

# Upward

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### 2009 Chili Cook-Off and CIU Bowl



◀ The Huddle



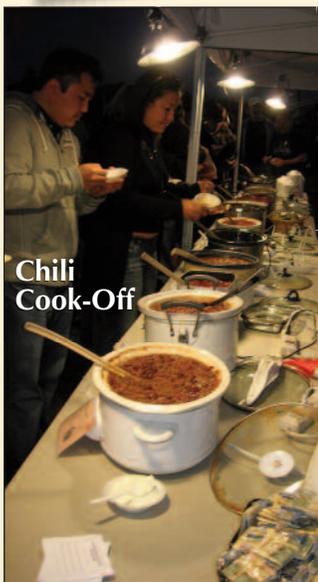
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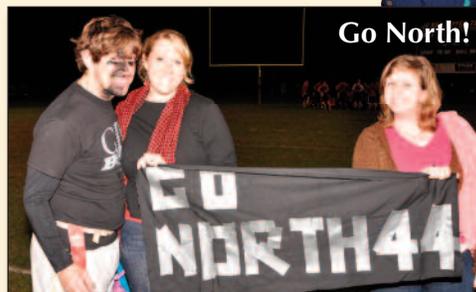
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Chili Cook-Off



Go North!



▲ President Bill Jones (left), family and friends



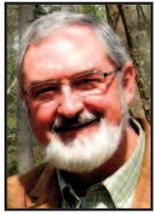
The South strategizes

There were 16 varieties of chili sampled at YARD 2009 in November. **The winners were:** 1<sup>st</sup> place – John Heflick, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tom Keefer, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – tied: Joe LeTexier and Jeff Miller. Among the many unusual recipes were Irish Red, Apocalyptic Chili, One Alarm Gentle

Chili for the Cautious Stomach, and the Fire Grilled Chili. Young alumni, faculty, staff, students and family all participated in the evening festivities. **In the bowl games the winners were** the South women and the North guys.



## A Word from the Director



### Resources for God's Will

This issue of *Upward* magazine is a little different. Not only will you hear from some of our alumni – but you'll also be introduced to future alumni! In recent years we have invited current students from the CIU Undergraduate School, Graduate School and Seminary & School of Missions to serve on the Alumni Association Leadership Council (AALC). (See page 10.) These students bring energy and fresh perspective to the table. Also in this issue, AALC President Joan Dorman describes a “futurecasting” process the AALC initiated in October.

Be sure to read the article by CIU alumnus and former *Christianity Today* writer Stan Guthrie. It's an interview with Dr. Warren Larson of CIU's Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies regarding Islamic extremism in Pakistan.

There is also an important update from CIU President Bill Jones on the university's accreditation status with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

One of the exciting events in my life recently is the publication of a book and five 10-minute videos designed to challenge leaders to invest their time from God's perspective. During my days as a pastor, I was often looking for bite sized ways I could develop other leaders in the midst of busy lives. Prayerfully this resource will be one of several to contribute to the development of healthy and effective leaders in God's global redemptive cause. Order the book and view the videos at [www.royking.org](http://www.royking.org).

Blessings,

Roy King  
Director, CIU Alumni Ministries



## A Pause for Reflection



By Joan Dorman, CIU Alumni Association  
Leadership Council President

Periodically, every Christ-centered organization needs to pause and confirm direction. Two questions can help to clarify this process.

- WHAT purposes does God want to accomplish in and through us?
- HOW are we aligning with those purposes?

The Alumni Association Leadership Council is working as a team to check the purpose, values and objectives of the Alumni Ministry of CIU. Our futurecasting process started in October 2009. Half of us are looking at WHAT the Alumni Ministry is to do, and the other half is looking at HOW it is to be done. We've done this through face-to-face meetings, phone conferences and group e-mails. Part of the process also includes a short online survey to see what our 16,000 alumni are thinking. These opinions are being taken very seriously.

Stay tuned. We look forward to what God reveals as we study the survey results. The summer issue of *Upward* will be full of exciting and clear direction for the future of CIU Alumni Ministry.

The Bible verse I often turn to when I am seeking God for direction and clarity is Proverbs 4:18 “The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.”

God's plan is getting clearer for the Alumni Ministry of CIU and we look forward to all that He unfolds.

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*An  
Important  
Message  
from CIU  
President  
Bill Jones*

## *Dear alumni and friends of CIU*

In my President's Letter of September 2009, and in other recent communications, I asked you to pray for Columbia International University regarding our reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Here's an update.

