February

The third gathering of CIU alumni who are paid youth workers is scheduled for Feb. 7-9, 2011. It's a time of renewal, rest and refreshment led by Dr. David Olshine, Dr. Karen Grant and Dr. Sam Rubinson of the CIU Youth Ministry faculty. For more information, contact the Youth Ministry office at (800) 777-2227 or [LAnson@ciu.edu](mailto:LAnson@ciu.edu).

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*Response to the theme of the Spring 2010 edition of Connection: Evangelical Unity*

Two articles particularly resonated with us: "Evangelical Unity in the CIU Classroom" and "A Cornerstone Bridges the Racial Divide." Unity was part of our CIU experience in the late 1950s, and 1960s.

The article on Cornerstone Community Church in Orangeburg, S.C. thrilled us as former Bethel Bible Camp staff, (a camp founded as an outreach to African-American youth), and as founding members of Columbia Evangelical Fellowship, which I think was Columbia's first truly integrated church. Cornerstone's vision of planting similar churches in other southern towns is electrifying! And the goal of seeing a multi-cultural church's members "be 80 percent satisfied 100 percent of the time" is fabulous! Thank you for the shot in the arm just by reading this!

– Carol (class of '70) and James (class of '62) Moore

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*Response to the special report in the Spring edition "The Story of Walter Erikson and Edward Tritt"*

Thank you so much for your article remembering Ed Tritt and Walter Erikson. In September 1949, my bride and I drove in a Model A Ford from Michigan to Columbia to enroll in CBC. About a year later another Model A Ford was driven from Illinois to CBC by a young man named Ed Tritt who was enrolled in CBC's Graduate School of Missions. At the time, Walter was already at CBC enrolled in the School of Missions. Ed and I would compare the creaks and groans of our Model As and determine whether they meant fix or not to fix. With the student body being relatively small, it didn't take long for everyone to become acquainted. As their friendship grew, it soon became obvious that Ed and Walter were to

become a team in missions work for the Lord.

It was a shock to the student body to learn of their deaths. However, the response was phenomenal. Students with jobs sought to work extra to give money for the purchase of an aircraft for missionary work in New Guinea. Other students prayed that God would supply them with money to give and God answered prayer. Roommates would buy one set of text books to share the next semester and give the cost of the other set. Most of all, the incident resulted in many decisions for commitment to foreign missions.

During the past 50 some years in ministry, in missions meetings, in witnessing, and even in some secular seminars, I have told the story of Ed Tritt and Walter Erikson. Thank you so much for your article honoring these two servants of God.

– Blair D. West (class of '53)  
Saline, Mich.

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While visiting my father's hometown of Omro, Wis. in June, we were looking over a list of townspeople who had served their country and had since passed away. Many of those people were relatives, and I was caught up in the stories my father and uncle shared about them.

Of particular interest to me was the discussion of a relative, Edward Tritt. My uncle mentioned that after Edward had come back from World War II, he had become a missionary and was killed in Dutch New Guinea. I did an Internet search to see what I might find out about Edward. I was delighted to find the Spring 2010 edition of "Connection" which carried a tremendous story about this cousin!

I cannot begin to tell you how meaningful this new found information is to me, and how deeply grateful I am that you have honored Edward and Walter Erikson so many years after their deaths.

– Bonita J. (Tritt) Stahl  
Rockford, Ill.

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↑ my 6th grade photo

## College Recruiting.

It starts earlier than you think!

My first exposure to Columbia International University was at youth camp in 6th grade! Evangelist and CIU alumnus Jeremy Kingsley preached the gospel at camp and my life was forever changed.

As I grew in Christ, a CIU alumnus once again was there. My youth pastor at church was CIU graduate Tim Crowe.

I was so influenced by Jeremy and Tim's passion for Christ, that when it came time for college, I made CIU my first choice. And thanks to the generosity of another CIU alumnus, I have a scholarship.

Now, I'm studying Communication, serve in CIU's Marketing Department, and I'm making an impact on the lives of other young ladies as an R.A. in my residence hall.

~ Olivia Reibold

Alumni have played a critical role in the lives of many of the CIU students on campus today, just like Olivia. How about you? Are you making an impact on the lives of young people? Make that impact reverberate around the world by referring them to Columbia International University.

Consider joining a team of volunteer recruiters looking for 1 More student to impact the world! Contact Michelle MacGregor for information about TeamCIU.



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## News Connection

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### Long-Time Ben Lippen High School Principal Retires

After 30 years as principal of Ben Lippen High School, Les Lehman has handed the reins to a successor. New principal Gerald Porter has served in Christian education for 12 years. His resume includes teacher and middle school principal at Blue Ridge Christian School in Kansas City, K-12 principal at Blue Lake Academy in Eustis, Fla., and most recently he was head of school at Whitesburg Christian Academy in Huntsville, Ala. Porter and his wife, Amy, have five children ranging from first to tenth grades. (For more on Porter, see page 20.)

Meanwhile, Les Lehman will not be going far. After a well-attended "farewell" reception in May, he was named alumni coordinator for Ben Lippen School. He'll be responsible for maintaining contact with Ben Lippen's alumni around the globe.



*Outgoing Ben Lippen High School principal Les Lehman (right) welcomes his replacement Gerald Porter.*

### CIU Professor Honored by Hebrew Union College

Dr. Bryan Beyer, professor of Old Testament at Columbia International University received the Founder's Medallion from his alma mater, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), in recognition of his 25 years of scholarship in teaching and publishing.

"Encountering the Old Testament," the Bible survey Beyer co-authored with Dr. Bill Arnold of Asbury Theological Seminary, is now in its second edition and is a leading text book on Christian college campuses. He also joined Arnold in co-editing "Readings from the Ancient Near East: Primary Sources for Old Testament Study." Beyer has also authored, "Encountering the Book of Isaiah: An Historical and Theological Survey," and contributed to the translation and study notes of the Holman Christian Standard Bible.



