

# Upward

*Thy tow'rs are pointing upward toward God and heaven and Light.*

From the Alumni Association of Columbia International University

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# “WHOONU”

*From the heart of Shirley Moreland, CIU Alumni Association Leadership Council President*

**E**ver heard of the game “WHOONU” by CRANIUM? In WHOONU, players guess “what’s your favorite thing?” In a Columbia International University version of WHOONU, each of us would offer a variety our favorite things about CBC/CIU and how things used to be on campus, whether downtown or on Monticello Road.

Meanwhile, “Who Knew” that so many exciting things would be happening today at our Alma Mater, including the new athletic program. Athletics offer exponential benefits not only as a great form of exercise, competition, and camaraderie, but athletics at CIU are supported by one of our core values – World Evangelization. Athletics will be an effective ministry tool in the United States, as well as overseas. Many countries are no longer allowing traditional missionaries to enter their country, so our new athletic program will open significant doors of opportunity while at the same time, providing a greater sense of community, increased enrollment, and will enhance our students’ “total experience.”

CIU’s purpose is to “educate people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of

Christ.” CIU seeks to imbed that purpose statement in our philosophy of athletics. CIU’s athletic program offers mission-quality students an additional means of transformational education, leading to increasing likeness to Christ through servant leadership, responsibility, stewardship, personal discipline, and spiritual integrity.

Billy Graham once said “One coach will impact more young people in a year than the average person does in a lifetime.” And one of the most frequent quotes from young people is “my coach told me ...” which is evidence of the value and impact of coaches as mentors in the lives of young people.

CIU students’ purpose in athletics is to glorify God, enjoy competition, and develop character – not just win. So while athletics will attract new students and increase the prestige of the university, ultimately they will open new venues to “make Him known.” As president of the Alumni Association, I encourage each of us to get on board and prayerfully support this new venture so that God will be glorified as CIU “impacts the nations with the message of Christ.”

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## From the Ministry Toolbox of Roy King Director of Alumni Ministries

Have you ever been in leadership of a church or ministry and wondered how to respond to people who are upset with you?

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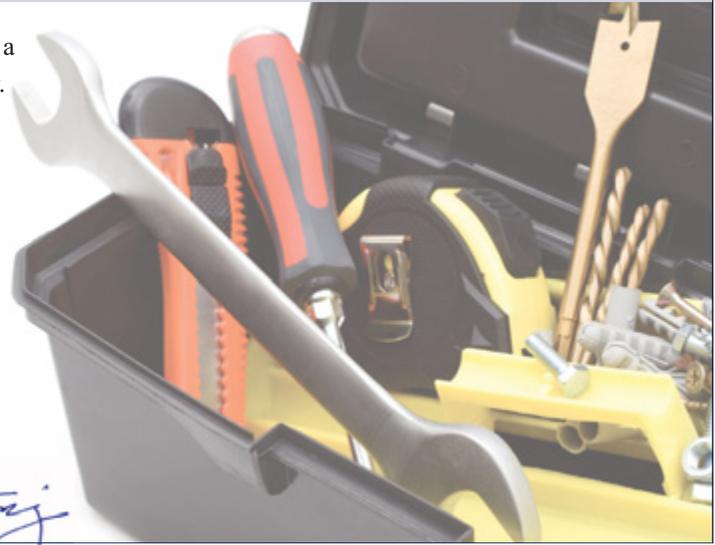
Have you ever been on the other side of the tension – disappointed by the decision made by the leadership of your church or ministry?

You may find a copy of “A Letter from one Leader to Another” a helpful tool in bringing reconciliation to your church or ministry.

Several thousand copies of the letter have already circulated around the world with the prayer that it will initiate healthy, biblical conversation leading to reconciliation. I wrote this letter from the perspective of a church member, and its sentiments echo what many leaders have shared with me regarding the challenges of ministry. You can download a pdf version of the letter, and distribute for discussion in a small group or among a leadership team. And – it is FREE! Just visit [www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/Letterfromleader.pdf](http://www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/Letterfromleader.pdf).

