

# Upward

Thy towers are pointing upward toward God and heaven and Light.

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## Introducing the Robertson McQuilkin Online Library

By Roy King, Director of Alumni Ministries

**IT IS MUCH MORE  
DIFFICULT TO LIVE  
AT THE CENTER OF  
BIBLICAL TENSION—  
THAN TO GO TO  
AN EXTREME!**

McQuilkin, you probably remember words similar to those above. But maybe today I can make an exception to that wise principle. We want to turn every CIU alumnus into an **EXTREME FAN** of our FREE ON-LINE LIBRARIES!

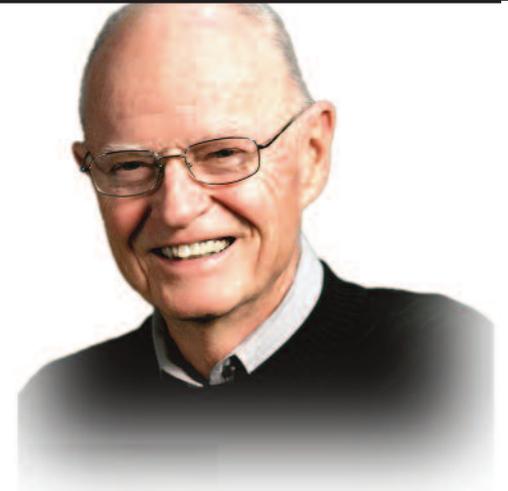


If you had a Columbia International University class taught by President Emeritus Robertson

Several thousand alumni have already visited the FREE Buck Hatch Library and are downloading print, video, PowerPoint and audio resources produced by the late CIU Professor Buck Hatch (<http://buckhatchlibrary.com/>). Alumni around the world are again taking advantage of the valuable lessons God taught them through Mr. Hatch.

**NOW! Alumni Ministries introduces the Robertson McQuilkin FREE online library. It is being filled with video, audio, and articles spanning the presidency of CIU's third president. The library also includes resources from Robertson's later years of fruitful ministry that began after his widely publicized 1989 resignation as president to care for his wife Muriel.**

Our featured resource is one of Robertson's most requested sermons, "**7 Lessons on Love I Learned from Muriel.**" The video was recorded in July at Sandhills Community Church ([www.sandhillschurch.org](http://www.sandhillschurch.org)) in Columbia, S.C. This is a video every pastor should



use in pre-marital counseling and would be a helpful introduction to any study on marriage.

You can also purchase all of Robertson's books including the recently revised and expanded "Understanding and Applying the Bible," and new books on the Holy Spirit and the Christian life designed for small group studies.

Go to [www.mcquilkinlibrary.com](http://www.mcquilkinlibrary.com) and join today! If you have messages from Robertson's ministry you would like to share with us, contact Alumni Ministries at (803) 807-5503 or [alumni@ciu.edu](mailto:alumni@ciu.edu).



**Robertson McQuilkin Library**  
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# FINGERPRINTS

*A Note from Shirley Moreland, President, Alumni Association Leadership Council*

Remember when you were a kid and after eating a peanut butter sandwich your sticky *fingerprints* would leave marks everywhere? Remember how that sent your Mom into orbit? But *fingerprints* can be a good thing and provide positive outcomes. Webster's Dictionary says that a *fingerprint* is "an impression... made for purposes of identification." Just as with *fingerprints*, so our lives leave "prints" every day in the work we do, the lives we touch and the very essence of our unique personalities.

During our years as students at CBC/CIU we received the foundation on which to build our lives and future. We were provided with a toolbox and the necessary tools to make a difference in this world. The spiritual passions we received as students are, for many

of us, our spiritual *fingerprint*. It is noteworthy that CIU alumni tend to share a common *fingerprint* that is almost instantly recognizable in any place in the world and in nearly any setting. This shared passion provides instant communication, connection and credibility even when it is discovered after decades of separation or in cases of intergenerational differences. As alumni, we enjoy a common bond that is spiritual in nature — and we are all part of a great "family tree" called the CIU alumni.

Some CIU alumni leave their mark every day on the lives of others whether in the marketplace, through vocational ministry or unique venues where God has placed us. I recently visited a Bible study with a friend in another state and they were using the book,

"You Can Lead a Bible Discussion Group!" written by CIU Professor Dr. Terry Powell. Another day I stopped at a farmer's market and as I made my purchase the cashier introduced me to her adult daughter who leads the children's ministry at her church. I inquired where she had studied and after we "exchanged" colleges she asked if I knew a friend at CIU who had influenced her life — and I did. And so it goes. In our daily journey our lives leave *fingerprints* everywhere and they often have their roots in our training at CBC/CIU.

Leaving "*fingerprints*,"

Shirley Moreland  
President  
Alumni Association  
Leadership Council (AALC)



Elizabeth Gross

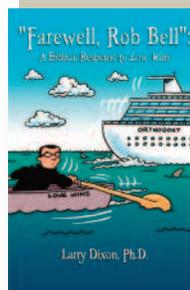
Alumni Ministries bids farewell to **Elizabeth Gross**, administrative assistant, and welcomes **Cheryl Guinther** as our new communications coordinator.