In their reaffirmation report of 2008, SACS cited seven specific areas CIU needed to address. At that time, SACS also placed the university on "warning" status. The school worked diligently to address these issues and on Sept. 2, 2009 a SACS special committee reviewed our progress. After the visiting team completed their review, they verbally expressed their satisfaction that we had addressed the issues sufficiently and we were in compliance on all areas.

But on Dec. 7, 2009, when the full Commission reviewed the special committee's report, they determined that CIU was still in "non-compliance" in one area – financial stability. This comes as a surprise for three reasons. The university has operated in the black for the past two years, enrollment increased last year, and God's financial provision to the University in the last two years has been unparalleled.

As a result of the Commission's decision, CIU remains on "warning" for another year. But that does not change CIU's current accreditation status. During the warning review period, CIU continues to be accredited with SACS.

The decision appears to reflect a cautious posture that is currently being experienced in the overall economy and its impact on higher education.

In September 2010, we will host another SACS review committee on campus that will review our financial stability and make a recommendation for the SACS Compliance Committee in December 2010.

While the CIU administration has plans to address this issue, some of you have asked what you can do to assist. Enrollment (more students) is the key to financial stability and **student financial aid is the key to higher enrollment**. As you consider your contribution plans for this year, please consider a special financial aid gift to CIU.

And of course, we continue to covet your prayers. Please pray for increased enrollment in the 2010-2011 academic year. And pray for financial stability so that we will not only meet the requirements of SACS, but strengthen our purpose as CIU educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.

Zechariah 4:6

Bill Jones  
President

# WARREN LARSON LOOKS AT ISLAMIC EXTREMISM IN PAKISTAN

## Christian minority faces uncertain future

Interview by Stan Guthrie

Warren Larson, director of the Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies at Columbia International University, served as an evangelist and church planter in southern Pakistan for nearly a quarter of a century. Stan Guthrie (M.A., missions, 1990), editor at large for *Christianity Today* and author of *Missions in the Third Millennium*, interviewed Larson about the spread of Muslim extremism in Pakistan, where the Taliban is a growing threat. It is carrying out deadly attacks throughout the country on an almost daily basis. Many observers fear for the country's stability and its many Christians.

### How did the Taliban get into Pakistan?

The Taliban have quite a history. United States aid to Afghanistan began in the 1980s when we were allied against the former Soviet Union. After the Soviets left in 1989, militant or extremist Muslims basically took over the country, because of the chaos. Since 2004 they have really gained influence. There is greater concern in Pakistan, because they have found a place to live there, particularly in the Northwest Frontier Province, which is on the border of Afghanistan. They are making money through opium and various other ways. They're ruling through cruelty and violence and deceit. They claim Islam and preach Islam in the mosques and via the loud-speakers, but basically they're ruling by the gun and by other devious and questionable means.



Dr. Warren Larson

### What do you think the prospects are for keeping the extremists from taking over the country?

Pakistan has been focused on the threat from India, on the eastern border. And they've been training for that, but they haven't trained for the guerrilla tactics that the Taliban are so good at. Basically the police and local people have been outgunned by the militants — Taliban and Al-Qaida affiliates. I certainly hope that the paramilitary groups receive the type of training and equipping needed to deal with the Taliban in the most severe way, crush them and drive them out. The poor are victims and they're not always sure who's going to win.

### Pakistan has a significant Christian presence.

From a hundred years back and the revival movements that occurred in what was then India, you had movements to Christianity, so probably about two percent of Pakistan is Christian, which is significant given the fact that there are over 170 million people there. You have a significant Christian population, and there are pockets of Christians in the big cities of Karachi, Lahore, but mostly in the Punjab province. But then even up in the Northwest Frontier Province are Christians, several hundred of them, very concerned about how [the fighting] will affect them. Christians have always been under fire, discriminated against, to a certain extent. But if the Taliban have their way, the minorities will be in very serious condition.

### What will happen to them?

The Taliban have been ruthless — in particular, with women. The Taliban will have very little sympathy for Christians. I did hear about a group [of Christians] up in the Swat Valley that was meeting. Since the trouble, they have been afraid to get together. I'm not exactly sure what [the Taliban] would do, but am not confident they will treat minorities kindly, to put it mildly. I'm not saying that they would kill them off, but they could do anything they want. If they kill and behead women and anyone else or cut the throats of policemen, why would they have pity on the Christians?