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*Roy M. King*

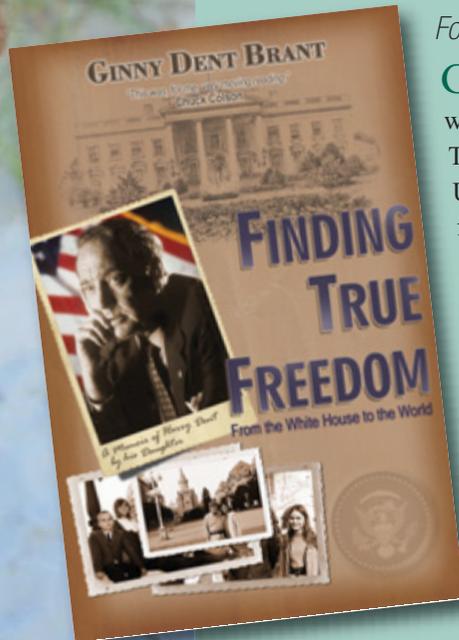


## “Finding True Freedom: From the White House to the World”

A new book by Ginny Dent Brant ('77)

Foreword by CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin

Ginny's book is a memoir about her father, Harry Dent, who served as an advisor to presidents Nixon and Ford. The book mentions the role Columbia International University played in her family's life, and traces the fingerprints of God as Harry Dent changes from a political strategist to a kingdom strategist. Ginny wrote the book in gratitude to her Heavenly Father whose answer to her simple prayer for her earthly father went way beyond anything she could ever dream or imagine. Ginny discusses her father's journey of physical and spiritual freedoms from the Watergate Trials to the mountains of Romania where he established a ministry. This inspirational story touches on inner beauty, politics, missions, and the importance of faith, family, and freedom – in that order. The purpose of this book is to inspire believers who may be the only Christian in the family to put God first, live their lives as witnesses, and pray for their loved ones. [ginnybrant@msn.com](mailto:ginnybrant@msn.com)



Alumnus of the  
Year offers  
**Words of  
Spiritual  
Advice**  
to CIU Students



*Cash and Ann Godbold, 2010 Alumni of the Year*

*Excerpts of the speech by Cash Godbold upon receiving Alumni of the Year honor September 2010.  
The complete transcript is available at [www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/CashGodbold.pdf](http://www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/CashGodbold.pdf).*

*The video of his speech given in Shortess Chapel is available at <http://vimeo.com/18391878>.*

**A**nn and I want to thank the Alumni Association for this honor. It is very humbling when we think of many of our classmates who have faithfully served the Lord and some who have gone to glory. There are a few things I would like to share with you from about 65 years of following Jesus and 50 years of missions and 52 years of marriage with my dear wife and 75 years of life.

Stay in love with Jesus, get down on your knees and ask Him to forgive you if you lost your love for Him. Tell Him you adore Him, He is the only one that is your Lord. Do whatever it takes to stay devoted to Jesus Christ.

Love Jesus and love the lost. We have spent more than 50 years reaching those for whom Christ died; whether here in the U.S.A., or on the Sahara, or in communist lands, it is wonderful to have some fruit for eternity. That will bless you for all

eternity and bring joy to your heart and to the heart of Jesus you love.

Treasure God's Word, hold it dear to you, keep it going through your mind and God will transform you. Enjoy it like a cool drink on a hot day and the Lord will refresh you. You will not be dehydrated spiritually. Drink, drink deeply of the Truth from the Bible and the Lord will save you from many evils and wrongs and harmful events.

Push yourself to grow in your private prayer life. Start off trying to pray faithfully every day for five things. After a month, increase it to 10. Next month, increase it to 30. The devil trembles when a child of God faithfully prays. Do not get discouraged if one day you forget. Try harder tomorrow to remember and go back and pray.

In Muslim work, we needed prayer partners who were in it for the long haul. We have a prayer partner who started praying

for the work 53 years ago when I was a student at CIU, and asked her at the old campus if she would pray for us. She is 94 and still praying for us and the work. The Kingdom of God needs people who will labor in prayer. It is hard work and the flesh would rather do anything than pray.