Cheryl Guinther



<http://unbouncepages.com/chaplaincy-ciu/>



## "Farewell, Rob Bell" A Biblical Response to Love Wins

"Farewell, Rob Bell," a new book by CIU Professor Larry Dixon, provides brief, biblical responses to the key issues raised by Michigan Pastor Rob Bell in his widely-publicized book, "Love Wins." Bell accuses evangelicals of hijacking the Jesus story

and substituting a "toxic" one of their own. Evidence is provided in "Farewell, Rob Bell" to show that he is an inconsistent universalist, that his arguments are neither new nor original, and that the message "Jesus Redeems!" is a far better one than "Love Wins." [ldixon@ciu.edu](mailto:ldixon@ciu.edu)

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*Columbia International University admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.*

# Important Changes Proposed for CIU Alumni Association



The Alumni Leadership Council is presenting amendments to the Columbia International University Alumni Association bylaws. Any change in the bylaws requires approval by two-thirds of all ballots cast by you, the CIU alumni. A task force of Roy King, Mike Ross and Ed Walker was appointed by the Council to refine the wording of the amendments after ideas were thoroughly vetted in our May meeting. The Council has reviewed the work of the task force and is recommending the adoption of these changes.

## Why a change in the bylaws?

The CIU Alumni Association is growing. CIU is now 88 years old and has over 17,000 alumni living in over 148 countries. Consequently, the current system of selecting its leadership is proving less effective than in the past.

## Here are some of the challenges and weaknesses:

1. While many schools have a large percentage of graduates living within a one-hour drive, CIU has only about 10 percent. We are developing technology to allow Council members to participate remotely but most of the volunteer service is performed by local alumni.

2. Alumni do not know many fellow alumni outside of their class years and are hesitant to cast a vote for someone they do not know. The number of alumni voting over the past five years averages out to about 300 per ballot each year.

3. It is challenging to find six to eight nominees to stand for election, go through the work to present them to the association, receive only a few hundred votes, and then half of the nominees are not elected. People not elected are hesitant to stand for election more than once. We are burning through volunteers with this form of candidate presentation.

4. A nationwide study of Christian colleges finds only one other alumni council using elections. All of the other schools use some type of volunteer selection process to consistently add interested alumni volunteers to the leadership base. The proposed bylaw revision parallels how the CIU board appoints trustees and many churches select elders.

5. The Council can establish projects or programs to facilitate alumni giving, prayer, and student recruitment to advance the mission of CIU.

The goal of the Leadership Council is to serve the alumni and to facilitate the expansion and engagement of many former students in advancing the mission of CIU. We encourage you to contact any Council or staff member with questions, ideas, and suggestions. We believe that these proposed changes will enhance our effectiveness as we continue to serve the alumni as the conduit of their input to the highest levels of the university's leadership.

See **Bylaws** on page 4.

## Alumni Association Council 2010-2011



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## Upcoming CIU Events

- Sept 15** .....Grad/Sem Open House at CIU
- Sept 22** .....Dr. Bill Jones at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C. at 11:30 a.m.
- Sept 25** .....Dr. Bill Jones at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Roebuck, S.C. at 10:30 a.m.
- Sept 29-30** ..Undergraduate Preview Days at CIU
- Oct 2** .....Dr. George Murray at Grace Mennonite Church in Berlin, Ohio
- Oct 13-16** ....Dr. George Murray at Covenant Fellowship Church in Urbana, Ill.
- Oct 22-23** ....Dr. Bill Jones at Trinity Christian Church of Greater Philadelphia in West Conshohocken, Penn.
- Oct 23** .....Dr. George Murray at Loudonville Community Church in Loudonville, N.Y.
- Oct 28** .....Graduate/Seminary Preview Days at CIU
- Nov 3-5** .....CIU Homecoming!
- Nov 5-6** .....Dr. George Murray at Hines Chapel in McLeansville, N.C.
- Nov 9** .....Leadership Legacy – Dr. Bill Jones teaching class “Capturing and Casting Vision” Columbia, S.C.
- Nov 11-13** ....First CIU President’s Conference – Dr. Bill Jones speaking
- Nov 13** .....Dr. George Murray at Calvary Church in Lancaster, Penn.
- Nov 22-25** ....Dr. George Murray at His Hill Christian Life Conference in Comfort, Texas
- Dec 1-3** .....McQuilkin Scholarship Weekend at CIU
- Dec 27** .....Dr. George Murray at Chinese Missions Conference in San Diego, Calif.



### Class of 1977 Reunion

**Back row:** Libby Smith Worley, Mary Browning Bechtold, Hazel Sutherland Schaeffer, Jane Bayuszik Hartzler **Front row:** Tina

Hays, Candy Preston, Rosalie Dattero Smith, and Patty Dunlap Ryan

It had been 34 years since we said our final good-byes and departed to all parts of the USA and abroad. We had shared amazing times while at CIU many years ago. Never did we dream that we would reunite for a weekend in Lake Lure, N.C., and it would feel like we had just stepped out of our caps and gowns and back into a dorm room. We all felt so blessed and felt that God had given us an incredible opportunity to reunite. It was hard to say good-bye, but this time, we knew it was not a final good-bye. We will have to do it again, but we do not plan to wait 34 more years! It is impossible to get together with everyone, but we encourage other groups to try it. It is a taste of heaven, for sure.