### What about the Muslim converts?

There are more converts than we realize and more secret believers than we realize because more and more people are fed up with Islam, and that's a good thing. I think common people are beginning to question Islam more and more [including] the intolerable rules of apostasy. The Muslims have always said that an apostate is a traitor, and against Islam. You can enter Islam but you can't leave it. But my hope is that there will be a greater push for a recognition of [those called] apostates. A Muslim is not only [a Muslim] culturally but a Muslim is one who theologically follows Islam. And so even if they say, "Yes, I'm a Muslim who believes in and follows Jesus Christ," they are going to suffer. There are growing numbers of converts, if you want to call them that, in Pakistan.

### Where have they come from or how are they converted?

They've been converted in various ways. The influence of Christian missions has been there for a long time, less in Afghanistan than Pakistan.

### Do you know how many Muslim converts there are?

I do not, but estimate them to be in the thousands.

### So do they just become members of the regular denominational churches?

Some of them do, but many of them are in somewhat isolation. When we were there we did our best to gather former Muslims in various points and places in Pakistan and tried to meet with them and encourage them. But it is true that in many cases people who come to Christ through the reading of Scriptures or through Bible correspondence courses or at least in their hearts are followers, they are somewhat in isolation. Most of them don't fit in with the church.

I remember a well-known Pakistani Muslim who came to Christ, and he said that it took three years for his family and his friends to come to terms with his conversion, but it took seven years for the church to accept him. The established church, the Punjabi church, has not been very trust-

ing or favorable toward Muslims coming to Christ, for good reason, too, because they found not all of them have been true and faithful. They don't fit in, basically, with the established church very well.

Some of them do, but the better support, the better fellowship are small cells of believers, former Muslims, who get together. But even that is dangerous, because a Muslim may come in claiming to be an inquirer and then having all the information, betray them; and so the group will fall apart. So it is difficult at best for former Muslims to get together to fellowship, to trust one another, to pray with one another. But I think the best fellowship they have are the small groups, small cells that can meet together and find support from one another.



Stan Guthrie

## Upcoming CIU Events

**Feb. 8-18** — President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin in Kenya – Christian Medical and Dental Association

**Feb. 20-23** — Chancellor George Murray at Cyprus Bible Church, Houston, TX

**Feb. 26-28** — Chancellor George Murray at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN

**March 2-5** — CIU World Christian Week

**March 2-7** — President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin in Egypt for the "Streams Prayer Conference"

**March 7-12** — Chancellor George Murray at Western Springs Baptist Church, Western Springs, IL

**March 13-14** — President Bill Jones at Faith Evangelical Free Church, Allentown, PA

**March 14** — Chancellor George Murray at First Baptist Church of Downer's Grove, IL

**March 20-21** — Chancellor George Murray at The Fellowship, Easton, MA

**March 25-26** — CIU Preview Days

**March 26-28** — Chancellor George Murray at Community Bible Church, Easley, SC

**April 14** — CIU Prayer Day

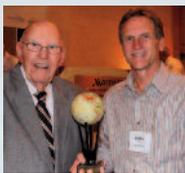
**April 20** — Chapel with Arlene Richardson

**April 22** — Chapel with Steve Richardson, president of Pioneers-USA

**May 15** — CIU Commencement

# CLASS NOTES

## '50s



**Jack Frizen ('50)** was honored with the Lifetime Service Award by Cross Global Link (formerly known as Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association). Jack wrote *75 years of IFMA*, an excellent book that tells the story of the beginning of IFMA and its growth through 1992.

## '60s

**Barb and Bill Shaw ('63).** Barb has just published a book, *Journey to the Amazon*, a true "faith adventure" about their missionary service in Brazil. They went through many trials and dangers to reach the Catuquina Indians in the remote jungle far from civilization. God's grace was sufficient through it all. They said the faith lessons they learned at CBC helped get them through. Contact them at rebshaw@juno.com.



**Deno ('65) and Julie ('66) Elliott.** After 39 years of living in Austria and ministering in Central and Eastern Europe, they relocated to Pomona, Calif. to take care of Deno's 91-year-old mother. They have served in various types of ministries over the years, such as children and youth work, church planting and student outreach. In 1980 they started the Tea Bus Ministry, a 36-foot-long omnibus that has been converted into a tea house on wheels, designed to support mission organizations and local European churches in street evangelism. Over the years, they have traveled to and ministered in 12 European countries with the bus. You can reach the Elliots at denoandjulie@hotmail.com.



**Don ('68) and Lana Jo ('67) Winn.** Don is pastoring a church outside of Nashville, Tenn. and is on staff at a Christian K-12 school in Nashville. Lana Jo is alternating weeks in East Tennessee as she cares for granddaughter Claire, who is disabled from brain surgery. Their e-mail address is dwinn@davidsacademy.com.