Pray, keep praying. Believe and keep believing and God will accomplish His purpose through you and in this earth. As you can tell, I am very burdened for the lost of the earth and I am especially burdened for Muslims. One of the things that I have been praying for, for many years is that the Lord would bring one million Muslims to trust Christ in one year.

Keep on praying until it happens. Amen, amen. I don't know if our paths will ever cross again. May God bless you, and may you enjoy Jesus and serving Him as Ann and I have for all these years. God bless you.

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**FROM HERE TO EVERYWHERE**  
 CIU HOMECOMING 2010  
 SEPTEMBER 17-19

**HOMECOMING 2010 WRAP-UP:**  
**TRULY GLOBAL**

“From Here to Everywhere” was more than our theme for Homecoming 2010, it was also our goal.

Questions we often pondered in our planning were: “How vast is the CIU family?” and “By using the latest technology, can we connect the whole CIU family in some way?”

**146 COUNTRIES AND COUNTING**

First of all, we needed to establish exactly how many countries our alumni live in. That can be tricky. Many of our alumni can't tell us where they are due to security concerns. So we put out a call to faculty and alumni to find out without violating anyone's security. The answer: CIU alumni are in 146 countries. There are roughly 225 inhabited countries on the planet. That means that CIU alumni are serving in 65 percent of them. Who will finish the task?

**24 HOURS OF PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD**

We arranged for 24 hours of prayer by asking CIU alumni across the world's time zones to pray at a designated time. This officially

proves the adage, “The sun never sets on CIU.” In addition, as part of our celebration on campus, we prayed with alumni in Germany, New Zealand and Colombia via SKYPE.

**WEB STREAMING TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**

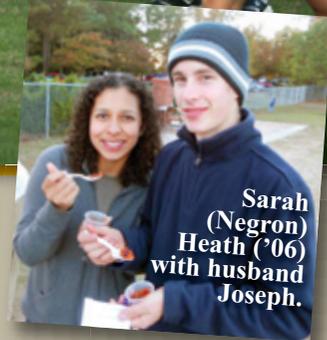
The most technologically challenging piece to Homecoming was the live Internet streaming of three events: Dr. Jones' “Presidential Address,” the “Alumni of the Year Chapel” and “Worship Through the Generations.” In God's kindness, the events were broadcast without any major problems. Shortly after Homecoming, these events were posted on Vimeo for on demand viewing. ([www.vimeo.com/ciualumni](http://www.vimeo.com/ciualumni)) The results are astounding! A total of 668 people in six countries tapped into the live events. So far over 2,000 people have watched the videos in 39 countries. Several of these countries are very challenging to enter as a Christian!



Morgan Jones of Alumni Ministries chats with student Stephanie Anderson.



The Women's Game - McQuilkin beat Murray 16-0.



Sarah (Negron) Heath ('06) with husband Joseph.

**Football and Chili:  
 A CIU Tradition**

The annual CIU President's Bowl football games (formerly the North-South Games) are beginning to be upstaged by a new annual pregame activity – the Chili Cook-Off. At the 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off in November 2010, over 200 people sampled 14 chilis entered in the contest.

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# CLASS NOTES

## '40s

**John O. Reed ('45)**, who after more than 60 years as a Southern Baptist minister, still works part time as a pastor at Northside Baptist Church in West Columbia, S.C. When CIU radio station WMHK used to do a live daily prayer time led by local pastors, The Rev. Reed was a frequent volunteer.