*CIU professor Dr. Bryan Beyer (right) receives congratulations from Rabbi David Ellenson, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.*



### New Feature Encourages Radio Listeners to Pray for One Another

CIU radio station New Life 91.9 in Charlotte, N.C. is uniting its listeners through prayer by adding "Prayerworks."

Here's how PrayerWorks — works. A listener submits a prayer request to the station's Web site, while other listeners visit the site to pray for the posted requests. Each time someone prays for one of the posted requests, they can send a notification to the individual who made the request, letting them know that their request has been prayed for. The person doing

the praying also has the option to pass along a note of encouragement.

"We believe that Prayerworks will make a difference in our community by connecting families through prayer," said Linda Senneker, New Life 91.9 director of marketing and outreach.

"We believe that through PrayerWorks circumstances and lives will be changed."

If you would like to check out PrayerWorks for yourself, visit [www.newlife919.com](http://www.newlife919.com) and click on the Prayerworks logo on the left-hand side. †

**PrayerWorks!**

Most people enjoy a good celebration. And, I can't think of anyone who doesn't appreciate being the focus of a God-honoring birthday extravaganza! On Sept. 7, 2010 we had exactly that, as Robertson McQuilkin celebrated his 83rd birthday with about 1,500 of his friends in Columbia International University's Shortess Chapel. And it was all a surprise to Robertson.

Here's how it came about. At the beginning of August, the CIU Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends were asked to send a gift to the McQuilkin scholarship fund to celebrate Robertson's 83rd birthday by considering a gift in some increment of \$83. Our faith goal was that God would provide at minimum, \$83,000 in gifts for student scholarships.

# McQuilkin Birthday Surprise Aids Student Scholarships

By Frank Bedell, Director of Development



Robertson was already scheduled to preach in Chapel that day. At the end of Chapel, the CIU family presented him with a unique birthday present — an oversized check for \$83,000.

But here is the icing on the birthday cake! God was doing something much greater to help us reach our faith goal. Once all the gifts were in, we calculated that over 425 individual family units had participated and together they contributed more than \$110,000.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the celebration through prayer and gifts. †

*Above left: Robertson McQuilkin receives the "check" for \$83,000 from CIU Vice President Keith Marion. Right: "Sorry I'm not 110." Robertson McQuilkin (left) jokes with CIU President Bill Jones.*

Dear friend,

Not having a hint of what was up, after I spoke in chapel on my birthday, I was astonished to be presented with a "check" for \$83,000! My response? "Too bad I wasn't 110 today!" And would you believe? That's what you and hundreds of other friends have provided for student scholarships!

So I write to thank you for your generosity. I wish I could write you personally, but that might take me till I reach 110! So please accept this as a substitute personal "thank you" for your friendship and for your generous support of CIU students.

Gratefully, Robertson McQuilkin



# TOGETHER



Columbia International University is joining hands with other passionate, Christ-centered organizations. Through these partnerships we can accomplish more as together we impact the nations with the message of Christ.

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By Bob Holmes  
Connection Editor

# A Lifetime Devoted to the Christian Mission Field

CIU PRESIDENT EMERITUS ROBERTSON  
MCQUILKIN HONORED

One of the nation's largest evangelical mission organizations has honored Columbia International University's president emeritus with the 2010 Lifetime of Service Award.

Dr. Robertson McQuilkin was presented the honor by The Mission Exchange and CrossGlobal Link during the organization's North American Mission Leaders Conference in Charlotte, N.C. on Sept. 24. The Mission Exchange and CrossGlobal Link represent nearly 200 evangelical mission groups in the United States and Canada.

The honor went to McQuilkin for his 12 years of service as a missionary to Japan, 22 years as president of CIU, authorship of seven books, and as an international speaker. At age 83, McQuilkin continues a busy schedule of speaking engagements. McQuilkin is the son of CIU's first president Robert C. McQuilkin.

"In presenting this award we celebrate the faithfulness of God as evidenced in a lifetime of service to the cause of global mission," said Steve Moore, president and CEO of The Mission Exchange. "Dr. McQuilkin gives us a real-life portrait of what it looks like to finish well."

McQuilkin was presented with a sculptured bust of hands holding a globe.

In accepting the award, McQuilkin said that he was at first "distressed" and "embarrassed" by the honor because he said there are many other people who are more deserving "and not a few of them right here in this audience," he told a banquet hall of over 300 people.



*Robertson McQuilkin (center) is honored by Marv Newell of CrossGlobal Link (left) and Steve Moore of The Mission Exchange (right).*

But McQuilkin said he eventually realized that the award was not about him, but about "an institution" – Columbia International University.

"This is about an institution that has, for almost a century, sent thousands and thousands of missionaries around the world," McQuilkin said.

"So, both CIU and I tonight join with Isaiah in saying, 'All that we have accomplished, you have done,'" McQuilkin continued pointing upward. "And so, to the greatest missionary of all time, Jesus the Christ be all honor and glory."

There were nearly 50 CIU alumni in attendance for the award ceremony. Among them was Ernie Hack, who was a student leader in 1968 when McQuilkin left the mission field of Japan to become president of CIU, then called Columbia Bible College. Hack says he met with McQuilkin weekly to discuss issues on campus. He remembers McQuilkin praying with him during every meeting.

"That impressed me," Hack recalled. "We would get down on our knees and pray."

During the ceremony McQuilkin was described as a man of passion, especially when it came to the Great Commission. Hack says he saw that passion in McQuilkin.

"He has a very quiet sort of demeanor about him, especially in face-to-face conversation," Hack said. "(But) his burden would be — how do we promote the mission and the vision to the students."

On behalf of CIU, current President Bill Jones accepted an oil painting of McQuilkin with CIU's motto in the background: "To know Him and to make Him known."

It was an emotional night for many including Jones who considers McQuilkin a mentor. Fighting back tears Jones looked at McQuilkin and said, "Thank you friend, for being a role model."

Jones then addressed the crowd.

"The DNA in our university is from Dr. McQuilkin." †



I love to see a vision come to life. I can dream big, but I couldn't have imagined the summer God would put together for Columbia International University recruitment when we started planning our first "1More Tour."

