Recently, God wove together Columbia International University’s World Christian Week, October’s Lausanne Congress in South Africa, and the amazing headlines from some of the least reached parts of the world, to deeply renew our hearts to impact the nations with the message of Christ. This issue of “Upward,” features highlights from World Christian Week in March; including a map, and prayer guide to aid you in prayer for our students. (See pages 6 and 7.)

Many students made concrete commitments to be a Great Commission Christian. For example:

- Over 120 students adopted a country for prayer; many listing the name of one of the 24 countries where CIU has no record of an alumnus
- Over 100 made commitments to local Great Commission work
- Over 60 made long-term commitments to unreached nations

Now I would like to challenge you, our alumni, to join our students. After you read this issue, please tear out the cards in the center. Use the prayer card to pray, and return the post card to us with your commitment.

God may have a new adventure for you, or you may simply be renewing a commitment to a country that has been on your heart. Tell us about it.

The Alumni office and the World Christian Week leadership team will get back to you, connecting you to students with similar interests, and/or resources. I look forward to what God will do over the next 12 months, as our students and alumni ask God to accelerate the spread of the gospel in great ways.

Please join us!

Bill Jones
President
Many of you have returned to the CBC/CIU campus since you graduated, but there are many more who have never been able to return for Homecoming. Hopefully, this is the year you will “Come Back Home!”

Alumni ask “why come back?” Well, until you actually do, you may never experience the special feeling of being back on campus and reestablishing the bond you share with former classmates. You can actually pick up right where you left off after 10, 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years. There is something unique about the people you knew, the memories you share and the milestones in your life which were cemented through chapel, prayer day, classes, fun in the dorm or meeting your life partner.

Some alumni bring their high school-age children, while others bring college-age students to see firsthand the opportunities CIU offers to study at the undergraduate and graduate level. It’s also fun to introduce your children to your former classmates. It stimulates conversation, provides synergism and it may influence your kids to attend CIU. It happened in our family.

Come and see how much “younger” college students look today and how the rules have changed. Check out “your investment” of prayer and support of CIU since you left. So, consider whether this might be the year you “Come Back Home!”

See you there,
Shirley
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 encouraged by testimonies of God’s faithfulness among our alumni.

If you can’t make it to Homecoming 2011 in person, join the celebration online. Some of the festivities will be broadcast live over the Internet.

Also this year, display tables are available for alumni authors. But you must check the box below, and register before Oct. 28.

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 on-campus 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
(Note: no charge for participating via Live Stream)

LATE Registration Oct. 1 - 28, 2011
Adult $35 — Child $15 — Family $75 — Former Fac/Staff $15

After Oct. 28, meals cannot be purchased but you are free to attend sessions. Registration required.

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:

☐ Thursday Lunch  ☐ Friday Lunch  ☐ Saturday Lunch
☐ Thursday Dinner  ☐ Friday Banquet  ☐ Saturday Dinner
☐ Friday Breakfast  ☐ Saturday Breakfast

☐ Will participate via Live Stream  ☐ Alumni author/display table needed
☐ Housing with local alumni  ☐ Will make own arrangements

Please list any special needs here: ________________________________

2011 Events

Thursday
• Registration
• Lunch
• Reunions – 1961 and earlier
• Tours of the Robert Mills House
• Hymn-sing at Rosehill Presbyterian Church
• Dinner

Friday
• Registration
• Breakfast
• Devotions with Alumni of the Year (Live Stream)
• Alumni of the Year Chapel (Live Stream)
• Alumni Association Luncheon
• Reunions
• Banquet (Alumni authors book signing)
• Worship through the Generations (Live Stream)

Saturday
• Registration
• Breakfast
• Devotions with Alumni of the Year (Live Stream)
• Reunions
• Lunch
• Campus tours
• Dinner
• President’s Bowl game
• Chili cook-off
• Coffee House and Dessert

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

NO animals allowed at all on campus, in the apartments or in the guest rooms.