## '50s

**John ('52) and Jeanne Johnson ('54)** Banks live in Norfolk, Va. where Jeanne will take on new responsibilities when she is installed as president of the Virginia Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries and Volunteers. Sixty-two hospitals throughout the state are members of the VAHA. [jeanne@easywriter.com](mailto:jeanne@easywriter.com)

**Felix Blomquist ('53)** is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. He is 86 years young and in excellent health. [Afelixblomquist@aol.com](mailto:Afelixblomquist@aol.com)



**Grover DeVault ('53 and Alumnus of the Year '08)** was recognized for his service and dedication as a chaplain when he received the Vietnam 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal from the state of New Jersey,

and a letter of commendation from the Pennsylvania State Police. [revggd@verizon.net](mailto:revggd@verizon.net)

**Wilma Kornack ('56)** retired after 24 years of teaching. She and her husband Peter, have four children and seven grandchildren. Peter is involved in home renovations and both are active in Bethel Baptist Church in Wilmington, Del. They enjoy traveling the East Coast and visiting their children. [pwkornack@aol.com](mailto:pwkornack@aol.com)



## '60s

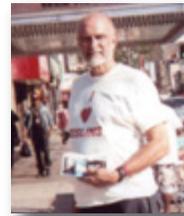
**Gene ('63) and Bev (Ballantyne) Tindall ('59); Carlos ('89) and Sandy (Morse) Rios ('88)** welcome Sunny Kim into their family. Granddaughters Ana Rios Kim and Raquel Rios join them in this photo of the four generations. [bevandgene@att.net](mailto:bevandgene@att.net); [rioscarlossandy@aol.com](mailto:rioscarlossandy@aol.com)



**Dick and Ann (Solomon) Dye ('62)** retired after 40 years of missionary service in Mexico, having planted two presbyteries, one in Acapulco, and one in the El Bajio region. [richarddye@mtwsa.org](mailto:richarddye@mtwsa.org)

**David and Barbara Cross ('64)** are living in the United Kingdom. Barbara is focusing on her writing ministry. It includes articles for a "Mission to the World" training program and some biographical sketches for their church in Cheltenham. David continues to preach, mentor and oversee the administration of the church. [D.Cross@talktalk.net](mailto:D.Cross@talktalk.net)

**Tim Berends ('64)** hosts "Jesus and Tim in Las Vegas"



heard over [www.KJSLradio.net](http://www.KJSLradio.net) each Saturday at 8-9 p.m. (Eastern Time). Past programs can be heard on [www.Jesusandtim.org](http://www.Jesusandtim.org). He also hands out 300 gospel tracts a day to some of the 40 million visitors from all over the world who visit Vegas every year.

That's 300,000 over the last three years. Tim says anyone can do what he does. "It's a joy to know that God can use anybody! How about you?"

[kloeeandethan@yahoo.com](mailto:kloeeandethan@yahoo.com)

**Jim, son of Jack ('68) and Betty Matthews ('65)** is the new sheriff of Kershaw County, S.C. He was elected in November. Jim and his wife, Heather Hoopes-Matthews reside in Kershaw County. [hmatthews@nexsenpruet.com](mailto:hmatthews@nexsenpruet.com)

## '70s

**Stephen Manyama ('78)** lives in Birmingham, Ala. He is involved in the Community Development Center, where their mission is to restore people to wholeness, equip them with skills for success and empower them to function with excellence. He has also helped plant nine churches on the small island of Ukara on Lake Victoria in Tanzania. [flwcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:flwcenter@yahoo.com)

## '80s

### **Dan ('82) and Susan Wicher Hazel Huff ('80)**

Susan is working with Bible Centered Ministries International in southeastern Kentucky. Using biblical stories, she teaches character education classes in public schools and has conducted Bible clubs for the past 29 years. [hhuff@tvscable.com](mailto:hhuff@tvscable.com)

### **Pfc. James McClamrock, son of Mark ('86) and Susan ('84) McClamrock,**

gave his life for his country in Iraq in September 2010. James was one of those rare, exceptional kids who just stood out of the crowd. He had a firm grasp on who he was in Christ. As a result, he was kind to all. He always seemed to put everyone around him at ease, a gift he inherited from his mother, Susan. He loved Jesus, loved others and loved his country. When Susan was going to send a package to his unit in Iraq and asked James what they needed, he responded, "All they need is Jesus." Our prayers are with his family and his wife, Shannon. [mmclamrock@msn.com](mailto:mmclamrock@msn.com)