Last December, I met with a group of students to brainstorm new ways they could help recruit more world changers for CIU. One student, Drew Williams asked, "What if five guys bicycled across the country?" I affirmed him, saying all ideas should be on the table. He asked again, in a way that communicated he wanted me to take him a little more seriously. I'm glad I did. As it turned out, Drew and four other guys were already making plans for a multi-state bicycle trip. And I had long had plans to take an RV on the road for CIU recruitment. God was at work preparing us for the 1More Tour.

We didn't bicycle across the country, but we did cover the East Coast from Jacksonville, Fla. to Portland, Maine, searching for students to impact the nations with the message of Christ and seeking opportunities to build relationships and share our faith. Joining Drew on the bikes were CIU students Matthew Densky, Jeremy Rife, Izzy Markle, and Izzy's brother Grayson Markle, a CIU alumnus. I was behind the wheel of the support van! The goal of the tour was simple; meet 1More student, connect with 1More alumnus, share God's love and forgiveness with 1More person. We spoke in churches, distributed brochures about CIU, met youth groups, and talked with many people we met along the way.

*Pictured above: 1) Filling up on good southern BBQ in Callahan, Fla. with CIU alumna Heather Farmer (sitting left) and Danny (standing left), the owner of Callahan BBQ. 2) Crossing the finish line in Maine. 3) In Fredericksburg, Va., three alumni families gather at the home of Mike and Kathy Neubauer. 4) The 1More Tour team: (left to right) Drew Williams, Izzy Markle, tour coordinator Michelle MacGregor, Grayson Markle, Matt Densky, and Jeremy Rife.*



## The 1More Tour CIU Recruitment by Bicycle

By Michele MacGregor,  
Director of University Recruitment and Relations

During those eight weeks, we saw the Lord do incredible things as we submitted our schedule to Him in the smallest of ways. At times it was overwhelming to watch His good hand provide everything we needed and more. Here is just one story.

We arrived in Surf City, N.C. with no housing secured for that night. While many of our nights were with our wonderful alumni, we didn't know anyone in Surf City; or so we thought. We stopped at a local church to ask permission to sleep on their floor where it was at least air-conditioned; a better arrangement than camping during one of the hottest summers on record. Incredibly, the pastor was 1989 CIU graduate Bobby Owings! Not only did we get to stay with Bobby and his family, we also got to meet his church's youth group and tell them about CIU!

My greatest joy came from meeting alumni families and seeing how God is using them. He uses our different gifts, personalities, and approaches in the most interesting and unique ways to accomplish what He wants for us and those we serve. What a blessing to see what He does in and through lives "post CIU."

People asked when I returned home if I thought it was a productive trip. Without question, yes! Our connections with alumni and the new friends we made leave me confident the Lord will use this tour for His greater purposes. We'll continue to work together to find 1More who will impact the nations with the message of Christ.

Learn more about the 1More Tour and what God did this summer at [www.1moretour.ciu.edu](http://www.1moretour.ciu.edu). †

By Bob Holmes  
Connection Editor

# New CIU Colleges

TO HELP STUDENTS ADVANCE  
BETTER PREPARE FOR THEIR VOCATION

**A** new alignment of the Undergraduate, Graduate and Seminary programs at Columbia International University will give students an advantage as they seek to further their education through advanced degrees. The establishment of five colleges within CIU is a “vertical integration” that offers undergraduate students the opportunity to begin working on a graduate degree even before they’ve completed their bachelor’s degree, giving them the advantage of an advanced degree in less time and for less money. The vertical integration also gives students the opportunity to customize degrees and experience the richness of the entire CIU faculty — all of whom have a wealth of experience inside, and most importantly, outside the classroom.

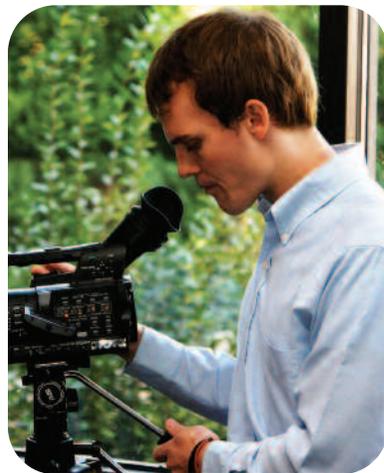
The five colleges are: College of Arts & Sciences, College of Intercultural Studies, College of Education, College of Counseling, and Seminary. Each college is headed by an associate dean who reports to the provost. But the goal of each college remains the same: to produce graduates who will make an impact as “professional ministers,” working within missions, the church and parachurch organizations and “ministering professionals,” who take the gospel to the marketplace.

## College of Arts & Sciences

“This unit will provide the core educational components for all undergraduate education,” said College of Arts & Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Pat Blewett.

The College of Arts & Sciences is a key to a CIU undergraduate experience as students earn two degrees; a Bible major and a professional major.

“The College of Arts & Sciences will provide a solid Bible major for all undergraduates, their general education requirements and core leadership courses, such as Evangelism & Discipleship, World Christian Movement, and Christian Service,” Blewett said. “And it will deliver those professional majors that have not been reorganized with vertically integrated programs such as Communication, Psychology, Music, Business and English.”



## College of Intercultural Studies

“The College of Intercultural Studies is comprised of faculty, staff, and students who are focused on learning and developing skills for effectively living, working, and ministering in a culturally diverse world,” said Dr. Mike Barnett, associate dean of the College of Intercultural Studies. “We are equipping students for the ministry and mission fields as well as the marketplace.”

Barnett says the strength of the college is the cross-cultural experience of its faculty.

“We share a combined 132 years of overseas living experience,” Barnett said. “We are not simply theorists, but practitioners who have lived what we teach.”

Barnett notes that under vertical integration, undergraduate students are able to complete a

Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree in a five-year period. Plus he says graduate students who come to CIU with life experience are a great fit for the College of Intercultural Studies.

“They can assess where they’ve come from, and re-tool as they move to their next field of service,” Barnett said. “Established agency and marketplace leaders can earn a doctorate with a focus on intercultural studies.”