Bylaws continued from page 3.

### In summary: What are the proposed changes?

- There would be a standing committee that requests and receives nominations from all members of the association. Those nominations are reviewed and recommendations are presented to the Leadership Council on an annual basis.
- After approval by the Council, they are presented to the association for affirmation. If anyone knows of a reason why a particular volunteer should not serve, it is communicated through the affirmation process and will be investigated by the nomination committee to determine if someone should not be asked to serve at the present time.
- If no concerns are raised by the members of the association, new Council leaders would begin their service at the next council meeting and the new Council would be presented at Homecoming and in communication to the alumni.
- Terms of service are two years beginning and ending at Homecoming and they can serve up to three consecutive terms before a required one-year break. After the break they are eligible for additional terms.
- One member must be on the CIU Board of Trustees.
- Alumni staff members serve with the Council with voice but without vote.
- Officers are designated by the Council in their first meeting after Homecoming and serve for two years. The Council will have a President and Vice President and other officers as needed to serve the functions of the Council.
- Three current CIU students representing Graduate and Undergraduate students will also serve on the Council with voice but without vote. They serve one-year terms and can serve consecutive terms.
- There are a few other minor changes that align the bylaws with the current structure of the higher education division of CIU.

**If you completed 12 or more credit hours at CIU you are a member of the Alumni Association. It is like being born into a family! You do not have to earn or perform — it is a reality! Show your support for the association by taking a few minutes to cast your vote.**

Go to: [www.ciu.edu/alumni/leadership](http://www.ciu.edu/alumni/leadership) to read the current bylaws; read the proposed bylaws – and **VOTE!** Or you can cast your vote by mailing in the ballot in the center of this magazine.



Over the summer, Alumni Ministries joined the CIU 1More Tour to host Tour Stop Parties. The 1,800 mile bicycle trip from Florida to Maine features five CIU students/

alumni whose mission is to recruit 1More student for CIU, connect with 1More CIU alumnus and share the love and forgiveness of Christ with 1More student. The Tour Stop Parties were in Jacksonville, Fla., Myrtle Beach, S.C., Rockville, Md., Lancaster, Penn., and Portland, Maine. This was the second year for the 1More Tour.



## 2011 Events

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Registration opens (Alumni Center)
- 12:00 - Lunch (Cafeteria) Name badge is meal ticket
- 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. - Reunions for 1961 and earlier (McKey)
- 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. - Registration
- 1:15 p.m. - Leave for Robert Mills House tours
- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Tours of Robert Mills House and Legacy Reunion
- 3:30 p.m. - Leave for Rosehill Presbyterian Church Hymn-sing, Brief History, Robertson McQuilkin speaks
- 5:00 p.m. - Return to campus for Dinner with students (Cafeteria)
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Registration
- 7:00 p.m. - Ambassador Choir concert

Friday, Nov. 4, 2011

- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast
- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. - Devotions (Shortess) Live Stream\*
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. - President's Chapel (Shortess) Live Stream\*
- 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Break
- 10:50 a.m.- Noon - Chapel (Shortess) Live Stream\*
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch (Fitness Center)
- 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Reunions
- 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. Banquet (Fitness Center)
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship through the Generations (Shortess) Live Stream\*

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011

- 8:00 -11:30a.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 8:00 - 9:00a.m. - Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. - Devotions (Shortess) Live Stream\*
- 9:30 - 12:00 - Reunions
- 12:00 - Lunch (Cafeteria)
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Registration (Alumni Center)
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Campus tours, ending at new library for a reception
- 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. - Class Reunions
- 5:00 p.m. - Dinner at the field with the students  
Registration at the field - Chili Cook-off -President's bowl games

For a more detailed schedule and registration, call us at (803) 807-5500, e-mail us at [alumni@ciu.edu](mailto:alumni@ciu.edu) or go to [www.ciu.edu/alumni/HC11](http://www.ciu.edu/alumni/HC11).

# Homecoming 2011



## November 3-5

Whether it's "Faith, Mighty Faith," "Great is Thy Faithfulness" or "Faithful," chances are you sang many songs of God's faithfulness while at CBC/CIU. In fact, faith stretching seems to have been a vital part of nearly everyone's CIU education. Gauging from the stories we hear from alumni around the world, God doesn't stop teaching us about His faithfulness when we graduate. We're all on this lifelong faith adventure together!

At Homecoming 2011, we're going to celebrate God's faithfulness to each of us and look forward to His faithfulness in the future. We'll share our stories, sing His praises and be stretched by hearing testimonies of God's faithfulness among our alumni.

Join us for Faith Forward, Homecoming 2011.

### 2011 Homecoming Registration

- First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- Names of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

• Flat registration fee to participate in any part of Homecoming 2011. Love offerings will be taken to defray the actual cost of Homecoming.