**Michael ('69) and Diana Johnson** live in Tunbridge Wells in England where he serves as international director of the mission People International. Their focus is to unveil the glory of God to Muslim peoples through church planting and development in the broader Central Asian region: from Turkey to China and from Afghanistan/Pakistan in the south to Tatarstan and Bashkortostan in the north. While they work in some of the most challenging places of the world, they praise God for the progress of the gospel. Contact the Johnsons at jmichaeljohns@gmail.com.

## '70s

**Bob and Jane Caldwell (both '71).** For much of nearly 40 years of ministry as a layperson and staff member at Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S.C., Bob's ministry coincided with a career in the construction business. Each summer, more than 200 Mitchell Road members are involved in some kind of mission work, most of it abroad. In recent years, the church has increased its role in local missions. Some examples are the project on Hampton Avenue near downtown where about 50 Mitchell Road members are at work on a major renovation project that will benefit Miracle Hill Ministries. They are renovating a duplex that, when completed, will expand the housing capacity of Miracle Hill's Overcomers program. Contact the Caldwells at bandjcalldwell@msn.com.

**Mark ('02) and Marilyn ('72) Stowers Reed Prescott** have been in China for six years teaching at Tianjin International School (associated with ISC - International Schools of China). They have six sons and 12 grandchildren. All of their sons and their sons' wives attended CIU (four are graduates). Marilyn's parents also attended CBC in 1967-68 and later served in Africa for 30 years. Her first husband, the late Jim Reed, graduated in 1971 from CBC and they served in Madrid, Spain for 20 years, until his death in 1994. Contact Mark and Marilyn at markmarilynychina@yahoo.com.

**Robert ('74) and Judy (Carlson) Reed ('74)** serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. After nearly 20 years in Peru and Colombia, they have now lived and served 15 years in Dallas, Texas, helping train missionaries for Wycliffe and numerous other missions at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. They can be reached at Judy-Bob\_Reed@sil.org.



**Jane Neal ('75)** is in her ninth year of teaching at Marion Christian Academy in Marion, N.C. This year she is teaching two 9th and 10th grade Bible classes, and two 9th and 10th grade English classes. She is also the adviser for the school's yearbook. You can contact Jane at sjneal11@verizon.net.

**Debbie Peck ('76)** has published, *Around Our Table*, a cookbook full of creative, tempting recipes and beautiful photos. It includes 15 complete menus of meals such as *Mediterranean Picnic, Seafood Supper, Great on the Grill, Lunch for the Ladies, Taste of Asia* and more. She has also published *O Taste and See Some More*, which has more than 300 tried-and-true recipes, easy-to-follow instructions, metric and U.S. measurements and helpful hints for the everyday cook. You can visit her website at [www.ciaofromdebbie.com](http://www.ciaofromdebbie.com).



**Joe Estes ('77 and '84) and his wife, Nell ('77),** are taking Creation Science "on the road" in a 20-foot utility trailer. The mobile lab serves as an interactive science museum and classroom for up to 16 students in the North Atlanta area. The Estes were church planters with the Christian & Missionary Alliance for 14 years before founding the Science Academy Mobile Lab. Visit their website at [www.ScienceAcademySite.com](http://www.ScienceAcademySite.com).



**Richard Robinson ('78)** is a social counselor with Adult Protective Services for the state of Tennessee in Nashville. You can contact him at [AdventuresBound@Juno.Com](mailto:AdventuresBound@Juno.Com).

**Libby Barbee Owens ('78)** is retired from the post office, doing volunteer work and looking forward to the birth of her second grandson. Her e-mail address is [libbyslibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:libbyslibrary@yahoo.com).

**Judy Hardin ('78 and '94)** has been in Sweden since September of 2008 serving with Christian Associates International. They have partnered with a Swedish Free Church in the city of Gothenburg and a non-profit organization in a large immigrant suburb outside the central part of the city. Together, they engage in various outreach ministries, making people curious for the gospel. She is learning Swedish and building relationships with Swedes and internationals. Contact her at [judyehardin@yahoo.com](mailto:judyehardin@yahoo.com).

## '80s

**Vikki Jaskolka Cerbin ('81)** is working as a homemaker to her family and involved with the AWANA program at their church. She can be reached at [vcerbin@yahoo.com](mailto:vcerbin@yahoo.com).

**Merv ('86) and Valerie ('87) Lambright** are proud grandparents of Peyton Miles Lambright, born Oct. 23, 2009. They are "grinin' from ear to ear, as you can imagine" and we share in their joy. Their e-mail address is [merv@imi.org](mailto:merv@imi.org).