## College of Education

The College of Education, under the leadership of Associate Deans, Dr. Milton Uecker and Dr. Connie Mitchell, "Equips Christian educators to think, teach and lead biblically in educational settings throughout the world."

"This mission prepares undergraduates to enter both early childhood and elementary classrooms and equips practicing teachers and administrators for leadership positions through graduate studies," Uecker said.

In addition, undergraduate students receive certification through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), qualifying them as classroom teachers within Christian schools both in the United States and in international schools.

Uecker also notes that undergraduate students will soon have the option of a fifth year at CIU where they can earn a Master of Arts in Teaching degree that will qualify them for state licensure to teach in public schools.

"The College of Education offers a curriculum and public school field experiences that meet South Carolina State teacher preparation standards," Uecker said. "These graduates will be prepared as both professional ministers in Christian schools around the world, and ministering professionals in U.S. public schools."



## College of Counseling

The College of Counseling shares the same vision, values and general mission as its sister programs of Psychology in the undergraduate level College of Arts and

Sciences and the Pastoral Counseling program within the Seminary. But the college's Associate Dean, Dr. Harvey Payne says there is an important distinction.

"The College of Counseling is a graduate level, professional school that provides a Master of Counseling degree with the coursework requirements and clinical experience for students who seek eventual licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor and/or Marriage and Family Therapist," Payne said.

"This allows students to practice in the church, on the mission field and within marketplace settings such as mental health clinics, hospitals, residential facilities, or in private practice."

Payne says what sets CIU's College of Counseling apart from other professional schools is that God's Word is not just an "added feature" of the counseling program.

"In a field that can be easily beguiled by 'scientific' fads and current sociopolitical values, only the eternal Word of God can provide the bedrock for the storms of life," Payne said.

Payne says the journey to licensure as a counselor or marriage and family therapist is a long, arduous process, but CIU graduates are finding the work is well worth the effort.

"CIU counseling students have performed well on the national certification exam, have been licensed not only in South Carolina, but in numerous other states, and serve God through the ministry of counseling in diverse settings around the world," Payne said.



## Seminary

Many of the undergraduate majors at CIU are a perfect match for graduate studies in the CIU Seminary.

Seminary Associate Dean, Dr. John Harvey says combining the undergraduate majors that focus on

professional ministry, with the graduate level degrees that focus on ministry leadership, "creates a vertically-integrated unit that focuses on equipping believers for biblical life and ministry in the Church."

"Setting this new unit within the overall context of CIU's core value of world evangelization makes it possible to equip for ministry men and women who have a 'Great Commission Christian' mentality," Harvey said. "That approach to theological education is already reflected in the mission statement of the seminary: 'to equip Great Commission Christians for ministry in multicultural communities.'"

And Harvey notes, CIU's campus-wide vertical integration will raise the visibility of CIU's excellence in equipping men and women for their calling.

"The goal is to produce graduates who are prepared for the vocation to which God has called them and who see their ministry as a means of advancing God's kingdom purposes around the world." †

## New, Modern On-Campus Community Open to Students, Alumni, CIU Family Pine View Apartments at Columbia International University

A dream that began about three years ago became reality this school year as the first students moved into the new Pine View Apartments at Columbia International University. The on-campus apartment community is just one element of campus expansion plans that are under development. The initial phase of Pine View includes 96 apartment homes in four garden-style apartment buildings. When fully complete, the community will feature 204 apartment homes covering approximately 12 acres.

Those who are eligible to apply to live in Pine View Apartments include current seminary and graduate program students, married students, alumni, undergraduate students who are not required to live in the residence halls and full-time CIU faculty and staff, including those employed at Ben Lippen School and at CIU's radio stations. Plans are also being made to reserve some of the apartments as guest suites for CIU visitors. The apartments are managed by Estates, Inc., a real estate development and property management company located in Columbia, S.C.

The apartment community is located in a formerly wooded area on the west side of campus between the residence halls and The

Pointe. It includes one-, two- and three- bedroom apartments with large picture windows, gourmet kitchens, spacious queen-size bedrooms, a full-size washer/dryer, spacious closets, and cable/Internet connections. Safety features include a state-of-the-art sprinkler system and smoke detectors.

Among the first to move in was senior Chris Stavanus who shares a two-bedroom apartment with another senior. He says the cost of living in Pine View Apartments is very reasonable, but he says there are other benefits.

"I knew it would be a good preparation for living independently," Stavanus said. "I enjoy my own living space, from the kitchen to the bathroom to the living room — all set up as I

desire and it gives me a better feel of a home."

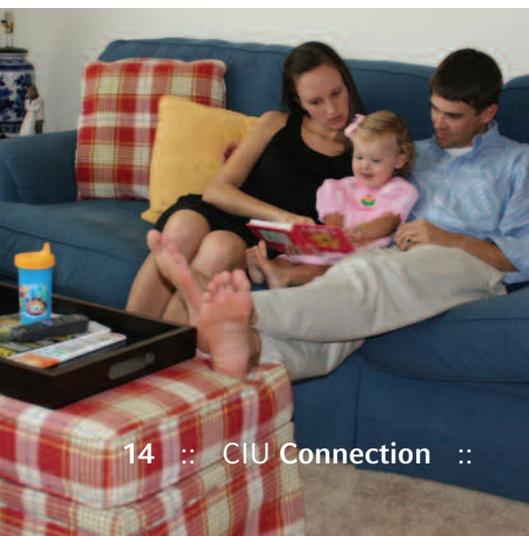
Stevanus says he also enjoys the community events at Pine View such as a recent outdoor ice cream social.

For more information about living at Pine View Apartments log on to: [www.ciu4me.com/pineview/](http://www.ciu4me.com/pineview/) or contact apartment manager Gill Price at [gprice@ciu.edu](mailto:gprice@ciu.edu).