• EARLY REGISTRATION: until Sept. 30, 2011

• Adult \$25 - Child \$10 - Family \$60 - Former Fac/Staff \$10

• LATE Registration Oct. 1 - 28, 2011

• Adult \$35 — Child \$15 — Family \$75 — Former Fac/Staff \$15

• URGENT—Please indicate how many of registered attendees will be attending the following meals (including children) so we can plan well and be good stewards:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Lunch   | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Lunch       | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Dinner  | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Banquet     | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Breakfast |  |

- Housing with local alumni
- Will make own arrangements

# Thanksgiving Through Honoring Others

Few commands are more frequently encountered in the Bible than for us to be thankful people. One expression of thanksgiving is to thank God for one another. Over the past school year, the Alumni Association has given thanks by honoring the testimony of several people. Here are their pictures and a brief description of the honor bestowed. To God be the glory great things He is doing – even in our frail flesh!

## Alumni of the Year

*Each honoree is an “example to the believers” in character, excellence, and in faithfulness to the high calling, “To Know Him and To Make Him Known.”*



**Robert ('74) and Katrina Polvinen ('76) Morgan** have served for over 34 years in pastorates in Greeneville and Nashville, Tenn.

**Robert** began his life of mission service with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is the pastor of

The Donelson Fellowship in suburban Nashville, Tenn., and a best-selling author with over 35 books in print.

**Katrina** is actively involved in family and church life. Despite being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, she serves as a proofreading editor for her husband's books and articles.

Rob and Katrina have three children and 10 grandchildren.



**Wilma J. Cross ('69)** has had an amazing, long-term, courageous and effective ministry among the prison population of Chile, South America. In 1972, she went to Chile with World Presbyterian Missions and taught at the Evangelical Institute of Quillota. She developed the first Protestant ministry for women in Chilean prisons, the focus being on evangelizing women in prison, training volunteers for prison and mercy ministries, and operating a rehabilitation house for girls.

## Distinguished Faculty/Staff Honor

*This honor recognizes outstanding achievement and commitment by a faculty or staff person.*



**Dr. David Osterlund** received the Distinguished Faculty honor for his many years of service and encouragement in bringing out the best in every student and musician. After retiring from CIU, Doc O became the volunteer director of the CIU Prison Initiative, which trains qualified inmates in the South Carolina prison system to become chaplain's assistants through a CIU accredited Associate of Arts degree. Doc O plans the program, interacts with inmates and prison staff, and raises funds in the community to sustain the initiative.



**Mr. Bob Wenzel** received the Distinguished Staff honor for over 30 years of service to CIU. Bob currently serves as the Marketing Department's production manager. He does his job with integrity, character and excellence. His “above and beyond” work has saved CIU countless dollars and produced excellent printed materials, while impacting lives and bringing glory to God.

## The Director's Honor

*This award is presented by the director of Alumni Ministries to honor those who encourage and enhance the effectiveness of the Alumni Ministries staff.*



**Sylvia Phelps ('77)** has had a heart for missions since graduating from Columbia Bible College. She prays faithfully for missionaries, for lost people and for the persecuted church. She gave Alumni Ministries the idea to seek out countries where CIU alumni were not serving and to challenge students to consider going there. It led to the creation of a color-coded map of the world featured in last October's edition of "Upward" highlighting the countries that need to be reached with the gospel.

# Legacy Building at CIU and Ben Lippen School

Edward and Pauline Sywulka came from a mission family background. Edward's parents were pioneer missionaries in Africa. Pauline's served in Guatemala. They grew up living among people who were very different from them and loving them all the same.

After graduating from Columbia Bible College in 1934, Edward went to Guatemala, where he met Pauline Burgess. They got married in 1938. Their children and their grandchildren would also graduate from CBC, as well as Ben Lippen School, continuing to be trained in the unique blend of the Victorious Christian Life and World Evangelization – and establishing a godly legacy.

What legacy do you want to leave for your children and grandchildren? Those who come after you can still receive the same biblically sound, mission-focused, and academically challenging education that you received.

Columbia International University offers over 20 majors and minors to go along with every student's major in Bible. All these programs continue to focus students on CIU's motto: "To know Him and to make Him known."

What will your legacy be like? Can CIU play a part in building a godly legacy in your family?

*John Heflick*

## 4 GENERATIONS OF CIU/BEN LIPPEN MISSIONS IMPACT

### Emil\* and Marie\* Sywulka

First AIM missionaries to Tanganyika Africa. Emil Sywulka is remembered by the nationals for his prayer life. He set up a tent on the Nassa hill and was seen each morning going up to pray. He prepared a Kikerewe catechism with the help of a national in 1937 and wrote a book for the Basukuma people, "Studies in Luke," in 1943. He died a year later.



### Paul\* and Dora\* McLaughlin Burgess

were appointed as missionaries to Guatemala by the PCUSA in 1912 and served there until the end of their lives.