**Jeff ('84) and Mary Beth Johnson** have moved to Bango, Cameroon where they are flying helicopters in support of Bible translation in that corner of the world. Their daughter Ruth is attending the Rain Forest International School in Yaoundé, Cameroon. [Jeff-MaryBeth\\_Johnson@wbt.org](mailto:Jeff-MaryBeth_Johnson@wbt.org)

**Loren Muehlius ('84)** continues to work on the popular prayer guide and information source, "Operation World" with Global Missions International. He also mentors men who have recently been released from jail, as they face many obstacles on their return to "normal" life. [loren@gmi.org](mailto:loren@gmi.org)

**John Kitchen ('87)** has just published a book, "Long Story Short: God, Eternity, History & You." He takes the reader on a unique journey from Genesis to Revelation, unfolding God's overarching plan for the whole of creation. The introduction speaks of the influence CIU Professor Buck Hatch ([www.buckhatchlibrary.com](http://www.buckhatchlibrary.com)) and the CIU "Progress of Redemption" course had on his life many years ago. More information on his book is available at [www.clcpublications.com](http://www.clcpublications.com).



## '90s

**Kyle Windsor ('90)** is the pastor of Community Christian Church in Morgan Hill, Calif. The church's main goal is to expand beyond the walls of their physical building, to "bring the church to people," especially for those who are uncomfortable in traditional churches. [kylewindsor@gmail.com](mailto:kylewindsor@gmail.com)

### **Steve ('91) and Patty Sark**

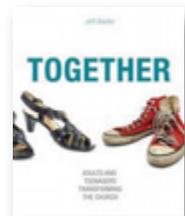


started an English training center in a Kham Tibetan prefecture in southwestern China last year. The center also provides income for impoverished village women through handicraft projects. They hope to expand training

to include basic computer skills this year. Steve and Patty have four children and serve with Christar. [stephen.sark@interman.us](mailto:stephen.sark@interman.us)

**Father Johannes Vanderbijl ('97)** is a confessed, yet unrehabilitated bookaholic, who enjoys collecting warthogs (not real ones, but that has crossed his mind), camping, hiking and music. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Louise, and their children. Father Vanderbijl's hopes and aspirations are summarized in his desire to see The Anglican Church of St. George the Martyr grow numerically and spiritually and become a beacon and bastion of biblical truth in the Upstate of South Carolina. [vanderbijl@gmail.com](mailto:vanderbijl@gmail.com)

**Jeff Baxter ('97)** has a new book with Zondervan titled, "Together: Adults and Teenagers Transforming the Church." Get the latest on Jeff and his books at [Sacredoutfitter.blogspot.com](http://Sacredoutfitter.blogspot.com).



**Kathryn Wade ('98)** is a counselor at Community Care and Counseling in Aiken, S.C. The facility is Christian-based, but anyone is welcome, regardless of their faith or beliefs. Donations from a variety of churches support discounts that are offered to clients based on financial need. [communitycare226@bellsouth.net](mailto:communitycare226@bellsouth.net)

**David Mannon ('99)** and his wife Kathy are blessed with their third child, Shelby Eden, born on May 19, 2010. She is a delight and receives much love from her two older siblings, Luke and Maggie. [pastordavid@ibcnj.org](mailto:pastordavid@ibcnj.org)

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**Debbie Woltmann Sawmiller ('99)** and her husband Darrell had a baby boy, Jonathan Ray Sawmiller, on July 23, 2010. [dwoltmann1@yahoo.com](mailto:dwoltmann1@yahoo.com)



**Chris ('06) and Hannah Tumey ('03) Lampman** welcomed Micah Corban into their family on Oct. 12, 2010. We rejoice with them and with grandparents Lee ('03) and Tammy Tumey (current staff). [chris@lexingtonbaptist.org](mailto:chris@lexingtonbaptist.org)



## '00s

**Alex ('02 and '05) and Jenny McAlister ('03) Stewart** live in Henderson, N.C. where Alex serves as a youth pastor and is finishing a Ph.D. in Biblical Theology under Dr. David Black at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jenny has just begun the adventure of homeschooling their three boys: Elijah (5), Benjamin (3) and Paul (1).