A total of 26 acres is under development at CIU. Future expansion plans include athletic fields and academic buildings. †

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— CIU Senior, Chris Stavanus



*Seminary student Gill Price enjoys his Pine View apartment with his wife Holly, and daughter Abigail.*

# Using God's Gifts, Feeling His Pleasure

By Abbey Shoemaker  
CIU Student Writer

*"I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure."*

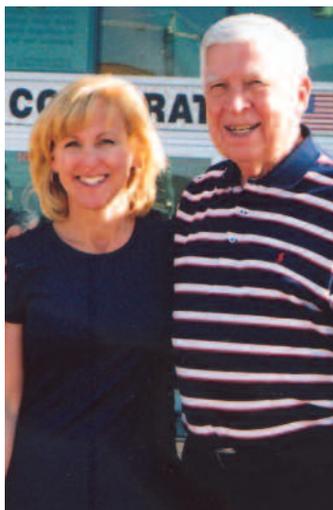
Reflecting on those famous words of Olympic runner Eric Liddell in the movie "Chariots of Fire," Columbia International University's first athletic director Kim Abbott shares passionately about the direction, philosophy, and vision for CIU athletics.

"When we use God's gifts in our lives, we feel His pleasure," Abbott said. "We want to combine God's purposes with the gifts He gives. Athletics allow us this opportunity at CIU."

Abbott comes to CIU with extensive experience as an athlete, coach, and administrator. She played golf at the University of Missouri and continued to compete in other state and national golf tournaments from 1987-2005. The highlights of her golfing career were winning the Kansas City Women's Open three times, winning the 1994 South Carolina Women's Amateur Tournament, and winning the Columbia Women's Golf Championship. After seven years as a golf coach at three different universities, Abbott not only understands the game, but she also understands college athletes.

The love and familiarity of collegiate athletics opened the door for Abbott to serve as the assistant athletic director at the University of South Carolina from 1997 until 2005. Then, her career took a turn in 2005 when she became the athletic director at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, starting that school's athletic program from scratch, much like she is doing at CIU. The USC-Beaufort program continues to expand today, largely due to her solid foundational work.

Coach Abbott, as she is known by many, says CIU is formulating "the plan" — a five-year roadmap for its athletic program. This is an involved process that includes deciding on



*Kim Abbott with her father John Erickson, a former University of Wisconsin basketball coach and a founder of the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA. He was also the president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for 18 years and is a 2002 inductee into FCA's Hall of Champions.*

which intercollegiate athletic association to join, being approved by that association, and determining which sports CIU will field first. Factors to consider in these decisions include budget, competitive opportunities, enrollment impact, and interest. Additionally, CIU administrators are looking into the possibility of hosting on-campus Christian sports camps for youth during the summer. These camps will make use of CIU's facilities while providing a safe environment for young people in the Columbia area.

Abbott stresses that the heart of the athletic program will be identical to that of the university as a whole, summed up in the school's motto — "to know Him and to make Him known."

"Our students are here for preparation and training in ministry and missions," Abbott said. "We hope that in the process they are gaining a well-rounded college experience."

Abbott says the experience will put student athletes in the position to see the alignment of God's purposes with the gifts He has given them so they may feel His pleasure while following His steps. †

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*Gearing up for intercollegiate athletics. The CIU soccer team posing after winning a Columbia area city league championship in January.*

“Nothing you can imagine could surpass God’s plan for you.”

The quote was on the desk of CIU Library Director Jo Ann Rhodes. It was dated Friday, May 7, 2010, the day before an intense fire caused over \$2.5 million in damages to the G. Allen Fleece Library. She read it as she surveyed the damage.

“As my staff and I stood in my office and read this quote, we were stunned at the impact it had on us immediately, realizing that in God’s providence, He had allowed this disaster to take place,” Rhodes said.

“We were only beginning to feel the devastating effect of the fire on our work and on the students’ needs, but we knew right then that even the difficulties ahead would not ‘surpass God’s plan for’ us.”

The library was closed when the fire broke out about 6 a.m. A student noticed smoke coming from the building and alerted a security guard who called 911. There were no injuries, but there was heavy fire damage to both floors at the rear of the two-story library, and heavy smoke damage throughout the library. The cause of the fire, which happened one week before graduation, was an electrical problem in a ceiling light. Among the major losses were rare Bibles that were translated into the languages of remote people groups by CIU alumni. But the majority of books were packed up by Blackmon Mooring, a company that specializes in library restoration, and hauled to Atlanta where they were treated for odor and water damage, and are being stored.

This school year, students are using a small, temporary library that was built over the summer behind Shortess Chapel, and stocked with donated books.



## “God’s Plan” FOR THE G. ALLEN FLEECE LIBRARY

By Bob Holmes, *Connection* Editor

place for collaborative learning with glass-faced study rooms that look and feel open.”

“We’ll have casual seating and movable seating in part of the library, where students can get two to four people together to share their ideas as they study,” Hultstrand said.

The renovation will also accentuate CIU’s core value of the Authority of Scripture and support the school’s other four core values. That will be noticeable before even entering the building. The new front entrance to the library will be the doors facing the administration building under the familiar relief sculpture of an open Bible and the verse, “Thy Word is Truth.”

“The relief sculpture ... will become a show-cased expression of the library,” Hultstrand said.

“It will be part of a glass-enclosed entry space, the full height of the library — so that sculpture will become an indoor glass-



But the renovations, “God’s plan for” the Fleece Library, are now underway.

The renovation plans were drawn by architect Chuck Hultstrand of Neal-Prince Architects in Greenville, S.C. Hultstrand, a former Columbia resident, has been instrumental in a number of building projects at CIU and Ben Lippen School including the Prayer Towers and the recent renovation of Memorial Residence Hall. Three of his six children graduated from Ben Lippen.

Hultstrand says the overall library renovation plan will make the building “bigger and fresher” and be “a

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encased element that will be lighted to accent it. It will really become more noticeable,” Hultstrand said.

Hultstrand said there will be displays highlighting the core value of World Evangelization, and the library will become a central meeting point for encouraging others in the core values of Victorious Christian Living and Evangelical Unity. And at least one of group study rooms will be designed as a more private, quiet place, where students can practice the core value of Prayer & Faith.