Exception: service dogs.
May 14 ........CIU Commencement: 
Graduate School/Seminary & School 
of Missions 8:30 a.m. 
Undergraduate School 11:00 a.m. 
www.ciu.edu

May 16 ........President Bill Jones at Sandhills 
Assembly, Southern Pines, N.C. 
www.sandhillschurch.net

May 20-22 . Chancellor George Murray at Eastern Hill 
Wesleyan Chinese Church, Williamsville, 
N.Y. www.easternhillschurch.org

May 22 ........President Bill Jones at Island Community 
Church, Islamorada, Fla. 
www.islandchristian.org/churchhome.cfm

June 25- ......Chancellor George Murray at Pinebrook 
July 1 Bible Conference, East Stroudsburg, Pa. 
www.pinebrook.org

June 30.......Alumni and friends gathering at Pinebrook 
with Chancellor George Murray 3:30 p.m. 
RSVP or regrets required. 
http://gatheringpinebrook.eventbrite.com

July 16-22....Chancellor George Murray at America’s 
Keswick, Whiting, N.J. 
www.americakenswick.org

Aug. 21 ........President Bill Jones at Broadacres Baptist 
Church, Cayce, S.C. (803) 794-7762

Aug. 28 ........President Bill Jones at North Point 
Baptist Church, Weaverville, N.C. 
www.northpointbaptist.org

Sept. 22.......President Bill Jones at St. Andrews 
Baptist Church, Columbia S.C. 
www.standrews baptist.org

Sept. 25.......President Bill Jones at Bethlehem Baptist 
Church, Roebuck, S.C. (864) 576-6355

Nov. 3-5 ......Homecoming 2011 
www.ciu.edu/alumni/HC11

If you are attending the PCA General Assembly 
2011 in Virginia Beach, Va., you are invited to join 
Dr. Igou Hodges and other CIU PCA alumni for a hot 
buffet breakfast on June 8, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. 
No charge for the meal, RSVP or regrets required. 
http://pcabreakfast.eventbrite.com

G. Allen Fleece Library 
Fire Restoration Update
Join us in prayer for the complete renovation of the 
library by this fall when students arrive on campus!
The library now welcomes donations of books to the 
library, CIU Prison Initiative and for other campus needs. 
You may give to the project at 
www.ciu.edu/content/give-now. 
Select Fleece Library Restoration in the drop down menu.

In the summer of 2010, five CIU guys bicycled 
1,700 miles from Florida to Maine. More than a 
challenging trip up the East coast, they were looking 
for 1More student to attend CIU, reconnecting 
with 1More CIU alumnus, and sharing the love 
of Christ with 1More person.

This summer, the 1More tour hits the road again! 
Stay updated by visiting www.1Moretour.ciu.edu.

Hang out with the 1More Tour at CIU’s Tour Stop 
Parties in the following cities: Jacksonville, Fla., 
Myrtle Beach, S.C., Norfolk, Va., D.C. area, 
Lancaster, Pa. and Portland, Maine.

All dates are approximate and subject to change. If you live 
in these areas, be on the lookout for a postcard one month 
before the party.
When I was asked to consider writing a short piece for publication, my immediate internal response was “yes,” which is not quite like me.

In September I was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer in the lymph nodes and liver. It was quite a stroke out of the blue. The cancer first came to light on a day I was having great difficulty in breathing, which brought me to the emergency room and then to the diagnosis. Surgery and radiation are not part of the treatment for this cancer. Deep inside, the tumors (“roaches” as I like to call them) are doing their thing. Apart from a miracle, they will eventually be my ticket to untold joy and blessing.

When Judy and I first received this diagnosis, we immediately came home from the hospital and began sorting my clothes. Keep these pants, store these, give these to Goodwill, and throw these in the trash. It was a knee-jerk, somewhat humorous reaction to the understanding that my days were numbered. Then we went on to a little more serious kind of work.

I’ve had some important insights on life over these past months. The principles you live by will produce fruit for you, good or bad. And you will start chewing on them when the time appears to be drawing nigh. Personally, I am painfully aware of my shortcomings, especially those things which I didn’t do that I should have done. There’s nothing much I can do about those now. But there appears to be some good fruit. I have been amazed by the notes of appreciation from people I don’t know or remember, and people I haven’t seen in 30-40 years. Those notes refer to something I did or said. Most don’t refer to big things, but small things that have left a lasting memory for these people. This has really astounded me.