### Stephen\* and Betty Sywulka Barrett

CIU '48 and CIU '33  
Missionaries to South Africa



### Anna Marie Sywulka Dahlquist

Ben Lippen '56 and CIU '60  
retired writer of Christian Ed Curriculum. Kingsburg CA



### EDWARD AND PAULINE\* BURGESS SYWULKA - CIU '32

Edward and Pauline married in 1938 and together they ministered with CAM International among the Mam people of northwestern Guatemala for 70 years. Their legacy includes the complete Bible in Mam, a Bible Institute, radio station, clinic, and a vibrant national church. In 2004 Ed and Pauline retired to Kingsburg, CA



Philip Ben Lippen '70  
CIU '74  
Engineer at Northrup Grumman Whittier, CA



Grace Barrett Copeland  
Ben Lippen '59



Elizabeth Barrett Finnell  
Ben Lippen '59



Paul  
Ben Lippen '57 CIU '61  
Professor and past president at the Central American Theological Seminary in Guatemala. Also serves as General Secretary of the Association for Evangelical Theological Education in Latin America (AETAL).



Stephen R.  
Ben Lippen '60 CIU '64  
Director of Radio TGNA in Guatemala for many years.



Dora Sywulka Vivaz  
Ben Lippen '62  
Legal research, Charlottesville VA



Priscilla Sywulka Sanders\*  
Ben Lippen '68  
Elementary school teacher in Southern California



Stephen T. and Beth Sywulka  
CIU '03  
BL-CIU Former staff '05  
Missionaries to West Africa



\* Deceased

John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."



# Brighten someone's day

Jocelyn Gordon (CIU '46) is my dear friend. She lives in Eden, N.C. and is such a blessing to me. I met her at Homecoming 2006 and we formed a special bond. I had the wonderful privilege of visiting her in her home in 2010. We went on a long walk in the park as she shared about her experiences in India many years ago. We keep in touch regularly by phone and I hope to go back for another visit one day. She is such an encouragement to me as I hope I am to her too.



My prayer is that many more relationships like this will be formed between the generations of alumni and friends of CIU. Will you join me as a part of CARE CIU?

*Peggy Lee Manoogian*



Peggy Lee Manoogian  
CARE CIU Coordinator

For more information, contact [alumnicare@ciu.edu](mailto:alumnicare@ciu.edu) or call me at (803) 807-5503.

**Do you have the gift of encouragement? Do you have a heart for people? Would you be willing to take a few moments to touch the life of CIU alumni?**

There may be fellow alumni who could use a special touch from you. We are often contacted in the Alumni Ministries Office at Columbia International University by alumni who are in need of a prayer, advice, or a friend. That is why we're launching a new initiative called **CARE CIU**.

**CARE CIU** is an opportunity for you to serve as the hands, feet and heart of Alumni Ministries. Sometimes the smallest touch, contact or encouragement by you can lift someone's spirit and help him or her feel God's presence. You could be the one who provides that special touch to fellow alumni.

As a member of CARE CIU, here are some ways you can give and receive:



Meal (bring one or eat out)



Personal visit



Phone call



Pray with them



Send a card

Be creative....!

Alumni Ministries will commit to:

- *Work with your schedule so you can reach out to alumni in your area to provide encouragement, compassion and friendship.*
- *Provide you with contact information of up to three people within a 30-45 minute drive from your home.*
- *Keep in touch with you monthly for updates and suggestions.*
- *Reimburse you for meals or mileage (please keep receipts).*
- *Pray for you regularly.*



**CARE CIU**

*Ordinary people with extraordinary hearts!*

**If you would like to become a part of CARE CIU, contact us right away to get connected.**

# CLASS NOTES

## '40s

**Aimee McQuilkin ('40)** received a big surprise for her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 6. Steve Johnson, president of Latin American Mission (LAM), came to Penney Farms, Fla. where Aimee lives and presented her with a collection of letters and cards from her many friends and missionaries honoring her 40 years of service in Colombia with the mission. Her friends at Penney Farms gave her a special banquet as well. Congratulations, Aimee and happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### Elizabeth Rikard Sessions ('43)

welcomed great-grandson, Caleb Clevenger into the family. Caleb's grandmother, Mary Taylor, also attended CIU ('67-'69). We celebrate with them and Caleb's parents, Todd and Michelle Taylor (Ben Lippen School '93) Clevenger. [TreeLib@aol.com](mailto:TreeLib@aol.com)



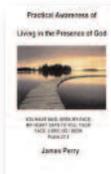
**Walter Erickson ('49) and Ed Tritt ('51)** were headed to Minyambou, Irian Jaya, Indonesia when they were hacked to death in their hammocks by the Hatam tribal people they were trying to reach. Now, because of Dick ('52) and Charlotte Griffiths, who heard about heard about Erickson and Tritt being martyred and answered God's call to take their place, there is a thriving church among the Hatam. On June 25, 583 Hatam men attended a short-term Bible school at Minyambou. Incredible! [hatam@execpc.com](mailto:hatam@execpc.com)