“It’s more than a library,” Hultstrand said. It’s a place where we’re living and learning and growing together.”

New technology at the library will feature wireless Internet access and computer stations set up for laptops; some with computers already in place.

The linear feet for book shelves will increase “which is a huge benefit for long-term growth, and bringing new curriculum and programs to campus,” Hultstrand said.

An elevator will be added, and the restrooms will be brighter and more spacious than in the old library.

And yes, Hultstrand says, there will be a “sophisticated” fire alarm and sprinkler system that will protect books from being unnecessarily doused with water.

“An alarm will go off so that you can verify whether it is a true fire situation,” Hultstrand said. “(The sprinkler will activate) in a limited capacity based on where there is a fire.”

Hultstrand says it is “amazing that with the shell of the old building, so much can be done.”

“There is this redemptive aspect of this building being emptied out and being renewed — like a rebirth you might say,” Hultstrand added.

There is no firm deadline on when the renovations will be complete, but Hultstrand estimates that it will take “six to eight months for everything to be in place.” One of the biggest jobs ahead is for Jo Ann Rhodes and her staff members who have to place the over 80,000 books that survived the fire back on the shelves — potentially a two-month endeavor. But she’s not complaining.

“In the months since this ‘perfect plan from God’ began to unfold,” Rhodes said, “we have seen evidence of God’s hand in bringing about designs for library improvement that far exceeds anything we had ever thought to pray for.” †

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*Top right: Under renovation. Lights will shine on the familiar relief sculpture of the Bible in a new glass-enclosed main entrance to the library.*

*Bottom right: In a lighter moment, Library Director Joann Rhodes looks through a damaged book with a Columbia firefighter.*



# Pornography Addiction

## IT IS THE CHURCH'S PROBLEM

By Dr. Tom Barbian  
CIU College of Counseling

It is unlikely that this is the first article you have seen on the topic of Internet pornography addiction and the impact of this problem on the Church. It has been written about so often that we run the risk of becoming desensitized to the issue.

**B**ut for those whose lives are touched by the problem, the pain and devastation is very real. The good news is that there is effective treatment available that can set people free and save marriages. I would like to bring some clarity to the issue and to take a look at what is being done to help those struggling in this area.

We must first distinguish between those who view Internet pornography and those addicted to it. Just like not everyone who drinks alcohol is an alcoholic, so not everyone who views pornography is an addict. Studies indicate that 70 percent of males aged 18-34 look at Internet pornography at least once a month. In the Church, at least 50 percent of men (including pastors) report having looked at porn in the past 30 days. This is also an issue for women, with studies reporting 34 percent of women accessing Internet pornography. Experts cite the availability and the ability to look at Internet pornography as the reason so many fall to this sin of lust. The viewing of Internet

pornography is no small issue. It can cause significant damage to the individual and to a marriage relationship.

Internet pornography addiction (or sexual addiction) is a much more serious problem. Internet pornography is highly addictive. Many sexual addicts report first viewing Internet pornography as a child or teen and being hooked very early. Sexual addicts will display patterns of pre-occupation, compulsive use, inability to stay stopped, continued usage in spite of negative consequences, and the need for ever-increasing intensity of stimulation (tolerance). Many sex addicts begin with Internet pornography and then escalate into other forms of sexual acting out. All addicts begin using their substance or behavior as a means to cope, to give them a sense of control. Herein lies the problem, in that it initially works to some extent. Eventually, their use escalates to the point that they are no longer in control of their coping mechanism. Rather, it is now controlling them.

There are a number of ways to conceptualize what is happening with the sexual addict. Certainly it is a form of sin, primarily that of idolatry. The addict turns to something in creation to satisfy needs that only the creator can meet. He organizes his life around and loves the created thing more than he loves the creator. For many, sex addiction is an attempt at false intimacy. True intimacy with another human being requires significant levels of vulnerability. In a sexual addiction, the person achieves a “feeling” of intimacy without any vulnerability. This false intimacy keeps the sex addict from fully participating in other relationships, especially in marriage. Research indicates that the vast majority of sexual addicts have some form of abuse in their past. The compulsive viewing of pornography and accompanying sexual acting out became a way of numbing out and coping with pain and trauma in the addict’s past. For most addicts, all of these factors form the constellation of sexual addiction.

Recovery from sexual addiction is possible. I see it occurring daily in my work as a Christian counselor. At the Christian Counseling Center of First Presbyterian Church we have a specialized treatment program for sexual addiction. Addicts participate in individual, group, and marital counseling as well as regularly participating in support groups. This comprehensive treatment approach focuses on sobriety (not engaging in the addictive behavior), treating the underlying trauma roots, and teaching the individual to have healthy relationships. It has proven effective for those who commit themselves to a long-term recovery approach.

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– Dr. Tom Barbian, Adjunct  
Professor, CIU College of Counseling



I also have the privilege to teach Addictions Counseling at Columbia International University to seminary and masters in counseling students. In this course, church leaders learn about addictions as well as how to bring proven strategies into the Church as a means of God’s redemptive work. Those preparing for ministry as a pastor, missionary, or as a counselor need to be equipped to recognize and provide support for addicts while referring them for professional treatment. For those who choose to specialize in treating addictions/sexual addiction, this course provides a foundation upon which to build. Internet pornography and sexual addiction are serious problems in the Church. Columbia International University is doing something about it. I am pleased to be a part of Columbia International University’s mission to train Christian leaders with the skills necessary to bring freedom and healing to people who are in tremendous bondage and pain to the sin in their lives. †

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*Counseling for nearly 25 years. He and his wife Corrine (also a Christian counselor and adjunct faculty at CIU) have been married 32 years and have five children and one grandchild.*

Growing Christian Scholars – it’s what Ben Lippen School has been doing for 70 years. So what exactly does it mean?

**G**erald Porter, who became the new high school principal at Ben Lippen this school year, says it means helping each student reach his or her maximum potential by celebrating the “A” student and the “C” student when they’ve given their all.