Another thing I have experienced is how considerate people have been. CIU has been so supportive and attentive. The people who work closely with me – Jeff Miller, Amy Spencer, Ron Kroll, the deans and the educational support people – have been wonderful at coming in behind me, filling in gaps and more. The CIU faculty, my neighbors and my church family have also been very supportive.

And what can I say of my wife, Judy, and my sons, Rob and Tim, and Tim’s wife Rebecca. Good family relationships are so important. My encouragement to you is to work on building your relationships with your children, parents and siblings. For some that may be a challenge due to things that may have happened in the family. Nevertheless, work on it as it is feasible. From my vantage point, it is worth the effort.

I am not discouraged with this turn of events. My life has been relatively easy to this point. There have been some difficult experiences, but not long-lasting. As a somewhat informed Christian I have always said that God’s will and intentions toward us are always good. If that is true in favorable circumstances, should it be any different in unfavorable circumstances? Leaving Judy to tend to things without me to help is the worst part – honestly.

So we’ll see what happens over the next months. If it turns out that I have moved on to the glorious life to come, I will not be agitating to come back, much as I might miss those of you who are reading this article. Live well.
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Libya
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The Maldives
Pop: 309,430
#UPG: 5
This predominantly and strictly Muslim nation is needy for a gospel witness. Most marriages end in divorce and some of the youth have turned to substance abuse.

North Korea
Pop: 23,906,070
#UPG: 4
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Comoros
Pop: 659,098
UPG: 8
This predominantly Muslim nation is nestled between Mozambique/Madagascar. Witchcraft is a common practice.

Guinea-Bissau
Pop: 1,285,715
UPG: 15
Guinea-Bissau is also one of the poorest countries in the world. Some Muslims mix Islam with traditional folk religion.

Mauritius
Pop: 1,275,323
UPG: 5
Half of the population is Hindu, and an increasing number of the Catholic population is being influenced by their Hindu neighbors.

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The Cocos Islands
Pop: 600
UPG: 1 (main group)
The main people group of this tiny island off the coast of Indonesia is staunchly Muslim.

Djibouti
Pop: 879,000
UPG: 6
The primary people groups of this arid nation are nomadic herders. Their cultures are totally bound to Islam.

Eritrea
Pop: 5,224,000
UPG: 9
Most evangelicals in this nation are forced to meet in secret if their denomination is not accepted by the primarily Sunni Muslim government.

Georgia
Pop: 4,181,000
UPG: 13
The unreached of Georgia are Muslims who live in the Caucasus Mountains.

Laos
Pop: 6,328,000
UPG: 132
The vast majority of Laos is unreached, and is predominantly Buddhist and animist.

Saudi Arabia
Pop: 26,246,000
UPG: 25
This nation is the gravitational center for Islam. Persecution against Christians is second only to North Korea.

Sierra Leone
Pop: 5,836,000
UPG: 12
Sierra Leone suffered under a severe civil war for over 11 years. Many are still traumatized.

Western Sahara
Pop: 530,000
UPG: 10
One of the most sparsely populated countries on earth, Western Sahara is claimed by Morocco. This hard-to-reach nation is entirely Muslim.
When students ask us about preparing for the mission field, we tell them our story. I graduated from college, got married, got pregnant, went to orientation, got accepted by the mission board and moved five times in the deputation process, the last time to Italy. All of that happened in 18 months! We were adjusting to marriage, parenting, a mission board, cross-cultural work and Christian work all at the same time. We tell others “Don’t do what we did. Just do the opposite and you’ll probably make it.”

I want to mention three things: Survival, strategy and service.

**Survival.** Our orders from North America were to plant independent churches. Realizing that there were mature and godly leaders in existing Italian denominations, we decided to do church planting with them. Our philosophy was not popular with our North American leaders or co-workers. Italy was expensive. I was struggling with being a wife, mother and student, studying the language.

Why list these challenges? At CIU we learned how to feed ourselves spiritually; to open God’s written Word, to hear God’s voice, and to be strengthened, disciplined, and encouraged by it. Psalm 130:5 “my hope is in Your word.” We were guided, humbled, and changed by it. We needed to feed ourselves; if we couldn’t feed ourselves, we certainly couldn’t feed others. Whether you live here or there, you’ve got to know the Book. The Bible has to be your mother-tongue.