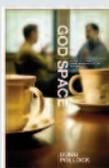


**Bobby ('86) and Helen Watts ('87) Justis.** Bobby has taken on the role of headmaster at Peace Christian Academy in Palm City, Fla., and Helen is a teacher there as well. They also have three children who attend the school. The school has a unique focus because not only does it educate children with a Christian worldview, it also emphasizes Christian service in the community. Contact the Justis family at [rhjustis@yahoo.com](mailto:rhjustis@yahoo.com).

**Kim ('87) and Becky ('86) Clifton.** Kim is on staff leading worship/music ministries in Houston, Texas. Becky works in a local school district with autistic children. Contact them at [keclifton@juno.com](mailto:keclifton@juno.com).

**Cindy Anderson McConneelee ('87)** has been homeschooling four children, teaching in the local homeschool co-op, keeping busy with church activities and homeschool community activities and has been married to husband, Carl, for almost 20 years. Occasionally she takes in foreign exchange students with a desire to teach them about a relationship with Jesus Christ. They have seen three get saved.

**Doug Pollock ('89)** currently serves as the evangelism trainer for Athletes in Action and travels worldwide to help God's people live an outwardly-focused life in an inwardly-focused world. Doug just published a new book, *God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally*. *God Space* was written to help God's people increase the quality and quantity of their spiritual conversations



without coming across like a "marketing rep for Jesus." He resides just outside Cincinnati with his wife, Martha and his two boys, David and Jonathan. Their website is [www.GodsGPS.com](http://www.GodsGPS.com).

## '90s

**Justin Eshleman ('91)** is pastoring Bethlehem Baptist of Batesburg, S.C. and says he is "so blessed." He can be reached at [jeshleman@sc.rr.com](mailto:jeshleman@sc.rr.com).

**Kevin ('91) and Ann Hamilton ('89) Senn.** Ann enjoys being a pastor's wife in Elizabeth City, N.C. as well as teaching a ladies' Bible study and homeschooling their two children. They can be reached at [thesenntrio@juno.com](mailto:thesenntrio@juno.com).

**Tim ('91) and Susan Hotchkiss ('92) Driscoll** have been serving in northern Japan as missionaries for more than 14 years, seven of those years helping to start a church in a growing area of Sapporo City. They will be relocating to Tokyo for their kids' schooling, (Joel 15, Brenton 12, Chad 11). Their hearts' desire is to eventually partner with a Japanese church in Tokyo to help Japanese Christians start a new church. Contact them at [driscolls@omf.net](mailto:driscolls@omf.net).



**Kim Meng ('92) and BeowKheng Yap** have been in full-time ministry with the Navigators in Singapore for the last 30 years. Kim is director of Missions and serves as an elder with pastoral oversight at Grace Baptist Church. They have four children: Joshua, Caleb, Deborah and Gideon. They are thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness to their family all these years. Their e-mail address is [yappiekm@gmail.com](mailto:yappiekm@gmail.com).

**Michael Finn ('94)** has been pastoring Hand Memorial United Methodist Church in Pelham, Ga. since June. Cheryl is teaching drama and creative writing at Pelham City Middle School. They have three children: Abigail, 14, Samantha, 13, and Caleb, 11. All three children are on the cross country team at Baconton Community Charter School.



**Maggie Koestner ('96)** is restarting CPAM, Columbia Post Abortion Ministry in Columbia, S.C. She served as director and founder from 1987 to 1998. The ministry's building is now located in a former abortion clinic where 32,000 babies died. Denis Yeo, the owner of the building, has a vision for redemptive ministry in this very place. Maggie's e-mail address is [maggiecanales@netzero.net](mailto:maggiecanales@netzero.net).

**Tom and Abby Annis Chitty ('96)** celebrated the adoption of Carmon Mei Hua Chitty on April 10, 2009. She was born on June 8, 2008 in the Jiangxi Province of China. Their e-mail address is [chittfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:chittfamily@hotmail.com).



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**Lisa George ('97)** completed her Ph.D. in Intercultural Education from Biola University. Her dissertation was *Short-Term Missions at The Master's College: An Experiential Education*. She has been serving in Student Life and teaching in the Biblical Studies Department at The Master's College since 1998. She can be reached at [llageorge@masters.edu](mailto:llageorge@masters.edu).

**Nathan Smith ('97)** just returned from preaching in Kenya at Rift Valley Academy. More than 30 students were saved and about 150 students were called into the ministry. PRAISE GOD! He is raising up the next generation of missionaries to Africa and beyond. Contact Nathan at [nathan@nathansmith.org](mailto:nathan@nathansmith.org).