“It means stretching students to become all that God has called them to be,” Porter said. “Ben Lippen is not only a college prep school, but more importantly, a ‘calling’ prep school. Ben Lippen helps students discern the Lord’s leading, which enables them to not only succeed academically, but assists in determining their life’s goals for college and beyond.”

Porter, a 12-year veteran of Christian education, who also has a background in business, says Renaissance scholars — some of the brightest minds in the world — had the capability of impacting their generation through their knowledge as well as through their understanding of God. Realizing that was the true mark of a Christian scholar, he was attracted to Ben Lippen because of the school’s ability and desire to balance academics and spirituality. Of the nearly 3,000 students who have graduated from Ben Lippen since 1943, scores have accomplished mighty things in the name of Christ in a multitude of marketplace and mission environments, and the commitment to training more of them continues.

From AP (Advanced Placement) to Dual (college) Enrollment courses, 100 percent of Ben Lippen’s graduates are accepted to college, with the class of 2009 garnering more than \$4.5 million in renewable scholarships to some of the finest colleges and universities in the country.

While it is the responsibility of the administration and faculty to lead the academic piece of the equation, Porter says the spiritual charge must begin with the students.

“Faculty members serve as models and mentors, but without student leadership, spirituality is simply ‘forced’ upon the students,” Porter said. “Getting students to lead this charge is not new to Ben Lippen, but due in part to the culture we live in today it is being handled with an even more intense approach.”

That includes the message to students that spiritual leadership

is not an elected position — the responsibility of student council members.

“Any student can step up if God places it on his or her heart to do so,” Porter said. “Students are encouraged to be open with their faith, no matter their perceived level of gifts, talents, or abilities.”

Porter says Ben Lippen’s relationship with Columbia International University is also a key to training Christian scholars.

“CIU students are eager to plug in at Ben Lippen, desiring to share what they are learning at the university level.” Porter said.

“There is also a real desire for the CIU administration to invest in Ben Lippen — not to

mention that the resources available through CIU are far superior to the resources of other Christian schools.”

But most importantly, in accordance with Ben Lippen’s mission statement, the family and the church must be engaged in the endeavor.

“We have the students eight hours a day; their parents have them their whole lives,” Porter said. “Growing Christian scholars is the combined effort of many. We’re continually looking for new and exciting ways to help students reach that maximum potential while preparing them for God’s calling on their lives.” †



## Christian Scholars

### NEW PRINCIPAL AT BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL RENEWS THE COMMITMENT

By Sandy Hightower

Ben Lippen School Marketing and Recruitment Manager

*Above: Gerald Porter chats with Ben Lippen students.*

# CIU Broadcasting

## THE TIMES CHANGE; THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME

By Julie Halbert and Michelle Renew, WMHK Staff Members

If you want to know how quickly times are changing, just ask the parent of an incoming college freshman. The Class of 2014 doesn't recognize Clint Eastwood as an actor; he's a director. To them, our country has always strived to be accessible to people with disabilities by the use of signs in Braille, ramps near stairs, and parking spots for the handicapped. You might find it shocking to know that most new freshmen have never used a phone with a cord!\*

The truth is that change happens faster than we sometimes care to admit, and Columbia International University's broadcast ministry is working to keep pace with the latest trends. However, even with programming changes and technological advances, the purpose and vision of 89.7 WMHK in Columbia, and New Life 91.9 (WRCM) in Charlotte, N.C. has never wavered.

Both listener-supported stations have seen amazing growth over the past 10 years as listeners have chosen the stations' family-friendly programming. From 2000 to 2009, the average number of 89.7 WMHK's listeners grew from 67,000 to 89,350 each week. New Life 91.9 saw impressive growth in that same time period as their listeners have come close to tripling from 59,425 to 138,650 per week. It's about quality programming ... but it's not. Quality programming means nothing if the listeners can't hear it.

Both stations have seen significant technological advancements such as live Internet streaming. Trends show that online listening will continue to increase on mobile devices. A product that has

been well-researched and produced needs to be available in the way the audience wants to use it. New mobile applications will allow listeners to enjoy both stations wherever they are. It's about availability ... but it's not. It's about something much bigger than technology.

More important than numbers, more important than technology, is God's message of hope. Gene wrote "Our daughter and [unborn] granddaughter were killed in a car wreck three years ago ... The car burned before they could get our daughter out. I have found a great deal of comfort from your station. I just want to say thanks." Gene needed a friendly voice; a reminder that he was loved by an everlasting God. Technology didn't bring Gene comfort. God's message did — through technology. Gene is not alone; thousands are encouraged each week. So, even through times of rapid change, one thing remains the same — the core purpose of 89.7 WMHK and New Life 91.9: "To Know Him and Make Him Known." †

*\*Source: 2010 Beloit College Mindset List*



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# The Girls from the Dorm

CIU ALUMNA HAS FOND MEMORIES OF SUMMER GRADUATE EDUCATION CLASSES AT CIU

By Sue Trent, Class of 2007

“Meet the girls from the dorm,” smiled Dr. Elaine Lindsey indicating a group of women ranging from 24 to 50 years old as she introduced us to a church member. That was her name for the dozen or so women staying in the CIU dorms who bonded together as summer graduate students under her guidance as Master of Education program director. Different backgrounds and ages were no barrier to the friendships formed immediately upon arrival. For six weeks, everyone’s main goal was to become a better educator for Christ through pursuing a master’s degree. The course work was challenging, yet times to fellowship with those whom we will be spending eternity have left lasting impressions about my experiences at CIU.

Attending the International Institute for Christian School Educators (IICSE) was my first introduction to the summer graduate program. In the five days of IICSE, I met fellow Christian educators from around the world as we attended seminars and prayer sessions, and discussed the philosophy of Christian school education. The amazingly beautiful voices from all over the world lifted in worship during the opening session provided a small glimpse of what heaven might be like. Denominations, nationalities, gender, and age didn’t matter as everyone joined in praise of Jesus.