**Strategy.** I was struggling with “What am I contributing to the evangelization of Italy?” George was out ministering on the road doing evangelistic campaigns and teaching in Bible colleges. He would invite people to visit us which brought rounds of guests, visitors, and students to our house.

One day as I went to check the mail, I ran into a woman who said to me, “Signora, how is it you can have all of those people in and out of your house day after day and week after week?” Before I could answer, she said, “I know what it is. It’s the love of God in your heart for men and women, isn’t it?” Reaching people is about loving people in whatever way you can as God gives you the opportunity.

**Service.** In serving the Lord, God had already given me the ministry of hospitality. I was not seeing how God wanted to use it because I was so worried about what I couldn’t do. All of us have a “somewhere” where we live; wherever it is. Do not underestimate the power of the gospel shared in the context of a home. Hospitality is not gender-specific, and it is a biblical standard for an elder. Jesus ministered in homes. Hospitality is trans-cultural, and because of that, it is a great mission’s strategy.

In your service for the Lord, use what you have, and do what you can. **Survival**, you’ve got to know how to feed yourself from God’s Word. **Strategy**, first and foremost you’ve got to love people. And **Service**, use whatever God gives you, and do what you can.
Aimee McQuilkin (’40) visited Bethel Christian Camp, a ministry founded by her mother, Marguerite, the wife of CIU’s first president Robert C. McQuilkin. The camp for African-American children and youth continues, now with a very multi-ethnic group of kids, and still teaching the Bible, still teaching about missions, and still showing the love of Jesus to lots and lots of kids!

Shoemaker (’80) got together for lunch in Lehighton, Pa. on Feb. 28, 2011, which happened to be Lillian’s birthday. Lillian served as a missionary in Guatemala with Central American Mission now CAM International for nearly 17 years, cared for her elderly mother in the United States, earned a Master of Arts from the University of Miami on scholarship, taught public school in Immokalee, Fla. for nearly 15 years, attends a Spanish church service in Lehighton where she lives — and does not drive. Lillian said it was the nicest birthday she’d ever had.

Hubert (’51) and Bettie Rose Addleton are looking forward to attending his 60th year reunion at Homecoming this year in November. He encourages all his classmates to attend as well. addleton99@bellsouth.net

Richard (’55) and Cindy Bailey entered into full retirement from missionary service. Dick retired at the end of 2008 after 52 years, and Cindy retired the end of 2010 after 37 years. They are blessed to recall a few high points of what the Lord has been pleased to do in and through them in their booklet “A Glimpse of What God has done in Answer to Your Prayers.” dickbailey7@gmail.com

Gloria Gaudin Repp (’60) grew up in the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Northwest. It was there she learned to love the wilderness that is prominent in her writing. She has taught creative writing, worked as an editor, and has written books for children, teens, and adults. In addition to wilderness adventures, she enjoys flying in single-engine airplanes and has a particular fondness for owls and frogs. She and her husband Russell (’61) live in Greenville, S.C. http://www.gloriarepp.com/

Noel Burnett Fuoto (’61) is alive and well in Irmo, S.C. She was mistakenly listed in the last issue of “Upward” as deceased. Our apologies for the mistake. rnfuoto@bellsouth.net

Frank (’67) and Kay Walker Fry (’67) live in a suburb of Atlanta, with their four children nearby, and are thrilled to announce the arrival of their 15th grandchild, Holland Walker Fry, born on Oct. 23, 2010! fiddlerfry@bellsouth.net

Herb (’71) and Penny Stone (’71) Brasher marked the 10th anniversary of their return from 28 years of ministry in Germany. Since then, they’ve been working with Reach Across, a mission to unreached Muslim people groups. They have been privileged to visit several countries where their colleagues are working, and have also taught English in the Middle East. Several of their children graduated from CIU and are serving in ministry around the world. They have eight wonderful grandchildren. director.us@reachacross.net

Dr. Barbara Bellefeuille (’76), former CIU vice president for academic affairs, has been named provost of Toccoa Falls College and will oversee the daily operations of the college. bbell@tfcc.edu