## '00s

**Leah Lynn Law ('00)** married **Regan S. Hess** on Dec. 19, 2009. Leah is employed as a second-grade teacher in Arkansas City and Regan is an English for Speakers of Other Languages paraprofessional. Her e-mail address is [leahlynnlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:leahlynnlaw@yahoo.com).

**Stephen Cloer ('01 and '05)** is serving as a U.S. Navy chaplain working with Marines and recruits at Marine Corp Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C. He is seeing hundreds come to know Christ and grow in faith. He says there is nothing greater than to be a part of the Great Commission. His e-mail address is [thecloers@msn.com](mailto:thecloers@msn.com).



**Kate Pfund Mazur ('02)** is pressing on with the Lord. She is married and homeschooling five children in northern Michigan while writing a blog for the Lord's glory. You can read it at <http://katemazur.blogspot.com>.



**Venice Inabinet ('02 and '08)** was ordained at Zion Canaan Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. on Nov. 7, 2009. She now lives in Macon, Ga. Contact her at [vwipray@yahoo.com](mailto:vwipray@yahoo.com).

**Paul Unruh ('02)** continues to teach at a Bible school in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico. He has spearheaded the beginning of a distance learning department in the school. In October 2009 the school put out its first course for enrollment. Together with students from the school, Paul and his wife, Eunice, helped plant a church that was turned over to a Mexican pastor this past July. Eunice teaches women's Bible studies in the church and also does a little bit of piano teaching. They have four children: John, Rebecca, Lynette and Paul David. Contact the Unruhs at [Punruh1@mail.com](mailto:Punruh1@mail.com).



**Kevin and Tara Figgins ('03)** live in the inner-city of Augusta, Ga., where they have been working for three years to help establish a Christian community and dwell among the poor. Kevin is on staff at Christ Community Health Services and is finishing up his Master of Divinity degree through CIU. Tara enjoys staying home with her three girls (ages 6, 4 and 1) and has been enjoying her first year of homeschooling. Contact the Figgins family at [fivefiggs@gmail.com](mailto:fivefiggs@gmail.com).



**Steve ('03) and Beth Sywulka** welcome Katya ("Katie") Elisa Sywulka, born Aug. 26, 2009. She is named after their wonderful mothers: Kathy Knieriemen and Elisa Sywulka. Katya means "pure" and Elisa means "God's promise" or "consecrated to God." The Sywulkas returned to West Africa in mid-October to begin their second term of service. Their e-mail address is [steveandbeth@gmail.com](mailto:steveandbeth@gmail.com).

**Barry ('03) and Dawn Bouillion ('03)** are living in Clinton, Miss. Barry is attending Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson and working toward a Master of Divinity and Marriage and Family Therapy degree. Angelie was born Nov. 1 to Barry and Dawn. She has two big sisters, five-year-old Anne-Marie and three-year-old Ellie-Grace. Contact the Bouillions at [dbouillion@gmail.com](mailto:dbouillion@gmail.com).



**Michael Sims ('03)** has been the associate pastor of student ministries at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lexington, S.C. for eight years. He is in the middle of a challenging period, trying to refocus parents on their children and vice versa to restore "family" in the Christian home, so is staying quite busy. He is also having opportunities to share his testimony, as well as his father's testimony at local churches. His father is on death row. Michael also shares the gospel through magic presentations. He is married to Chrissy and has a little girl who is two years old. Contact the Sims at [michaelsims@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelsims@yahoo.com).

**Jim Fox ('05)** is operating a private therapy practice in the Upstate of South Carolina. He can be reached at [powdersvilletherapist@hotmail.com](mailto:powdersvilletherapist@hotmail.com).

**Jeremy Sarver ('05)** has been serving with Village Missions in rural Volga, Ia. for almost four years. The church he serves is in a very religious region, but is desperate for Bible teaching. His e-mail address is [jerminalsarver@yahoo.com](mailto:jerminalsarver@yahoo.com).



**Sandy Russell Schmidt ('06)** earned her master's degree at the University of South Carolina and is now a drug addiction counselor at LRADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of The Midlands in Columbia, S.C. She can be contacted at [sschmidt4jc@hotmail.com](mailto:sschmidt4jc@hotmail.com).

**Catherine Watson ('07)** moved to Asheville, N.C. to continue developing a ministry called "Our Father's Heart Institute." They offer seminars that help Christians minister to those who have been involved in New Age, Wiccan, cults, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other false religions. It is also a mentoring ministry for the homeless and those with unstable lives. Her e-mail address is [rosemongolia@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemongolia@yahoo.com).