## '50s



**Kenneth & Doris Garret ('53) Nielsen** were a part of Houghton College from 1961-2009. Doris was a professor in the PE & Recreation Dept. and Kenneth was vice president of the college. Kenneth is a graduate of The Kings College and Faith Seminary. They are still teaching a weekly Bible study at the senior center where they live. Their son Timothy graduated from the CIU Graduate School in 1994. [Doris.Nielsen@houghton.edu](mailto:Doris.Nielsen@houghton.edu)

**James Perry ('58)** has been a pastor for more than 46 years. His personal experiences that include a wide-range of ministry opportunities have led him to write three published books. They are: "Consider These Things with Me," "Practical Awareness of Living in the Presence of God," and "The Right Course and The Only Right Choice." <http://www.jamesperrybooks.com/>



**Charles Anderson ('59)** – A lot of people hike the Appalachian Trail. Few do it at age 58. But Charles Anderson's journey of five-million steps was more than a nature walk. This was also about telling fellow hikers, most of them much younger than him, about Jesus Christ. Charles talks about his experiences on the Appalachian Trail in a new book titled, "Beyond My Limits." [tellfrance@aol.com](mailto:tellfrance@aol.com)

## '60s



**J.D. ('60-'61) and Barbara Borgman** work with orphans and vulnerable women and children in rural South Africa where they have lived for the past 12 years. J.D. (David) attended CIU from '60 – '61 finishing his degree at Wheaton College. He and Barbara met at Wheaton and they have just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. "I had a blessed year at CBC taking only Bible courses - Hatch was the best teacher in my four years in college and there was Sells for Old Testament survey." [ubuntup@lantic.net](mailto:ubuntup@lantic.net)

**Bob C. Davis ('63)** received the Nehemiah Award at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia. This award is presented to people who were used of the Lord to help start the new state convention and continue to be involved in building the convention.



**Jim Pitcher ('66)** taught English at a university in north-eastern China and will be returning to China Feb. 18 for at least another year of teaching (and more!). Follow Jim's adventures at his blog: [www.jiminchina.livejournal.com](http://www.jiminchina.livejournal.com).

## '70s

**J. Douglas ('72) and Vernadene Heck** were TEAM missionaries for 36 years in Japan, 1972-2008. They assisted in planting four churches. Doug was also field chairman for TEAM Japan for 15 years. Last November, a committee of Japanese church leaders honored Doug with a lifetime service award to the evangelical church in Japan. The award is usually given to a person from Japan, but this year Doug was honored along with two Japanese people. [Dvinemail@aol.com](mailto:Dvinemail@aol.com)



**Grady and Vicki Hammack Merritt (both '73)** welcomed their fourth grandchild, Russell Anthony Merritt into their family on May 10. Vicki wanted to be sure to point out her grandson's initials, RAM, as she proudly wore her new RAMs T-Shirt given her by CIU Athletic Director, Kim Abbott. [vamerritt@gmail.com](mailto:vamerritt@gmail.com)

**Paul Young ('74)** is having the time of his life at age 63, using chalk illustrations to present the gospel. He usually preaches twice a day, sometimes to a thousand or more in the schools of South Africa, with many openly turning from sin to Jesus. He had one high school scheduled that he did not realize was a private Muslim school! Surprisingly, they were very attentive and responsive as Paul preached the gospel! At the conclusion of his presentations, his books and chalk talk DVDs are quickly grabbed up. It gives Paul the shivers to think where these gospel-carrying books and DVDs are going – into homes where many Christians may never go. [smallpaul@mweb.co.za](mailto:smallpaul@mweb.co.za)

**Bob ('78) and Rosemary Pifer ('76) Wenzel** welcomed grandson Aidan Michael Lyerly into their family on March 21, 2011. We rejoice with them and Aidan's parents, Michael and Christina (Ben Lippen School '02) Lyerly. [bwenzel@ciu.edu](mailto:bwenzel@ciu.edu)



## '80s



**Robert and Christine Michaels (both '81)** live in Brentwood, Tenn. Rob just launched the "Protect & Serve" ministry to Tennessee police officers and is also a police chaplain with the Williamson County, Tenn. Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 41. Rob was a police officer before enrolling at CIU. He says his education and life experiences since then prepared him to return to law enforcement, not as an officer, but to serve alongside as a chaplain. Robert and Chris have two grown children, Holly and DJ. [robertmichaels@comcast.net](mailto:robertmichaels@comcast.net)

**Trevor and Norma Leathead ('82) Douglas.** The dedication of the 458th Bible in world history occurred last October 30, when the Ayangan-Ifugao Bible with accompanying revised New Testament was dedicated to God's glory. Over 1,500 people attended the solemn ceremony. Dr. Trevor A. Douglas, husband of CIU alumnus, Norma (Leathead) Douglas, spoke on Joshua 1:8, challenging all listeners to read the 3,159 page Bible in just one year. If so, he personally will give them a T-shirt that reads, "I've read the entire Ayangan-Ifugao Bible in ONE year!" Almost 11 percent of all Ayangan-Ifugao Bibles printed were sold in the next two hours. [trevor.douglas@worldteam.org](mailto:trevor.douglas@worldteam.org)