John (’80) and Ruth Lamb (’77) Weed returned to Almaty, Kazakhstan after a furlough in the United States. They have been in Kazakhstan for 18 years, after serving in Ivory Coast for four years and three years in Egypt. They are planting churches with the Foursquare Church. The Weeds have five children: Patrick (’01), who is a newly appointed missionary to Kazakhstan with his wife Rebekah (’05) and daughter Jae; Valerie, serves on staff at the Dream Center in Los Angeles; Natalie, is planning to return to Kazakhstan; Daniel and Joshua. johnweed@me.com

Nancy Kennedy, wife of John J. Kennedy (’80), published a new book, “Miracles and Moments of Grace: Inspiring Stories from Military Chaplains” (Leafwood, March 2011). http://tinyurl.com/6zn3s9x The stories are touching, thoughtful and heartbreaking, but also uplifting and some even funny. If you have served in the military, or if you have friends or family in the military, this would be a great book to recommend or give as a gift. Kennedy5961@aol.com

Hazel Huff (’80) 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@ysbcentral.com. Our apology, as this Class Note was incorrect in the February issue of “Upward.”

Scott (’85) and Leslie (’82) Powell have been serving with SEND International in Taiwan/Asia since 1985 where they continue to reside. Scott currently serves as Asia regional director. They have four adult children: Trevor, Aimee (’07, now with the Lord), Daniel and Allison (current CIU student). They thank the Lord for His protection on all of their co-workers in Japan during the recent earthquake and nuclear emergency. slpowell4@yahoo.com

Cheri Nichols (’85) was a Navy photographer for 22 years and was medically retired in 2002. After suffering with cancer, she thanks and praises God for completely healing her. Cheri is living in Florida and studying Forensic Document Examining (forgeries, altered documents, etc.). She has two grown, beautiful children who are on their own: Erin and Ryan, who both live in Florida. cnichols53@gmail.com

Betty Ann Stedwell (’85) served in India for 11 years, and more recently has been working in the U.S. mobilization center office of Christar as the accountant. The office recently located from Reading, Pa. to Richardson, Texas. She moved to Texas along with several office staff. bstedwell@att.net

R. Mark Harris (’86) was installed as senior pastor of First Alliance Church, Millcreek Township, Erie, Pa. on Jan. 11, 2011. Mark, a married father of four, comes to the church from Appleton Alliance Church in Wisconsin, where he was associate pastor of teaching. mharris@facerie.org

Andrew (’88) and Esther Schaeffer have been serving in Burkina Faso, West Africa with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Andrew and Esther’s primary ministry is teaching at Maranatha Institute in Bobo Dioulasso. They have five children: Paul, David, Stephen, Mark and Rebekah. aeschaeffer@gmail.com

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George (‘88) and Kathy (‘80) Cail rejoice in the safe arrival of their third grandchild, Thomas John, born to Brent and Susan on Nov. 9, 2010. He joins Brent and Susan’s other children, Samuel and Lydia. Susan’s parents live nearby and shared great fellowship with George and Kathy.

george.cail@sim.org

‘90s
Glenn (‘68) and Fern (‘90) Byerly praise the Lord for His goodness after serving Him 40 years in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Ivory Coast and Malawi. They are blessed as they trust in Him. efbeyerly@gmail.com

Dr. Paul Gentuso (‘91) has been the chief medical officer at Heritage Medical Associates (HMA) in Nashville, Tenn. since March 2010. As CMO, he works with the physicians and administration of HMA to ensure their mission of providing excellent patient care. Paul has also practiced Internal Medicine and in urgent care. He and his wife, a registered nurse, have also done missionary work in West Africa. He is active in his local church, and he and his wife use their free time keeping up with the sports, music and other interests of their three sons.

Doug (‘92) and Tricia (‘93) Stoner have been missionaries in Slovakia since 1994 and live in Košice. Their main ministry is assisting the evangelical denominations in planting churches so every person is within reach of a witnessing fellowship. Doug has been working on implementing Natural Church Development, facilitating various meetings for the churches, and doing research on church planting needs. Tricia is writing two books and drinks lots of coffee in encouraging Slovak ladies. Ryan and Megan attend Slovak schools and enjoy time with other missionary kids.
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Paul (‘94), Linda, Elizabeth and Joseph Branch made it safely to Guatemala and are excited about the good things God has in store. Please pray for them as they begin a new phase of life and ministry, and for their children, as they make friends and begin a new school.
paul.j.branch@gmail.com