Evening meals in the cafeteria were special during those summers, when “the boys from the other dorm” joined “the girls from the dorm” with off-campus students also finding a space at the table. If one more wanted to join, we turned the trays vertically to make room, continuing the lively conversation. After dinner, some walked to The Point where we shared our lives before returning to prepare for the next day.

But the real key to the unity at CIU’s summer graduate programs is the wonderful faculty who demand excellence, lead spiritually, and provide a release from the stress of intense study.

There’s Hawaiian Friday when professors sport loud-colored Hawaiian shirts and leis. Then there’s the high-powered water guns providing relief even if only briefly from the heat and humidity of a Columbia summer. And then there are the “research chickens” (squeeze toys) handed out to students to provide stress release from the fast pace and demanding content of Dr. Jim Watson’s educational research class. He challenged us to reach beyond what we thought possible, yet he recognized the balance needed.

One incident demonstrates the faculty’s remarkable ability to nurture the students spiritually and physically while adhering to summer school’s stringent demands. Awaking one morning to a campus-wide power outage, CIU administrators made plans to continue classes at other locations — including professors’ homes! Then, the call came that the electricity was restored. Dr. Lindsey related that her husband, the facilities manager, prayed about where the problem had occurred. God led him to a specific generator that he was able to fix, giving God the glory.

Saying good-bye each year was never easy, yet one memory underscores the bitter sweetness of those days...

We sat waiting at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport for our delayed flights home. Discussing summer adventures, I cherished each additional moment with Debbie-Sue knowing that our paths may never cross again. We were secondary principals who loved books, but the similarities ended there. She was returning to China while I was flying back to Texas. Finally, my plane was the first to depart, and I said not good-bye, but see you later to one of “the girls from the dorm” knowing that God had graciously given me a few extra hours to spend with someone I’ll see in heaven. †



Dr. Elaine Lindsey has retired from CIU, but still returns to teach in the summer.



Alumna Sue Trent in her Hawaiian shirt in the late 1990s.

The Buck Hatch Library at Columbia International University honors one of the most revered teachers in the school's 87-year history. Best known for his seminars on marriage, the family and parenting, James M. "Buck" Hatch served CIU as teacher, counselor and administrator for almost 40 years, and was considered a pioneer in the field of biblical counseling. The Buck Hatch Library features free audio, videos and other materials as taught by Hatch including the popular CIU course on the "Progress of Redemption."

### What is "Progress of Redemption?"

"Progress of Redemption" takes you on a journey through the entire Bible unlike any you've ever experienced. Students go beyond learning content to discover how all the parts of the Bible relate to one another. People come away understanding both the unity and the progress of **what God is doing and saying through history and Scripture**. The unifying theme of God's redemption is traced as it progresses from Genesis to Revelation.

Buck Hatch taught "Progress" until the spring of 1984 when he passed the baton to Dr. Jack Layman. Dr. Anita Cooper incorporates "Progress" into her Bible Teaching course. All students who take the course still make their own "Progress of Redemption" chart to use for future teaching.

### How Progress helped one congregation

When Andrew Stepp arrived as Missions Pastor at Houston's First Presbyterian Church in 2008 he was asked to teach a dwindling Wednesday evening Bible Study. He had been



*The Rev. Andrew Stepp (left) saw growth at the Wednesday night Bible study at First Presbyterian Church in Houston when he began teaching "The Progress of Redemption."*

doodling his "Progress" chart on napkins, coffee cups and the back of church bulletins for years. So "Progress of Redemption" was the natural topic to teach. Perhaps a dozen folks would show up at first. But 29 registered and then 35 came. And it grew to 65! And then more!

Today, in tandem with a 90-day Bible reading course, "Progress of Redemption" has become a cornerstone class in this church's Christian education. And everyone learns to draw the chart!

### How can I use and access Progress today?

The complete notes for "Progress of Redemption," along with video and audio downloads, are available online at [www.buckhatchlibrary.com](http://www.buckhatchlibrary.com). The concepts and chart are highly transferable. Alumni around the world are adapting them to mentor co-workers, teach small groups and disciple large classes. They teach "Progress" to adults, teens (sometimes even their own), middle schoolers and even children. They teach it cross-culturally. And now many of those who have learned are teaching others. Find "Progress of Redemption" and many other in-depth Bible studies at [www.buckhatchlibrary.com](http://www.buckhatchlibrary.com). †



*In the "Progress of Redemption" class, students learn to share biblical history anywhere — even on a coffee cup!*



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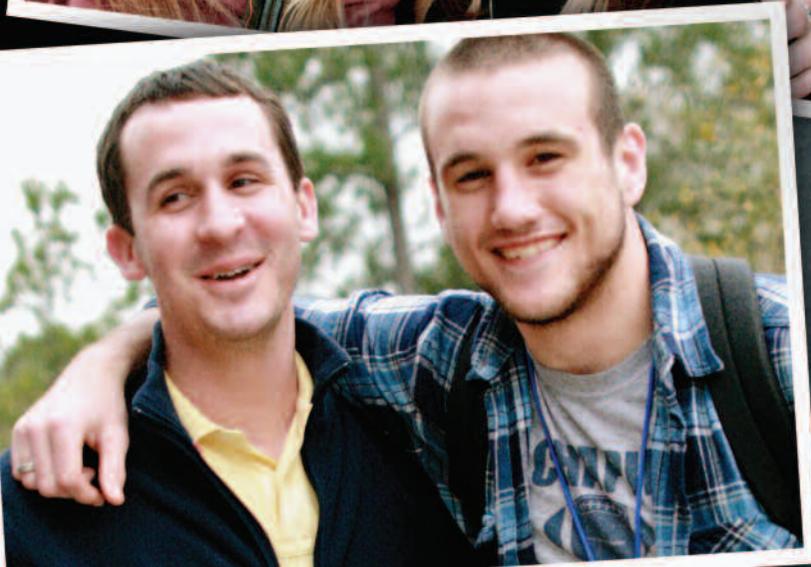
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You'll enjoy dessert with students and faculty, sit in on a class, and capture the heart for the nations that drives CIU. Representatives from Admissions and Financial Aid will be available to answer your questions.

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