**Martin ('07) and Joanna ('07) Chaaya** celebrate the birth of their second daughter, Julia Praise, born on Oct. 20, 2009. The Chaayas are serving in Spain. Their contact information is [martinchaaya@hotmail.com](mailto:martinchaaya@hotmail.com).



David ('08) and Dylia Sasso de Haron ('09) were married on June 14, 2009 in Costa Rica. Dylia Sasso is the daughter of Benjamin Sasso, also an alumnus of CIU ('88). Their e-mail address is haron.david@gmail.com.



Dr. Kurt Nelson ('08) was unanimously elected as the new CEO of East-West Ministries International. Kurt has served with the ministry for 13 years, formerly as the executive vice president of field ministries. Kurt's long history of leadership within the ministry will ensure a successful transition. Kurt can be reached at knelson@eastwest.org.

Jonathan Hicks ('09) and Mika Ishino ('08) were married on July 11, 2009. They can be reached at mika.ishino@mailbox.ciu.edu.



Bob Gullo ('09) finished up the Biblical Ministries Certificate in June and joined the staff of The Navigators. He'll be working with college students at the University of South Carolina as soon as he is fully funded. God is good! His e-mail address is bob.gullo@gmail.com.

Alena Pagal, adjunct piano professor, and her husband Phillip, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their precious baby girl, Chloe Grace, on Oct. 16, 2009. We rejoice with them. They can be reached at Alenapagal@yahoo.com.



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## With the Lord

**Correction:** The note in the October issue of Upward magazine that Kathy Smythe ('84) Copan had passed away was an error. Our most sincere apologies. Vic ('83) and Kathy Smythe Copan served in Austria for 16 years. Today they live in the West Palm Beach, Fla. area where Vic teaches at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Kathy is discipleship director at Community of Hope Church.

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Charles Ekpenyong ('77)

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July 2008

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(Former Staff '53-'54)  
December 2009

Sarah "Sally" Brannan  
(wife of Paul '77)  
October 2009

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Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Taylor ('56)  
September 2009

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August 2009

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October 2009

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July 2009

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Billy Stiebens ('59)  
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Catherine Brazell ('48)  
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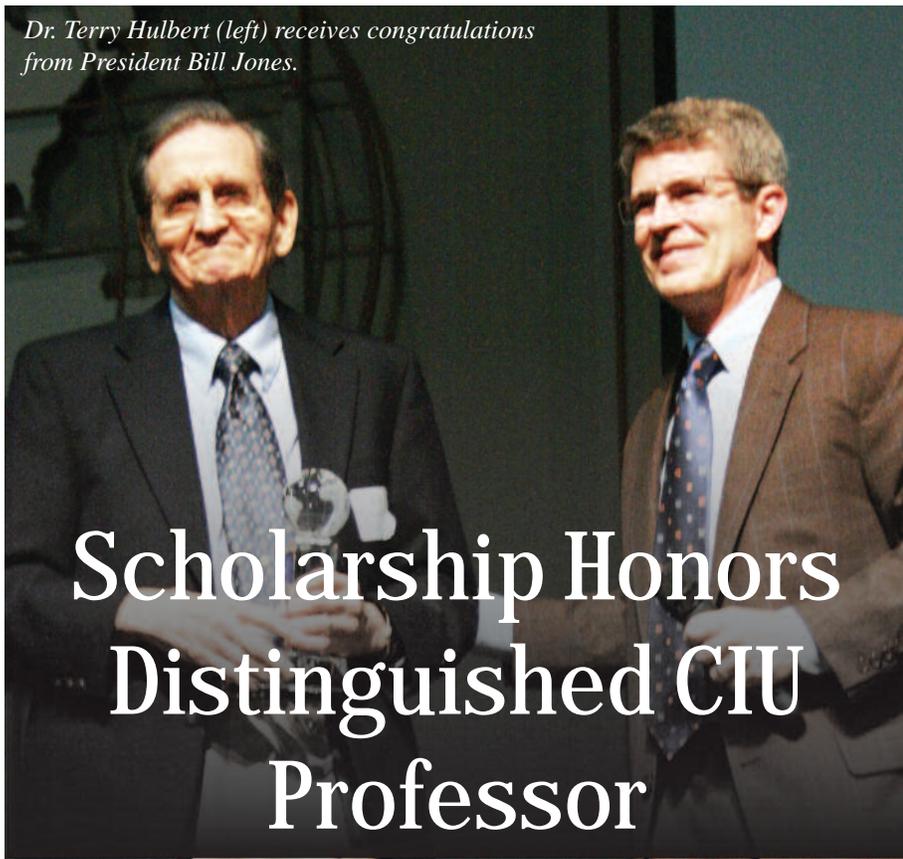
Elva Brownlee ('52)  
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Mary Alice Dunlap  
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Dr. Terry Hulbert (left) receives congratulations from President Bill Jones.