**Donald A. McElvaney ('05)** has launched a 90 second radio program that is airing in western Washington, northwest Oregon and northern Idaho, over the American Christian Network. It is called "The Encouraging Word" and is broadcast four times each day. The programs are listed on his Web site: [www.missionbarnabas.org](http://www.missionbarnabas.org). He'll be sending out a link to the site once each week so that believers can hear a devotional on their computer. [donald@missionbarnabas.org](mailto:donald@missionbarnabas.org)

**Jane Ashley Baker ('05) married Michael Ley** over the summer. She is a special education teacher at a junior high school. She would love to receive letters and updates from her classmates and friends. [jashley139@yahoo.com](mailto:jashley139@yahoo.com)



**Dana Rosado Voravudhi ('05)** has joined Sagacious Partners as strategic assistant. Her expertise lies in streamlining frontline business processes, along with accounting databases and conference management. Sagacious Partners, LLC, is a Columbia, S.C.-based economic development firm dedicated to helping regions build robust, innovation-driven economies. [danabell372@gmail.com](mailto:danabell372@gmail.com)



**Karissa Cail, ('07)** serves as a nurse in Sudan with SIM. Please pray with her that God will strengthen His church in Sudan and bring true healing to people who have suffered intensely. [karissa.cail@sim.org](mailto:karissa.cail@sim.org)

**Jeff Hopkins ('07)** is the new manager of Clemson University's Musser Fruit Research Center. Prior to this new position, Jeff helped introduce low chill temperate fruits and mild subtropical fruits to the highlands of Ethiopia. He worked at about 7,000 feet of elevation in an area that was known for its three rainy seasons per year, deep soils, and long heritage of farming and recurring famine. The work consisted of fruit tree development, reforestation efforts with native species and animal fodder improvement in an effort to improve the region and to establish agriculture businesses. [fixinitman@hotmail.com](mailto:fixinitman@hotmail.com)

**Reggie Flynn ('09)** completed his first book – "So You Think Your Church Isn't Big Enough." The book focuses on how small congregations can establish community development ministries and impact economically distressed areas. He serves as pastor at Foss Avenue Baptist Church in Flint, Mich. [pastorreggieflynn@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorreggieflynn@yahoo.com)

## '10s

**Jason Koshy ('10) and Sara Johnson ('09)** married on Nov. 6, 2010 in Roanoke, Va. We rejoice with them. [Jason.koshy@mailbox.ciu.edu](mailto:Jason.koshy@mailbox.ciu.edu)



**Peggy Lee Manoogian (Honorary Alumna)** welcomes Abigail Hope Scruggs, her first grandchild into the family. Abigail was born Dec. 29 to Peggy Lee's first son, Jeremy and his wife Christine (Ben Lippen School teacher). She is a joy to all. [pmanoogian@ciu.edu](mailto:pmanoogian@ciu.edu)



# CHANGING THE WORLD TOGETHER THROUGH THE ALUMNI PROJECT

**B**ecause of the generosity of Columbia International University alumni, hundreds of students are able to enroll and stay enrolled at CIU through The Alumni Project. The Project goal this year is to have 1,500 households give back to their alma mater by June 30, 2011. Since July 1, 2010 some 921 households have participated. This is an increase of 28 percent over the same time last year.

### Robertson McQuilkin's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday surprise:

Hundreds honored CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin on his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday last fall by giving in increments of \$83 toward student scholarships. Contributions totaled \$116,000 from 459 households. Alumni represented 386 of those households with a gift income of \$58,000.



### THIS SPRING, THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ALUMNI PROJECT:

**THE POWER OF ONE**  **The Power of One** – This fund enables you to keep a student in a class for one hour, one day, one week, one month, or even one year!