Joseph Chu (‘94) sitting between two Ethiopian mothers. The one on Joseph’s right has since passed away, but not before Joseph was able to leave her with two gospel booklets the day she died – one in the Ethiopian Amharic and the other in English, “So we have to seize every opportunity to be His witness because that opportunity could be the last!” acm.josephchu@gmail.com

Alec Millen (‘98) was hired at Willow Valley Associates in Lancaster County, Pa. as corporate chaplain. Alec, who is from nearby West Lampeter, Pa., has also been hired by Grace Church at Willow Valley as associate pastor of community and care. He previously worked for Missions Fest Lancaster as promotional coordinator and with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Georgia and a master’s degree from Columbia International University. alec.millen@gmail.com

Shane Thompson (‘99) and Chris Rucker are the owners of Kruhu, a graphics design shop in Augusta, Ga. Shane says it took awhile to find his inner artist. Kruhu does graphic and Web design, photography, sculpting, welding and film. They’re willing to draw, construct or create anything to meet their clients’ needs or market their business or event. shane@kruhu.com

Bobby and Stephanie (‘99) Bryant celebrated with the Minnesota Vikings as Bobby was voted by the fans as one of the 50 Greatest Vikings. The poll was taken as part of the 50th Anniversary of the Vikings on Dec. 19-20, 2010 in Minneapolis. Congratulations, Bobby. sbryan@ciu.edu

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John (‘00) and Denise (‘91) Lewis serve with Ministries in Action on the island of Granada. Ministries in Action trains and mobilizes church leaders in the effective use of small groups, friendship evangelism, direct witness, public witness, discipleship and evaluation. CIU professors Roy King, Phil Styne and Terry Powell have all been guest teachers. Denise is a psychotherapist for St. Georges University. She is still having vision problems. Pray for this couple, for their students, and for their ministry. miagrenada@gmail.com

David (‘03) and Katie Hayward and their two boys, Jacob and Joseph, are in Guinea, West Africa serving with SIM. David will be the maintenance man for the small team there. david.hayward@sim.org

David and Mary King (‘04) Rumsey are proud parents of Lilla Grace, born March 17, 2011. Lilla is the granddaughter of Alumni Director Roy King (‘85) and his wife Pandora; and the niece of Mark (‘07) and Jelayne (Ben Lippen School ’04) King. maryrumsey@bellsouth.net

Alex (‘05) and Jenny McAlister (‘03) Stewart are currently 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, Benjamin and Paul. stowie_ciu@yahoo.com

Tommy (‘03) and Konni (‘07) Logan are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, serving in Papua New Guinea since 1991. They have two daughters: Rachel and Laura. Tommy and Konni have completed the rough draft of the Kasua New Testament and are now going through each book in various stages of checking. The Logans hope to dedicate the Kasua New Testament in 2015. Konni hopes to do her internship to complete her M.A. in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Formation from CIU during their furlough year. Tommy completed his M.A. in New Testament and Greek from CIU in 2003. tl-kj.logan@sil.org.pg

Richard Dubay (‘06) and Jacquelynn Tatje were married on Nov. 6, 2010. Richard works for Fidelity Investments and they are both very active at Awaken Church, a church plant in Jacksonville Fla. richard.dubay@gmail.com

Nick (‘07) and Lauren (former staff) LoPresto gratefully welcomed Elizabeth (5 lbs., 4 oz. and 18 inches) and Julia (4 lbs. 11 oz. and 18.25 inches) on Jan. 31, 2011. We rejoice with them. lauren.lopresto@gmail.com

Evan (‘07) and Audrey (‘08) Eusey welcomed Atticus Reid “Gus,” born Feb. 13, 2011. The Euseys are missionary appointees to Japan with OMF International. They hope to begin their first term in September. The recent disasters in Japan makes their arrival that much more urgent. They are waiting on the Lord’s provision of necessary financial support. horizons@yuushii.net

Craig (‘08) and Katie Lewis are happy to announce the arrival of Elijah Lai Lewis, born March 11, 2010 and adopted Nov. 22, 2010. We rejoice with them.