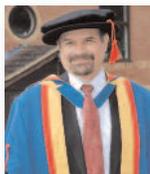
**Grady Enlow ('82)**, formerly an associate director with Florida State University, has been named deputy director of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Fla. Enlow will oversee financial and budgeting strategies and assist with funding and grant proposals. Enlow holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from CIU. [genlow@fsu.edu](mailto:genlow@fsu.edu)

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**Dean ('86) and Ingrid Ressler** visited Curacao where they used to serve, and thank the Lord for giving them the opportunity to minister to the believers on the Caribbean island once again. In addition, it was good seeing young people from Bonaire studying in Curacao. They hope to see more people going overseas as missionaries or serve as missionaries wherever they may be living. diressler@hotmail.com



**Charles ('87) and Leslie Hug ('85) Baldini** ask for prayer for their sons who have been diagnosed with a rare disease called Westerleigh brothers' condition. God's grace has been faithful to their family - but they continue to covet prayers for His healing hand for their sons. tecjb@aol.com



**Daniel Janosik ('88)** received his Ph.D. in Historical Theology/Apologetics from the London School of Theology on July 2. The title of his dissertation was "John of Damascus: First Apologist to the Muslims." Congratulations, Dr. Janosik! Djanosik@ciu.edu

## '90s

**Donald Dirks ('91)** just returned from Africa, where he completed a humanitarian project. <http://www.devxchange.org/>. He says: "I am 78 years young and enjoy being a 'recycled' missionary." His grandson Stephen is a student at CIU. didirks4help2wa@gmail.com

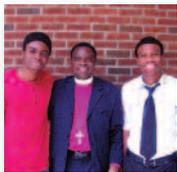
**Maggie Koestner ('93) and her daughter Vanessa Torres ('06)** welcomed Sophia Elena Torres into the family on Easter Sunday. She was 6 lbs. 7 oz., and mom and daughter are both doing well! Pray for new mom and new dad Carlos as they raise this child for the Lord! maggiecanales@netzero.net

**Denise Posie ('95)** was the keynote speaker at a retreat at The Sisterhood of Second Missionary Baptist Church in May. Denise has been pastor of Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Kalamazoo, Mich. for 11 years. The theme of the retreat was "Walking out the Word in Your Everyday Life." Denise is an advocate for social justice and a mentor to young people. She is the elected-president of the Northside Ministerial Alliance. dposie@sbcglobal.net



**Jonathan Emerson-Pierce ('96)** is serving as a hospital chaplain in Ontario, Canada. After attending CIU, he went on to earn a Master of Arts in Intercultural studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and a Master of Divinity at Claremont School of Theology. He is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada. pastorjep@gmail.com

**Edefe ('92 & '96) and Ajiri Enamezi** continue to serve in Patani, Delta State, Nigeria. Edefe is a missionary bishop of the Diocese of Western Izon (Anglican Communion) which covers six counties in the Niger Delta region. Their primary work is evangelism and church planting, crisis mitigation and acting as agents of peace and reconciliation. Ajiri is president of the women's organization that teaches parenting skills to young parents and unwed mothers. Their children are Winifred, Monica, Emily, Victory, Orezi, Faithful, and Edefe jr. anglizon@yahoo.co.uk



**Hugo Cheng ('98)** is the lead pastor for Pittsburgh Chinese Church Oakland (PCCO) and Oakland International Fellowship (OIF). PCCO's mission is to reach, train, and send out Chinese students and scholars overseas as Great Commission disciples of Christ, in the context of a gospel-centered community. OIF is the same except targeting other non-Chinese international students and scholars. Hugo has been happily married to Heather for 20 years. They have

six children. hugocheng@aol.com

## '00s

**Christian ('00) and Kate Arvold** celebrated 10 years of marriage on May 28. They have four children: Aidan - 7, Davis - 5, Halle - 3 and Jaron - 2. Christian serves as dean of students at HOPE Christian School: Fortis in Milwaukee, Wis. ckarvold@yahoo.com

**Laslene Glymph ('00)** is married and lives in West Columbia, S.C. She enjoys traveling to different countries to experience new cultures. Her prayer life has been shaped through the Scriptures and the understanding that more time studying the Bible results in greater spiritual growth and prayers that reflect the heart of God. asim8@yahoo.com

**Steve ('03) and Beth (Former staff) Sywulka**, along with their son Tim and daughter Katia, welcomed Nadia to their family in June. We rejoice with them. steveandbeth@gmail.com



**Robert and Dawn Carter ('05) Baker** along with brothers Robby and Gabriel, welcomed Dawn Michelle Grace Baker (Gracie), born on June 1. Congratulations, we are so happy for you! dawnofes@yahoo.com



**Mike and Amy Brunson ('05) Schinzler.** Congratulations to Amy on completing a triathlon in two hours and 13 minutes while still battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia. It has been three years since her bone marrow transplant and she continues to undergo treatment. What a testimony she is to all those around her and to us as well! amybrunson@austin.rr.com

**Luke and Rachel Tyson Duggins (both '06)** are pleased to announce that Eliana Grace Duggins was born on April 3. They are in the application process with a mission agency. Pray for God's continued direction in this area. 1.800.duggins@gmail.com