**Rev. Dr. Lillie A. Burgess Scholarship** – This scholarship fund is designed to enroll more African-American students.



 **Eternal Impact** – With this fund, alumni may give in honor of, or in memory of, someone who played a significant role in their life. Many have given in honor of faculty members who impacted them; others in memory of loved ones. A total of 99 households contributed \$10,300. Alumni represented 65 of those households with \$7,700.

Again, our goal is to have 1,500 alumni households participate in The Alumni Project by June 30, 2011. You may find the above mentioned giving venues at [www.ciu.edu/impact](http://www.ciu.edu/impact).

## Upcoming CIU Events

**Feb. 13** .....President Bill Jones at St. Andrews Evangelical Church, Columbia, S.C. [www.saec.org](http://www.saec.org)  
**Feb. 19-20**.....President Bill Jones at Missions Conference, Marietta, Ga. [www.mvconline.org](http://www.mvconline.org)  
**Feb. 20-23**.....Chancellor George Murray at First Presbyterian Church, Lakes Wales, Fla. [www.lakewalesfpc.org](http://www.lakewalesfpc.org)  
**Feb. 25-27**.....Chancellor George Murray at Calvary Baptist Church, State College, Pa. [www.calvarysc.org](http://www.calvarysc.org)  
**Feb. 27** .....President Bill Jones at Great Outdoors Church, Titusville, Fla. [www.tgochurch.org](http://www.tgochurch.org)  
**March 4-6**.....President Bill Jones at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ala. [www.fbc.org](http://www.fbc.org)  
**March 6** .....Chancellor George Murray at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C. [www.sapc.net](http://www.sapc.net)  
**March 10** .....President Bill Jones at CIU chapel, Columbia, S.C. [www.ciu.edu](http://www.ciu.edu)

**March 12-13**....President Bill Jones at Next Steppers Retreat, Paradise, Pa. [www.afcinc.org](http://www.afcinc.org)  
**March 13** .....Chancellor George Murray at Calvary Church, Lancaster, Pa. [www.calvarychurch.org](http://www.calvarychurch.org)  
**March 20** .....Chancellor George Murray at Community Evangelical Free Church, Elverson, Pa. [www.cefcelverson.org](http://www.cefcelverson.org)  
**March 20** .....President Bill Jones at The Harvest, Lexington, S.C. [www.the-Harvest.org](http://www.the-Harvest.org)  
**March 25-27**....Chancellor George Murray at Trinity Church, Greensboro, N.C. [www.trinitychurchgso.org](http://www.trinitychurchgso.org)  
**April 18-21** .....Chancellor George Murray at Chinese Mission Convention, London, England  
**April 28** .....President Bill Jones at CIU chapel, Columbia, S.C. [www.ciu.edu](http://www.ciu.edu)  
**May 20-22** .....Chancellor George Murray at Eastern Hill Wesleyan Chinese Church, Williamsville, N.Y. [www.ehwcc.org](http://www.ehwcc.org)  
**Sept. 25**.....President Bill Jones at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Roebuck, S.C. (864) 576-6355

# Honorary Doctorates



Best-selling **Christian author Philip Yancey and businesswoman Elizabeth Rickard Sessions** received The Doctor of Humane Letters at the December commencement exercises of Columbia International University. Both are alumni of CIU. Yancey gave the charge to the graduates at the Dec. 17 ceremony. The Doctor of Humane Letters is awarded to those who have distinguished themselves in Christian living and service.



**PHILIP YANCEY** is the author of 20 books that explore the questions faced by most Christians and include “Where Is God When It Hurts,” “Disappointment with God,” and “Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?” He drew heavily from his CIU background in developing “The Student Bible,” a best-selling edition of the Bible with study notes. Yancey’s books have won 13 Gold Medallion Awards from the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, and have sold more than 15 million copies.



**ELIZABETH RICKARD SESSIONS** is a lifelong resident of Lexington County, S.C. Trained as a Bible teacher, Sessions joined in her mother’s vision to minister to the elderly and less fortunate. In 1948, Rickard Nursing Homes was founded where Sessions served for 28 years as an administrator providing for the physical and spiritual needs of thousands of patients. She also led daily devotions for the residents and played the piano so they could join her in singing hymns.