Jason (‘08) and Heather Ricks serve as missionaries with SIM. Currently living in Tega Cay, S.C. with their two sons, Jeremy and Jonathan, Heather assists with new missionary orientation and pre-field training, while Jason develops and writes training resources for SIM-Sports Friends. The focus of Sports Friends is to empower local churches in Africa and Asia to use the universal language of sports to make disciples and to plant churches. jason.ricks@sim.org
William (’08) and Tori (’08) Easom and big brother Ayden welcomed Brooklyn and Chelsea to their family on March 1, 2011. We rejoice with them. william@easoms.com

Stacey Philgreen (’08) moved to Minneapolis soon after graduation from CIU, to live in one of the most culturally diverse neighborhoods in the country. She serves with Source Ministries, dedicated to serving the poor and being a friend and a voice to those who are marginalized and skeptical of Christianity. Their work includes an outreach to the homeless, an urban art center and transitional homes. staciphilgreen@yahoo.com

Jon (’09) and Heather Parsons (’08) Forrest recently moved to the small town of Madison, N.C. Jon has the privilege of teaching middle school and high school Bible in the local school system. Heather enjoys being a stay-at-home mom as our Lord recently blessed them with their first child, Abionah Grace, on Feb. 19, 2011. Heatherjoy7@gmail.com

Richard and Joanna Vaughan (’09) Wang welcomed Elizabeth to their family. She was born on March 10, 2011. We rejoice with them. Jcvaughan7@hotmail.com

Eric P. Miller (’10) attended the 2010 “Surgeons as Educators” course through the American College of Surgeons. This intensive course is designed for surgery residency program directors in the United States. Eric and his family are working toward becoming full-time missionaries. In 2010, he ended his regular surgical practice in Chelsea, Mich., so the family could train at the Center for Intercultural Training in North Carolina, attend language school, and then concentrate on Muslim Studies at CIU.

Former CIU Vice President Gregg Schulte is now the vice president for business and finance at Toccoa Falls College. In this position, he will oversee the departments of accounting and finance, information technology, bookstore, food services, human resources, facilities operation and maintenance, student accounts, student financial aid, and radio station WRAF. gschulte1@yahoo.com

Grace (staff) and Chris Johnson are the new parents of Frances Kelly Johnson. She was born on Feb. 20, 2011 gjohnson@ciu.edu

With the Lord

Amy “Marguerite” Moman – wife of Carl Moman ’39 – June 2010
William Rohde ’46 – February 2011
Evelyn Armstrong Dudney ’48 – February 2011
Mary Potts ’48 – October 2010
Janie Lucille Waters Allen ’51 – February 2008
Ernest Chun ’51 – January 2010
Cecil Hawkins ’51 – March 2011
Ethel Prescott Ireland ’51 – August 2009
Merle Leake ’51 – June 2010
Paco, husband of Nona McClure Platillero ’51 – March 2011
Moses Yu ’51 – March 2010
John, son of Jim and Carol Birkitt ’52 – March 2011
Laurence Brown ’52 – March 2011
Glen Hensley ’52 – December 2009
Bernice Foss ’53 – February 2008
Zoie Wilson Shaw ’57 – November 2010
Steve J Sloop Jr ’59 – March 2011
Lydia Heim ’61 – September 1995
Mary Ellen Stanger Johnston ’63 – February 2009
Steven Clark Hastings ’66 – January 2010
Darwin Hussey ’66 – June 1991
Marie H Lawton ’66 – 1993
Franklin Costa Samala ’66 – June 2005
George Schroeder ’68 – September 2010
Malcolm “Scott” Burlingame ’75 – March 2011
Keith Tews ’75 – January 2011
Tor Fridlund ’76 – December 2006
Virgilio “Ver” Oberes ’78 – January 2011
Warner Sartor ’82 – May 2010
Ricky Roberts ’96 – February 2011
Gerald Cheah ’09 – February 2011
Samuel, husband of Kathy McKellar CIU staff – March 2011
Darryl Andrews, Ben Lippen School faculty – March 2011
CIU Announces Mascot
Prepares for Intercollegiate Athletics in fall 2012

After a survey of students, alumni, faculty and staff, the ram was chosen as the Columbia International University mascot.

The Ram is known for its strength and for its biblical significance. Not only are they ferocious defenders of their territory and their flock, rams are a biblical symbol of God’s provision. Check out ciu.edu/athletics.