By Deena C. Bouknight

For more than four decades, the generous spirit of CIU Distinguished Professor Emeritus Dr. Terry Hulbert has touched the lives of many through his teaching, leadership, and mission work. Now, because of a substantial donation, a scholarship has been set up to honor both Dr. Hulbert and his wife, Jean that will impact future generations of CIU students.

Before coming to CIU, the Hulberts served in Zambia with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF), teaching at a rural Bible school and later founding the urban Theological College of Central Africa. He served as executive director of AEF before coming to CIU in 1972. Jean Hulbert assisted and ministered in various capacities during their time in Africa.

Dr. Hulbert's career at CIU began when he was asked by then president, Robertson McQuilkin, to establish the Graduate School of Bible and Missions, now called CIU Seminary & School of Missions. Since then he has served in many capacities at CIU, including as a dean, provost and interim president – but always as a professor.

The lives that Dr. Hulbert and Jean touched along the way included those of Bill and Mary Floyce Sigmon. The Sigmons first met the Hulberts about 40 years ago in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. Hulbert spoke at their church and then at missionary conferences they attended. The Sigmons solidified a friendship with the Hulberts built out of “sincere respect and appreciation” for the couple, that motivated them to recently donate \$200,000 to found the Dr. Terry and Jean Hulbert Scholarship.

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## THE NEW AALC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES



Gretchen Wilhelm is a CIU doctoral candidate and also serves as an adjunct teacher education professor at CIU. She is also the musicology teacher at Ben Lippen High School. Gretchen enjoys reading, travel, music, writing, and textile arts. As an educator, she is passionate about using her abilities for personal, transformational ministry and outreach. During the summer, Gretchen trains teachers and leads school development initiatives overseas. She has also provided orphan care in various countries in Africa, South America, and Central America.



Elizabeth Gross grew up in a large family in San Diego, Calif. She began her college career at Capernwray Bible School in England and came to CIU when her family moved to South Carolina between her freshman and sophomore years. She graduated from the CIU Undergraduate School in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities and Bible and came back to CIU in 2009 to attend CIU Seminary & School of Missions. She is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies and hopes to do mission work in Europe.



Corrie Dorman is a sophomore at CIU majoring in Communication and Bible. She is the daughter of alumni Doug and Joan Dorman, who have been involved in ministry all of Corrie's life. Corrie enjoys reading, playing pool and going on adventures.

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“The Lord just laid it on our hearts,” says Bill Sigmon. “Everyone who knows them have a great deal of respect for them, for the work they did in missions, and for his influence as a teacher. They’re an intelligent, outstanding couple and we very much appreciate them.”

Columbia physician Dr. Jenny Walsh echoes the Sigmons’ sentiments. Five years ago she took Dr. Hulbert’s Gospels course twice, as well as his Gospel of John course. She says of him: “He is the most gracious, humble person I’ve ever met. He loves the

Lord so much, and God’s Word, which just pours out of him. I learned so much sitting under his teaching. He and

his wife, who was the dean of women in the 1970s, are so deserving of a scholarship named in their honor.”

Because of another recent matching funds donation, the Hulbert scholarship was elevated to \$400,000. Although the criteria for scholarship recipients have not been finalized, qualified recipients should be pursuing a degree in CIU Seminary & School of Missions.

“Our hope is that students who receive this scholarship are ones that Dr. Hulbert would have been proud of,” says Mary Floyce Sigmon.

“I’m so thankful to the Lord that He has moved the Sigmons to invest in future generations at CIU,” says Dr. Hulbert. “My greatest privilege has been teaching the Word, so I would like to see this scholarship give others the opportunity to learn the Word and to teach it themselves.”



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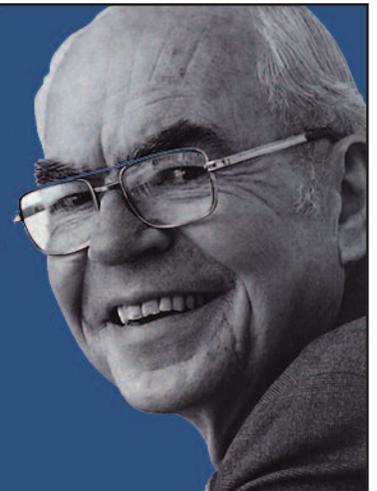
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