“Look up here!”

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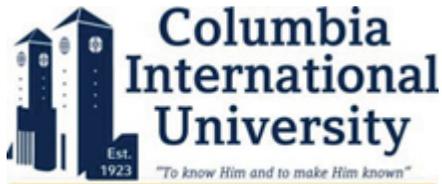
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Rose Neves Clayton '28 – September 2002	Peter Skanse '50 – 2004	Richard Cannon '56 – December 2010	George Wylong '79 – October 2010
Preston, husband of Beatrice Coward Bobo '29 – September 2005	Dorothy Dellinger Young '50	Adalene Weese Bell '57 – April 2010	Christy Jackson Cabrera '88 – December 2010
Natasha Prodon Orluck '29 – 1990	Betty Sims Besancon '51 – July 2004	Olin Martin Sr. '58 – July 2010	Robin Robichau Kelly '94 – December 2010
Virginia Beckham '30 – 2002	Wallace Blackstone '51 – 2003	Ruth Parker Vines '59	Samuel Chul Kim '94
Virginia White Benedetti '30 – November 2010	Jack, husband of June Or- tendahl Weber Claassen '51 – December 2010	Richard, husband of Anna Marie Sywulka Dahlquist '60 – Nov. 2010	Karen Swanson Beyers '97 – February 2010
Hannah Yeakle Lewis '30 – 1984	Thomas Dangerfield '51 – 1980	Noel Burnett '61 – 1996	Stephen "Scott" Adams '98 – August 2010
Sylvia Nyquist Gustafson '44	Ruth "Evelyn," wife of Daniel Sulc, '52 – September 2010	Ronald Van Pelt Sr. '62 – November 2010	Clay, husband of Julee Davis '98 – 2004
Sylvia Oiness '44 – 1991	Lois Crumpton Daniels '53 – November 2010	Ethel Karlik Goldie '63 – August 2010	Christopher Flanagan '08 – August 2010
John, husband of Naomi Rikard Cothran '46 – October 2010	Virginia Mardikian Haney '53 – October 2010	Richard Bell '64	Tracy Samuel '09 – August 2010
Emoretta Datwyler Webb '46 – September 2010	Charles "Chuck" Preston '53 – November 2010	Judy Heinze Malone '65 – September 2010	Curtis Blanchard – Former Faculty/Staff – July 2010
Jane Ellen Gaines '48 – December 2009	Willie Truesdale '53	Linda Rickenbacker Myers '68 – October 2010	Jane, wife of Harold Burchett, Former Faculty – August 2010
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Herbert, husband of Freda Paul Atkinson '50 – 2009	James O. Marcus '54 – 2006	Paul Hansen '72 – September 2010	Thomas Scott, son of former faculty members Ray and Anne Scott – October 2010
Harriett "Ruth," wife of Charles Boughter '50 – September 2010	Janet Amundson Aldrich '55 – November 2010	Janet Coleman Harris '76 – August 2010	Margaret Kimber Williams – Former Faculty/Staff – October 2010
Opie Hargrave '50 – July 2010	P.T. Chandapilla '55 and Alumnus of the Year '88 – December 2010	Craig Reoch '77 – February 2010	
		Delores, wife of Stephen Manyama '78 – 2009	

*Virginia White Benedetti ('30) passed away Nov. 28, 2010, three weeks shy of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

As a 17-year-old girl, Virginia rode a cross-county train from Los Angeles to Columbia, S.C. to attend Columbia Bible College. That was almost unheard of in 1928. Virginia graduated in 1930 and returned to California with a new vibrancy for serving Christ. She moved to Washington state in 1937, married Harry Benedetti, and then returned to Los Angeles, with her husband and son, Wendell, in 1952, where she served for 40 years with Gospel Recordings, a ministry founded by CBC graduate Joy Ridderhof ('25), her former baby-sitter. [www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/Virginia.pdf](http://www.ciu.edu/alumni/Resources/Virginia.pdf)

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