**Nick and Laura Wallace ('06) Marchese** welcomed Elise Christine, born on March 29. We rejoice with them. lcmarchese@gmail.com

**Moses ('07) and Miranda ('06) Lee** recently moved to Hamilton, Ontario where Moses joined the pastoral staff of New City Church (PCA). They, along with their daughter Evangeline, have also recently welcomed their second little girl, Emmanuelle, born May 27. mosesandmiranda@gmail.com

**Kelly Grecian ('07)** married Joel Helms on June 4. Congratulations, Kelly and Joel! They are living in Columbia, S.C. where Joel serves with the Navigators in campus ministry. kansaskelly@gmail.com



**Timmy Gaster ('08)** served two years reaching out to MKs at Black Forest Academy (BFA) in Germany before God's call to take a year out of career missions and away from BFA. In August, he returned to Europe to follow Christ's command to make disciples of all nations while serving in educational ministries. timmy.gaster@gmail.com

**Elisa Faulk ('09) and Ryan Vincent ('09)** were married June 26. Elisa is the daughter of Mike and Sue Mulder Faulk ('79 and former staff). Elisa.Faulk.Vincent@gmail.com



## '10s



**Mario ('10) and Jeanine ('09) Bendezu** have been teaching for the past year at an international Christian school in South Korea. Mario taught Spanish, English Language Development and soccer. Jeanine taught all subjects for her third grade class. mariobendezu@gmail.com



**Mike "Twigs" Terwilliger ('10)**, wife Kandace and son Kenyon welcomed daughter Avery Rain. They live in Tulsa, Okla. where Mike is a senior high youth minister at First United Methodist Church Tulsa. They are looking forward to CIU alumni weekends and homecoming. justtwigs@gmail.com



**Ben ('10) and Jessica Vreeland** have moved to Birmingham, Ala. where Ben is a youth pastor at Brewster Road Alliance Church. They are preparing to go overseas with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. They have two beautiful children, Lydia and Nathaniel. thevreelandfamily@yahoo.com

## With the Lord

Pauline, wife of Edward Sywulka '32 – May 2011

Ralph Patterson '41 – June 2011

Douglas Cotter '42 – February 2006

Day, husband of Blanche Wiggs Carper '43 – 2009

Virginia Case Cooke '43 – August 2011

Henry Osborn Jr. '45 – May 2011

Joyce M. Austin '50 – April 2011

Charles Luke Boughter '50 – July 2011

James P. Carter '50 – September 2009

Alice Jacobsen Wittig '50 – June 2011

Doris Canfield Davenport '51 – 2005

Sally Arner Dobelstein '51 and her spouse, Robert both died within one week of each other. – July, 2011

Mabel E. Johnson '51 – 2009

Emma "Katherine" Musick '52 – December 2010

Joel Keiter '53 – May 2011

E. Bryce Greenman '55 – April 2010

Eulice Thomas '55 – May 2011

Leonard Musser '56 – June 2011

Jacqueline Romann '56 – July 2010

George Spee '56 – June 2011

Robert Leroy Griffin '61 – April 2011

Paul V. White '61 – August 2010

George Thompson '61 – 1996

James Wenger '61 – August 2011

Margaret Ann Whitmore '61 – 1984

Gerald S. Richardson '62 – September 2010

Norma Davis, wife of Bob Davis '63 – April 2011

Edward Harmon '66 – 1994

Franklin Samala '66 – June 2005

Margaret Stanley-Small '71 – March 2011

Charles 'Chuck' Winter '73 – July 2011

Bob Kallgren '75 – May 2011

Michael McCain '75 – May 2011

Karen Riseden Toque '77 – June 2005

Robert "Bob" Beatty '83 – August 2011

Alexander Rieger '86 – February 1998

Edna Powers '86 – May 1987

Katrzyna (Kasia) Osiecki '92 – June 2011

Shannon Greene (current student) – August 2011

Georgia 'Simi,' one-year-old daughter of Sam '97 and Elizabeth '99 Goodwin – July 2011

Margaret, wife of Donald Trouten, Former Faculty – August 2011

## Long-Time CIU Administrator With the Lord

Robert "Bob" Carl Kallgren, who served Columbia International University for 39 years, died at home on May 21 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 69 years old.

Kallgren, who was born in Connecticut, was an Army veteran who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven in Connecticut, a master's degree from Columbia International University, and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

Kallgren was active in his church and community. He was a charter member of Columbia Christian Fellowship, perhaps the first church in Columbia to be truly interracial, where he served as an elder for about 25 years. In the



community, Kallgren served on the board of Bethel Bible Camp, and on the board of Providence Home, a ministry to men recovering from drug and alcohol addictions. He was also a member of Columbia Rotary Club for many years, and served for several years on the board of the Nehemiah Project, a community outreach program of Zion Temple Baptist Church.

At a memorial service held at CIU, President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin said he can truthfully say that he had never witnessed anyone facing death with more joy and constant focus on the needs of others, than Bob Kallgren.

"More than once in these short months have I prayed, 'Lord, help me die like Bob Kallgren,'" McQuilkin said.



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